

FILM COMBINE CANADA CLAIM

Famous Players Group Said Unfair Competition; Probers Report

OTTAWA, Ont., July 6.—(AP)—A special commission appointed under the combine investigations act charged in a report tonight that American producers and distributors of moving pictures were operating a combine to control and restrain the film industry in Canada.

The report, prepared by Peter White, K. C., special commissioner, was made public by Gideon D. Robertson, minister of labor.

Mr. White reported that the combine was "throttling" independent exhibitors by withholding films, preventing the erection, and, in some cases, the operation of independent theatres, and enforcing improper contracts on exhibitors using films made or distributed by members of the combine.

Famous Players Canadian corporation, Ltd., dominant in the Canadian film industry; the Paramount Public corporation, its American parent company; ten of its subsidiaries; thirteen American owned exhibitors of Canada, named as principals of the combine; Paramount Public corporation was pictured as dominating the Canadian industry through control of Famous Players Canadian corporation and two of the distributing companies.

The report declared that "the efforts of the motion picture distributors and exhibitors of Canada, the distributors, and Famous Players to acquire and retain Canada as a field for the exploitation of their pictures, produced in the United States, as nearly as may be to the exclusion of others" was against the public interest.

"The acquisition by Famous Players of many theatres, sometimes by threats of building in opposition to the theatres sought, sometimes by threatening to cause the withholding of a supply of suitable pictures, sometimes by taking steps to actually withhold such supply, and the improper use of Famous Players' buying power and paramount position in the moving picture business in Canada" were listed among the detrimental activities of the alleged combine.

The Motion Picture Distributors and Exhibitors of Canada was termed an offshoot of the similar organization in the United States headed by Will Hays. It was condemned for professing to represent Canadian exhibitors while only Famous Players and their affiliates were members. It was also accused of enforcing unfair contracts.

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Under the Dome...

Occurrences and Gossip at the center of Oregon's state government

THREE hundred inmates of the state hospital for the insane were removed in orderly manner when fire broke out late yesterday in the north wing of the building which houses about 2000 inmates. About a fourth of these were bed-ridden patients. No one was injured and no one escaped during the fire.

Dr. R. E. Leo Steiner was a busy man during the short fire, which for a time threatened the entire structure. He stated that the sprinkler system saved the day until the Salem fire department arrived. Water did more damage than fire. The loss could not be estimated exactly last night. The situation looked serious for a time.

Governor Julius L. Meier went to the fire as did also the state treasurer and secretary to the board of control. It was learned there the fire started from a blow torch used in removing paint. The worker using that blow torch has lost his job, as it was believed the fire started through his carelessness.

The board of control in two short meetings Monday not only authorized the repair of fire damage at the insane hospital, but called for bids on the two dairy barns recently destroyed by fire at the hospital farm. The cost of these buildings will not exceed \$12,000, it was estimated. New bids for the state tuberculosis hospital were also ordered.

Plans and specifications for the tubercular hospital will have to be revised before the new bids are called. The lowest cost under bids recently opened would total \$92,000, while the legislature appropriated but \$90,000.

Something will be done soon to further developments at Champeoc park. The advisory committee at its session Monday split into two committees to start a definite program. One committee will determine the purposes of the park and the funds and the other ways to raise funds for such work. Rufus C. Holman is chairman of the committee.

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Mrs. I. L. Patterson, widow of the late governor, was named to head the committee to determine whether it shall be a shrine park or a commercial park. Senator Charles K. Spaulding of Salem will head the committee to provide ways and means for financing work. The two committees will meet here again Thursday morning.

J. M. Joseph, deputy sheriff of Martinez, Cal., arrived here yesterday, after he was forced down by plane at Bend because of the dust storm. He called on the governor for extradition papers for Arthur W. Ross, wanted in the south on a bad check charge. He will be taken from Portland back home by plane.

Joseph went through here without the knowledge that he was supposed to be lost. Shortly afterward word came that he was lost after he left California. Doubts as to his whereabouts were settled here. He perhaps was as surprised as the governor was to learn that a lost man had called upon him.

Even statehouse officials were not yesterday. Governor Meier resembled Governor Roland H. Hartley of Washington as he sat in his office in his coat sleeves during the afternoon. He was not the only one who pulled his coat for the afternoon tasks. Fire added to Dr. Steiner's discomfiture during the peak time of the day.

Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, is teaching teachers at Eugene this week, giving them a course in the program of the state department of education. He is conducting the regular week's course on this subject at the University of Oregon summer school, which is mostly attended by teachers.

No casualties were reported among state employes during the holidays with the exception of James Mott, corporation commissioner, who is suffering from athletes' feet. All reported back for duty except Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, who got a late start on his Fourth of July vacation period.

