

### TEST RIGHTS OF "MOVIE" CENSORS

#### Film Manufacturers Start Suits Against New Board.

### TWO REASONS ASSIGNED.

Two Reasons Assigned By the Companies For Which the Board Should Be Declared Unconstitutional.

Harrisburg.—The anticipated test of the validity of the act creating the State Board of Censors for moving picture films was begun, when equity suits by the Buffalo Branch, Mutual Film Corporation, and the Mutual Film Corporation of Pennsylvania and Interstate Films Company, were filed in Common Pleas Court No. 5, Philadelphia. The two suits were filed by Geo. Quintard Horwitz, representing the complainants. Both complainants are engaged in the exchange business, the Buffalo Branch having its principal business in Buffalo, while the other companies conduct a large portion of their business in Philadelphia.

#### Two Reasons Assigned.

Two reasons are assigned by the complaining companies for which the act establishing the censor board should be declared unconstitutional. They are:

"First, that it imposes them in a manner wholly beyond the police powers possessed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the legal duty, as a condition precedent to the rights of your orators, to rent films, reels and stereopticon views, of first obtaining the approval of the defendants to the films, which approval, under the terms of the act, may be withheld by the defendants, if in their unlimited judgment and discretion, formed without hearing whatsoever and without the right of any appeal therefrom, said films are sacrilegious, obscene, indecent, immoral, or such as tend to corrupt morals.

"Second, The making or the renting of said films or reels without such approval on the part of the defendants is unlawful, because your orators are deprived of their right to pursue a lawful business or calling; of their right of freedom of contract and also of their property without due process of law and without the equal protection of the laws."

J. Lewis Breitinger, as chief censor, and E. C. Niver, assistant censor, constitute the board.

#### Start Third Suit.

A third suit to have declared invalid the censors' act was started by Albert E. Brown, William Sachsenmaier, and Vernon R. Carriek, trading as the Overbrook Theater, against Mr. Breitinger and his assistant. The complainants in this case are exhibitors. To enforce the provisions of the act at this time, the censors would be denying the exhibitors the right to test its legality, it is averred.

Virtually the same legal questions as raised in the manufacturers' suit are contained in the proceedings begun by the exhibitor. The latter also ask for an injunction against the censors to restrain them from enforcing the provisions of the act, and for a decree invalidating the act.

The Court will grant an early hearing of the cases.

#### What They Spent in Primary.

Harrisburg.—Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor filed his expense account showing he expended \$33,274.73 in his campaign. He received a contribution of \$5,000 from his sister.

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican nominee for Governor, filed his expense account, showing that he had spent \$3,139.43 in his campaign. He accounts for every item in detail. The largest single item is \$773.35 for printing. Contributions of \$10 each were made to his fund by R. L. Jones, J. Wallace Hollowell and T. E. Murphy, of Philadelphia.

Judge E. A. Walling, of Erie, candidate for Supreme Court, spent \$3,209.83 of his own funds independently of the committee in his behalf, the bulk of the expenditure being for printing, etc. Judge T. J. Prather, of Meadville, candidate for Superior Court, spent \$497.31, \$116 being contributed by friends.

J. B. Robinson, Media, candidate for Congress-at-large, spent \$268.98, and G. H. Bonner, Pittsburgh, candidate for Supreme Court, spent \$140.53, stating that he had no clerical charges, as "my good wife and I did the work." Candidates certifying to spending less than \$50 were Harold L. Robinson, A. R. Ruple, W. T. Creasy, A. M. Fuller and R. B. Ringler.

The Fenrose Committee of Blair County spent \$369.

The Dimmick Committee of Allegheny county spent \$285.96.

The Palmer-McCormick Committee of Luzerne spent \$462.76; Northumberland, \$486, and Potter, \$200.

### UNITED STATES TO SERVE WORLD

#### President Says Navy is An Instrument of Civilization.

### TALKS TO THE MIDSHIPMEN.

Pays High Tribute To the Boys At Vera Cruz and a Higher One To Fletcher—The Girls Retain the Discarded Caps.

