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Film Star Said to Be Recovering After Close Call From Death; Friends Blamed for Condition

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'WALLY' REID

Los Angeles, Dec. 16 .- (U. P.)-A greater human interest story than any ever depicted on the silver screen came to light tonight, in the heart of Hollywood, when reports were confirmed that "Wally" Reid, one of the best known stars in filmdom, after breaking physically through the copviviality of his "fair weather" filends, has. redeemed himself through the love of Dorothy Davenport, his wife, who stuck by him through thick and thin, for better or for worse.

Although lying weak and ill at a Hellywood sanatorium, Wally has conquered the narcotic habit, contracted by overwork and insomnia, and is on the upgrade road to health and same living, according to his wife and mother-in-law, who tonight are happy despite all the notoriety that has come to the star. GOOD TO FRIENDS

About two years ago when Wally was skyrocketing to success and fame, according to Mrs. Reid, he began to be surrounded by "Triends" who imposed on his good nature.

At the same time he was working almost twice as hard as most movie stars, producing no less than' 10 big pictures in one year.

In addition his "friends" made his home a regular "roadhouse," according to Mrs. Reid. They dropped in day or night, and the genial Wally never turned them down. He had a large supply of liquor when prohibition came into effect and his "friends" swarmed day and night to help him consume it. Wally tried to entertain them and burned the candle at both ends, she explained.

"About three months ago Wally began to realize what condition he was in and that the thing simply couldn't go on. He decided to leave the films for a time and 'fight the great fight' with himself. He was put on half pay by Laskys and first went to the mountains with a trainer, away from his friends, liquor-and everything else." (It was at this time that Lasky's announced that Reid had left because of "Kleig eyes," caused by the severe Kleig lights used in filming interiors. Wally wore a pair of dark glasses to aid the belief.) FIGHTS NARCOTICS

"He came back feeling fine," Mrs. Reid continued, and even reported for His narcotic fight was over work. and Wally was a mighty happy boy. "Then he was taken ill again. His present illness is a puzzle to physicians -and we have called in the best ones in the country. "In all probability it is the nervous

shock due to the sudden stopping of stimulants the body had become accustomed to. Although physicians almost gave up hope last week, the crisis was passed two days ago, and he is now showing marked improvement. We hope that he can go automobile riding in about two weeks."

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Angeles, Dec. 16-(U. P.) "There is nothing for me to say at this time," declared Will H. Hays, mentor of the movies, when asked concerning his views on the plight of "Wally" Reid, "except to say that I join with the others in hoping that Reid will win back his health and be his old self again."

## Colonel Noble Retires After a Notable Career

Colonel Robert H. Noble, infantry U. S. army, who has been stationed at Vancouver barracks as officer in charge of national guard affairs, ninth corps area, was retired from active service this month upon his own application, after 42 years of service. He will make his home in San Francisco. During the World war Colonel Noble served as a temporary brigadier general in France with the 30th, 77th and 79th divisions and with other troops. His career has been varied and he is a veteran of Indian and Spanish-American wars, the Philippine insur-rection and of the Mexican border trouble.

He was graduated in the class of 1884 from West Point and was assigned to the infantry. In 1890 and for four years thereafter, he was military instructor at Annapolis.

Colonel Noble was stationed at Vancouver barracks with the first infantry and in California later with the 12th infantry. From 1914 to 1917 he served on the Mexican border and later was in command of troops during labor troubles in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1917.

Action on Bonus Scandal Inquiry Is Due This Week

Action on the Bend bonus scandal investigation by the federal grand jury is expected some day this week. The grand jury adjourned Thursday night after excusing all the witnesses from Bend, some of whom were in Port-land for about 10 days. The body will reconvene Monday.

It is quite likely that any report which the grand jury may make in the bous matter will be secret, especi-ally if indictments are returned, as the investigation is an original one, and no person is at present under bond This would mean that news of the arrest of any defendants to indictments would not be released until the United States' marshal had made arrests.



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