Speaking of Hoss, reminds there have been no new developments on the automobile license situation, other than licenses are still being issued, and that it is estimated that all but the usual number who always wait to be forced, had received their licenses. No pardons have as yet been issued by the governor.

BOARD KEEPS SALES POLICY

Curtis and Capper ask for Assurances no Sales At Present Prices

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The farm board stood by its wheat sales policy today during a two-hour conference with Vice President Curtis and Senator Capper of Kansas, but did not assure them it would not sell any of last year's surplus "at the present range of prices."

The two Kansans demanded that the board refuse to sell any of the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat carried over from last year until the price of this year's crop has reached 85 cents a bushel.

The board clung firmly to its announced policy of selling the surplus at the rate of 5,000,000 bushels a month when and if prices improve.

Leaving the conference room, Capper termed the position of the board "unsatisfactory." Curtis was displeased but said he was "hopeful."

Both apparently were willing tonight to rest their case with the board and had abandoned temporarily a plan of appealing to President Hoover.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, previously had gone to the board with a demand that last year's surplus be held off the market entirely during the marketing of this year's crop. He, too, was ready tonight to leave the issue with the board.

In making their appeal today Curtis and Capper said Kansas wheat farmers were being forced to sell at well below 50 cents a bushel. They attributed a recent decline in the price of wheat to the policy of the farm board in dealing with last year's surplus.

JEFFERSON'S PEAK DEFEATS CLIMBERS

Ice conditions at the peak of Mt. Jefferson made it impossible for the party of Chemeketaans who started the ascent Saturday to gain the pinnacle. Thirteen persons were in the party, and despite the hoodoo number, all made it to the base of the 200-foot steep.

Richard Upjohn, who led the group, and Bob Keudell attempted to gain the highest point, but were forced back after climbing up 150 feet from the base of the final peak.

The group reached Pamela lake about 11 o'clock Saturday night, even this part of the trip being made hard by a large amount of fallen timber between Hunt's cove and the lake. A crew is working now to clear the route.

The group reached Pamela lake late Friday, and started the ascent at 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

GLADSTONE PEOPLE ATTEND CONVENTION

Rev. and Mrs. Putman, 3 Daughters Visit; are Well Known Here

TURNER, July 6.—Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Putman and three daughters of Gladstone were camped as usual on the tabernacle grounds during the recent state convention. In fact, Mrs. Putman boasts of not missing a convention as long as she can remember.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Von Buren, who up to a few years ago lived on their farm about three miles south of Aumsville, where the three daughters of the family spent their earlier years.

Perhaps no minister of the Christian church who attends the conventions is better known and more esteemed by Turner people than is Rev. Putman.

He organized the Turner church 12 years ago, when he was the pioneer pastor of the Court Street church of Salem. He has been called by Turner people to officiate at weddings, and again to conduct the last-rites for departed loved ones; and often on Memorial day he has filled the place of orator on the program at a local cemetery.

The family left Salem after a long pastorate of nine or ten years, going to La Grande, where three years were spent in the work of the Christian church there.

Owing to the change of climate Mrs. Putman's health began to fail, and they moved to Gladstone a year ago, where the family is happily located. Mrs. Putman has often filled her husband's pulpit when a substitute was needed. Rev. Putman has been caretaker of the tabernacle grounds during convention time for a number of years.

LONDON IS STILL BIGGEST VILLAGE

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—This still is the largest city in the world and easily so. Census figures, made public today, proved it.

In London and the "outer ring" there are 8,202,818 residents. Greater New York runner-up in size has 6,981,917. That puts London 1,220,901 to the good.

New York, however, is taking on new residents at a faster rate than London. The American metropolis added 1,361,869 during the last ten years. London's increase in that period was \$22,619.

HUTCHINSON CASE FIRST ON DOCKET

July Term of Court Opens; Much Time Required To Select Jury

July term of circuit court under Judge L. H. McMahan of department one opened yesterday, with case of Hutchinson vs. Ransom. The case was barely started at the close of the day, as it required from morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon to complete the jury. The case is expected to require two more full days.

Hutchinson as administrator of the estate of Blanche E. Hutchinson, seeks \$10,000 damages as result of fatal injuries to Blanche Hutchinson last December 15, when car driven by Justin Ransom crashed with another at intersection of Center and Capitol streets.

John J. Ransom, father of Justin Ransom and owner of the car, is named defendant with Justin Ransom. Prosecution will claim that negligence of Justin in failing to stop at the highway sign was responsible for the death.

