

FILM MEN NEED HAYS AS PROP, EXHIBITOR SAYS

(By United Press.)
San Francisco, March 8.—That the employment of former Postmaster General Will H. Hays by the motion picture producers is merely a "prop" to attempt to keep the producers' monopoly from toppling, was the declaration of W. W. Hodgkinson, original organizer of the Paramount company, and now president of a large film distributing organization, in an address to theatre owners here tonight.

"The 15,000 motion picture exhibitors in the United States must organize and utilize their buying power and credit if they would escape the existing domination of the picture industry by the producers," Hodgkinson declared.

"At present the exhibitors and producers are fundamentally apart. The producers hold the power. They have built a huge inverted pyramid in the industry which is already beginning to topple of its own weight. To support it they have to have props, and the latest prop they have acquired is former Postmaster General Hays."

"The enmity between exhibitors and producers is nowhere more strikingly illustrated than in the exhibitors' cool reception of Hays, who is employed by the producers. The exhibitors realize that they are the ones who will eventually be forced to pay his enormous salary as director of the industry."

"The industry will never be safe for the exhibitors—no matter how many cabinet officers may be employed to prop it up so long as it retains its present monopolistic formation."

Bridge of the Gods Engineers Find Rock Base in Core Tests

According to announcement of R. R. Clark, engineer for and designer of the Bridge of the Gods, to be constructed across the Columbia river about 1000 feet below the Cascade Locks, the contractors will soon be pouring concrete for the piers on the Oregon shore. The Young-McDonald company, builders of the substructure, have had a crew at work on core hole testing and have proved the original mountain of Indian lore to furnish a solid rock foundation—a perfect abutment rest.

"The tests through the shelf rock and into the strata 100 feet below proved that the mountain at the point where the piers for the Oregon end of the bridge are to be is of solid rock, just what is needed for the abutment and piers. The contractors are making rapid progress on the work, which is due to be completed about June 5. They are really in advance of their program and will soon be pouring concrete for the piers."

5 Men Assigned to Aid Forest Service In Tree Inspection

Five men have been assigned by the forest service, and another will be selected to assist the department of pathology, bureau of plant industry, until April 1, when the bureau hopes to have

funds available for men of its own, to inspect nursery, tree, currant and gooseberry shipments for traces of white pine blister rust, which has appeared in Northern Washington and British Columbia, and is threatening all the five-needle pines of the Northwest.

Walter Leve, forest examiner; R. E. Smith, ranger on the Oregon forest; Stanley Barton, scaler on the Oregon forest; R. J. O'Farrell, scaler on the Rainier, and R. M. Fillion, forest examiner on the Snoqualmie in Washington, have been assigned to this work.

This is but the beginning of an active campaign to be undertaken for the eradication of blister rust, decided upon at the recent white pine blister rust conference in Portland. The extent of the campaign is dependent upon the size of the appropriation granted by congress.

Riley Lecture May Lure Chicago Club On Northwest Jaunt

Because Frank Branch Riley of Portland gave his lecture "The Lure of the Great Northwest," before the Prairie club of Chicago recently, its outing committee has taken up the question of making the 1922 club outing a camping trip in the Northwest. This thought came to the members after hearing Mr. Riley speak. "If such a decision is reached," writes Emma Jacobson, club secretary, to Edward Cookingham, "it will be due largely to Mr. Riley's convincing talk. So great was the interest aroused that I heard many members express a desire to go immediately to visit the beautiful region of which they had heard."

"DATES" TO BE TABOO
University of Oregon, Eugene, March 8.—Next weekend is the last time this term that university co-eds may have "dates" before examinations, according to the rulings of the social committee. Examinations open March 22 and spring vacation March 25.

Banquet to Close Y. M. C. A. Drive for Membership Gains

Dr. Philip A. Parsons of the University of Oregon department of sociology will be the special speaker Thursday evening at a membership banquet of the young men's division in the lobby of the local Y. M. C. A. His subject will be "Achievement."

This banquet marks the end of the first young men's division inter club general competition from November 1 to February 17. The competition was taken by the Olympian club, with almost 1000 points to spare over the nearest rival, the Columbian, who had maintained the lead from the first until the last ten days, when the pace-setting Olympians outstepped them.

"Jim" Palmer and his Colonial club

are in charge of the social hour part of activities and will supply special music and dramatic readings. O. W. Davidson, general chairman of the Y. M. C. A. young men's division work, will be toastmaster.

Price Readjustment Business Stability Need, Says Harding

Washington, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding today in a letter to Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, expressed satisfaction with reports of increases in the prices of staple agricultural products and pointed out that there can be no restoration of general business stability without the establishment of equitable relativity between the

producers' selling price and the cost to the consumer.

