LOCAL HISTORY

Solvay Process made Frederick R. Hazard a rich man

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:

99 Years Ago: On Feb. 27, 1917, Frederick Rowland Hazard, president of the Solvay Process company; civic and industrial leader; and philanthropist, died at the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children at the age of 58. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. When he died, the schools and libraries were closed and flags flew at half staff. The Syracuse Herald reported that at the time of his death, Frederick Hazard was probably the wealthiest man in the city of Syracuse, with his fortune estimated to be between \$10 million and \$15 million (roughly \$185 million to \$280 million today) and a yearly income between \$500,000 and \$1 million (roughly \$9 million to \$18 million today). The Hazard branch of the Onondaga County Public Library on West Genesee Street near Solvay was named for him.



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