

### ATTEMPT TO PRAY DEVILS OUT OF BODY IS NO CRIME

#### Religious Fanatic in South Dakota Meets no Legal Opposition

TRIPP, S. D., Feb. 16.—(UP)—Attempting to pray devils out of a human body is no crime in South Dakota.

This was the ruling of State's Attorney C. L. Kintz, of this place today. In regard to the case of Mrs. John L. Woolman, who was found strapped to a bed in her home near Bridgewater, S. D., Friday, by a party of businessmen from that town. The woman was near starvation when the men forced their way into the home, in which a religious cult had been holding meetings for more than a week.

Shortly after the meetings started, it was said that the woman became hysterical. Leaders of the cult ordered the woman strapped to a bed and had been attempting to drive devils from her body by prayer and strange ceremonies for more than a week.

Reports of the woman's condition filtered into Bridgewater and a party of businessmen drove to the farm, forced their way into the house and liberated the victim, after driving members of the cult from the premises. John Woolman, husband of the woman, was in a dazed condition when the men arrived at the house, they said.

Mrs. Woolman was taken to Bridgewater, where she was still under the care of a physician and trained nurse, last night.

The case was called to the attention of State's Attorney Kintz, who reported, after an investigation, that he could find no grounds on which to file charges.

### Youngest Director Formerly Stenog.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 16.—(UP)—How filmland's youngest women motion picture director rose to that capacity from the post of an obscure typist among the hundreds employed in studios here by advancing through the gamut of routine positions, was revealed here recently.

She is Dorothy Arzner, 25, one of the few women to attain the title of film director.

When she was 10 her father managed the old Hoffman cafe here. The motion picture industry was in its swaddling clothes then and the cafe was a rendezvous for many pioneers of the movie industry. It was then that Dorothy's ambition for a professional career was aroused.

After the world war she secured a position as script typist in the offices of William de Mille. She absorbed the atmosphere of the studios, and a few years later became a film cutter.

Dorothy's big opportunity came when James Cruze started filming "Old Ironsides," a Revolutionary war sea drama.

As assistant to Cruze she was the only woman at sea with a company of 3,300 men while scenes were being filmed. She made good and will take complete charge of a new film soon to be produced.

#### HAIRPINS FOR RELICS IN A LONDON MUSEUM

LONDON, (UP)—Bobbed and shingled hair has done away with one of the man perils that dog the footsteps of society—accidents from hairpins.

A collection of hairpins, most of which have caused serious acci-

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dents or even death are now on view in a museum attached to the Royal Veterinary College, here. Among them is one which was swallowed by a cow, causing the animal's death. An official declared that scores of hairpins were dropped wherever women congregated in the country, such as picnics, joy-rides, and so on.

### FAMOUS M'CLINTOCK CASE IS REOPENED

#### Sensational Fight is Started to Set Aside Will Fav- oring Shepard

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Eight heirs at law of the \$1,500,000 William Nelson McClintock estate began a sensational fight today to set aside the youth's will, bequeathing the fortune to William D. Shepard, "Bill's" foster father.

In a bill of complaint filed in circuit court, their heirs charged Shepard with the death, not only of "Bill," but also with that of his mother, Mrs. Emma Catherine McClintock. They further charged Shepard with preventing "Billy's" marriage with Isabel Pope.

Made co-defendants with Shepard were his wife, Mrs. Julie M. Shepard, Miss Pope, Bertram McClintock Eaton and William Eaton.

According to Attorneys Orville Taylor and Preston Boyden for the complainants, the Shepards are actually the defendants, Miss Pope "being in harmony" with the plaintiffs and the Eatons being technical defendants.

The suit is the culmination of a series of court proceedings including the sensational murder trial of Shepard, which resulted in his acquittal and is the main battle to deprive him of the vast estate and distribute its among the complaining heirs.

The 30 page long bill describes the connections of the Shepards and the McClintocks, describes Shepard prior to 1907, the year "Billy's" father died, as a man of no particular training, education

### The Typical Outdoors Girl



An outdoors girl? Yes, but she'd pass indoors, too. She is Carol Woods of San Diego, Calif., recently chosen as the "typical Girl Reserve."

or ability, but of a shifty, indolent disposition and temperament and a mentally abnormal person, incapable of earning a livelihood."

### Glen Simpson is Georgia Delegate

Glenn E. Simpson, left a few days ago for Shreveport, Louisiana, where he will attend the national gathering of Shrine Directors of North America to be

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### RAILROAD MERGER IS DECIDED UPON

#### Northern Pacific and Great Northern Decide to Combine

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(UN)—Merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies was decided upon definitely by the committee which has been considering the deal and a complete plan for effecting the unification has been drawn up for submission to the interstate commerce commission and the stockholders of both roads.

This was announced tonight by the committee in charge of the merger, composed of George F. Baker, chairman Arthur Curtis James, deputy chairman; J. P. Morgan, Louis W. Hill and Howard Elliott.

The merger plan recommended by the committee provides for the creation of a new company, which will lease the properties of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway company, and operate all three lines as one system. The consolidation also includes the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, now owned jointly by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

#### THEATRE THIEF TRAPPED WHEN EXITS ARE LOCKED

BUDAPEST — (UN) — It isn't safe to rob the dressing room of a Budapest theater while a performance is in progress, a thief, who recently did so, has learned to his sorrow.

During a recent performance in the King Theater the burglar entered the dressing room of Jenő Nador, one of the city's most popular actors. On returning to the room between the acts Nador discovered the theft. At once he informed the director, who ordered that exits of the theater be closed. Then he denounced the theft to the audience and asked each individual to look around him and to call

the attention of an usher to all large bundles in the possession of his neighbors.

Within a short time the thief was discovered. At once those nearby began to mob him. In all probability he would have been killed if a large detachment of police who had been summoned to the theater had not arrived at this moment.

#### FEWER CONCERNS FORMED IN ENGLAND DURING 1926

LONDON, (UP)—During last year, 7,797 new companies, with an aggregate capital of \$1,017,500,000, were registered in Great Britain.

Although these registrations showed a decrease of 231 companies as compared with 1925, the new capital showed an increase of nearly \$400,000,000. It is pointed out, however, that the "new capital" is in many cases not "new" but mainly represents amalgamations and reconstructions. Clothing firms showed the largest number of registrations with 623 listed with capital of over \$40,000,000. The largest aggregate capital in any group was in "stocks and trusts" with more than \$75,000,000 capital.

#### NEW WAR SCHOOL OPENS IN LONDON FOR OFFICERS

LONDON (UP)—The first session of the new Imperial Defense College opened here recently with 27 senior officers of the various services attending.

Eighteen officers of the three fighting services and two each from Canada, Australia and India and one each from the Colonial Office and the Treasury consti-

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