

CHAPLIN WORSE; FRIENDS WORRY

Film Comedian Suffers Another Spell of Depression in East

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP)—Friends of Charlie Chaplin, suffering from a nervous breakdown, were more concerned about him today.

Dr. Gustav J. E. Tleck, the attending nerve specialist, reported his condition as "not so good." Dr. Tleck said Chaplin had no solid thing of this nature and breath, and he was so weak he could hardly stand.

The comedian, who remains at the home of his attorney, Nathan Furkan, suffered a spell of depression last night similar to the one that sent him to bed on Sunday.

Publicity the Cause

Publicity attendant upon his wife's divorce suit is responsible for Chaplin's condition, says Dr. Tleck.

Arthur Kelly of United Artists, Chaplin's general manager in the east, said:

"In court or out of court Chaplin must be cleared of the charges brought against him by Mrs. Chaplin."

DOGGED COLLECTORS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18 (AP)—Attorneys for Lita Grey Chaplin today assumed the role of dogged bill collectors seeking payment from Charlie Chaplin of sums totaling \$14,000 awarded the comedian's wife for temporary alimony and attorneys fees yesterday in the first court skirmish in the sensational divorce action.

At the conclusion of yesterday's court hearing where Mrs. Chaplin won an apparently empty victory, her lawyers admitted they had been unable as yet to discover any property held by Chaplin as an individual with which to meet the court's orders. They asked for a continuance until next Thursday when, if none of the comedian's personal funds have been located they will attempt to prove that Chaplin Studios, Inc., and the Chaplin Film company are one-man corporations.

In the event they succeed in this, Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys said they would ask that the payments be met with the corporations' funds.

Developments Many

Developments broke fast yesterday in the legal battle over the comedian's fortune.

Mrs. Chaplin and her attorneys appeared in superior court and, counsel failing to represent the comedian, drew orders for \$4,000 a month temporary alimony for the actor's wife, made retroactive to cover the last two months \$4,000 for attorneys fees, \$2,150 to pay for receivers' expenses.

Receivers scored a point when they obtained a court order for the opening of three safes in the Chaplin studios in Hollywood to gain custody of their contents.

Previous attempts by the receivers to examine the contents failed because no one was present who could provide the combination.

Service of notice on Chaplin by publication for 45 days for his appearance in court here within 90 days was ordered. Chaplin is in New York and his attorneys have refused to accept service.

U. S. Takes Hand

Montana internal revenue collectors further tied up Chaplin's wealth by filing income tax liens against the actor totaling \$1,673,721 on his tax returns for the years 1915, 1919, 1921, 1923 and 1924. The government's claim takes precedence over all rights of Mrs. Chaplin.

Elks in Favor of More Playgrounds

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Charles Grakelow, of Philadelphia, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, speaking at a dinner attended by 200 members of the order here last night, emphasized the importance of encouraging establishment of playgrounds for children.

"Keep a child active on healthy lines and he returns to his home at night worn out but healthy. He sleeps, he arises and plays healthily again. On such a foundation you cannot but build a firm nation."

Exalted rulers of almost every Elks lodge in Oregon greeted Grakelow last night.

Tokyo Is Rocked By Sharp Tremor

TOKYO, Jan. 18 (AP)—A sharp earthquake was felt here early today. It was more severe at Sendai, north of here, and other places in the northern part of Honshu island on which Tokyo is located. Clocks were stopped and some old walls fell, but there were no casualties and no material damage. The Imperial observatory reported the shock was centered at sea.

DYNASTY OF MANNEQUINS

BERLIN (AP)—Hilde Zimmermann, who emerged from the annual fashion ball as German Queen of Fashion for 1927, is the third of a dynasty of popular mannequins. Two of her aunts, the Misses Kollwitz, a decade or two ago were frequently called upon to show off costly robes to German princesses and their entourage.

Queen Hilde has not only beautiful aunts, but a mother noted for her good looks and a father of gigantic stature whose forebears, because of their size, were selected as grandsons for King Frederick William I of Prussia.

FLAMES MENACE ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS



Doughboys, coast guards and firemen worked five hours to subdue flames which threatened the Second Army Corps headquarters at Governor's Island, New York, while destroying four old barracks buildings. A dozen men were slightly injured or overcome by smoke. The fire's damage was estimated at \$100,000.

McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Reported to the House, Explained

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The relief which the McNary-Haugen bill aims to give the farmers is an experiment in the public interest and, therefore, the government should assume the risk of the pioneering work, Chairman Haugen declared today in reporting the measure for the house agricultural committee.

"The principal is well established," he said, "that the government shall assume the risk of pioneering and experimenting in many fields where the public interest is involved, and to do so in behalf of the public welfare."

"The problems of American agriculture have become so profound," he added, that they are "beyond the power of individual farmers or their relatively small organizations to solve." Admitting that the bill carries a large appropriation—\$250,000,000—he held nevertheless that this was merely to set the plan in motion and was no different than advantages the government had extended to various lines of industry.

Compares Bill With Others

He explained the provisions of the bill, which carries the controversial equalization fee, as compared with the Curtis-Crisp and Aswell measures, which do not include such a fee to control crop surpluses. There was no subsidy or price fixing element in the McNary-Haugen bill, he said.

