

MEASURE FOR LAND LOANS COMPLETED

Bill to Be Submitted to Joint Congressional Committee Next Monday.

APPROVAL IS FORECAST

Administration Is Expected to Support Plan Providing Regional Banks, Financed by Subscriptions From Public.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A land loan bill, which is expected to have the approval of the Administration, was completed today by a sub-committee of the joint congressional committee on rural credits. Senator Hollis was authorized to present the measure to the full committee on January 3.

The bill would provide a comprehensive farm credit system under the control and supervision of a Federal land bank board of five members, to be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Senate. The country would be divided into 12 districts, each with a regional land bank having a capital stock of \$20,000,000 to be issued in 100 shares for purchase by the public.

Business would be transacted directly between the regional banks and the local bodies which farmers would be authorized to organize in the form of co-operative loan associations or joint stock banks, the latter to be approved by the land bank board.

Interest Reduction Provided. Applications for loans approved by the local organizations would be recommended to the regional bank of the district. The banks would be authorized to loan out capital stock or to sell bonds to obtain sufficient funds to make the loans, and the farmers would be charged an interest on the interest on the bonds plus 1 per cent. To reduce the rate of interest on the bonds, the bill will provide that they must be acceptable to the banks as security for the deposit of public funds.

Relinquishment Is Planned. Out of their profits regional banks ultimately would refund to the Government such money as it may have invested in the enterprises. Payment of the mortgages by borrowers would be made on the installment plan, running for a period of not exceeding 35 years. The land banks would be permitted to accept mortgages for which would be specified cases to employ special agencies, including trust companies and savings banks, to make loans.

BREAKWATER IS FAVORED

ARMY ENGINEERS FAVOR CRESCENT CITY BAY PROJECT.

Expenditure of \$200,000 Is Recommended Provided Local Interests Rate Additional \$100,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—If the President will raise the embargo on new river and harbor projects, Congress, this session, may make an appropriation for the construction of a breakwater at the entrance to Crescent City Bay, on the North California coast. This project, having been favorably recommended by the Army engineers and by the Secretary of War, comes within the Congressional rule and will be sanctioned by Congress if permission is given to authorize new projects in the river and harbor bill soon to be framed.

The Crescent City project, though wholly in California, is of as great importance to Southern Oregon as to Northern California, for it is through that harbor that many products of Southern Oregon will find their outlet when the new railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City is completed. In fact, the project is of so great importance to Oregon that the Secretary of War, as a condition to recommending the building of the breakwater, will insist upon having absolute assurance that this railroad will be completed "within a reasonable time."

The report of the Army engineers' favor, at this time, nothing more than the construction of the breakwater, but it is evident, from the full discussion of the project, that if the harbor develops the importance which is anticipated, that improvement of the inner harbor will be recommended as soon as a commerce justifies. For the present, however, the expenditure of but \$492,999 is recommended for the breakwater, of which the Federal Government is to appropriate \$200,000 and the balance is to be raised by local interests.

Fendleton Tax Levy 26 Mills.

FENDLETON, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The total tax levied for the year will be 26 mills, according to the schedule decided upon and signed by the Umatilla County Court today. This includes the county and city taxes of 14 mills; School District No. 16, 5 mills, and the City of Fendleton, 5 1/2 mills. The levy would have been half a mill less than last year had it not been for the fact that Fendleton property pays a road tax this year.

Man With Liquor Is Arrested.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—James Rice, former Chief of Police of Lewiston, placed Henry Howard under arrest for having liquor upon the Nez Percé Indian Reservation. After a desperate struggle Howard was overpowered and his suitcase was found to contain several gallons of liquor. Howard was bound over to the Federal Court.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Creighton Hale and Louise Huff in Denman Thompson's 'The Old Homestead' at Peoples Theater, Tomorrow.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Columbia—'The Lily and the Rose.' The Great Vacuum Robbery. Heilig—'The Battle Cry of Peace.' Majestic—'A Soldier's Oath.' National—'The Primrose Path.' Peoples—'The Reform Candidate.' Pickford—'The Sins of Society.'

WHAT is probably the highest figure yet paid to a stellar attraction for a series of pictures, even in this era of fabulous salaries in the motion picture business, was the feature of a contract entered into last week between Ethel Barrymore, the celebrated stage star, and the Metro Pictures Corporation.

Under its terms Miss Barrymore is to receive the flat sum of \$40,000 for each picture in which she is featured in a series of elaborate stage productions now being planned by the Metro Pictures Corporation. The contract provides that these shall number not less than four annually, although this number may be increased at the option of the Metro officials.

