

WARNER CHAIN GETS THEATRES

Elsinore and Capitol Taken Over by Big Firm on 20-Year Lease

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\$575,000. The leases run direct with the individual theatres. George B. Guthrie of the Elsinore and Frank Bligh of the Capitol.

The deal is expected to settle definitely the status of the two principal theatres of the city which have been operating under some uncertainties for some months past. The Fox West Coast theatres leased the Elsinore in 1929 but surrendered the lease after one year. Since October 1, the two theatres have been run by a local holding company the General Theatres corporation whose officers represented concerned interested in the financing of the theatres. The new 20-year lease is expected to solve the difficulties and preserve the interests of all concerned.

No present change in personnel is announced. John Stilly, formerly manager at the Elsinore, now in Aberdeen is expected to be assigned to have supervision of the local houses as soon as he can be released from Aberdeen.

"The theatre business is coming out of the doldrums," said Mr. Halper in discussing the deal. "Warner Bros. earnings the last three months exceeded those of the previous eight. We are launching an expansion program, for we think now is the time to move forward. We have five theatres under construction in California. Most of our more than 100 theatres are east of the Mississippi. We have 25 on the coast. Salem is the first town we have entered as operators in Oregon. We feel that Salem is a progressive city and a city which will prove a profitable port for us."

Operations on the Pacific coast are directed by Moe Silver at Hollywood. He is expected to plan for the future operation of the theatres here. Mr. Halper predicted his company would continue their expansion in key points on the coast.

"So far as pictures are concerned we select only the best productions of the major producers, and can assure the people of showing the very best feature productions," said Halper.

PUNJAB GOVERNOR NEW BULLET TARGET

LAHORE, India, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The name of Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, governor of the Punjab, was added to the growing list of British officials who have been targets for the bullets of would-be assassins. He was wounded today by a bullet from the revolver of a youth who fatally wounded a native police official at the same time.

The police officer, sub-inspector Chahan Singh, died tonight in a hospital after he was struck by a stray shot from a woman physician also was hit by a stray bullet but received only a minor injury. It was the second time that Sir Geoffrey had been shot at and the attempted slaying occurred just a year from the day an attempt was made to bomb a train carrying the viceroy, Lord Irwin, and Lady Irwin to new Delhi.

The Punjab governor had attended a convocation of the university of Lahore and was leaving the senate hall when a young man among the spectators, said to be a Punjab Hindu student, fired four shots at him point blank. Sir Geoffrey was grazed in the neck and hip.

He was taken to a hospital where his wounds were dressed and he walked home a few minutes later, smoking a cigarette.

The assailant was immediately arrested and with him another youth who sprang to his aid when the shots were fired. A woman doctor and Chahan Singh, a sub-inspector of police, suffered minor hurts from stray bullets.

The attempt against Sir Geoffrey recalls the recent killings of F. J. Lowman, inspector general of Lenzal police and N. S. Simpson, prison inspector. In recent months several bombs have been found planted in public buildings.

New Fog Causes Serious Illness In Belgium City

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The death of a workman at Tilleur today caused the spreading of reports that a deadly poison fog like the mysterious mist which caused more than 60 deaths in the Meuse valley early this month, had returned to plague the country. An official investigation, however, showed the man died of illuminating gas poisoning. But the fog was heavy in the vicinity of Tilleur nevertheless and the authorities took no chances, obtaining samples of it for laboratory analysis.

The newspaper Libre Belgique said the new fog has caused a number of serious illnesses in the towns of Fiemelle and Hermalle-Sous-Suy.

BELANGER WINS
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Charley Belanger, Canadian light heavyweight, won a ten round decision over George Manley, Denver, in the main event of a light card here tonight.

WORLD'S LARGEST X-RAY TUBE



More powerful than \$2,000,000 worth of radium, this giant x-ray tube, built at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, is being tried out for possibilities in the treatment of cancer. Dr. Charles Packard of Columbia university, who is directing the work, is pictured above with the machine. At present device is being used in experimentation with flies' eggs in bottles.

