

GOOD AND BAD IN THE "MOVIES"; WHAT INVESTIGATOR FOUND IN WEEK SPENT IN CITY'S SHOWS

Two-thirds of Films Shown Are "Objectionable" For One Reason or Another

PROBLEM WILL SOLVE ITSELF, HE CONCLUDES

Vast Possibilities For Good Lie in "The Figures Dancing on the Screen"

In his investigations as a representative of the Department of Justice at Washington covering the white slave traffic in this city J. Clarence Funk, one of the most prominent of the younger lawyers of the local bar, gave considerable attention to the moving picture problem and his conclusions after a thorough study of all the questions involved are most interesting.

He looked into every phase of the moving picture controversy and after a personal investigation has submitted his observations and conclusions as follows under the general heading, "The Movies—To-day and To-morrow":

"Comparatively a few years ago the moving picture was projected upon a screen amid a blinding glare and was viewed by the theatergoing public alone. To-day nearly one-fourth of each city's population throughout the land daily sit before a mute screen and worship pantomime mechanically perfect. From an incident in a few theaters the pictures have developed into monotonous houses in their own buildings and represent the most popular amusement in the world.

"There is no diversion in existence for which an admission is charged where one apparently receives so much for his money as in the picture show. A nickel gives one an average performance of an hour and a half, including music, and is a most profitable return on his investment. Coupled with the cheapness of the attraction is the universal appeal of love for excitement, crowds and the desire to be amused; with the result that the audience represents absolute democracy. Here one finds rich and poor, old and young, white and black, good and bad—all under the hypnotic spell of the figures dancing upon the screen.

"Movies" Here to Stay
"Some popular magazines, as distinguished from trade journals, have devoted to the 'movies,' the daily press gives news space to accounts of current films and those appearing in them, and the names of many 'movie' actors and actresses are now household words. In short, the moving picture show, whether good or bad, is here—and here tremendously. It is obviously quite impossible for such a proposition to remain neutral in its influence.

"The question naturally arises, then, what is the public to do, that so compels its attention and wastes millions of dollars from it each month?"

"Three services control the moving picture production activities in this country. The producers belong to these delivery trusts and release only through the one to which they are attached. In addition there are 'feature companies' that specialize on elaborate drama, comedy and sensational subjects, but their output is comparatively limited and distributed through their own agencies. It is quite evident, therefore, that for an ever may be good or evil in the business, the local manager is entitled to neither credit nor discredit. He must take what he can get, and give him, for they alone can supply his wants.

Pictures Classified
"it may be interesting to note that of 221 pictures (pictures are shown in one, two, three and even six reels) seen in nine different theaters, representing a week's run of films in each house, and the entire display in Harrisburg, Pa., is as follows:

CITY TAX RATE TO BE SAME IN ORDER TO PAY OLD DEBTS

Balance of \$50,000 For Paving in Front of Nonassessable Properties Outstanding

WOULD BE MET NOW

Commissioners Want to Be Able to Start Next Year With Clean Financial Slate

It was thought at the beginning of the year that it might be possible for the City Council to make a slight reduction in the tax rate for the nine months of the fiscal year beginning April 1, but after earnest consideration of all the facts it is now said to be the judgment of practically all, if not all, the Commissioners that it would be better to retain the existing city rate of 9 1/2 mills for the present in order to provide for the obligations of the city in the matter of paving in front of properties, and for damages. This amount approximates \$50,000, and is covered by paving in front of churches, cemeteries, parks, engine houses, school buildings and the City Grays' Armory. The outstanding indebtedness on this account also covers the cost of the opening of streets along the Royal Terrace in East Harrisburg, amounting to \$1,107.33 and two items of \$5,148.50 for paving one-half of Front street between Keeler and Mackay and \$22,293.79 for the paving of the same street between Mackay and Division.

These last two items are in controversy under an appeal to the highest court on the contention that the property owners are only responsible for the paving and curbing of the street on the east side in accordance with the view of President Judge Kunze in the Whitehall street case growing out of the paving of that street along Reservoir Park.

