

M'ADOO USES FREE PASSES ILLEGALLY

Interstate Commerce Commission Ruling Quoted.

INDICTMENT IS PENALTY

Defense of ex-Railroad Director, Counsel for New York State, Shown to Be Groundless.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 4.—Friends of William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and director-general of railroads, made a humiliating blunder in not looking up the law and rulings of the interstate commerce commission before defending his use of free all-line railroad and Pullman passes for himself and family.

It will be recalled that the report on free passes submitted to the senate by Walker D. Hines, director-general, showed that on April 4, 1919, such passes were granted to Mr. McAdoo, his wife, his son Robert H. McAdoo and his daughter Sally McAdoo. The reason assigned for granting the passes to the McAdoo family is that the former director-general is in the service as "special counsel for the state of New York."

Director-General Hines explained to the senate that in issuing passes good on railroads in federal operation and good for sleeping-car and parlor-car accommodations, the railroad administration had been guided by the established practice adopted under private control to conform with the provisions adopted by congress in the interstate commerce act and in amendments thereto governing free passes.

But it is not a difficult matter to judge whether the railroad administration was within the law, as construed by the interstate commerce commission, in issuing the passes to the McAdoo. Conference ruling No. 428, issued June 9, 1912, says:

"The commission adheres to the ruling many times repeated that it is unlawful for an interstate carrier to issue time passes to local attorneys, surgeons and others who do not devote substantially all their time to the work or business of the carrier."

In conference ruling No. 93-a the commission said: "The commission at this time (October 12, 1908,) makes the announcement that it will recommend the indictment and prosecution of all carriers and persons issuing passes to, or allowing the use of passes by, any person not included within designated classes to whom free passes may be given by carriers subject to the act to regulate commerce as set forth in said act."

If there be anyone who still contends that the pass was issued by the director-general by special powers reposed in him through the president by the federal control act, the answer is that Director-General Hines took no such position in his explanation to the senate. Any suspension of the interstate commerce law under the federal control act was by order of the president, and certainly no one is going to say that Mr. Wilson set aside the powerful law governing all of the railroads of the United States to have free passes issued to his son-in-law and family.

Neither will anyone rise to say that the job of "special counsel for the state of New York" constituted any large part of the business of Mr. McAdoo, who is understood to be receiving a fabulous salary as counsel for Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Bill Hart, Mary Pickford and other film stars, in which capacity he has done most of his traveling on his free railroad and Pullman accommodations.

PLUMB PLAN TO BE TOPIC

Representative C. C. Dill to Speak Here Tomorrow Night.

Former Representative C. C. Dill of Washington state will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning and in the evening will deliver an address at the city auditorium on the Sims bill, now before congress. This measure, sponsored by labor interests, embraces the Plumb plan of railroad control, and has as its expressed objective "the reduction of the cost of living by operating the most important industry in the country for service rather than profit."

Advocates of the Plumb plan have opened headquarters in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Dill is rated as one of the best speakers now touring the country to espouse the tripartite-control proposal.

It is expected that Mr. Dill will speak before the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow noon.

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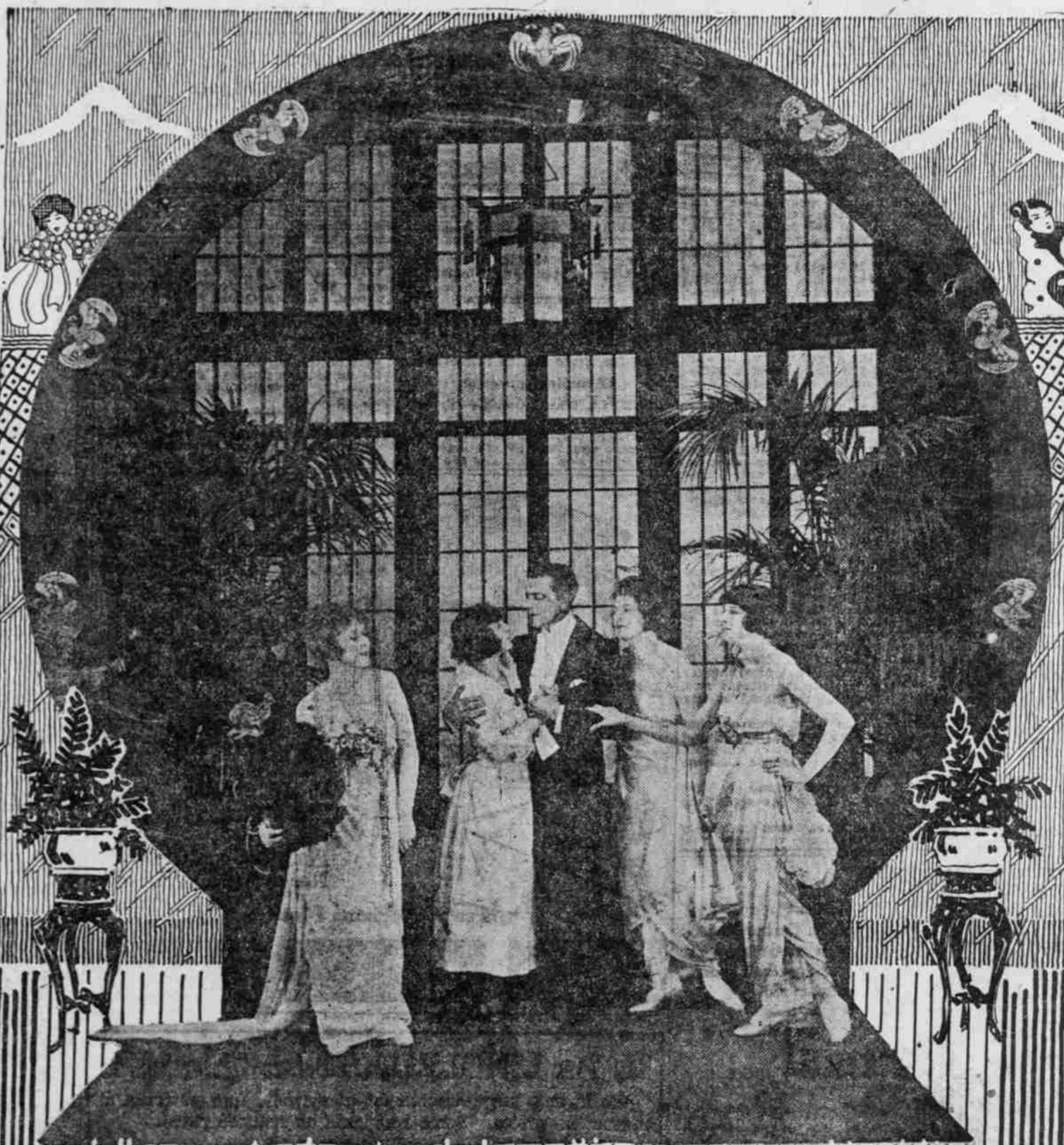


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