Annapolis, Md.—President Wilson was given a royal reception here Friday, on his arrival to address the 154 members of the Naval Academy graduating class and to present the sheepskin to each graduate. His indirect allusions to the Mexican crisis made a profound impression. He elicited great applause when he said that the United States Navy and its big fighting machines represent a humane service, rather than any desire to fight on a slight provocation. In his only reference to the Mexican affairs he took occasion to highly praise Admiral Fletcher for the diplomatic and humane manner in which he has handled the complicated situations that have confronted him, and added: "I have learned to admire him more and appreciate his great worth, as I have watched carefully his tender and kind treatment of the people who were wont to fear and distrust Americans."

He referred to the service being rendered at Vera Cruz by the soldiers and sailors. It has been necessary to use some force there, said he, and after a moment's pause and with bowed head, his hands tightly gripped together, he said, slowly: "I pray God that it will not be necessary for use to use any more force down there."

#### Not For Conquest.

The President said, in part: "It ought to be one of your thoughts all the time that you are sample Americans, not merely sample Navy men, not merely sample soldiers, but sample Americans, and that you have the point of view of America with regard to her Navy and her Army; that she is using them as the instruments of civilization, not as the instruments of aggression. The idea of America is to serve humanity and every time you let the Stars and Stripes free to the wind you ought to realize that that is in itself a message that you are on an errand which other navies have sometimes forgotten; not an errand of conquest but an errand of service. I always have the same thought when I look at the flag of the United States, for I know something of the history of the struggle of mankind for liberty.

"When I look at that flag it seems to me as if the white stripes were strips of parchment upon which are written the rights of man, and the red stripes the streams of blood by which those rights have been made good. Then in the little blue firmament in the corner have swung out the stars of the States of the American Union. So it is, as it were, a sort of floating charter that has come down to us from Runnymede, when men said, 'We will not have masters; we will be a people and we will seek our own liberty.'"

#### MAY BE GIFT TO FRANCE.

Senator Root Suggests Disposal of Steam Launch.

Washington, D. C.—Presentation of the steam launch Louise, built in France in 1885 and used on the construction work of the Panama Canal, first by French contractors and later by the United States, to the French Government as a token of the gratitude of the United States to France for its part in the great work, was provided for in a resolution introduced by Senator Root, of New York. Root's resolution provided also that the launch should go through the canal first at the formal opening.

#### AIMS AT U. S. OWNERSHIP.

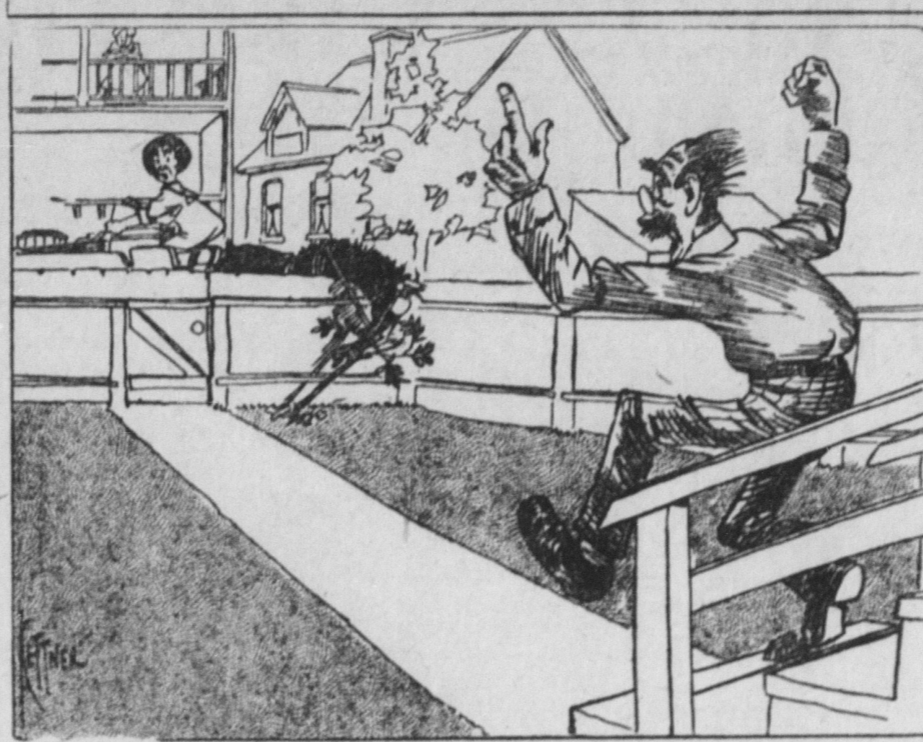
Cummins Bill For Federal Incorporation of Railroads. Washington, D. C.—Federal incorporation of railroads with a provision that the Government may, at any time, take them over at a valuation to be fixed by arbitration or condemnation, is provided in a bill now being prepared by Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa. To the Interstate Commerce Commission is given the power to supervise the properties taken over by each Federal incorporation in order that competition may be maintained.