Start Year With Clean Slate
In the view of the City Commissioners, it is neither wise nor good business to fight the observant eye on these assessments when the money is in sight to wipe out the entire indebtedness on this score and so start next year with a clean slate.

They are understood to feel disposed to clean up the whole matter owing to the fact that these odds and ends of assessments have been drifting along since 1904, and the interest charges have been gradually increasing until they are now considerable. It is felt that the interests of the city demand that instead of reducing the millage for a temporary period, the paving obligations against these non-assessable properties should be paid. The list of unpaid assessments with interest to July 1, 1914, is as follows:

King Orders Woman With Slit Skirt From Ballroom

By Associated Press
Brussels, March 14.—At the court ball on the occasion of the wedding of King Albert and the young girl, the king, who was seated at the head of the table, noticed that a woman had slipped into the ballroom, bowing to the king, and the king, bowing to the woman, said:

"His Majesty noticed that you had torn your dress, and he has ordered me to ask you to leave the ballroom, and to return to your carriage so that you may return home and have the damage repaired."

STOUGH REVIVALS STIR THOUSANDS IN NEARBY COUNTIES

Evangelist Who Will Hold Meetings in Harrisburg Has Great Success

THROGS AT MT. CARMEL

Carries Banner of Militant Religion; Will Be in Harrisburg Next Fall

Dr. Stough Will Conduct Series of Meetings Here
THE REV. DR. STOUGH who is making such a stir at Mt. Carmel, will conduct a series of meetings in Harrisburg next fall. The accompanying dispatch is illustrative of his methods and results. A great tabernacle will be erected in the Allison Hill District for the meetings here.

Mount Carmel, Pa., March 14.—The great mining region of the Shamokin Valley and neighboring boroughs, as far distant as down along the Susquehanna, are being stirred by a religious revival which has swept hundreds of men and women into the churches, altered the moral atmosphere of a score of towns and resulted in the reformation of men in all walks of life. Directing this movement and nightly swaying great audiences is the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Stough, an evangelist, who has conducted meetings in many of the large cities in the East and West.

Dr. Stough, who has been in Mount Carmel since the first of this month, came here from Sunbury, where 3,200 persons professed conversion. Before going to Sunbury he had similar success in the Berwick, while at the same time revival workers wrought marvels in this campaign. As a result of this campaign a bank president has been re-elected; a bank president says that within six weeks of the closing of the bank deposits rose above any figure ever known in the history of the bank; a superintendent of the Reading shops

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C. C. & S. IS LOW BIDDER FOR DOCK ST. BRIDGE JOB

Proposals Will Be Referred to City Council at Next Tuesday's Session

Bids for the construction of the proposed new steel and concrete bridge over the Pennsylvania tracks at Dock street were opened at noon today by William H. Lynch, commissioner of streets and public improvements. The bids were:

Central Construction and Supply Co. \$23,250.00
Pennsylvania Steel Co. 23,980.00
G. W. Ensign, Inc. 24,426.50
Whittaker and Diehl 29,944.00

The proposals will be referred to City Council at its session Tuesday afternoon with Commissioner Lynch's recommendation that the contract be awarded to the Central Construction and Supply Company. An official of the Central company said today that the company was ready to proceed as soon as the weather would permit. Commissioner Lynch stated that he could not say definitely how soon work can be started as the contracting company will have to have a little time to prepare. The job will be started as soon as the weather opens sufficiently, he said, and he hopes to get the South Harrisburg improvement under way by April 1.

When Work Will Start
After Council approves the award of the contract, the commissioner will notify the successful bidder, and within ten days after notification the work will be started.

Three Persons Killed by Soldiers at Ceiba

By Associated Press
New Orleans, La., March 14.—Two men and a woman were killed and three men mortally wounded by soldiers who caught them prowling about the ruins of the fire that swept Ceiba, Honduras, early Sunday, according to reports brought here by passengers who arrived aboard the fruit steamer Joseph Vaccaro. It was said 162 houses were destroyed.

At a meeting of New Orleans merchants and manufacturers a fund was started for the purchase of clothing, medicine and tents for Ceiba residents who were made homeless.