POPE PIUS PLANS SIMPLE CHRISTMAS

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pope Pius will celebrate Christmas eve in simple fashion in the midst of the Cardinals of the Curia, that is, cardinals resident in Rome.

Headed by the dean of the sacred college, Cardinal Pignatelli de Belmonte, the vesters of the purple will gather in the consistory hall where the pontiff will receive them. Cardinal Pignatelli de Belmonte is to make a short address congratulating the pope on the completion of another year brimming with achievement, and on being, despite his heavy work, in good health.

In his reply the pope will thank the dean for his good wishes expressed on behalf of all the cardinals, according to long custom, the pope will briefly review the year's ecclesiastical developments. This year he will utter his regret that the Christmas greetings could not have been conveyed by the venerable Cardinal Vannutelli, former dean of the sacred college, who died this year at the age of 93.

Finally the pope will impart the apostolic benediction. Then he will say farewell to each cardinal with the hope he may see him again at the same time next year. Afterward he will retire early in preparation for mass Christmas morning.

NORRIS DECLARES WAR ON PRESIDENT

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putting these fellows like Norris entirely too long," he told newspapermen.

Wood is chairman of the house appropriations committee and chairman of the republican congressional committee. His statement, after he had discussed the Norris row with the president, was regarded in some quarters as notice the administration does not care for control of the next congress if it depends on republican independent votes. Both the senate and house of the new congress are now republican by just one vote.

The senate republican regulars are keeping silent, insisting that the issue is not now before them and is one between the national organization and Norris.

Father of Local Woman Drowns in Tillamook River

TILLAMOOK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—William Henry Buffum, 68, committed suicide here today. He tied a weight to one end of a rope, tied the other about his neck and jumped into the Trask river. The body was recovered. His health and financial difficulties were cited as the motive. Buffum is survived by his widow and five children, including Mrs. Alta Ruch, of Salem.

Theatre Folk's Bank Closes Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Chelsea Bank and Trust company, an institution patronized mostly by theatrical people, was taken over by State Superintendent of Banks Joseph Broderick today following heavy withdrawals. Broderick said he closed the bank to preserve its assets. The run developed last night and continued this morning.

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

- ELSINORE**
Today—Robert Montgomery and Anita Page in "War Nurse."
Thursday—Jack Oakie in "Sea Legs."
- THE GRAND**
Today—Bebe Daniels in "Dixiana."
Friday—George O'Brien in "Rough Romance."
- THE HOLLYWOOD**
Today—Helen Kane in "Dangerous Nan McGrew."
Today—Marion Davies in "The Florodora Girl."
- BLIGH'S CAPITOL**
Today—Lee Moran in "A Soldier's Plaything."
Thursday—Jackie Coogan in "Tom Sawyer."

Harry Langdon is all that he is reputed to be in the picture, "A Soldier's Plaything," now at Bligh's Capitol theatre. Funny in looks, voice, actions, and lines, he blunders along through the story and brings bursts of laughter with slight movements of his hands or a round-eyed stare from his round eyes.

"The show is nothing much but just laugh material, but laughs are what make the day's hard places smooth out and it would be my advice to anybody with a grouch or a headache to laugh at and with Harry Langdon and his support, Lottie Loder, Ben Lyon, Jean Harsholt and Noah Beery.

Optimists' Head Called Beyond; Was Prospector

LOCUST VALLEY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—(AP)—William Jay Robinson, financier, gold prospector, poet and philosopher, died today at the age of 82. Death found him host of the Stage Coach inn, in which he busied himself for the last 10 years.

Robinson was born in Ireland, son of the Rev. William Robinson, a Wesleyan minister. Coming to America at 17, he went south, making a success in the utilities field. The panic of 1907 wiped him out, but he organized the Optimists' Club of America, which enrolled 300,000 members and still exists.

Head of Nurses Resigns to Take California Job

Miss Agnes Campbell, supervisor of nurses at the Marion county public health unit for the last 19 months, has accepted a position as nursing supervisor in Eureka, Calif., and will leave next Wednesday to assume her new duties. It was announced yesterday.

