

### CHINESE AND OPIUM SMUGGLING IN PLOT

#### Insurance Looting Trials at Olympia Will Be Begun on January 17.

#### THREE INVOLVED IN CASE

##### Fraudulent Operation First Suspected When Well-Healed Amputation Is Presented by Victim With Claim for Compensation.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—On January 17, in Olympia, the trials will be begun of J. F. "Jack" Gillies, former claim agent of the Industrial Insurance Commission; Frank W. Stone, alias the "Portland Kid," and Eugene W. Kearns, Olympia saloonman, whom the state charges are the principals in the recent conspiracy, which in about 15 months resulted in the looting of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 from the industrial insurance funds.

Stone, ostensibly depending for a livelihood upon the operations of a fleet of four fishing boats, of which the notorious "Locky" was the best known, according to the state's theory, forged the reports of the purported injured workmen, their employers and physicians, Gillies in his position as claim agent, approved these claims and rushed them through the commission, and Kearns cashed them, either at his own saloon or by sending the claimants, when necessary, to Tacoma or Seattle.

##### Spectacular Trial Promised.

The trial itself promises to be one of the most interesting since the trial of Adjutant-General Curtis Hamilton six years ago for peculations totaling \$82,909.

There is an inside story of smuggling of opium from British Columbia to Boston Harbor by the launch *Lucky*, subsequent wild night rides by automobile with the forbidden drug to Olympia and Grays Harbor points, and killings that as an occasional side line, Chinese were taken by the conspirators south across the international boundary, foiling the watchfulness of the Federal immigration inspectors.

Involved in the tangled plot also is the official decapitation of Police Chief Ben F. Hall, of Olympia, his arrest on a charge of receiving a bribe, his subsequent release and the recent Olympia city campaign.

##### Opium Smuggling Charged.

Something more than a year ago Gillies, claim agent of the Industrial Insurance Commission since its organization nearly five years ago, at a salary of \$125 a month, acquired an interest with Stone in the *Lucky*, largest of the four boats of the fishing fleet. At about the same time Stone purchased an automobile, which was used jointly by Gillies.

Last summer Chief of Police Hall arrested some persons and accused others by stating that Gillies and Stone were involved in opium smuggling, bringing the drug from British Columbia in their launch to Boston Harbor, and subsequently transporting it by automobile to Olympia and Grays Harbor.

Hall also declared that Gillies, who was attending law school at that time, had left as a fugitive and would not return. No evidence against the *Lucky* could be discovered, and Gillies, instead of appearing as Hall had predicted, returned from the claim agents' convention, and the entire matter appeared somewhat over.

On November 4 a one-armed man giving the name of John Stack appeared at the office in response to a summons from the commission. He claimed the loss of his hand on Cheban County road work. Dr. J. W. Mowell, the commission's physician, thought the wound had healed remarkably well for a recent amputation, but approved the claim.

Thinking the matter over later, he decided the claim was worthy of further investigation and went to Gillies, who, according to the books, was in possession of the file. The file proved to be missing.

Investigation immediately instituted by the commission showed a total of 13 claims, ranging in amount from \$25 to nearly \$100 and totaling \$15,932, which in correspondence with the purported employers were found to be fraudulent.

#### BERKELEY CLASS IN SKIT

"Absent on Leave" Will Be Produced by Graduating Students.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—"Absent on Leave" is the title of the senior extravaganza, a play to be produced this spring in connection with the regular graduating class events. The play is the joint production of Hazel Havermale and R. F. Goss. The music is being written, suffering from competition among all students being due in two weeks.

The plot is good and the characters are well developed and there is a point to the action.

#### Snow Falls at Ridgefield.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Tuesday night was the coldest of the winter, the thermometer registering 23 degrees above. Much ice was formed on the different ponds along the river bottoms and this remained all day. In the afternoon there were several blizzards of snow. If the cold spell continues for a few nights more there will be much skating on the ponds around here.

#### Teacher Engaged at Ridgefield.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Miss Lily Anderson, of Peralta, Wash., has been engaged as teacher in the primary room of the Ridgefield school. She will fill the vacancy caused by Miss Isabelle B. Taylor resigning. Miss Anderson has a teacher's certificate. The Ridgefield schools will reopen Monday, January 4, after two weeks' vacation.

#### Pasco to Buy Public Scales.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The City Council has made arrangements for letting the contract for a public weighing scale to a North Yakima firm. Two new members of the Council, Herman Warden and Mrs. E. F. Leonard, were appointed to the advisory board to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of R. H. Herrigan and E. L. Collins.