LABOR UNION ORGANIZED
By Associated Press
Denver, Colo., March 14.—More than 9,000 women of Colorado, mostly wives of striking miners and other laborers, have organized a labor union and will be granted a charter by the Colorado State Federation of Labor. The avowed purpose of the organization is the betterment of living conditions, political, economic and social.

CURFEW LAW IS TO BE ENDORSED BY CITY COUNCIL

Executive Committee Has Already Declared in Favor of Measure

ORDINANCE ABOUT PREPARED

Signals Would Be Rung in Various Sections of Town at 9 P. M.

Strong endorsement of the proposed curfew law being prepared by the Harrisburg Civic Club will be given by the City Council of Churches at a meeting Tuesday night. The ordinance has already been heartily approved by the executive committee of the church body.

The curfew ordinance is expected to go into Council a week from Tuesday. It is believed that Commissioner Lynch will be asked to present the ordinance. With the strong backing being given by the members of the Civic Club and the church people it is believed that Council will not likely hold up the passage of the law.

The curfew ordinance on which a committee of the Civic Club has been working for several Saturdays will not permit children under 16 on the streets of the city after 9 o'clock unless they are accompanied by a parent or an adult person of good repute.

Signals to Be Rung
A signal system, ringing fifteen minutes before 9 o'clock in several parts of the city, will give the warning that children must go home. This will be known as the "curfew signal." The law is to be enforced by the city policemen. When a boy or girl under 16 is found in the streets after 9 o'clock by a policeman he is instructed by the ordinance to take the name and address of the youngster, the name of the parents or guardian and then to take the child home. He then reports to the chief of police, who will give the parents a notice that the law has been violated.

If the child is again found in the streets after a notice has once been sent to the parents, the chief of police is instructed to proceed against the parent. A fine of from \$1 to \$5 can be imposed or in default of payment a sentence of twenty-four hours in the county jail.

The committee which has prepared the ordinance is composed of Mrs. A. L. Martie, chairman, Mrs. George A. Goran, Mrs. Robert Irons, Miss Fannie Eby. In preparing the law they wrote to cities and towns where a curfew law is in force and learned how the law was carried out. The law to be presented in Council is less stringent.

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WOULD HAVE COLLEGE WOMEN WORK AS COOKS

Some of the Young Women's Christian Association Members



MRS. JAMES CUSHMAN

New York, March 14.—"The time will soon be here when college graduates and other highly trained girls will feel that domestic service has the dignity of a calling equal to that of any other," said Mrs. James Cushman, president of the Board of Managers of the Young Women's Christian Association. She was discussing the "servant girl" problem from an original angle. "When educated women take that view," she continued, "the 'servant girl' problem will be solved. But to arrive at that solution we must begin with the idea that servants have a right to as much pleasure and enjoyment in life as we have. We must not treat servants as machines. Domestic service must be made so attractive that the best class of girls will look forward with pleasure to following such a career."

SIEGEL CLERKS MAY GET POSITIONS IN OTHER BIG STORES

John Clafin Will Place as Many as Possible in Concerns He Represents

PATHETIC SCENES WITNESSED

Hundreds of Employees Will Lose Their Savings Because of Bank Failure

New York, March 14.—A little cheer came to the employees of the bankrupt Siegel stores here today with the announcement that John Clafin would place as many as possible of the 2,000 in various department stores throughout the city in which he is interested. This announcement means that at least three large department stores will furnish positions to Siegel employees. It is expected that other merchants will likewise come to the rescue.

Pathetic scenes were frequent today in the Fourteenth street store and the Simpson Crawford store, which will close for good tonight by order of the court. The employees generally reported as usual, but it was plain that their hearts were not in the work, as they waited on the bargain hunters, who came in goodly numbers. A lull in the work would find a gathering of little groups discussing the trouble that had overtaken them and a girl or woman in tears was not an infrequent sight.

May Lose Savings
Hundreds of the store clerks, it appears, besides losing jobs will lose their savings. They were depositors in a small way in the defunct Siegel bank, their accounts averaging from \$25 to \$500. Moreover, the sick beneficiary of the two stores is swamped up in the crash. Employees contributed 2 per cent. of their salaries to this fund.

