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The first damage suit based on the fatalities was filed in the Pittsburg county district court for \$25,000 damages, by Mrs. Zula Cannon for the death of John Cannon. Fault in not providing proper vents to let out gas is charged.