#### Pioneer Wagon Maker Dies.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 29.—William T. Lewis, 75, pioneer wagon manufacturer and founder and chief stockholder of the Mitchell Motor Car Company, died here today after a brief illness.



Secretary Daniels of the Navy, and Garrison of War, Who Endorse "Guarding Old Glory," National Film Co.

#### TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Hellig—"The Battle Cry of Peace."  
Majestic—"Destruction."  
National—"Guarding Old Glory."  
Sunset—"A Rose Among the Thorns."  
Pickford—"Salvation Nell."  
People—"Zaza."  
Columbia—"The Winged Idol."  
"Crooked to the End."

FOR the avowed purpose of correcting the impression which she believes the public has formed of her, Theda Bara, star of the William Fox production, "Destruction," and known to millions as "the vampire woman of the silent stage," is about to launch a newspaper campaign.

"How would you like to be called a 'vampire woman' and despised by all of your sex if you were really and truly the exact opposite of that type?" says Miss Bara. "At first I didn't mind the appellation, but now I do—I mind it very much."

"Why, one of the critics who interviewed me most recently said: 'Her hair is like the serpent locks of Medusa, her eyes have the cruel cunning of Lucretia Borgia, till now the world's wickedest woman, her mouth is the mouth of the sinister, scheming Delilah, and her hands are those of the blood-bathing Elizabeth Bathory, who slaughtered young girls that she might bathe in their life blood and so retain her beauty.'"

"Tell me, do I look as wicked as all that? Of course, this particular critic may have been giving the impression she formed of me on the screen, but how is the general public to know that these are not my real attributes—those of my daily life? On the screen I try to show how attractive sin may be, how very beautiful, so that one must ever be on the lookout to recognize evil even in disguise."

"What is my reward? Because I am a screen home-wrecker and in my work are only blasted lives and stunted careers, I am to receive the reward that I am only an actress, and that an actress should never show her real self to her audience else she ceases to be an actress."

"Why—why do people do me the injustice to think me really wicked?"

#### Columbia.

Regeneration, mysticism and love, involving the eternal triangle feature, "The Winged Idol," which is the most melodramatic comedy of the most thrilling character absorbing interest in "Crooked to the End," and the feature which were flashed upon the Columbia Theater screen yesterday. Katharine Kaelred, the vampire woman and co-star with Robert Hilliers in "A Foot and a Half," and House Peters, a Portland favorite, headline "The Winged Idol." "Crooked to the End" presents Fred Maca, merry-maker, with hilarious support.

"The Winged Idol" is the story of a rich young fool, whose sole ambition seems to be to consume the world's supply of alcohol. He deserts his wife and baby to join the "young men about town." Enters the fortune-teller, chrysalis, etc. In the person of the mystic Katharine Kaelred, as the regenerator of the young chap, although not until she had treated him to the "kiss." However, her teachings are so true that Peters turns to his wife and child at the behest of a smitten conscience, and the woman has not the power to hold him.

"Crooked to the End" starts out in a tame manner, but develops into such a medley of melodrama that it ranks among the most thrilling films ever seen in Portland. A hand-to-hand struggle between a girl and two hoodlums, head-on collision between two engines, runaway streetcar, which falls over a cliff, an auto pursuit and battle which threatens disaster every minute, are among the incidents.

#### People.

"Zaza," that most difficult of stage roles, because of the inevitable comparison with the interpretations of Sarah Bernhardt and Mrs. Leslie Carter, is receiving a magnificent portrayal at the Peoples Theater by Pauline Frederick. In the picturization of this sensational drama Miss Frederick has scored a signal success, further clinching her claim to rank among the leading emotional actresses of the screen.



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NOT A RELIGIOUS PLAY  
BUT A STORY OF THE UNDERWORLD

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Beginning at 11:30 o'Clock



# PICKFORD

WASHINGTON AT PARK

It is her desire to appear in such a role. She doesn't want, she says, to stampede the annual review and inspection in action in the big fortifications as well as in the hands of infantry and cavalry, while airplanes in maneuvers, as well as the civilian training camps enter into the "preparedness" propaganda of the five-act film.

Two reels of Oregon preparedness, including the annual review and inspection at Fort Gearhart, Federal inspection of the U. S. R. R. Boston, and target practice on the Blackman range, Miss Dorothy Lewis, singing "America, I Love You," and the Animated Weekly, are added attractions.

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IT'S A GREAT AND LASTING LESSON FOR ALL  
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# PICKFORD

WASHINGTON AT PARK.

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Running Continuously to 1 A. M.

The Winged Idol  
With Katharine Kaelred and House Peters

Crooked to the End  
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