In return Miss Barrymore agrees to appear in Metro pictures exclusively during a period of three years. She will also arrange her services at the same time as she may be engaged in during that time with reference to its noninterference with her screen labors. Metro also holds an option on her services for a period of the time under the same terms as those provided in the contract for the previous productions.

While other stars have in rare instances received in excess of a million for a single picture, it is thought that this is by far the highest contract ever made into with any star by any motion picture corporation for a series of pictures. The minimum amount involved, \$140,000 a year, for three years, or \$420,000 in all, is a figure that certainly surpasses anything in the recent history of the screen.

At a Chicago house recently, where 'The Battle Cry of Peace' was playing, a patron asked for a front seat. He explained that he was hard of hearing. Mary Charleson, for many years on the 'do-or-die' staff of the Lubin precipice-jumping corps and noted for the risky stunts she loves to perform, recently joined the Equitable Company. She will soon appear in 'Sealed Lips,' supporting William Courtenay. John Barrymore, after completing his work in 'Red Widow,' took stock of his casualties and found that he had twice fallen foul of the police, had been nearly choked to death by a stuffed bomb that burst in his mouth, and had finally been kicked within a few seconds of 'kingdom come' by a walky horse while escaping over the 'Russian border' in a droschka. Flora Finch, the well-known comedienne, who recently left the Vitagraph Company to take a much-needed rest, has announced her intention of dedicating her vacation to the furtherance of her plan to establish a chain of motion picture theaters in the slums of many large cities wherein the price of admission will be only 1 cent.

ing with Owen Moore a new Triangle drama called 'Betty the Joyous,' under Allan Dwan's leadership. It is a story of a little New England girl. Some of the scenes will be filmed in Connecticut. Let those who will not believe in the existence of motion picture 'glams,' but Dorothy Gish is the sister of Lillian Gish of 'The Birth of a Nation,' and Owen Moore is the husband of Mary Pickford.

Robert Mantell and Genevieve Hammer have joined the William Fox company at Kingston, Jamaica, where they expect to stay until Spring, working on feature pictures being produced by Gordon Edwards. The Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company has renewed Blanche Sweet's contract for an indefinite period. Miss Sweet has just finished her latest Lasky photoplay, 'The Ragamuffin,' written and produced by William C. De Mille. It will be released through Paramount Pictures Corporation Company on January 17, and will reveal Miss Sweet in the role of an urchin girl whose regeneration forms the basis of the theme.

The combination of Miss Sweet's contract as one of the stars of the Lasky Company puts a quietus on the reports and rumors that she was leaving the big producing firm. This report was contradicted authoritatively a short time ago. Blanche Sweet belongs with that small coterie of favored stars of the film who are essentially favorites of photoplay lovers, and who grew up into popularity with the industry. Ever since the motion picture first gained its intense and firm hold on the affections of the public Miss Sweet's name has been before the world. Syd Chaplin, brother of Charlie, is no longer with Keystone. He is at present a 'free agent' and is running an advertising service and helping his brother direct at the Essanay studio. Movielite is an insidious affection that is attacking everybody. The high-brow guard will have to get out and hustle to find a preventive inoculation. Now Richard Le Gallienne has written a scenario called 'The Chain Invisible,' which will be realized pictorially by the Equitable Company.

The John Johnson Siberian wolf dog being used in a Vitagraph feature of the Northwest already has sent three men to hospitals. But this record is beaten easily by the common sausage dog. Clara Kimball Young, who has been suffering from a bad cold for the last two weeks, is recovering slowly and expects to be back to work in a week or so.



COMING GAIL KANE IN THE LABYRINTH OR TEMPTATIONS OF AN ACTRESS See Sunday Oregonian for Further Announcements

SOUTHERN CHINA IN OPEN REVOLT

Military Leader Under Dr. Sun Heads Revolution in Yunnan Province.

30,000 TROOPS ARE SENT

Government Forces Will Require Weeks to Reach Affected District—Indications of Unrest Are Widespread.

PEKIN, China, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsal An, formerly Military Governor of Yunnan, has broken out. The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt. The troops have been sent from Szechuen Province in Western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nan Fu, in Yunnan Province. Tsal An recently resigned a bureau chief post at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunnan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat sen, the first provisional President of China, who of late is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda.

