

LIVELY FIGHT NEARS
ON PAVING SCANDAL

Governor May Demand Resignation of Highway Board.

BENSON'S REMARKS IRK

Complete Inquiry Into Pacific Highway Work Is to Be Made by State Executive.

SALEM, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—That a bitter fight will be precipitated next week between Governor Olcott and the members of the state highway commission is believed at the capital to be a certainty, in view of the wide difference of opinion existing between the executive and the members of the commission concerning the so-called paving scandal which the governor believes he unearthed on the Salem-Aurora unit of the Pacific highway.

This feeling of imminent warfare, which first cropped out when the members of the commission inspected this particular pavement last Saturday, was considerably strengthened after the second inspection made yesterday by S. Benson, chairman of the highway commission. Although Mr. Benson has not yet prepared an official statement, he said informally both at Salem and Portland that the paving project under investigation is in good condition. A government engineer who also inspected the work is said to have reached a similar conclusion.

Job to Be Approved.
The highway commission, at a meeting to be held at Portland next Tuesday, will issue a formal statement regarding the entire controversy, according to Mr. Benson. This statement, it is believed, will state with emphasis that there is no cause for alarm and that, save for a few minor defects that are being quickly remedied, the work now being done by the Blake-Compton company is satisfactory.

Governor Olcott, however, is of a different opinion. He has said publicly that the Blake-Compton contract is a "rotten piece of work," and he has also declared that if the highway commission did not safeguard the interests of the people of Oregon he would see that a commission would be procured that would do so. This, in effect, was a direct threat to demand the resignations of the members of the commission if he becomes dissatisfied with their attitude concerning this controversy.

The governor has already shown that he is much concerned over this piece of paving. A farmer living near Grants first uncovered alleged defects in the work which is being done by the Blake-Compton company. He revealed his findings to Governor Olcott.

Governor Makes Inspection.
The governor then took his private secretary, Doug Upjohn, Will Kirk, assistant accident commissioner, Ward Steiner of the penitentiary, County Judge Bushy and others, to inspect the work. Each of the agreed with the governor that the work was far from being up to specifications.

It was nearly a week later before the governor informed the highway commission of his discovery. He summoned them to Salem and took them on a trip to inspect the work. Following this inspection, the members of the highway commission were loath to pass snap judgment on the contractors. They admitted that there were several stretches of good pavement, but declined to make a sweeping charge of "skimping." Instead they started an investigation by their own and government engineers.

It was said unofficially today that these engineers found that in some places the thickness of the pavement is even greater than demanded in the specifications, and the work as a whole shows inexperience rather than any attempt at "graft" as was originally intimated.

Olcott to Have Inquiry.
Governor Olcott was plainly dissatisfied with the attitude of the highway commission when its members refused to agree with him that it was one of the most serious matters which had been unearthed for years. He declared emphatically that he was going through with a sweeping investigation, whether the commission liked it or not.

In view of this attitude on the part of the governor, those in touch with the situation at the capital see only storm clouds ahead for the commission. Next Thursday issues a statement minimizing the whole affair, as Chairman Benson has indicated it will do.

CASTLE ROCK HERO DEAD

Richard Sugars Dies While in Action in France.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—The name of Richard Sugars, son of Mrs. M. C. Sugars of Castle Rock, appeared in the casualty list some time ago. A telegram from the national headquarters of the war department said the young man died July 18, 1918, from wounds received in action. The last letter his mother received from her son was last July. Since that time investigation has been in progress.

He was born February 2, 1896, and enlisted three years ago in the national guard and was sent to the Mexican border. Besides his widowed mother he is survived by a brother in Everett, Wash.

DRY WEATHER IS FEARED

Warning Is Sent Broadcast Throughout Washington.

SEATTLE, July 4.—Warning has been sent broadcast over Washington by George N. Salisbury, meteorologist of the United States weather bureau here, that on account of unusual dryness the past month there is serious danger of forest fires breaking out unless persons in the woods use every precaution to prevent them.

Desiccating winds, added to the lack of rain, have so parched the upland ranges that a mere spark could readily start a fire that might spread beyond control, Mr. Salisbury said.

First Chautauqua Opens.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—White Salmon's first Chautauqua has started. The required season ticket guarantee went over the top by more than 25 per cent. Sunday will be Veterans' day and "Bitty" Sunday will occupy the stage in the forenoon. Young parties will be well cared for.

Sportsmen to Organize.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—A meeting will be held in Winlock on July 6, at which a Washington state sportsmen's club will be organized. Representatives will be in attendance from Toledo, Vader and Napavine.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Dorothy Gish and Richard Barthelmess, in scene from "I'll Get Him Yet," in which Dorothy runs true to form and does get him, and which will open today at the Peoples theater for a week's run.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Majestic—Rex Beach's "The Crimson Gardenia."
Peoples—Dorothy Gish, "I'll Get Him Yet."
Columbia—Wallace Reed, "You're Fired."
Liberty—Mary Pickford, "Daddy Long Legs."
Star—Viola Dana, "Some Bride."
Globe—Julian Eltinge, "The Widow's Circle."
Circle—Wallace Reed, "The Dub."

