

# DRUG HABIT BEATEN BY EVELYN THAW

### "It Was at Hollywood I Fell," Says Dancer.

### GRIM BATTLE IS WON

Dope Peddlers and Victims Are in Every Corner of Movie Colony, Is Declaration.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 17.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, now earning a living dancing in a board-walk cabaret, told today how she had been through the "Hollywood dope hell."

"I have fought the grimmest, most heart-breaking fight any woman or man could fight and I've won," said the woman whose name is known on every continent for the part she had in one of the most sordid of human tragedies—the murder of Stanford White by Harry K. Thaw.

"I have beaten the drug habit, which had me going, almost gone, for nearly a year," she continued. "Today I am cured and off the stuff for good."

### Downfall Is at Hollywood.

"It was at Hollywood I fell—Hades for men and women if they have not the mental stamina and the knowledge—that's the big thing—to keep away. The dope peddlers and their victims are waiting there at every corner, in every room, at every party, for a chance to trap another victim."

"I need not tell you the story of my miseries. They were dreadful. When I could not get the stuff I suffered the agonies of the damned. Not that I ever 'sniffed.' The need was enough for me—broken bottles, got tips of trees, broken needles floating around in me now which a kind girl friend broke off as she was helping me take the stuff."

### \$100,000 Spent in Cash.

"It cost me \$100,000 to be a drug fiend, just in cash alone. And it cost me my friends, my self-respect and everything. My mother made me take the cure. She threatened to take away my boy, Russell. I couldn't stand for that."

"It was a fearful fight. I have suffered in jail, and the pains of giving up morphine after you have become an addict are far worse. So I know how Wally Reid is tortured now."

"For eight months I have not touched it and I will never again touch it. Dr. Carleton Simon made my name public the other day, showing some letters I had written a dope peddler, William Williams. That was rotten. Those letters were written more than a year ago. Why didn't he tell that? Why didn't he investigate and find out if I was still getting the stuff? When Dr. Simon intimates that a drug addict, he lies. But I've suffered."

### ANOTHER CHANCE IS URGED

### Reinstatement of Wallace Reid, if He Recovers, Advocated.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Sympathy for Wallace Reid, the movie star, and the opinion that if he wins his fight to throw off the drug habit he should be reinstated in the world of moving pictures, were expressed today by the chief foreman of the entire traffic in narcotics in the entire east—Dr. Carleton Simon, special deputy police commissioner in charge of the narcotic division.

"In the beginning, not knowing what he was getting into, Reid probably was the victim of friends," said Dr. Simon. "Before he knew it he became the victim of a power greater than himself."

"Public blame should be slow in the cases and if a man by going through a very hell of denial and treatment proves himself and comes back—and it can be done—he should be welcomed back into the fold of the damned."

"This office has received countless letters of thanks from men who have come back, who are victims, who are cursed in the agony of their recovery. But nature is kind and a man who wins the fight recovers his old self and becomes free again."

"I am glad to see that Mr. Hays is going to take determined steps to kill the drug ring in Hollywood. We are fighting it here and we are going to stamp it out, but it is a colossal task. A drug addict is a fiend; he will do anything, pay any price for his dope. Agents are usually in intimate touch with their users and the combination is hard to break up. We are ready to help and care those who are victims, but for these suave devils who smuggle and distribute this stuff justice is swift and severe. They are a great social menace."

### PAINTER SHOT IN EYE

### Man Said to Be Son of Countess

Arrested in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Oscar de Esta Tagamose, theatrical painter, who said he was the son of a Danish countess, was shot in the right eye and critically wounded today while he was climbing through a window of a building.

The police said he carried a revolver and skeleton keys. He said he had been unable to arouse the garage employee and had tried to enter the building to obtain a tow rope to aid a woman motorist whose car had mired.

The garage attendants said there had been burglaries recently at the establishment and that one of them fired when they saw a man crawling through the window.

Tagamose was taken to the county hospital for treatment. He will be held until officers determine the reason for his climbing the garage window was attacked. His roommate, George Hines, also was taken into custody. Tagamose declined to name his mother.

### FRATRICIDE IS CONVICTED

### Indiana Man Who Killed Brother and Wife Found Guilty.

ANGOLA, Ind., Dec. 17.—Nic Sheffer, on trial here charged with slaying his brother, James M. Sheffer, and the latter's wife, was found guilty of murder in the second degree in circuit court today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The jury in the case deliberated 19 hours.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer, who had been shot to death, were found in a garage at their home at Auburn, near here, last June.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

# CZAR OF MOVIES RETURNS TO HOLLYWOOD.



WILL HAYS ON CAR STEPS, GREETED BY THOMAS G. PATTEN, HIS WESTERN DEPUTY. Will Hays, so-called czar of the movies, is paying his second visit to Hollywood during the past six months. Upon arrival he was greeted by his newly appointed western representative, Thomas G. Patten, former postmaster of New York. Mr. Hays denied that any upheaval would result from his visit, contenting himself with the explanation that it was solely for the purpose of conferring with various film officials. He intimated that the less publicity given his visit the better he would feel.