#### BLOW SAFE; GET \$1,000.

Burglars Operate in Shoe Store Near Busy Corners.

New York.—A heavy safe in the W. L. Douglas shoe store at 984 Third avenue was ripped open by burglars and money and checks representing more than \$1,000 were taken. Though the store is only a few doors from Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue, one of the busiest corners in the city, the burglars apparently worked without attracting attention.

### CITY AGRICULTURISTS



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### LOWLY LEPER'S LOFTY MISSION

#### John Early Tells Why He Came to Washington.

### HE WANTS A NATIONAL HOME

He Says He Realizes He is a Leper, But That His Doom Does Not Terrify Him—His Case As a National Example.

Washington, D. C.—John Early, the leper, placed under restraint by the District authorities when he revealed his identity at the fashionable Shoreham Hotel, after a two days' residence there, told the story of how he moved freely about in the best hotels and restaurants of the country, rode in company with ex-Attorney General Grey and his family, of Canada, on a Canadian Pacific train from Vancouver to Montreal, and rode up on a Shoreham elevator, rubbing elbows with Vice-President Marshall on Monday. "I know I am a leper now," he said. "I am resigned to my own fate. My wife and children have left me, I am alone in the world. My doom does not terrify me. But I want my case to serve as a great national example and bring about the proper treatment of unfortunate afflicted as I am."

#### Wants National Home.

"I appeal to Congress to establish a national home for lepers, where they may receive proper care and not be shunted about and driven from place to place as I have been. They are unhappy treated thus, and a great danger to the community at large. That is my sole object in coming to Washington—to attract attention to the crying necessity of such an institution in this country. My poor people—I refer to the leper class of which I am one—are unable to care for themselves. They are unclean in every sense of the word. They are a menace to every well person. Placed under government care they could lead happier lives and enjoy a few pleasures. I believe there are thirty or forty lepers walking the streets of New York today. This should not be.

#### The World Behind Him.

"The John Early that was is dead to the world. I have put the world behind me. From now I am willing to be isolated, to have the warning bell of the unclean rung as I approach, to feel that men shrink from me with the world-old fear of the terrible disease that has been laid upon me, but I want my appeal to be heard.

"I contracted this loathsome disease in the service of Uncle Sam in the Philippines. That is the price we pay for bearing the white man's burden in tropical lands, and we should not make the poor victim pay a double price."

#### CARNEGIE GIVES \$2,000,000.

To Be Divided Equally Between Two Pittsburgh Institutions.

Pittsburgh.—Announcement was made that Andrew Carnegie has given another endowment gift, amounting to \$2,000,000, to be divided equally between the Carnegie Institute of Technology and the Carnegie Institute, both of this city. This announcement was made by S. H. Church, president of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Institute, at a meeting of the board. This gift brings Mr. Carnegie's donations to local institutions of learning to \$24,000,000.