BRIMFUL of wicked smiles and clever tricks, Dorothy Gish will be seen in "I'll Get Him Yet," commencing today at the Peoples theater and running until Friday evening.

Manager Stille reviewed the play yesterday and declares that Dorothy Gish's fame, as established by her role as the distributor in "Hearts of the World," has reached a higher ebb in "I'll Get Him Yet." In the role of a lass whose father thought she would prove reasonably tractable when he placed a large amount of stock in her name to avoid his own income tax, she provokes constant merriment and constant admiration. She shows her ability to manage a railway line and to a somewhat less degree her dexterity in handling her husband. All of which, according to Manager Stille, proves she is a most wonderful girl.

The Peoples programme for this week will also include Harold Lloyd in "Swat the Crook," the International News and "Topics in Brief."

Screen Gossip.

Leone Castle, with her leading man, Vernon Steele, and other members of her company, has returned to Fort Lee from Lake Placid, where, under the direction of Charles Maigne, exteriors for "The Pinking Line" were filmed. One of the most attractive hunting lodges in the Adirondacks.

Harry Carr, editor of the Los Angeles Times Magazine, wrote for Dorothy Gish a railroad story with newspaper atmosphere under the title of "I'll Get Him Yet."

Thomas Melghan, one of the best-known and most universally admired leading men of the screen, has been written by Beulah Marie Dix and the male role in "Peg o' My Heart." Wanda Hawley will appear in the title role.

"Billeted," the play by T. J. Jesson, Jesse and H. M. Harwood, which Frances Marion adapted for screen presentation with Billie Burke as the star, was written by Beulah Marie Dix and the cast is headed by Katherine MacDonald, Theodore Roberts, Jack Holt, Milton Sills and Fritz Brunette.

Formation in London of a great \$2,000,000 corporation which will produce Paramount-Artcraft motion pictures against famous European backgrounds and build studio plants in the capitals of the Old World, is announced by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, 455 Fifth Avenue. The name of the new firm is the Famous Players-Lasky British Producers, Ltd.

While her director-husband, Howard Hickman, is recovering from a serious illness, Beulah Barricella is acting under the directorial tutelage of Henry Kolker. Jack Holt, that reprobate leading man, will be seen opposite Miss

ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED

CAR DITCHED AND OVERTURNED NEAR MEDFORD.

Charles Davis, Passenger, Loses Life and Another Is Hurt Internally and May Not Recover.

MEDFORD, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Charles Davis, 29 years old, a "squawman" from the Klamath Indian reservation, was instantly killed this morning when the car in which he was a passenger overturned on the Pacific highway a few miles south of this city. C. R. Williams of Klamath Falls, driver of the car, Mrs. Kate Crowley and Miss Sylvia Crowley, mother-in-law and sister-in-law of Davis, and Mrs. Alice Davis, his wife, were all painfully injured, but with the exception of Miss Crowley are expected to recover. The latter suffered internal injuries and physicians say she will not be out of danger for 24 hours.

According to Mrs. Crowley, they were driving from Ashland to Medford when a car suddenly passed and cut in just ahead. To avoid collision Williams turned off the pavement and in the excitement stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The car shot across the ditch at the side of the road and turned completely over.

I. W. W. Parade Orderly One.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 4.—Industrial Workers of the World members and sympathizers estimated to number upward of 1500 held a parade and picnic here today with no signs of disorder and no attempt at speechmaking. No red flags were displayed by the pa-

Baricade in the story, an adaptation of "The Woman Michael Married."

There is to be another "Lone Wolf" story picture, this time with a woman star. Louise Glaum is to be starred in "The Daughter of the Wolf," an as yet unpublished novel by Louis Joseph Vance, the rights for which were bought by J. Parker Read, Jr., who produced Miss Glaum's first independent production "Sahara." Vance wrote "The Lone Wolf" first and Bert Lytell starred in it. Then came "The False Faces" and Henry Walthall played the leading role.

Bebe Daniels does not like to lose an argument and it isn't often that a decision goes against her.

The little leading lady of the Harold Lloyd comedies was making a noon-hour talk on the Hal E. Roach lot in Los Angeles when she had occasion to use the word—optimist.

"Who?" said General Director Roach with a grin. "I'll bet you don't even know what an optimist is."

"Certainly I do," replied Bebe. "An optimist is a woman who is willing for anything to happen so long as it doesn't happen to her."

Mr. Roach pondered for a moment—"Right!" he said.

Pending the settlement of her legal difficulties with the elder Selznick, Clara Kimball Young engaged a vacation with relatives in Michigan. During the time her buildings were greeted at Miss Young's new studio at Edendale, a few blocks from the Sennett studio, it was formerly occupied by the Selznick company and was the first permanent studio built in California. Miss Young's first production in the new location is to be "Eyes of Youth."

