

EXPLOSION FATAL TO MRS. GEMOETS

**Dies Early Friday as Result
of Injuries Received in
Starting a Fire.**

Without having regained consciousness, Mrs. Leon L. Gemoets, wife of L. L. Gemoets, of the Dudley & Orr company, died shortly after midnight Friday at Hotel Dieu from burns received Wednesday morning in a coal oil explosion at her home, 312 San Diego street.

While fighting the fire in the kitchen stove, Mrs. Gemoets poured coal oil on the wood. The oil exploded with terrific force, knocking her to the floor and inflicting severe burns about her face and body. Her husband, who was in the next room, heard the explosion and ran to her assistance and put the flames out with a blanket.

Mrs. Gemoets was removed to Hotel Dieu a few hours after the accident, but she never regained consciousness. The coal oil which she used to start the fire was purchased last week by the servant girl and Mr. Gemoets, fearing an accident, had requested the girl to pour the oil in the sewer.

Mrs. Gemoets is survived by her husband, Leon L. Gemoets, and three children, Jennette, Edwin Louis and Julius C. Gemoets. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the funeral.