Immediately prior to coming here, Miss Campbell was studying in California. Her position on the health unit staff here will be taken temporarily at least by Miss Elizabeth Freeman, regular member of the unit. Miss Freeman will handle the supervisory duties and also her field work. It is possible that under the reduced budget no full time supervisor will be chosen.

STRIKERS' FAMILIES MAY BE FORCED OUT

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Writs of possession requiring 14 strikers' families to vacate mill-owned homes are expected to be served Monday, Constable R. M. Foster said tonight. The writs were granted today by Magistrate W. E. Griggs at a hearing resulting from eviction proceedings taken by the management of the Riverside and Dan River mills, whose union employees are on strike.

Constable Foster said he expected to receive the writs by Friday, the day after Christmas, but that the serving of them probably would not be done until next week. No defense was offered against the eviction proceedings at the hearing today. Union leaders said the evicted families would be cared for in other strikers' homes.

A Christmas party for children of strikers' families was held this afternoon under the direction of strike leaders. Parents were given to approximately 7,000 children.

Justice Coshow Will Take Head Portland Firm

Oliver P. Coshow, who retires from the state supreme court January 6, has accepted the presidency of the United States Holding company in Portland. He will practice law in addition to his duties with the holding concern.

Justice Coshow, a democrat, was defeated for reelection by Judge J. U. Campbell of the Clackamas county court.

Italian Cities After Population

ROME, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three Italian cities—Naples, Milan and Rome—are racing for the million population mark. Naples leads with less than 15,000 to go. Milan lacks 25,000 and Rome is short 50,000. Present growth indicators all will reach the goal within two years.

HOLLYWOOD

Home of 25c Talks Today and Christmas Day Continuous Performance Christmas 2 to 11 P. M. Tonight is Turkey Night—Bring Your Tickets



DANGEROUS NAN MCGREW with **HELEN KANE** a **Guaranteed Attraction**
Also Comedy, Cartoon, Comedy and Review, Turkeys at 9 P. M.

DEMAND NEW DEAL ON TRIO DISMISSAL

Protests Come Quick on Discharge of Members Power Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Demands for a reconsideration of the senate's confirmation of three members of the power commission arose today close behind the dismissal of three commission employees.

In their first day of operations, the only three members of the commission who have taken the oath of office—Chairman George Otis Smith, Marcel Garraud and Claude L. Draper—discharged F. H. Bonner, executive secretary of the commission; Charles A. Russell, its solicitor; and William V. King, the chief accountant, because of internal strife in the past few months.

Bonner announced he had resigned from the government service shortly before Dr. Smith announced the three had been removed from office. Dr. Smith said he had accepted no resignation from Bonner and that so far as he was concerned, each was in the same class.

An immediate protest arose on Capitol hill against the discharge of Russell and King.

Hurried conferences in the senate resulted in half a dozen demands for reconsideration of the nominations of the three members of the commission. The participants in the action, Senators and members of the house, both republican and democratic, condemned the commission for dismissing the two employees. Under the senate rules the votes by which the action. Senators and members of the house, both republican and democratic, condemned the commission for dismissing the two employees. Under the senate rules the votes by which the action.

King pointed out he was a civil service employe and indicated he would challenge the commission's authority to dismiss him. Russell declared the commission's action was "a signal to all men who are trying to protect the public interests they had better be careful."

Frank Patridge Named Successor Senator Greene

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Frank C. Patridge, 69 year old business man and lawyer, today was named by Gov. John E. Weeks to fill the vacancy created by the death last Wednesday of Senator Frank L. Greene.

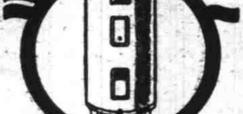
Patridge, a republican, will occupy the senate seat until a successor is elected. A special election for this purpose was ordered by the governor today to be held March 31.

