

GOVERNMENT STARTS FIGHT TO REDUCE SALE OF DRUGS

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WASHINGTON, July 28.—Uncle Sam is setting about in real earnest to get rid of his present reputation as the world's greatest drug addict.

Despite this veiled insinuation from abroad that the United States is taking no interest in the international effort to suppress traffic in opium and its derivatives, the American government is doing probably as much to combat the evil as any of those nations which are loudest in complaining that "international" cooperation is lacking.

Surprised as the average man in the street may be to hear it, the fact remains that the United States is the largest per capita consumer of opium and its compounds of all the nations of the world. A somewhat belated realization of this fact by congress, resulting in the enactment of the so-called Jones-Miller bill, has freed the hands of the administration and enabled it to take definite action looking to the curtailment of the quantity of habit-forming drugs used in this country.

A committee, consisting of Secretary of State Hughes, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, already has been formed, in accordance with the terms of the new law, and is now actively engaged in superintending the putting into execution the provisions of the law.

Previous Law Ineffective. In general it has been found that previous legislation in the United States has been directed toward curbing the distribution of drugs to certain recognized channels rather than to placing absolute restrictions upon their importation. The only result of this kind of legislation has been the designation of drugless as the only legal vendors of habit-forming drugs. The actual result has been to put the United States at the head of the list of nations as a consumer of opium. The Jones-Miller law seeks to curtail the amount of opium brought into the country.

Considerable resentment has been felt here at charges from Europe, emanating chiefly at the seat of the League of Nations, that the United States has failed to cooperate with other nations in the effort to suppress the drug traffic. The motive back of these repeated insinuations is believed to be a desire to reproach America for not having entered the league. In this connection recent reports from Europe stated that Secretary Hughes had used the Netherlands as a go-between in communicating with the league on this subject.

Reports Are Untrue. These reports are absolutely without foundation. On the highest official authority it may be stated that Secretary Hughes has sent no recent communication to the nations of Europe or to the League of Nations on the subject of the opium traffic. The precise position of this government with respect to the league and the

whole movement for drug control is officially described as follows:

Under the international convention of 1912 it was provided that the statistical information concerning the drug traffic should be received at The Hague, the Netherlands government being charged with the appropriate duty in this respect. Under Article 23 of the Treaty of Versailles it was agreed that the general supervision of the execution of the international agreement relating to opium should be transferred to the League of Nations.

As the United States did not ratify the Treaty of Versailles the matter, so far as the United States is concerned, was left subject to the international convention, which the United States has been at all times ready to carry out. It could do nothing else. The Dutch government was so informed, as the treaty in existence could not be modified, so far as the United States was concerned, except by a new treaty.

That, in a nutshell, is the American attitude toward the League on the opium question. Hughes has sent no recent communication on this subject as there has been no occasion for such a communication. Officials believe reports of information transmitted to the league by the Dutch government may be based upon the transmission of data obtained by the Dutch legation here and forwarded to The Hague.

Secretary Hughes has designated E. L. Neville, of the United States consular service, and formerly in the far eastern division of the state department, as his official representative upon the committee formed under the Jones-Miller law.

Statistics now under consideration by these officials show that Turkey, Persia and India are the principal producers of opium, while China also produces a considerable amount. The greater part of the opium used in the United States comes from Smyrna.

ROOSTER ASSUMES DUTY OF HATCHING A BROOD

RUTLAND, Ore., July 28.—Erory Ralph is boasting of a game rooster in his flock which has taken up the "setting" duties of a hen.

Ralph says the rooster has been sitting on a clutch of eggs for more than ten days and leaves the nest only once a day to feed. Ralph also asserted that the little bird will fight anything or anybody that approaches the nest.

FRENCH PRODUCERS BAN RUSSIAN CHILD DANCERS

PARIS, July 28.—"Too much Russian stuff" would be the curt American translation of what Parisian theatrical managers told Isadora Duncan when she suggested bringing twenty Russian child dancers with her to Paris, according to Associated Press. The Paris public has had Russian plays, concerts and ballets until they are tired of them, the managers are said to have complained.

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TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION SCENE IN "VIRTUOUS MEN"

One of the spectacular features of "Virtuous Men," an 8-1/2 picture, the biggest production of the present season, starring E. K. Lincoln, to be shown at the Arcade Theatre, commencing today, is the blowing up of a dock. Walter Ackerman, former Technical Director of the Vitaphone Company, and responsible for many spectacular screen effects, was placed in charge of the details for these explosion scenes. He succeeded in securing permission to blow up a dock one hundred and thirty feet long. Five hundred pounds of powder were used in the explosion. The entire pier was demolished, in addition to several buildings. The scenes secured for "Virtuous Men" by this explosion are said to be spectacular in the extreme. They form but one of several sensational episodes which abound throughout the first "Ralph Ince Film Attraction." E. K. Lincoln narrowly escaped severe injury during the taking of the explosion scenes. The force of the concussion threw the star of "Virtuous Men" to the ground. He was unconscious for several moments, requiring the services of a physician.

RIVOLI TODAY

A motion picture which is not only a decidedly refreshing novelty in the way of screen entertainment but which is also a powerful and stirring revelation of life itself will be the super attraction at the Rivoli theatre beginning today.

It is Marshall Neilan's widely heralded production which has been so well named "Bits of Life." The picture represents the combined efforts of four authors. The stories, which are linked up by one general theme, are presented in episodic form. They are Thomas McMorrows' "The Bad Samaritan," published by the Popular Magazine; Walter Trumbull's "The Man Who Heard Everything," which appeared in Smart Set; Hugh Wiley's Saturday Evening Post story, "Hop," and Marshall Neilan's original story, "The Strange Adventure."