The defense will claim in part that the driver did not know the streets in Salem and was unfamiliar with fact that Capitol street is a through street.

Mike de la Fuente, pitching ace of the University of Texas, has signed for a tryout with San Antonio in the Texas league.

Ericksons go to Northern Beach

Dean and Mrs. Frank M. Erickson and their daughter, Mary

Made Daughter Head of House, Says Complaint

Shortly after their marriage he brought his daughter to their home, and she assumed charge of the household over her protest; and he refused to take her to a doctor in the family car and told her if she ever used the car she would have to pay for all the gas so consumed.

Such are highlights of answer and counterclaim filed yesterday by Clara Reichel in connection with divorce suit brought against her by August Reichel.

LeGarie Opens Center Street Grocery Store

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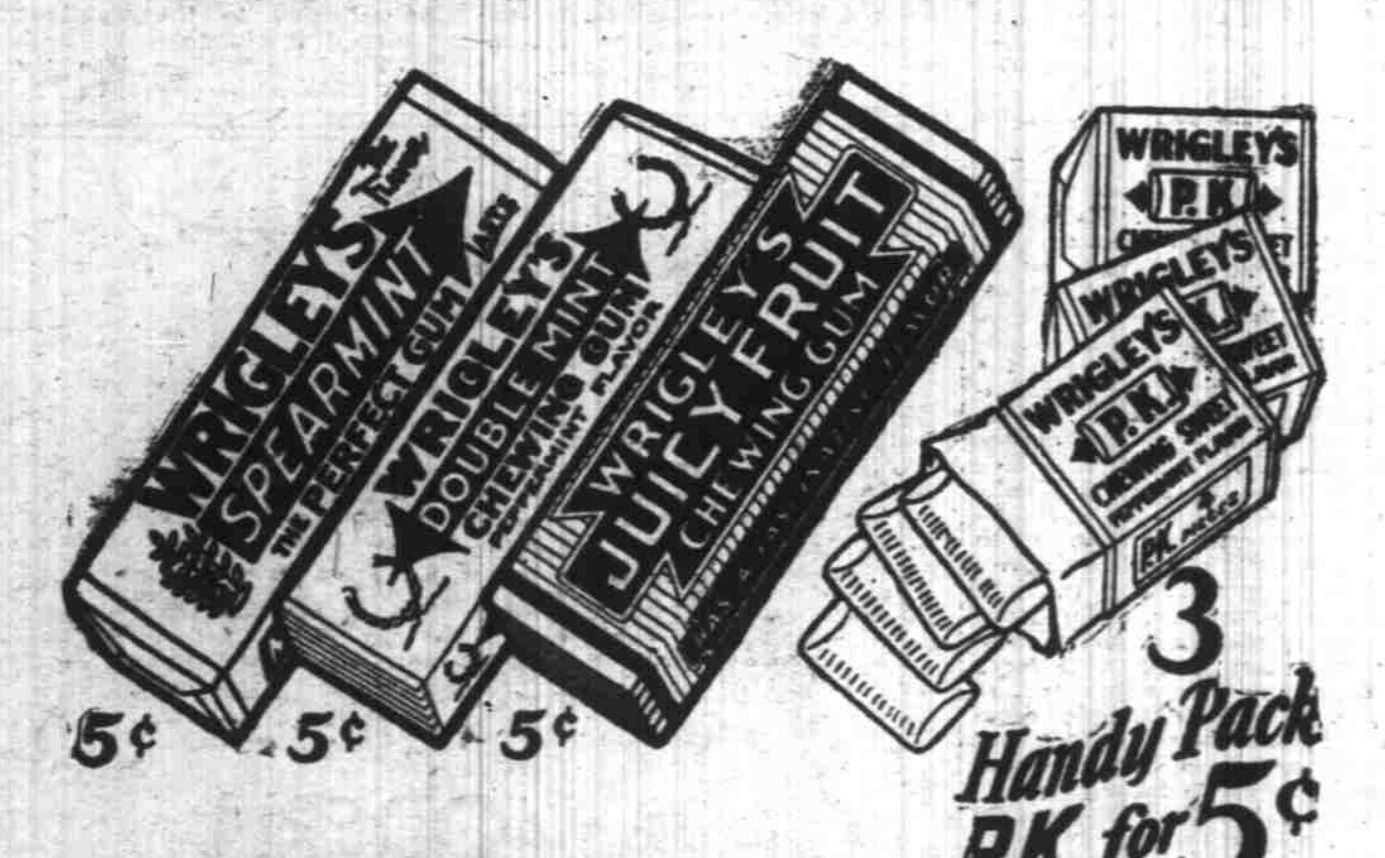
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