Law to Look Into Death of Prasso

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Prohibition Administrator

GRAND

DRAMATIC SPECTACLE OF THE AGE
DANIELS MARSHALL WHEELER WHEELSEY
TOM SAWYER
BEHIND THE HEART OF THE WORLD AGAIN



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you have an ELECTRIC WATER HEATER installed as a holiday gift for the family. It will insure hot water for shaving...for bathing...for house cleaning...for laundering! ... always ready! It will mean apartment house or hotel service in YOUR home. A small payment installs a modern Electric Water Heater. Consult our engineers about this ideal gift!

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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
237 N. Liberty Salem, Ore.

GOVERNMENT VOTES 724 MILLIONS AID

Largest Peacetime Construction Program for Country Launched

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Moving to the aid of the jobless, the American government will spend \$724,000,000 on public works during the calendar year 1931, the largest peacetime construction program in its history.

The amount compares with the average fiscal expenditure of approximately \$275,000,000. Figures announced by President Hoover today showed the largest amount for any purpose was the \$219,922,000 to highways.

Running a close second was public buildings construction with \$173,869,000 available. Rivers and harbors will receive \$159,857,000 and ship construction \$123,920,000.

Fifth on the list was an item which 20 years ago would have been considered an impossible dream. A total of \$30,552,000 will be used for building aircraft.

Of the \$724,000,000, a total of \$116,000,000 was made available last week by congress as an emergency unemployment relief measure.

In addition to the appropriations for public works the government will expend \$170,000,000 for agriculture relief, \$45,000,000 of which will be used for seed and fertilizer loans to farmers stricken by last summer's unprecedented drought.

In order to arrive at the expenditures for the calendar year 1931 President Hoover took half of the 1931 budget figures and half of the 1932 budget figures and added the emergency and acceleration appropriations to the amount.

At the same time the president announced the government intended to see that its contractors maintained the wage levels existing before the business depression set in. He said that through conferences a year ago industry and labor had reached an agreement whereby the wage level would be maintained wherever possible and that certainly the government could not consistently do otherwise.

Whitmore, Loan Chief, Resigns On Heels Attack

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Charles A. Whitmore, state building and loan commissioner, today tendered his resignation of Gov. C. C. Young, effective January 2. Gov. Young accepted the resignation.

Whitmore recently was attacked by Governor Elmer James Rolph, Jr., who said he blamed Whitmore for the Gilbert Beesmyer financial debacle in Los Angeles. Rolph intimated Whitmore's unfamiliarity with the building and loan commission work made it easy for Beesmyer to commit an \$8,000,000 embezzlement.

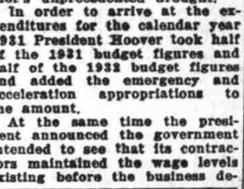
Withdraw Move For Appeal and Goes to Prison

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—John H. Edwards, Jr., one of three convicted of an embezzlement conspiracy in connection with the affairs of the F. H. Smith Co., Washington real estate investment firm, today withdrew a petition for appeal and began serving a three-year term.

His associates, G. Bryan Pitts, sentenced to fourteen years and C. E. Albert Anadale, to nine, who are appealing their conviction, were held without bond.

The ELSINORE LAST TIMES TODAY

Drama!
The frank story of beauties who lived, and suffered on the Western Front!



WAR NURSE
Last Times Today
The big gun comedy of the year unfolds a sweeping broadside of howls, screams, laughs and roars....

A SOLDIER'S PLAYTHING
With **LOTTI LODER MARRY LANGDON BEN LYON JEAN HERSHOLT NOAH BEERY**

JACK OAKIE
Jed legs
TOMORROW FRIDAY

Saturday Brings "THE DOORWAY TO HELL"
A Picture Gangland Dared Hollywood To Produce

BRICK WINS!
Klamath Falls was threatened with a serious fire—a brick wall stopped what the firemen could not stop.

The Archerd fire was confined within its own four walls. Brick are subjected to intense heat when manufactured and come through serious fires without injury.

In addition brick have an enduring beauty that makes them ideal for residence construction. Watch the Sprague house grow at Center and High streets.

During the holidays look at the Mott home on South High, the Johnson home on Lincoln, the Fry home on Lafelle.
These brick were made by the
Salem Brick & Tile Co.
Salem, Oregon