Troops Two Weeks Away. It will require about two weeks of marching through the mountains for the troops from Szechuen Province to reach Yunnan. Announcement from Peking of the outbreak of a revolutionary movement in Yunnan Province followed shortly the receipt of private reports that five Chinese provinces, including Yunnan, had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other provinces named in the previous reports were Kwang Tung, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Szechuen. It is from the last-named province that the dispatches say troops have been sent into Yunnan, which lies just to the south of Szechuen, and is the southernmost province of China. The area of Yunnan is about 146,000 square miles and it has a population estimated at 12,900,000.

China Refrains From Promise. When the movement to have China revert to a monarchy began to gain headway, the entente powers made representations to Peking asking that there be no change in the form of government during the war because of the possibility that it might lead to uprisings and endanger the peace of the Orient.

The Chinese government, however, is understood that the change would not take place, the governments being assured, however, that the monarchy would not be instituted during the present year. Recently the result of the Chinese plebiscite was announced as favoring the change to a monarchy and Yuan Shi Kai, President of the republic, accordingly requested the council of state to become the ruler under the revived monarchical system. It was said that the coronation would be deferred to a time considered suitable and Yuan Shi Kai would continue to act as President meanwhile.

There were disorders at Shanghai this month, when a warship was seized by the rebels and rioting occurred in various parts of the city. The warship was quickly recaptured, however, and the revolt was soon quelled. There have been numerous indications since of unrest in South China, but no additional outbreaks have been reported until today.

Aburdeen Mail Is Heavy.

ABURDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—An avalanche of Christmas mail, aggregating about 15 tons, has poured into Aberdeen since last night. The postoffice employees are being taxed to the limit, but due to a well-organized system, this is being distributed almost as fast as it arrives. The mails have been the heaviest known here.

Shingle Mill to Be Built Near Elma.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The H. P. Craft Shingle Company has purchased a mill site a mile north of Elma on the county road, and will build a shingle mill at once. It is expected to have the plant in operation within 30 days.

CANAL DEFENSE IS STUDIED

Submarine Bases at Each End Reported Under Consideration.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—Major-General George W. Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone; Brigadier-General Clarence K. Edwards and Rear-Admiral Albert W. Grant, commanding the Atlantic submarine flotilla, at conferences being held here are said to be discussing locations for submarine bases at both ends of the Panama Canal with

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HIS OATH

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BIG VILLA FORCE QUILTS

CARRANZA CHRISTMAS GREETING IS PEACE FORECAST.

Whereabouts of Rebel Chieftain Still Mystery and Army Is Sent to Search for Him.

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—A Christmas message expressing the confidence of the de facto government in the early restoration of order in Mexico was sent throughout Mexico tonight by Carranza officials here. Advice was received by General Obregon, commander-in-chief of the Carranza army, of the tentative surrender of General Jose Rodriguez, the largest remaining organized Villa force. A committee, it was said, is en route from Rodriguez' headquarters at Casas Grandes to arrange terms. The whereabouts of General Villa remain a mystery here. General Carranza has instructed General Obregon to dispatch an army westward from Chihuahua to pursue Villa. The pursuit probably will lead the Carranza force to Madera, where four foreigners are held prisoners by General Medina Villa under orders, it was reported, from General Villa. A group of ex-Villa generals today conferred with General Obregon. General Isabel Robles was selected afterward to muster out the surrendered soldiers. They are to be disarmed, paid, clothed and to have the choice of joining Carranza in the campaign against General Zapata or being sent to their homes. Several large smelters are preparing to resume operations in Mexico January 15. Other industries, including extensive mining operations, are preparing to reopen as soon as communication is fully restored.

ROGUE GETS SUGAR PLANT

Oregon-Utah Company Announces Acceptance of 5000 Acres for Beets.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The directors of the Oregon-Utah Sugar Company, in session at Salt Lake City today, telegraphed the acceptance of 5000 acres of beet land subscribed by the farmers of the Rogue River Valley. They announce that immediately after the holidays the contract will be let to build a sugar-beet factory in the Rogue River Valley and that before adjournment all the details will be worked out necessary to give assurance that the coming of this industry is a certainty.

By feeding silk worms with mulberry leaves saturated with hopotensin dye two French scientists succeeded in getting red and blue raw silk.

LAST DAY

The LILY and The ROSE

FEATURING Lillian Gish Rozsika Dolly as the 'lily,' and as the 'rose.'

Added Attractions A Triangle Keystone Comedy A Melodramatic Farce Comedy Called 'The Great Vacuum Robbery' A Mixture of Thrills and Laughs.

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