

ROBE START R. O. FIRE

heart of the business district, which was gutted by the blast. The explosion occurred at about midnight in the basement of a restaurant at that address. Flames rapidly spread to other buildings joining.

Ward Shadley, his wife and daughter, were sleeping in their apartment on the second floor of the building. Royal Oak police fought the smoke to arouse the people and take them to safety, clad only in their nightclothes.

Chief Martin Bishop of Royal Oak fire department is leading the investigation. He called on the sheriff's office and the state fire marshal for help when he discovered the explosion was not caused by a defective furnace as was at first thought.

Some of the persons who reported losses and the amount of

Birmingham Man One Of Owners Of Downtown Block

(Special to The Eccentric) Royal Oak, Oct. 2.—An investigation is under way today into cause of the explosion which killed in a \$65,000 fire early today in downtown Royal Oak. Harvey Mellen of Birmingham is one of the owners of the fire and office building at 407 1/2 Washington street, in the



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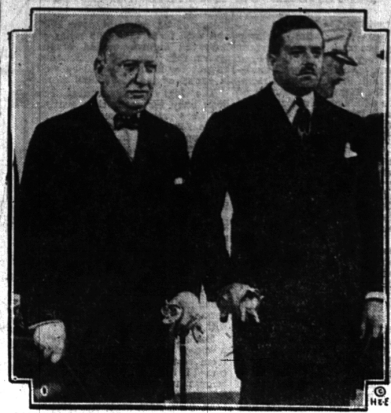
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ARGENTINE ENVOY MEETS COOLIDGE



Manuel Malbran, new ambassador from the Argentine to the United States, shown, left, leaving the White House with Assistant Secretary of State Francis White after presenting his credentials to President Coolidge. Malbran succeeds Honorio Pueyrredon to the Washington post.

damage they estimated follow:
City Cafe, Sam Chotos, owner, \$10,000.
P. Jennings, owner of the confectionery, \$10,000.
Dr. L. G. Dufour, chiropractor, \$2,000.
James J. Meigs and Vernon Lie, insurance, \$1,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Shadley and their daughter, \$1,000.

DISORDERLIES FACE COURT

Three disorderly persons were convicted by Floyd S. Buck, justice of the peace, Monday following charges by Delos Anderson, Bloomfield Hills patrolman.

Andrew Rigliaski, 2332 Holmes street, and John Copi, 4962 Trowbridge street, Hamtramck, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and were given 30 days jail sentences in case of their failure to pay \$50 fines.

Theo. Thomis, 40 Whitfield street, Pontiac, was fined \$25 and given a sentence of 45 days on the same charge.

Five-year-old Lillian Mae Craze of Evansville, Ind., never had a music lesson, but can play any piece she has ever heard on the piano.

The WORLD and All

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

The greatest novel, if you take my opinion for it, is "Growth of the Soil," by Knut Hamsun. The greatest American actor is Walter Hampden. The greatest pugilist in history is Gene Tunney. The greatest autobiography is that of Benvenuto Cellini.

The greatest American architect now living is Ralph Adams Cram. The greatest American scientist of all time was Steinhilber. The greatest city in the world is New York.

The greatest American orator was William Jennings Bryan in his younger and middle years. The greatest American sculptor was Saint Gaudens. The greatest American heroes are John Paul Jones and Charles Lindbergh.

The greatest genius of history was Leonardo da Vinci. The greatest language ever spoken was the classic Greek. The greatest musical composer was Beethoven, and his greatest work the Fifth Symphony.

The greatest sport is ice hockey, and the greatest pirate was Stede Bonnet. The greatest English dictionary is the Oxford. The greatest book is the Bible.

The greatest force in the universe is love, and man's greatest concept is immortality. The greatest American encyclopedia has not yet been made, and the greatest center of American tradition and culture is Charleston, South Carolina.

The greatest scenic spot in America is Niagara Falls. The greatest industrial center is Detroit. The greatest figure in history is Jesus Christ. The greatest satirist is Henry Mencken and the greatest voyager was Christopher

FIRES TOTAL 17 IN SEPTEMBER

Department Kept Busier During Closing Month, Report Shows

The number of alarms answered by the Birmingham fire department in September totaled those for August. This is shown today in the monthly report to the village manager.

Seventeen alarms, 12 silent and 5 general, were sounded during September. These surpass the alarms in August by 12. Of the calls to which the fire department responded, three were in the townships and 14 in the village. The property damage by fire was \$1,100 of which \$100 was covered by insurance leaving the total loss at \$3,000. Property valued at \$32,000 was endangered, the report shows.

Hours of fire fighting are set at thirteen and one-half and the miles traveled by the fire trucks in going to fires were forty and one-half. One hundred and two feet of ladder were raised and 330 gallons of chemical were used in extinguishing blazes while 1,350 feet of hose was stretched in fire-fighting. Inspections included 190 business establishments and 241 hydrants.

A prize of \$2,000 and a free trip to the United States has been won by Edward Kemp of Berlin, who played a piano for 82 hours and established a world record.

Columbus. The greatest river is either the Mississippi or the St. Lawrence, and the greatest harbor of the future is New Orleans. The greatest city in the world will be Chicago.

The greatest mechanical wonder is the adding machine, and the greatest president of the United States was Lincoln. The greatest swashbuckling character in drama is Cyrano de Bergerac, and the greatest teller of dog stories is Albert Payson Terhune.

The greatest martyr was John of Arc, and the greatest play in New York last season was Strange Interlude. The greatest tree is the oak, and the greatest animal is the dog.

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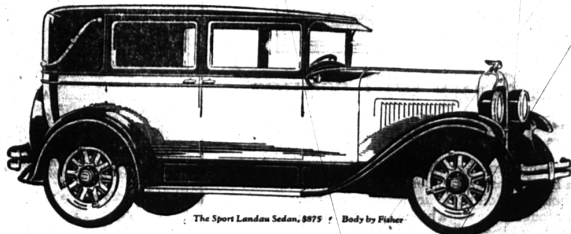
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