"The equalization fee," he asserted, "is simply the contribution each unit (bushel, bale or pound) makes

Missing Vessel Is Safe in Port

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—The six-mast schooner Oregon Fir which has been missing in the north Pacific since Jan. 6, when she was reported in distress off Vancouver Island, was reported entering the mouth of Columbia river at 9 o'clock this morning.

She was said to be proceeding under her own power but a mast was reported to have been damaged.

The Main Objectives

Haugen gave as the cardinal objectives of the bill the following:

To give producers of farm crops power to influence their market as effectively as industrial groups.

To afford orderly marketing of crops of which the American supply is a dominant factor in world price.

To secure protected market for crops of which a relatively small surplus enters world trade.

To enable meat producers to maintain a stable level of income and cattle population by steady prices.

To promote cooperative association.

Other Commodities upon which the fee would be levied are corn and swine.

"There are differences in opinion," Mr. Haugen said, "but the same tremendous up-and-down movement in corn prices, we produce on the average little if any more corn than we need here. Variation in corn yields keeps the farmer in the corn belt in an endless seesaw between corn and hogs. To help check this is one of the purposes of the measure."

Haugen held that the \$250,000,000 revolving fund is not different in principle from the monetary reserve which began the function of the federal reserve board, or that contributed to the stabilization of railroads.

After the plan is once set in motion, he added, the equalization fee will provide necessary funds to keep it going.

MA FERGUSON IS HAS-BEEN TODAY

Dan Moody Succeeds Her to Gubernatorial Chair in Texas at Noon

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 18 (AP)—Twelve o'clock marked the end of a chapter in the political book of the Temple, Texas, housewife who became the first woman governor of the Lone Star state.

At noon today Dan Moody, youthful governor-elect, became governor. Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson became a private citizen, and James E. Ferguson, her husband, who has been a private citizen in name only, became a private citizen in fact.

Mrs. Ferguson relinquished the governor's mansion to Mrs. Dan Moody, the new "first lady of Texas," and took up her household duties after one of the most turbulent administrations in Texas history.

"Ma" Gained Fame

Thrown into the political whirl in 1924 when the Texas supreme court ruled her husband ineligible for the governorship because of his impeachment in 1917 for alleged misconduct of state affairs, "Ma" Ferguson became an international figure in the two years she held office.

Ferguson, who had twice been elected governor, placed his wife's name on the ballot immediately after the supreme court's ruling was made known and her campaign became one of vindication for the family name and opposition to the Ku Klux Klan.

She was elected, but opposition to the woman executive early centered in the person of the young attorney general, Dan Moody, who eventually was to defeat her. The conflict between Moody and "Ma" Ferguson, who was an omnipresent figure in the executive offices, came when Moody held unconstitutional the amnesty measure designed to free Ferguson from the consequences of her impeachment. From then on it was open warfare between them.

Much Criticism

Criticism of her pardon policy, attacks on the highway commission, an epidemic of foot and mouth disease near Houston, opposition from leading women who declared Mrs. Ferguson did not represent the suffrage movement, textbook troubles, and many other controversies soon involved the woman governor.

The troubles became acute in the highway controversy. Moody obtained a confessed judgment for \$200,000 from the American Road company for alleged excess profits on state road contracts, and there went up throughout the state a demand for a special legislative

session to investigate state departments, especially the highway commission. This demand later was granted and committees were investigating several departments when the year ended.

Along Came Moody

Out of the road dispute came Moody's candidacy.

Mrs. Ferguson, in announcing for reelection, again asked for vindication for her husband, cited her record, and asked for the same treatment. Hitherto accorded all Texas governors—a second term. But she was defeated.

PRINCESS SELLS IN MARKET

LONDON (AP)—At a pitch in the Caledonian Market, a Russian Princess, niece of one of Napoleon's generals who took part in the retreat from Moscow, sells antiques, prints and curios.

She is Princess Marie Leon, a tall, aristocratic woman, whose mother was a Polish princess. She is not a refugee but has earned her living in the open market for several years.

"I was pitch-forked into working for my bread," she says. "I was studying art but the death of my parents left me without a bean. At first I tried photography, but it was hardly lucrative. I have had a stand in the market for two years."

Princess Marie said she does all her own work, packs up her "stock" at the end of the day and wheels it away from the Market in a wheelbarrow.

We have been reading about child psychology today, and wonder how much time Nancy Hanks put in with a book of it.

Governor's Bill Is in Hands of Joint Committee

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Governor L. L. Patterson's plan to make the governor the budget officer of the state which is to be put before the legislature in a bill has been referred to a subcommittee of the joint ways and means committee for study.

Representatives McCready, Collier and Brown were named to make a study of the measure.

At a meeting of the ways and means committee last night, Senator Strayer expressed opposition

to a bill urged by State Treasurer T. B. Kay, which would give the board of control authority to transfer appropriations from one item to another.

Senator Bell has prepared a bill for abolishment of the state emergency board, and provide instead for an emergency appropriation by the legislature which would cover all emergencies arising during a biennium.

DRINK 90 CUPS

RAY, N. D.—Frank Trachimowicz thinks he is the latest champion at coffee drinking, with a record of 90 cups in three hours 28 minutes. Gus Comstock, at Fargo, Minn., recently downed 85 in seven hours 15 minutes.

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