

# 16,000,000 SEE MOVIES EACH DAY

Congress May Pass Censorship Law at This Session.

TO AFFECT 18,000 THEATERS

Film Makers Protest, Saying Their Products Are Good—Advocates of Proposed Measure Say Children Are Led Into Crime by Some Photo Plays. Some States Censor All Reels.

Washington.—Sixteen million persons daily attend the 18,000 moving picture theaters now in operation in the United States. A large proportion of the patrons are children. There are approximately 20,000,000 school children in the United States. The attendance of the picture shows therefore represents four-fifths of the daily enrollment of the public schools and far exceeds that reported by churches, libraries and other institutions of human betterment.

These facts, or what are represented to be facts, were brought out before the house committee on education. The committee has under consideration a bill to establish a federal censorship commission over moving pictures. The measure has strong support, and the chances are that it will be enacted into law at this session of congress. It has been endorsed by clergymen, educators and some moving picture exhibitors.

Other exhibitors oppose it on the ground that film makers censor their product and that federal censorship would interfere with the business. Another objection urged against the bill is that its passage might serve as a precedent for legislation abridging the liberty of the press.

Those who voice this objection argue that if the federal government undertakes to censor moving pictures it may extend the authority to printed matter. Advocates of federal censorship of moving pictures say that these exhibitions are hurtful or beneficial to the youthful mind according to their character. It is asserted that many crimes have been traced to children who had witnessed degrading scenes in moving picture houses.

For this reason it is argued that competent inspection and effective censorship of films are needed. The two sides of the story were told in the house committee.

"Many parts of moving picture exhibitions are perfectly proper," said the Rev. H. N. Pringle, assistant superintendent of the international reform bureau. "Other parts may be objectionable because they present at times pictures of murders, robberies, holdups, assaults, burglaries and nearly the whole catalogue of crimes."

"Every few days you may see in the newspapers allusions by criminal court judges to the connection between juvenile crime and the demoralizing presentations just mentioned. This bill proposes the examination and censorship of picture films so that talented and diseased amusement may not be sent out from about fifty film manufacturing firms and importing firms to nearly 20,000 moving picture theaters to injure millions of immature persons who daily see these productions."

W. Stephen Bush of New York, representing a moving picture publication, made a defense of American made moving pictures.

"Respect for the ordinary decencies of life characterizes the producers of moving pictures," he said. "They are anxious to please, not to offend. It is a fact that the American producers supply not less than 75 per cent of the world's market of moving pictures. "No matter where you go in Europe, you will find a strong percentage of each program is made up of pictures made in this country. Why? Because the American pictures with negligible exceptions are clean."

"They are made by men whose eyes and ears heed public taste and sentiment and who do not want to cater to any morbid or depraved taste. Now, censorship has been responsible in the countries of Europe for a great decrease in the number of pictures made, and absolutely no good is accomplished by the censorship such as exists in Russia, Germany and other countries."

It was brought out that Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania and California exercise censorships over moving pictures. Boards of moving picture censorship also are in operation in many cities, among them New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland. Censorship laws are applied to the business in England, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Russia and Canada.

## HIS INCOME TAX 2 CENTS.

Costs United States More Than Levy to Send Bill to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—Among the first income tax bills to be sent out from the local office was one for 2 cents, addressed to a resident of this city. This is the sum total of his tax, computed on a net taxable income of \$2, minus all exemptions and deductions allowed by the law.

Computation of this return required the services of several clerks in this city and Washington. The envelope and the paper cost the government more than the amount of the bill.

## SIRES AND SONS.

Daniel Coffee of Cleveland fought in the Mexican war of 1846-8. He is eighty-six.

Philadelphia has three living veterans of the former Mexican war. J. B. Wilson, ninety; I. Williams, eighty-eight, and G. Manypenny, ninety.

J. C. Chatterji, one of India's most distinguished scientists, will shortly visit Japan to carry out research work in the interests of Shintolism and Buddhism.

Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France, has been given a gold medal by the French Natural History association for "international service in the protection of wild life."