The president's letter was in reply to Meyer's report on the activities and ac-

complishments of the war finance corporation since its organization.

WOMEN JURYMEN CONVICT
Eugene, March 8.—Walter Vineyard, found guilty of illegal possession of in-

toxicating liquors, was sentenced to four months in jail by Judge James B. Wallis in the justice court Tuesday. Three men and three women formed the jury.

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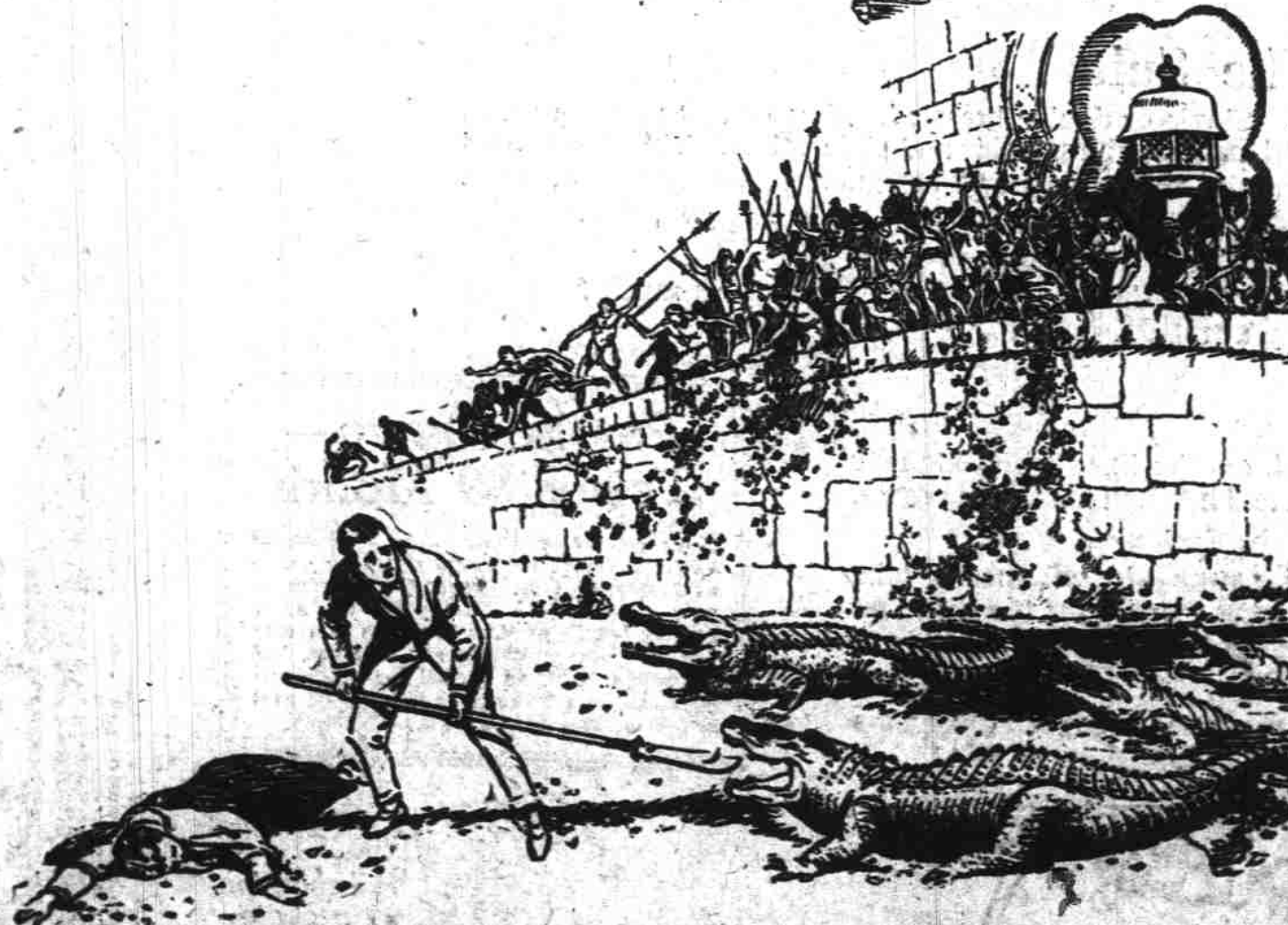
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Ladd & Tilton Bank actively co-operated in plans to relieve the distress of those who suffered through the fire. In a letter to a prominent citizen then sojourning in San Francisco asking what he (the prominent citizen) would give toward the fund, Mr. Ladd said: "We (the bank) are giving \$1500 . . . we cannot let these people suffer as long as there is a shot left in the locker."

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