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Capitalizing Scandal

From the amount of highly colored sensational news matter sent out from Los Angeles regarding the sinfulness and immorality of Hollywood and movie stars, the suspicion is raised that a deliberate and well thought out plan is being followed to enhance property values and bring in tourists from all parts of the country to see the wickedest city, the modern Sodom, which, we are told, surpasses even gay Poree for wonton pleasure and lascivious luxury.

The tourist crop in "sunny southern California" has been a failure. Incessant downpour, frost and freeze have destroyed the "beautiful climate" myth, for fair weather has gone the way of the orange crop. So the movie mystery and the salacious scandals of Hollywood are featured, capitalized to attract morbid curiosity seekers. As soon as one sensation palls, another is conjured and there seems no end to the evesdropping twaddle and servants-hall gossip that floods the press—all designed to lure the traveler, even as he is attracted to the gay white way of New York or the slums of Paris.

The truth of the matter is probably, that Hollywood is not any more wicked, sinful or lustful than any other place where success has come too easily to light heads for the good of the recipients, or any more decadent than any colony of artists who have got rich quick, or any more degenerate than many another place where "wealth accumulates and men decay." Only a small percentage of the residents, however, are rich, and a still smaller percentage wicked. Most have to work hard for a living. Undoubtedly as in many another place, there is a smart set that goes the pace, probably also a vice-ring, for the film factory seems over supplied with drug addicts.

The Taylor murder is no more of a mystery than the Elwell murder in New York or than a score of other murders that have stirred the denizens of night-life. Whatever the motive, the victim has paid the penalty for some secret sin, thus again emphasizing the truth of the adage that the "wages of sin is death." If the world is not better off for the loss of such men, at least it is no worse off. It can well forget them and the life they led. Their passing at any rate, has served "to point a moral and adorn a tale."

So the famous California "go-get-em" spirit is commercializing the scandals of Hollywood as an asset to stimulate the tourist industry and boom business in a dull year.

A Sales Tax

President Harding has advocated a general sales tax to raise the money to pay for a soldiers' bonus—which means that every man, woman and child in the United States must pay an increase in the cost of living in order that the able-bodied and healthy ex-service men may secure a little easy money.

Last spring President Harding took a firm stand against the bonus on account of the financial condition of the treasury and country. Since then conditions have not materially improved. There is even less reason now for a bonus, for over half a billion a year is being spent upon those who sustained injuries in the war. However with an election coming on, the president has capitulated to the demands of bonus seekers, and congress has followed him.

The bonus will lose as many votes as it makes. It is a bold attempt to bribe the ex-service men to secure their votes and those who have to pay the bills will naturally resent being made the goat for politicians. Had the president stood-pat against the bonus, it would have been killed long ago. For the present predicament, Mr. Harding has only his own wiggling and wobbling to blame—and his campaign promises agreeing to do everything under the sun to win a vote.

It is the same old political game of taxing the people and using the resources of the country to secure votes, promising anything and making good out of the treasury.

Farm Unions Attack High-handed Method of Federal Loan Bank

Washington, Feb. 17.—A bitter fight alleged "high handed and domineering" methods of the federal farm loan board has been started in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by the National Union of Farm Loan Associations.

That the Farm Loan Board is trying to exercise political control over farm loan banks and is refusing its members the right to vote is the charge made by Washington representatives of the National Union of Farm Loan Associations.

Senator Fletcher (D.), of Florida, is one of the leaders in the court battle in which the farm loan associations seek to compel the Farm Board to call elections in each federal land bank.

Under the original farm loan act six of the nine directors in each Federal land bank were to be elected by stockholders, and the remaining three were to be appointed by members of the Farm Loan Board.

Joker Found in Law.
The National union of Farm Loan Associations, represented in Washington by W. W. Flannagan, national secretary of the advisory committee, charged that because of a "joker" slipped into a bill passed in January, 1913, which provided for continuing the "temporary organization" of all farm loan banks, farm loan associations were deprived of the right to vote, as provided for in the original act.

The bill referred to authorized the secretary of the Treasury to buy \$200,000,000 worth of bonds

refuse to abdicate their powers." Lester C. Manson, attorney for the association, in a statement declared that members of the Federal Farm Loan Board "not only do not believe in the system, but are actually opposed to its successful accomplishment for the purposes for which it was created."

Klamath Streams Are Opened to Winter Fishing

Portland, Or., Feb. 17.—Fishing for trout over ten inches long is authorized in Klamath county during the months of December and January each year, under an order issued by the state game commission Wednesday. The commission at the same time made a rule that fishing by any means whatsoever should be prohibited in Klamath county between January 31 and May 15 of each year.

State Game Warden A. E. Burghdoff made the suggestion that the state employ paid hunters to exterminate predatory animals, and that the present system of bounties be done away with. This would eliminate "animal skin bootleggers" who send pelts of animals killed in Nevada and other neighboring states to Oregon and collect unearned bounties, he said.