Sir Charles Wyndham, the veteran actor-manager, who is seventy-seven, is still hale and hearty, and has no intention of retiring yet. He is now preparing to bring out a new play. Before going on the stage he served as an army surgeon.

Captain Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., who will have charge of all the details of putting shipping through the Panama canal, graduated from Annapolis in 1880, and with the exception of six years has been at sea ever since. He has been around the world five times and has commanded ships in nearly every big port.

## Forest Notes.

Results from western white pine plantations three seasons or more old show an average of 97 per cent success. On average white pine soil planting can be conducted for from \$5 to \$6 per acre.

Western yellow pine cones to the amount of 6,377 bushels, obtained on the Bitter Root national forest, Montana, yielded 9,482 pounds of seed. The average cost of the extracted seed was 41 cents per pound.

Forest botanists recognize only one cypress in the United States. Its range extends from Delaware southward around the coast into Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Illinois and Indiana. It is one of the few cone bearing trees which drop their leaves in winter. The heart wood of cypress is noted for its decay resistant properties.

## Aviation Notes.

Provided its builder accepts certain conditions, the British war office will put any aeroplane through the military acceptance test.

One of the French manufacturers has produced a hydroaeroplane so powerful that it is in reality little less than a flying tugboat.

The English aviator Gustave Hamel made a record recently by looping the loop successively twenty-one times at Bournemouth at a height of 2,300 feet.

When the latest Zeppelin airship cruised over Berlin it made hardly any noise. In the past the airships of this type have been conspicuous for the disturbance they created.

## Short Stories.

Winds from Sahara desert warm Europe.

The deaf and dumb language was introduced in the year 1749.

Nearly all the sandpaper in use is made with powdered glass.

Sugar is said to have been known to the Chinese 3,000 years ago.

The area of Alaska is nearly 600,000 square miles, almost equal to that of the entire eastern half of the United States.

Sweden claims to have the oldest vessel in Europe—perhaps in the world—in the schooner Emanuel, built in 1749. She was a privateer and is now in the timber trade.

## Town Topics.

Rome is 2,667 years old. Rome was never a boom town, but it has had a steady, substantial growth.—Toledo Blade.

The latest dance is called the "Twinkle" and comes from Pittsburgh. We fall to get the idea—Pittsburgh is celebrated for twinkling like a chunk of coal.—New York Sun.

After being in operation nearly ten years the subway is to be equipped with safety devices to bridge the gaps between curved platforms and car entrances. From the first day the danger of the present conditions was apparent. But the world does move!—New York World.

## Train and Track.

On the London and Northwestern railway 17,000 signals are lighted every night.

Canadian Northern has 8,694 miles under operation in Canada. The completed mileage has cost, for construction and equipment, \$303,319,232.

There is now a through train service from Buenos Aires to Asuncion, Paraguay, the run requiring about fifty hours, but there is only one train a week.

## Industrial Items.

New Jersey factories employ more than 325,000 workers.

There are 50,000 apprentices in the German baking industry.

More than 65,000,000 pounds of aluminum were consumed in various industries in the United States—a new high record.

Figures compiled by the department of labor at Washington show that wages in the lumber industry in the United States have increased 29 per cent in the past twenty-five years.

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Lina Cavalleri claims to have had 800 marriage proposals.

Miss Cora Dow of Cincinnati owns twelve drug stores in that city.

Mme. Calve, the opera singer, will shortly establish a traveling school for the teaching of singing.

Miss Bertha Ruffner of New Orleans started and heads a bureau for planning holidays and travel.

The only commercial artist in the west is Miss Abigail Sanborn of St. Louis, who runs a regular establishment in which are employed a number of men and women.

The youngest Carnegie hero is Giovanni Ricci, who lives near Genoa, Italy, and is four years old. When a playmate fell into a well last year she climbed down on the projecting bits of rock and saved her playmate's life.

## Current Comment.

So long as all the powers keep their eyes on us and Mexico the peace of Europe is well served.—New York World.

Is there an omen for the aristocracy in the Duke of Marlborough's acting as an auctioneer? "Going, going, gone!" has an ominous sound.—Chicago News.