#### THEY OPPOSE ARMISTICE.

Rebels Will Resist "Any Interference" in Mexico's Affairs.

Eagle Pass, Texas.—Constitutionalist officials of this section of Coahuila declared that they will resist any interference by the mediators in the internal affairs of Mexico. They say they will refuse to agree to an armistice and will not suspend hostilities until Huerta is driven from Mexico.

### AUTHOR AND POET SHOOT HERSELF

#### Mrs. Danske B. Dandridge's Mind Probably Affected.

### WAS BORN IN COPENHAGEN

Born At Copenhagen, Denmark, While Father Was United States Minister There.

Charlestown, W. Va.—Mrs. Danske Bedinger Dandridge, author and poet, whose name is enshrined among the Southern writers of verse and known all over the country, committed suicide at her home near Shepherdstown by shooting herself in the right temple with a revolver.

It is thought that the act was committed while Mrs. Dandridge's mind was somewhat affected. She had not been well and a nurse had been engaged to attend her. While the nurse was sitting on the front porch she heard a shot and rushing upstairs found Mrs. Dandridge lying on the floor. The pistol was not in sight, but the nurse soon located the weapon, which had been concealed by the dying woman. Mrs. Dandridge expired in a short time.

#### Born in Copenhagen.

Mrs. Dandridge was a daughter of the late Henry Bedinger, of Shepherdstown, who was Minister to Denmark under President Buchanan. It was during Mr. Bedinger's incumbency of the office that the daughter was born in Copenhagen in 1858.

Orphaned at an early age, she was reared by her grandfather, John W. Lawrence, of Flushing, L. I. She received a boarding school education and soon developed marked literary ability, showing marked talent for poetic as well as prose composition. Her first volume, "Jo and Other Poems," appeared in 1900. "American Prisoners of the Revolution" was published in 1911, besides which the "Woman's Who's Who of America" mentions "My Garden From Day to Day," serially published, and several historical monographs.

Mrs. Dandridge held a prominent place in American literature and her works are included among the "Masterpieces of the Southern Poets," a little volume compiled by Walter Neale and issued by the Neale Publishing Company, of New York, in 1912.

#### HERO MEDAL FOR GIRL.

Carnegie Recognition Is Sought For Maid Who Rescued Child.

Trenton, N. J.—A Carnegie hero medal for pretty Miss Anna McIntyre, 22 years old, who leaped into Assan pink creek and rescued Margaret Brown, 8 years old, from drowning, was urged by friends of the young woman. Miss McIntyre was rowing with several friends when she saw the little girl struggling in the water disappear. After struggling to the shore with the child Miss McIntyre then applied first aid.

#### RETURNS \$1,000 FOR EACH \$1.

Promise Made By Western Prospector Enriches Widow.

Newburg, N. Y.—True to a promise he made 40 years ago that he would return \$1,000 for every one of \$50 advanced him for a prospecting trip to the West, John Patton has notified Mrs. Joseph Kampe, a widow living here, that he was preparing to send \$50,000 to her. Patton is the son of John Patton, who conducted the Pacific Hotel here, where he became acquainted with Mrs. Kampe and made the unusual proposal.

#### STEVENSON SUFFERS RELAPSE.

He Was Vice-President Of United States Under Cleveland.

Chicago.—Adlai E. Stevenson, vice president of the United States under Cleveland, who had a nervous breakdown after the death of his wife six months ago, suffered a relapse. His condition is serious. Mr. Stevenson came to a hospital here three weeks ago from his home at Bloomington.

#### HUNDREDS PERISH IN STORM.

One Hundred Houses In Nagasaki Blown Down.

Tokio.—A disastrous storm has swept over Western and Southern Japan. Several hundred boats have been wrecked and hundreds of persons are believed to have been drowned. The steamer Mongolia rescued many seamen. A hundred houses in Nagasaki have been blown down.