"Bits of Life" is packed with human interest from start to finish. Sad, fire, comedy-drama, melodrama and farce combine to provide an entertainment that will long be remembered by all who see this remarkable production.

It is a motionpicture that will please all classes, for it has universal appeal. "Bits of Life" is a First National Attraction with a Capital A. Don't miss it!

WILLAMINA HAS FIRE.

WILLAMINA, Ore., July 28.—Fire that probably would have destroyed Willamina if it had not been controlled early by means of chemical apparatus, broke out at 7:30 last night in the Flynn building and did \$1000 damage. A stiff wind was blowing down the line of wooden buildings. The building is occupied by the White restaurant and Willamina bakery and is a two-story structure, the upper floor being used as a hotel. The fire probably started from defective wiring. Most of the damage was done by water.

Shooting Victim



Joseph Simcinski, Philadelphia chef, is recovering in a hospital from a serious gunshot wound. Police say Mrs. Mary Cochran, wife of another chef, fired the shot.

RIVOLI TODAY AND SATURDAY

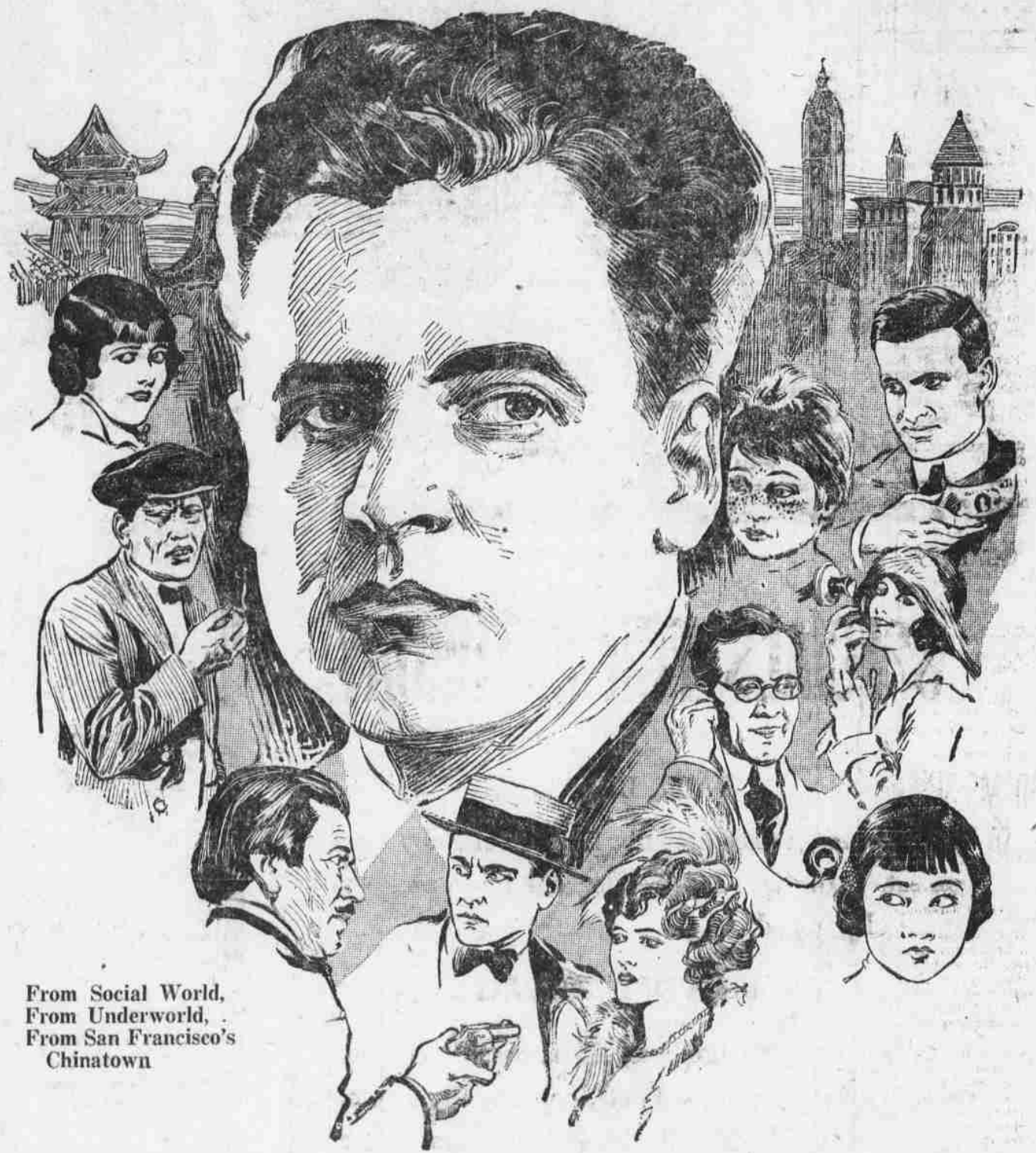
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Second Bit: "The Man Who Heard Everything," a comedy-drama true to life. A Smart Set gem by Walter Trumbull.

Third Bit: "Hop." You surely read this yarn by Hugh Wiley in the Saturday Evening Post. From San Francisco's Chinatown the characters come—strong, real-life people in a story of a Chink who wanted a son. Lon Chaney gives an unforgettable portrayal in this.

Fourth Bit: "The Strange Adventure," and it certainly is one. Marshall Neilan wrote it himself to top off a delightful entertainment with a dandy surprise.

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