Starlight

By the Noted Author IDAH M'GLONE GIBSON

News From Home
Kitty left me alone early the next morning, saying she would be back late.

After she was gone I took the time to put the apartment in order and to write a few letters. The letters flowed easily from my pen. It is easy to write letters when you are happy. You can share your joy with others, but vanity seldom allows you to throw yourself with your grief upon the sympathy of others.

To Aunt Virginia I wrote a little note, saying I thought that at last I had a part and while I was too excited to write much about it I would wire her all the particulars just the moment I had read the script and the contract was signed.

To Eddie I wrote a longer letter or I found that notwithstanding Aunt Virginia's devotion and my feeling of reverence and love for her, youth can only open its heart to youth with the certainty of finding understanding.

I told Eddie about my part—what I knew of it—saying: Of course I do not know just what it is all about, but Mr. Stratton says it was written with my type in mind, so I ought to make a success of it if I can make a success of anything.

"I will not deny, dear Eddie, that yesterday I perhaps should have answered differently your question as to whether I was not about ready to throw it all up and return to Fairfax. Yesterday I was blue. Today I am walking on air. And so may I answer your question: 'Would you be willing to go back to Fairfax now?' I am sure you would not, for being a man, you have probably learned even sooner than I that there is nothing in 'the whole bag of tricks,' as Kitty would say, as interesting as the bag itself from which we take the tricks one by one. Nothing that life can give us is as wonderful as life itself.

"Eddie, dear, I believe that I have inherited more from my mother than the usual adventurous spirit of youth.

"When I said I was going to be a great movie actress it was not because I was in love with pictures, but because I was in love with my idea of adventure. And the world of pictures seemed the greatest land of adventure that I could possibly conceive.

"And, Eddie dear, I have found it so.

"As to say, life in Fairfax opens into vistas that would always

Singer Brings Suit for \$500,000 Damages



Mme. Johanna Gadski, famous Wagnerian soprano, is suing the Chicago Opera Association for \$500,000. She charges breach of contract and defamation of character.

provide care and protection, but those same vistas also stretch away into a future of such universal and protective calm that I know now I should go mad if I tried it again.

"Not for me is a hope-chest in the garret.

"Although I have already found that a career for a woman is a constant struggle—not only with herself—yet I can see that there is such a thing as victory only as the result of my good fight.

"Oh, today I have lots of courage, and it is because I see that I have a chance.

"Yesterday the world was dark and dreary and I could no more have written this letter than I can today write you one filled with anything except joy and happiness."

Weeks later, when I received an answer, I was surprised to have Eddie tell me: "Virginia, you are in love. With whom I do not know, but I think it is with Theodore Stratton. One thing I know absolutely no girl could have written the letter you wrote me unless she was in love. Oh, dear heart, I wish that I could think that I am a man."

It was in this letter that Eddie told me that he was going to come to Los Angeles with his college football team for a game with a coast college. And he added many interesting bits of gossip and news of the old home town we both loved. Among other things he added, boyishly, "And Virginia, maybe I will bring my story

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along, for, Virgie, dear, it has been accepted! I cannot believe it is true, but it is just the same. Think of it, Virginia, your boyhood playmate is an author!"

Many things had happened, however, during the days that had elapsed between the time I wrote Eddie and received his reply. When I wrote him I had not the slightest idea that I would see him that winter and, oh, I certainly had not the slightest idea of how glad I would be to see him! So run the sands of life. The vistas that opened smilingly before the day I wrote Eddie were yawning caverns the day I saw him.

Presently my thoughts reverted to my affairs of the moment. While I waited for time to tick

away the hours until I should present myself at Theodore Stratton's studio I found myself doing things of all sorts to fill in its interminable length.

I manicured my nails and looked over all my clothes to see if there was any mending to be done. As I brushed my hair after repeating over and over: "Hurry, hurry" to the steady "tick-tock" of the clock on my dressing table.

Tomorrow—A Touch of Temperament
Total apple shipments from the Hood River valley, according to reports of the O-W. R. & N. company, have reached 2634 cars. Those remaining will not reach 290 cars.

SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
Any man is spoiled who gets money without earning it.
Big things usually come when you're not expecting them.
Vacuum-cleaners are said to succeed when fine-tooth combs fail.
Making love to a grass widow may be said to be getting close to Nature.
Common sense will improve the human race a whole lot more than eugenics.
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Now, many of us who are grown up and supposed to have some common sense, are still chasing rainbows for the same reason—but, with this difference—
The rainbows we now pursue are glittering oil stock, fly-by-night mining ventures, and a whole hodge-podge of fantastic wild-cat promotion schemes that promise extravagant dividends and fortunes over night.
Records show that the American people have been stung to the tune of \$500,000,000 in a single year in this form of rainbow chasing, while sound, attractive investments at home go begging. Many unhappy victims have lost the savings of a life-time because they chased these rainbows.
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Every dollar that is wasted in wild-cat speculation is just that much drained from the channels of legitimate enterprise at home.
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