Joe Moore, youngest of the famous quartet of screen brothers, is back from the wars, having seen active service in France with the wild west division. A year or so before the war, Joe became the husband of Grace Cunard, the serial star, and was the first summer and disney that there was no joyous family reunion when Joey came marching home. About the same time Owen Moore went back to New York, making the important announcement upon his departure that he was making the journey in order to purchase a new summer home which also gave the town criers much material.

A reproduction of Venice is being built for Elsie Ferguson's latest production. The set is so enormous that it will cover the entire floor space of the studio. A special water system will be installed to float the gondolas that have been built for the scene.

One of the passengers on the S. S. Saxonia, that sailed from Europe this week, was Captain A. L. Varges, the man who has had a more varied experience as a news camera reporter during the war than any other in his profession.

During his four years' service Captain Varges was in every sector of the eastern front. His pictures were taken under the most hazardous conditions and he was honored by special commendation by Major-General W. Gillman for the commanding officer of the Mesopotamia forces, and by Brigadier-General W. H. Beach.

"I am one of those who believe that the costume play is soon to come into its own on the screen," said Dustin Farnum. "We are having a superabundance of present-day plots and for variety's sake, if for nothing else, a return to period plays should be resuming. I think the public likes such productions when they are well and faithfully produced. 'The Three Guardsmen,' 'The Count of Monte Cristo,' and the others have proved very popular in the past. I did 'David Garrick,' and the picture was immensely popular. Look out for the big revival of plays of this class in the near future."

radars, many of whom wore red carnations and red neckties.

MILLWRIGHT HANGS SELF

Body of G. H. Bloom, Aberdeen, Is Found Suspended From Beam.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—The body of Guy H. Bloom, millwright at the White Star mill in the eastern end of the county, was found hanging to a beam in the mill.

Bloom went to the mill at noon in company with Herb Burch. He sent Burch to the store for some materials with which to make repairs. When Burch returned Bloom's body was hanging from the beam. No cause is known for the act.

Tenino Chautauqua Opens.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—A five-day Chautauqua, being staged jointly by Tenino and Buxeda, opened yesterday in Tenino. Morning, afternoon and evening programmes will be held daily.



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COMMON LANGUAGE NEED

SENATOR JONES GIVES TALK AT NORTH YAKIMA.

Americanism Declared Greatest Asset in Molding Future of United States.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 4.—The imperative necessity of a common language in the United States was pointed out by Senator Wesley L. Jones in an independence day address here today.

"Millions of men and women in this country cannot speak or understand the English language," Senator Jones said. "There were hundreds of thousands called to the colors who did not know what 'forward march' meant. There are many communities where the entire population thinks and speaks in a foreign tongue. There are those who read only in a foreign language. This is not well for the country or its institutions and should not continue longer than is absolutely necessary. It cannot make us a unified people.

"The ideals and principles of the republic are not known and cannot be known or lived by these people in this way. They do not love our flag because they do not know what it stands for. They do not sympathize with our institutions because they do not understand them; and they are not ready to sacrifice their all in defense of the nation because it means little to them.

"A genuine American spirit cannot exist among these people until they can speak and think in our language, read our history, learn what the republic is, what it stands for, and what it is to be in the world's strife."

POSTMEN SEEK INCREASE

LETTER CARRIERS ALSO ASK SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Convention at Tacoma Selects Walla Walla as Next Meeting Place. Leaders Are Chosen.

TACOMA, July 4.—Letter carriers of the state met in Washington, in their annual association convention in Tacoma today, went on record to request a 50 per cent increase in salary over the present war basis and to ask for a Saturday half-holiday during the four summer months of the year.

The carriers also ask a 15-day sick leave annually for actual sicknesses, a privilege enjoyed now by other governmental employees, as well as the Saturday half-holiday.

Another resolution adopted calls for the computation of time of substitute carriers in determining their class upon appointment as regular carriers.

Walla Walla was chosen as the next convention city. President Almond Frye of Tacoma was re-elected to fill the chair for another year. Oscar Telquist of Seattle was chosen vice-president; Edward J. Snyder of Port Townsend was re-elected secretary and A. H. Lang of Walla Walla re-elected treasurer. E. E. Epley of Spokane was again chosen as editor of the Postman, the official organ.

The executive committee is composed of William Daughters, D. W. Deeney and L. L. Kidd, all of Seattle. O. J. Sanders of Bellingham will be delegate to the national convention and C. H. Driscoll of Tacoma alternate.

DEPUTY CLERK IS MARRIED

Miss Minnie Merrill of Albany Weds Charles L. Woods.

ALBANY, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Miss Minnie K. Merrill, for the past four and a half years chief deputy in the county clerk's office here, was married last evening to Charles L. Woods of this city. The ceremony was performed by Dr. George H. Young at the

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