Besides the criminal proceedings against Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, the affairs of the concerns which they headed here are likely to be tied up with endless litigation.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF AUSTRIAN WOMAN

Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Peter Ostole, an Austrian woman found in the back room of her home at 138 South Front street, Steelton, this morning. The woman had been ill and died suddenly in the night. The only person in the house was a boarder, Marto Lipitz and two babies, one 2 years, the other less than eleven months. They were in the cradle by the woman's side. The doctor started an investigation this afternoon, but it is hardly possible that an inquest will be held.

OYSTER GROWER DIES

New York, March 14.—Stanley H. Lowndes, 57, who was at one time the largest individual oyster grower in the world, died suddenly in Greenport, Long Island, of apoplexy. He was reported to have been worth upward of eight million, all of which he made in the oyster growing business.

JAIL BETTER THAN FAMILY

The sight of his two month's old baby, which he had never seen before he was brought into Squire Gardner's court room, started Eckinger started on a charge of deserting his wife, had no effect on Paul Guthrie, of Oberlin. He said he would rather go to jail than take the baby in his arms. He went.

RESOLUTIONS ON HARVEY DEATH

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association held last night resolutions were passed on the death of Captain John C. Harvey, for thirty years a member of the board. Captain Harvey was president of the association from 1902 to 1914 and a member of the executive committee. His connection with the association covered many years of its growth.

POISON VALUABLE DOGS

Dog poisoners are busy in Harrisburg. Four complaints were made to the Police Department this week that valuable dogs had been poisoned in the western part of the city. Two weeks ago two dogs owned by Hill residents were poisoned.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Sunday; warmer to-night with lowest temperature about 35 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Sunday; warmer to-night; moderate to brisk southerly winds.

Warmer weather during the next thirty-six hours will start the snow to melting and probably cause a general softening, except in the Allegheny river and its tributaries. No chances are likely to occur in ice conditions, except a general softening and slow melting.

General Conditions
Fair weather has prevailed throughout the United States during the last twenty-four hours, the only measurable amount of snow in the north. There has been a general rise of 2 to 14 degrees in the temperature in practically all districts except Oregon, Washington, Southern Arizona, Western South Dakota and extreme Southern Florida, where slight local falls are reported.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 28; 2 p. m., 44.
Sun: Rises, 6:21 a. m.; sets, 6:11 p. m.
Moon: Rises, 9:38 p. m.
River: Stage, 3.6 feet above low water mark.
Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 39.
Lowest temperature, 19.
Total precipitation, 0.
Normal temperature, 56.

Late News Bulletins

SEEKS TO AVOID CHAIR
The first application for commutation of the death sentence of electrocution has been filed with the State Board of Pardons in behalf of Mike Madar of Somerset county. He was sentenced in January, and his case will be heard Wednesday.

WANTS TRANSFER
For the fourth time in a little more than a year B. Leslie Potter, proprietor of hotel at 530 State, has had his license transferred to 236 South Second street because he expects his present place to be taken over by the State in the extension of the Capitol Park zone.

RT. REV. JOHN SCARBOROUGH DIES
Trenton, N. J., March 14.—The Right Rev. John Scarborough, D. D., Protestant Episcopal bishop of New Jersey, died at his home here today after a short illness. He was in his 83rd year.

Los Angeles, March 14.—By overtaking a fast automobile and capturing eighteen Chinese and two members of an alleged syndicate, a motorcycle posse led by Los Angeles Police Officer James Lytle, 35 years old, today a plot to smuggle into this country a large party of Orientals.

Williamsport, Pa., March 14.—One hundred and fifty delegates representing the Socialists of a majority of the counties of the State met in State convention here today. The convention will continue until to-morrow night. Candidates for governor, lieutenant-governor and congressmen-at-large will be announced.

New York, March 14.—A hundred thousand men and women dropped their tasks today as a tribute to George Westinghouse, whose genius gave them the means of livelihood. The great inventor of the airbrake was buried here today while machinery stood idle in a dozen factories in America and Europe.

