### PACIFIC FLEET **BIDS FOR SPEED CROWN OF WEST**

Vancouver, B. C. (19)—While steamship lines on the Atlantic are building feverishly for supremacy by construction of larger and faster liners a milder form of competition is being enacted on the Pacific. The Canadian Pacific Steamship company is bringing to this coast a new palatial timer which outshines anything in regular service on the trans-Pacific route.

When the Empress of Japan, the modern version of the once proud clipper built liner of the same name, arrives here on August 19, a new race for trans-Pacific trade will be commenced.

The largest and fastest liner engaged in regular traffic on the schedule of the company giving as frequent a service between the Far East and this continent as is given by other lines with a greater number of ships.

The acquisition of the Empress of Japan will give the company a fleet of four liners on the trans-Pacific run. The fleet comprises the Empress of Russia, Asia, Canada and Japan.

While the Bremen and Europa are speed champions on the Atlantic the Empress of Japan on this coast will bid for the blue ribbon of the Pacific.

The Empress of Ganada at present

Pacific.

The Empress of Canada at present hold the record of eight days 19 hours and 9 minutes from Yoko-hama to Victoria. The nearest that any liner has come to this is 10 days.

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The Canada and the Japan will pace each other for the speed crown as they both have the same type eightes and are capable of 21 knots. The Empress of Japan is a twin-screw oll-burner of 25,000 tons. It is 640 feet in length, 63 feet breadth

ON TRIAL IN NEW YORK



Mae West went on trial in New York charged together with 57 other persons including a producer, stage manager and actors, with having committed a misdemeanor in placing on Broadway in October, 1928, "Pleasure Man," which was raided as an indecent play and closed.

#### Famous Passion Play is Given Every Decade to **Fulfill Ancient Pledge**

CENTENNIAL OF REAPER TO BE

Raphine, Va. (P)—A little farm shop in the Virginia hills wil have an important part in the celebration of the 100th aniversary of the reaper in 1931.

It was there that Cfrus H. Mc-Cormick constructed the "contrap-tion" that was to revolutionize ag-riculture and give to the world cheap bread.

MAN IN THE MOON

bread.

The first reaper was crude, but the principle remains the same in the efficient machines of today.

Celebration of the 190th anniverary will be national and possibly international in its scope.

Virginia, naturally, will be interested in the 190th aninversary, although it has long since given place to the mid-west as a leader in grain production.

production.

A model of the first crude machine is preserved in the state museum at Richmond.

Cyrus McCormick was one of the many who tolled on farms, awinging the old-fashioned "cradle" through the wheat on his father's acres in Rockbridge county, Virginia.

He profited by the mistakes of his father, who had sought unsuecessfully to construct a harvesting machine. His father's plan of a machine to be pushed was abandoned.

doned.

Instead McCormick adopted a cutting blade on the side. Then followed the device to separate the stalks to place them in cutting position, and arms to gather the fallen stalks. The machine floundered along the field, a "soke" to some of the neighbors. But it worked.

The McCormick home lay in the Shenandoah valley, a spot to be known in after years as the "grannary of the Confederacy" because of its productiveness.

The Empress of Japan is a twinscrew oil-burner of 25,000 tons. It
is 640 feet in length, 35 feet breadth
and 56 feet deep. Passenger accommodation will be 28d alono, 164
second, 100 third and 540 steerage
making a total of 1000.

In keeping with the war time
tradition the liners are of a greyist while color, hence they have
been called the greyhounds of the
Pacific, reminiscent of the time
when these huge reasels carried
guns fore and aft to give protection to the passengers and be ready
for emergency if pressed into action in Playman required hospital treatment after he
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the first to present a play performance of the Passion Play. In the year 1633 when a pestlience, brought in by the armies participating in the 30 Years' War, swept over Central Europe it reduced the population of Oberammergau by half or more. Survivors in the village made a solemn vow that if God would spare them from further rawages of the plague, they would present the Passion Play every 10 years. This they have done with unfailing fidelity since 1634. In the first 50 years the play was produced in the fourth year of each decade, but since 1680, with one or two unavaidable exceptions, it has been performed in the tenth year of every decade.

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bring back to the United States the record for globe circumnavigation, the differences in the quality of the differences in the quality of the differences in the quality of the treflected from the checks of the man in the checks of the man in the moon has been detected by measuring the quality of the heat this stone radiates.

"It has the same quality," says Dr. Harlan T. Stetson, director of Perkins observatory of Ohio Wesleyan university, "as the heat radiated from pumice stone on earth exposed to the rays of heat from the sum."

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America's famous from the work

Mears, whose greatest aim in life
apparently, is to circumnavigate
the globe faster than any other human being, is hard at work here
mastering the art of flying in preparation for his next attempt to
bring back to the United States the
record for globe circumnavigation.

He wants to be a capable pilot
before next June when he and

Paris, (19)—Prench theater circles the forthcoming visit of Max Rein-are looking forward with interest to

taking over the controls from Baichen periodically during the proposed flight which will include
considerable trans-oceanic flying.

The next attempt by Mears and
Bakchen will be made in a Lockheed Vegs monoplane. This plans the sistence on methodical as well as
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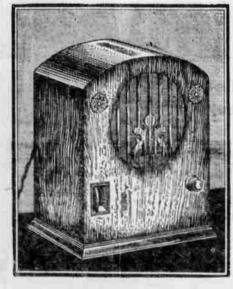
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