#### TO BLOCKADE TAMPICO.

Huerta Would Prevent Rebels From Receiving Arms and Ammunition.

Mexico City.—Mexican gunboats have received orders to blockade the port of Tampico, it is announced by the War Minister, General Blanquet. This action has been taken to prevent the Constitutionalists from receiving a shipment of arms and ammunition which is believed to be on its way from New Orleans aboard a steamer.

### THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

#### Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

### LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

William Johnson, Of Near Ambler, Acquitted Of the Charge Of Causing the Death Of Robert Grinnell.

M. E. Stein was re-elected principal of the Port Carbon public schools.

The twin children of John Ressel, of White Oak, are in a serious condition from drinking a quantity of lye.

The Parkesburg School Board has elected John M. Leachey as tax collector.

While cranking his automobile, T. Van C. Phillips, of Newtown Square received a broken arm.

Mrs. Dr. Carson, Glen Moore, was severely injured and the horse was killed in a runaway.

John S. Mullin, H. S. Loomis and George J. Palmer have been re-elected trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Chester.

The East Bear Ridge Coal Company has taken possession of the Girard tunnel mine and will erect a modern breaker.

Postmaster Abel H. Byers has been informed that the Hamburg office has been placed in the second class list and ranks in consequence next to the Reading office in the county.

A trackwalker, Joe Bunesko, who patrolled the Pennsylvania Railroad between Marcus Hook and Claymont, was struck by a northbound train and killed.

John S. Wenrich, tenant on a farm near Robesonia, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. His body was found by his mother about an hour after the shooting.

The epidemic of typhoid fever at Embreeville has been traced to surface drainage flowing into a well, from which the school children obtained their daily supply of drinking water.

Mrs. Lincoln Campbell, sixty-two years old, of Johnson City, while shopping in Shamokin was run down by a Northern Central passenger train and injured so severely that she may die.

The Shamokin Band, surprising Robert Thomas, its leader, as he was about to leave with his bride for New York after a quiet wedding, loaded the pair on a hose wagon and after a parade permitted them to depart.

Michael Horlack was found dead in a mine breast near Centralia. It is thought he committed suicide. He sent his wife and family to Russia recently, intending to follow them when he settled his business affairs.

Without leaving the box, a jury acquitted William Johnson, whose home is near Ambler, for causing the death of Robert Grinnell. Johnson said he shot Grinnell, who attacked him with an axe because Lucky Pickett took refuge in Johnson's house, March 9.

The fifty-second annual commencement of the Pennsylvania Military College will be held June 17. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, June 14, in Madison Street Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. Dr. Malcolm J. MacLeod, of New York city.

H. M. Hagerman, solicitor of Bangor, unexpectedly presented his resignation. The action followed a wordy war between him and Councilman, who objected to his bill of \$300 for service in working for a concrete bridge over Martin's Creek at Pennsylvania avenue.

Between 700 and 800 men and boys were rendered idle by employees of the Susquehanna Coal Company's Hickory Ridge Colliery going on strike in an effort to compel all employees to join the United Mine Workers of America. Five hundred employees of the Scott Shaft, owned by the same company, went on strike for the same reason.

The Windsor Heights Campmeeting Association, of the York district, of the United Evangelical Church, will hold its campmeeting from August 11 to 20. These officers were elected: President, Rev. F. M. Fosselman; vice-president, Rev. S. P. Remer; secretary, Rev. M. A. Jenkins; treasurer, B. F. Zartos.

Succeeding A. F. Huston, resigned, W. S. Harlan, attorney, was elected president of the Coatesville Hospital, at the yearly meeting. A. F. Huston, J. S. and W. P. Worth, Horace A. Beale, Jr., and C. L. Huston as directors, were re-elected. Huston was chosen vice-president, Greenwood, secretary, and Harlan, treasurer.