Sunbury, Pa., March 14.—Catching a runaway team of horses and finding blood on a wrecked farmers' wagon, men at the market house today investigated and found Mr. and Mrs. James Lytle, 35 years old, lying aside of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, both badly injured and in need of help which was quickly given them.

Owosso, Mich., March 14.—Daniel O'Connell, known during the last few years as the oldest living member of the fraternal organization of Elks, died at his home near here today. He was 109 years old. He was a member of the Owosso Lodge of Elks.

New Orleans, March 14.—After a stay of ten days, seven torpedo boat destroyers under command of Lieutenant Commander Frank T. Evans today sailed from New Orleans for Dry Tortugas for torpedo practice. The fleet is composed of the Monaghan, Sterrett, Terry, Walke, Flusser, Preston and Reed.

Silver-haired Farmer Laughs at Time and Goes on Selling

Old Man With Scythe Can't Lay Old Marketer Out on the Stall,—No, Sire!

Have you ever noticed a bent, gray-haired farmer standing behind a small stall in the far corner in the Chestnut street market. He is in his eighty-second year and is as industrious today as when a romping lad of four.

His name is John Miller and he lives on a small farm near Penbrook. Still clad in the clothes worn back in the eighties, the silver-haired old man made his regular Saturday call this morning and stood behind his small

stand selling his apples, potatoes and cabbage.

Twice each week for more than a quarter of a century the venerable old man has stood behind his stall just as he did today.

"Do I member much about the market," he said, "but I remember that I chuckled the old gentleman when asked the question. 'Say, sonny, I sold potatoes and cabbage here long before anybody ever heard of even a curbstone market house.'"

Enrollment is Indicative of Return to Party

Republican Enrollment of Voters in Rural Districts Reported to Be Gaining

Fireman and Flagman Killed When Engines Collide at Bridgeport

By Associated Press
Bridgeport, Pa., March 14.—Two railroad men were killed and one injured on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad near here today when two engines sidetracked as they were about to enter a roundhouse. The killed are Samuel Winget, a fireman, and William Goldsmith, flagman, and William Smelzer, brakeman, was injured. The men were riding on one of the engines when the accident occurred.

SUITS AND COUNTER SUITS THREATENED IN CAMP HILL DISPUTE

By a Staff Correspondent
Camp Hill, Pa., March 14.—Citizens of this borough are to-day anxiously awaiting further developments in the controversy between the residents of town and the Riverton Consolidated Water Company. The company won the first round last yesterday when the Cumberland County Court dropped the case brought before it by borough authorities after Superintendent Charles Saunders, Contractor H. W. Johnson and five other employees of the company, persisted in digging up the streets of the town in violation of a borough ordinance.

The water company employees were sued for damages.

Water Company Plans to Sue Borough; Injunction is Being Framed

Workmen's Compensation Bill Passes in Kentucky

By Associated Press
Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—The Kentucky State Senate last night passed a workmen's compensation bill, providing both death and accident indemnity. Under its provisions the State will compensate workmen and their families from funds assessed employers. Whether employees take advantage of the act will be optional. Farmers are the only class exempted. The maximum death compensation is \$1,500 and the minimum for injury \$5 a week. A similar bill already has passed the house.

U. S. FILES SUIT AGAINST SOUPS, PORK AND BEANS

San Francisco, March 14.—"The United States of America, libellant, versus 3,000 cases of assorted soups, pork and beans, defendant," is the title of a suit filed by the government in the United States District Court here yesterday. The assignment was received last month from Camden, N. J., and the government seeks to destroy the goods as decomposed and adulterated matter.

Elopers No Longer Need Ride Hungry From Hagerstown

Those young folk who quietly slip away to Maryland for a ceremony without any fuss or flurry need not ride to Hagerstown hungry any more, for a buffet service is to be established by the Pennsylvania Railroad company between this city and the Gettysburg station.

TEN KILLED IN COLLISION
Temora, New South Wales, March 14.—Ten passengers were killed and fifteen injured in a collision today between a mail train and a freight locomotive at Exeter station, near Loomville. The accident occurred during a dense fog.