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Love and Smuggling Great Themes in "Pidgin Island."

Love and mystery constitute the strongest appeals in the new Harold Lockwood-May Allison production, "Pidgin Island," a Metro wonderplay, to be seen at the Sherry theater last time tonight. John Cranford (Harold Lockwood), a secret service agent, falls in love with a girl whom he believes to be a law breaker. The scene is the Canadian border, where extensive smuggling is going on.

In the meantime Diana Wynne (May Allison) continues to watch and wait, for unknown to John, she is a customs agent herself. And she intercepts a telegram that forms a clue to the smuggling. So she and John work at cross-purposes, each on the track of the smugglers, and each suspecting the other, until the exciting denouement clears up the mystery.

Cranford's pursuit of those who are defrauding the government gives ample opportunity to show sensational raids on opium dens and smuggling operations. Some swiftly moving scenes, filled to the brim with excitement, show these operations both before and after their discovery by the secret service agents. The densely populated districts of a great city's Chinatown, a flight in an aeroplane by the smuggler's accomplices, carrying a fortune in jewels, a great storm at sea, in which both the principal characters narrowly escape drowning, their almost miraculous recapture of the jewels, which seem lost beyond all possibility of discovery, are only a few of the incidents of this unusually fascinating picture-play. "Pidgin Island" is one of the most important and interesting releases of the year.

### About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movement of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

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## ARCADE

STIRRING PICTURE OF SEPOY MUTINY

Lou-Tellegen, the famous romantic star who created such a success in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "The Victoria Cross" will be seen at the Arcade theater today and tomorrow in "The Sepoy Mutiny," a story of the Sepoy mutiny from the play by Paul Potter, and prepared for the screen by Margaret Turnbull.

Although Mr. Tellegen has the distinction of being the first actor to appear in the silent drama, he has only been in three other pictures, made in the United States, and by the Lasky company. He made his debut to the American public in "The Explorer." This was followed by "The Unknown." At the conclusion of his last successful season in the spoken drama, he returned to the Lasky studio and made a pronounced hit in

AT ARCADE THEATER TODAY AND TOMORROW



Lou-Tellegen and Cleo Ridgely in "The Victoria Cross."

## Desperate German Drive Is Predicted by the Allies Soon

Offensive Will Be Attempted in the Spring—British Regard Plans With Calm—Germany May Bring Out Her Navy For Titanic Struggle on the Sea.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Feb. 1—(By Mail)—Every indication today leads to the belief that the Germans will attempt an offensive on the western front in the spring, but the British regard this probability with calm.

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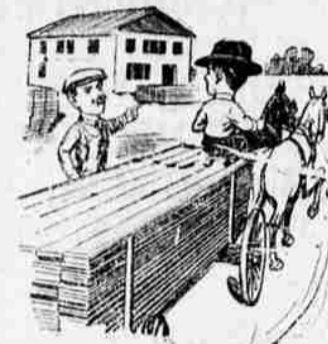
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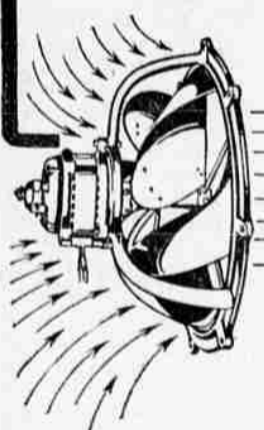


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ing to muddy the water to keep us from seeing which way they jump. From what one usually describes as 'reliable sources' we learn that there is to be a drive on Odessa, a drive against Petrograd, a drive against Saloniki and a drive against the Western front.

"Obviously all these drives cannot materialize. The German commanders encourage the circulation of these reports if not actually start them themselves. They hope to fool the Allies by this means; to keep us guessing at their intentions until the last moment, then strike before we have time to prepare against their offensive. They must attempt something on this front, even if it is only in hope of spoiling what they believe to be our plans."

It has been reported that the Kaiser had some idea of forcing peace after a smashing invasion of Russia, after the fall of Verdun and after the Rumanian adventure, but as Russia was not smashed and Verdun did not fall his peace move was postponed until Bucharest was taken. Now German rage against France and England because of their reply to President Wilson's peace note, is such that the popular feeling is that Field Marshal Hindenburg and Mackensen should drive against the Allies on the west and make them listen to reason as they understand it.

Furthermore it is reported that the situation in Germany is much worse than the outside world has been led to believe. Friction is said to be great between the heads of the various German states. The country people are described by neutrals as being bitter against the people living in towns because they believe the latter are faring better during the hard times produced by the war, than they.

It is now or never with Germany, according to the belief of many. She must win or lose within the next few months, and as the western front is coming more and more to be considered as the theater of the war's set-

tlement, an offensive in the spring, or even earlier, is expected.

That Germany at the last moment will bring out her navy for one titanic struggle for supremacy on the sea, is also the opinion of many on the theory that a navy becomes obsolete anyway after a few years and if things go badly on land Germany might as well risk her fleet, too, as a gambler his last dollar, it being of little use alone.

### A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Isaac Shafer, Deceased.

Notice is by this given that the undersigned has been duly appointed as executrix of the estate of Isaac Shafer, deceased, and has qualified as such, and all persons having claims against the said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned at her residence about one-half mile north of Island City, Union county, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication, duly verified.

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EMMA J. SHAFER,  
Executrix.  
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