Modern conveniences continue to multiply in a most astonishing way. A wireless divorce has just been granted to a Hawaiian lady.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In the Johns Hopkins psychical laboratory they are going to settle once for all the question whether woman has as great mentality as man. What if they find she has more?—Boston Globe.

## Flippant Flings.

Chewing gum is our great national substitute for thinking.—Forum.

A girls' school at Cambridge reports a full course dinner for 20 cents. Huh! Who ever heard of pickles being served in six different ways?—Washington Post.

Some of the geographical sharps insist that "Mexico" should be pronounced "Mahoko." But most of us prefer some of the names the Texans call it.—Cleveland Leader.

Kansas proposes to regulate house cleaning by law. Kansas will have a hard time preventing the women from piling all the furniture in the house in the front hallway.—Detroit Free Press.

## Pert Personals.

Truly, these are Richard Olney's declining years.—Columbia State.

Confronted with marital troubles, Manuel reflects that he always has the stage to fall back on.—Exchange.

Still, if G. K. Chesterton has too much fun with the eugenists, they may publish his waist measure in support of their contentions.—Washington Post.

Congratulations are due to Sir Thomas Lipton on the fact that he did not have to depend for his success as a man of affairs on his judgment as a constructor of yachts.—Washington Star.

## Science Siftings.

A child ten to twelve years old requires 0.6 the food of a man.

Astronomers have figured that the sun loses in its mass a quantity equal to the volume of the earth every 30,000,000 years.

At 530 feet below the surface of the water the amount of illumination is about the same as that on the surface on a clear but moonless night.

Two Frenchmen have invented a process for treating photographic negatives by which the effect of stereoscopic relief is produced in pictures.

## The Royal Box.

Queen Mary of England is a poor conversationalist.

King George of England is an earnest student of meteorology.

It is remarked that there is a shortage of daughters among the royal families of Europe.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has been awarded the Carnegie hero gold medal for his work in encouraging heroic deeds in Italy by the example he set in giving aid to the sufferers of the Messina earthquake in 1908.

## Three Strikes.

To avoid hard feelings why not abolish last place in the baseball percentage columns?—Chicago News.

There's one thing about baseball. Nobody cares whether or not a man is good looking so long as he can hit the ball.—Detroit Free Press.

Although professional baseball has been regarded as a monopoly, the competition now in progress shows that there is no need of an anti-trust law in sporting circles.—New York World.

## Fashion Frills.

Colors of women's gowns are to be quieter, say manufacturers. And the wearers?—New York Sun.

Skirts are to be fuller this year, which is gratifying. Nothing is prettier than a skirt full of girl.—Chicago News.

Every time you see a skinny lad sit down in a street car and hoist his pants to his knee so you can see his passionate silk socks we quit laughing at what women are wearing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Or.  
June 12th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that James Boyce of Bend, Oregon, who, on May 10th, 1911, made homestead entry No. 08888, for s½ section 31, township 20 south, range 18 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to establish claim to the land above described before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 8th day of August, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Stenkamp, Henry Stenkamp, George Marler, Robert Lisk, all of Bend, Oregon.  
7:2p H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract  
Public Land Sale.  
Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore.  
May 26th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved March 28, 1912, (37 Stat., 77), pursuant to the application of Shelley Holland, serial No. 011366, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of July, 1914, at this office, the following tract of land: n½ section 27, township 18 south, range 19 east, Willamette Meridian. This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.  
6:11p H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

Notice for Publication  
Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Or.  
June 9th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Marie C. Whittaker, of Dry Lake, Oregon, who, on August 21st, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010641, for e½ ne¼, e½ sec 25, township 20 south, range 20 east Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described before A. S. Fogg, U. S. Commissioner at Hampton, Oregon, on the 25th day of July, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Fisher C. Logan of Barnes, Oregon, Richard R. Rhodes of Dry Lake, Oregon, Orvil L. Davidson of Barnes, Oregon, John J. Cunningham of Barnes, Oregon. 6:18p H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

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