# LA GRANDE STORE BURNS

### FURNITURE CONCERN LOSS HELD AT \$50,000.

New Christmas Stock Demolished and Building Is Ruined in Early Morning Blaze.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Carr's furniture store, one of the largest of La Grande's business concerns, was razed this morning by a fire that began about 6 o'clock, with the mercury hovering around zero, completely demolishing the building and its contents. Situated at the eastern end of La Grande's business district, the building, a two-story brick, is nothing but a shapeless pile of smoking debris.

Early morning reports estimated the loss in stock as about \$50,000, which included a new Christmas stock recently received. The loss is partially covered by insurance. Insurance on old stock was about \$25,000. Whether the proprietor, J. L. Carr, will rebuild, has not yet been ascertained. The building was owned by Mrs. J. C. Henry.

When the first alarm was turned in the blaze had gained considerable headway, starting in the basement, either from an overheated furnace or from the electric wires, and although the fire department worked heroically in an effort to save the building and its contents, it was of no avail. Double walls between Carr's and the Star theater, on the west, saved the latter building. Windows were broken on the other side of the street by the extreme heat.

A peculiar incident of the blaze was that the only thing saved from the burning building was a nearly life-size elephant, which was carried from the show window by some person, although the head was lost in the fire.

# MAN HUNT TO CONTINUE

### Every Nook and Cranny of Hills to Be Ransacked for Airmen.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 17.—The search for the two lost aviators, Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieutenant Charles Webber, occupants of an airplane which has been missing for 11 days, continued today in the vicinity of the Huachuca mountains and the eastern slopes of the Santa Rita mountains. There were no new developments.

A detachment of the 10th cavalry and both army and navy airplanes took part in the search today.

Colonel E. B. Winans, in command of the searching airplanes, said tonight that cavalry would "patrol every nook and cranny in the Santa Rita, Whetstone and Empire mountains in an effort to locate the missing men." A thorough search by cavalry in those mountains will require several days, the colonel said.

# MINNESOTA PIONEER DIES

DILLON, Minn., Dec. 17.—John Owens, 74, pioneer of the iron ranges of St. Louis county and first president of the villages of Tower and Virginia, died today after an illness of six weeks at his home here.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. All its readers are interested in the classified columns.

# AMERICA IS WARNED AGAINST KLANSMEN

### Secret Society Menace to Nation, Says Pastor.

# PLEA MADE FOR JEWS

### New York Preacher Declares That Hebrew Will Again Come Into Religious Leadership.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Dr. John Roach Straton tonight issued a warning that open warfare must wipe out secret societies like the Ku Klux Klan or danger of a new civil war will confront the United States, and urged that the country help the Jews, who, he predicted, are coming again into religious world leadership. He concluded his sermon at Calvary Baptist church with a scathing attack on "many church women who are dressing like pagans and dancing like heathens."

"We cannot afford to split into secret societies and cut each other's throats," he said. "There are 10,000,000 negroes in America, and already the destructive forces of bolshevism are at work among them. It is entirely conceivable that under such wrong leadership and through break out and the negroes might draw together, segregate themselves, and become a separate nation on this continent."

# RELIGIOUS ROWS DANGEROUS

"The same thing is at least conceivable for the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups in our country. I suggest this possibility to show that the spirit of unity which was the center of the struggle in the Civil war time is now at least in danger by these developments that make for the disruptions of unity and the promotion of the spirit of misunderstanding, hatred and strife."

"The Jew is to come, once more," Dr. Straton continued. "Into religious world leadership, if Jesus and Paul and all the prophets have spoken truly. And our duty today is to help and hinder."

# FOR WITHIN FEARED

"The great problem of Protestantism today throughout the world is not the ranks of the foes outside the gates, but the foes within. Within all problems today there is too much churchanity and too little Christianity."

"The Jew has heard it asserted in defense of the Ku Klux movement that we need to fight the devil with fire." The trouble with that idea is that the devil has more fire than we have. We need to pour the water of enlightenment, righteousness and truth."

# TWO STABBED BY NEGRO

### Black Flees After Wielding Razor in Seattle Fight.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Edward Heiser, 29, and David Bower, 45, both employed in the mailing room of a Seattle newspaper, were in a critical condition in the city hospital tonight from the effects of wounds inflicted by an unidentified negro with a knife or razor.

The stabbing took place on a downtown street early this morning. Witnesses saw the two men scuffling with the negro on the sidewalk, according to the police. By the time they reached the scene the negro had fled.

# COLLEGE HALL BURNS

### Oldest Building on Albion, Mich., Campus Razed; Loss \$175,000.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) ALBION, Mich., Dec. 17.—Fire which raged from midnight until 4 o'clock this morning completely razed Robinson hall, the largest and the oldest of the seven buildings on the Albion college campus, involving a loss of \$175,000.

All classes, which were to have closed Tuesday, were cancelled, and arrangements have been made for the resumption of all work on January 4.

# MILLINERY SCHOOLS TO BE HELD

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has been playing at the Oregon grill during the fall and winter, has moved from that place to Cottillion hall. At the time of the change the orchestra was increased from five to eight pieces; Arquette, the trombone player formerly with George Olsen and his orchestra at the Portland

operate and the classes will be held in these communities January 2, 3 and 8. Walker, Creswell and Saginaw will also co-operate.

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