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## THE WEEK'S MOVIE NEWS

**"THE SPEEDING VENUS"**  
The successful race of a gearless motor against a fast trans-continental express train through the snows, floods and landslides of eight states is the thrilling situation in Priscilla Dean's new Metropolitan star picture "The Speeding Venus" which will be the big feature at the Moro theatre Saturday, January 14, according to Manager Sparks.  
In addition, Priscilla manages to crash her car several times, overturn her car several times, cross railroad tracks a fraction of an instant before the train and otherwise fearlessly disport herself at the risk of life and limbs.

**"THE NIGHT OF LOVE"**  
"The Night of Love," George Fitzmaurice's production for Samuel Goldwin, which comes to Moro on Tuesday, January 17th, tells the story of a gypsy prince who turns outlaw to wreak his vengeance on a heartless duke of a feudal domain who robs him of his bride on his wedding night.  
Embed in a seductive and exciting back ground of old Spain, Vilma Banky and Ronald Colman, the popular pair, are again co-featured in a thrilling romance of intrigue and adventure.



Scene from "CHEATING CHEATERS" Co-Starring BETTY COMPTON and KENNETH HARLAN A UNIVERSAL JEWEL PRODUCTION

**"CHEATING CHEATERS"**  
There is nothing more entertaining than a well performed, mystifying, farce-comedy, and there is no better example of this rare dish than "Cheating Cheaters," the latest Universal-Jewel production, which comes to Wasco theatre Saturday, January 14, and to Grass Valley Sunday, January 15.  
Like all good pictures of this type the star must become involved in some embarrassing or difficult situation and by the aid of assistants be-

comes more deeply involved in the affair. Well, that's just what happens to Betty Compton, the bewitching little blonde, who gets herself into a peck of trouble and out again in "Cheating Cheaters."  
The whole production is lavishly filled with unusual and embarrassing situations, and the superb "gags" are feathers in the directorial cap of Edward Laemmle, who gets credit for the picture.  
"Cheating Cheaters" is a screen version of the famous stage play by the same name, from the pen of Max Marcin.

### A Marvel of Management

On September 1, 1920, the transportation act went into effect, passed for the purpose of permitting the railroad to earn a fair return on its investment. This fair return was fixed at 5% per cent after March, 1922, a little enough profit on the money needed to operate such an essential industry. Yet in the seven years that have passed, to last September, the Class I railways in this country are short over 2 1/2 billions of dollars of earning the amount permitted by law.

The railroads have no comeback. The government did not actually guarantee them a profit; it merely permits them to earn a limited return regardless of good or bad years. They must pocket their loss in poor years with no chance of recovery in better years.  
The railroads have shown a marvelous record of service in the face of such an ironclad limitation of income. No other business is so held under the thumb of inelastic regulation. A democracy is supposed to encourage fair dealing to all persons and industries. The railroads should not be exceptions. How many businesses could operate at all under the rulings that apply to railroads.

### THE BATTLE OF MUSIC AT DALLES AUDITORIUM

A big orchestra contest dance featuring three of the best dance orchestras obtainable will be staged at The Dalles Auditorium Friday January 20th.

The three six piece orchestras to be featured for the \$100.00 cash prize are Harry Price and his six "Cascadians," Chief Big Boy and his famous "Musical Red Skins," and last but not least Hood River's famous Dance Band.  
This will without any doubt be the biggest and best dance staged in The Dalles in many moons so make your plans now to attend the ball of balls featuring this battle of music, when 24 high class dance musicians will take their turn in giving you the very best that is in them. Also they will all play together for at least two feature numbers during the evening.

### ENGLAND RETURNS INDIAN WAR CLUB

#### American Museum Acquires Ancient Weapon.

New York.—The war club of an important Indian of the old-Troquois tribe is a new prize acquired from England by the Museum of American Indian, Heye Foundation, here. From marks on the weapon museum experts have been able to reconstruct a good deal of its past career, even though any records or stories attached to it have long since been lost.  
The handle of the club is carved with the words "Ogdehague" in cuneiform, which, translated, means "Ogdehague, the friend of Johnson," according to Arthur Woodward, of the museum staff. On the other side of the handle is engraved the strange looking word "Warrag hlyayee," which is the name the Troquois gave to Sir William Johnson, the British superintendent of Indian affairs shortly before the American Revolution.

#### Bears Exploit Marks.

The remainder of the cleared space on the handle is filled with a series of "exploit marks," says Mr. Woodward. "There are war belts denoting the number of times the warrior laid out upon the war trail and the number of times he was wounded in a battle. There is a rude carving of a full-length figure depicting on the body the tattoo marks worn by an old-time Troquois fighting man. There are also figures representing 13 men each carrying a gun."  
The ancient weapon recalls that in 1728, during the French and Indian war, an Onondaga warrior was slain by the enemy and Sir William Johnson's secretary recorded his death. This Indian bore the name of Odequandage, which very nearly approximates the name on the war club, and the knife carried by this Indian bore the same words, "Friend of Johnson," that are found on the club.  
"It would seem that the knife and club both belonged to the same man," Mr. Woodward says, "and that the club, being a well-executed piece of work and more important than the knife, was taken as spoils of war by the Indian or Frenchman who killed his owner. Later the club may have been captured by some British fighter, and so it found its way to England as a curiosity. It would seem that the club belonged to some important man of the Troquois who stood in well with Sir William, then the autocrat of Indian affairs."

#### Sent Back as Curios.

Many of the early colonists sent back to their homes in England, Holland, France, or Spain numbers of Indian "curios," the states. Today these souvenirs are among the most valuable of all American ethnological specimens, because they represent the culture of the American Indian at the time when he first came into contact with the old world civilization.

### MOOSE HUNTING IN NORTH ALASKA

#### Animals on Increase Despite Yearly Slaughter.

Anchorage, Alaska.—Eleven parties of well-equipped hunters from many places in the world left here for the spruce and birch forests on Kenai peninsula where dwell the antlered monarchs of the silent bogans—moose, Caribou or staking in the moist, dark woods of the Far North, experienced and thoughtful guides are necessary. For the wise old hunters of the muskogs offer hunters a master defense of caution, wariness, olfactory and auditory nerve action and fast foot work.  
The inevitable call, answered by red-blooded men in early autumn, is each season leading them farther into the north wilderness, yet in spite of the continued hunting these huge animals with queer shovel-shaped antlers are surviving and increasing after a century of slaughter.  
In Alaska is found the largest bulls of the species and in Kenai peninsula, about eighty miles northwest of here, a hunter is certain to obtain choice trophies. Moose have been increasing in other parts of Alaska also, and they are numerous along the tributaries of the Yukon river and in the Copper river and Dease lake regions.  
Last season the record antlers taken from Alaska had a 73-inch spread with perfect symmetry. Game wardens coming out of the moose country recently report more than 3,000 of the large animals in the Kenai. Food conditions there are ideal for moose. There birch and willow twigs grow profusely as well as alder and spruce. Grass and aquatic vegetable matter also offer good moose fodder.

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#### Invents New Alloy

Dresden.—An alloy resembling gold, and declared to be just as durable, has been produced by a Bohemian inventor, Joseph Benovic, according to reports received here. The new metal composition looks like gold, of a rich yellow color, does not oxidize and is much heavier than iron.

#### Expensive Obstnacy

Lewistown, Pa.—Having refused to pay a school tax of \$5.25, Mrs. Lillian Reed of Milroy is in jail. It will cost more than that for her to get out, such as \$20.20 for court costs, \$1.40 for a sheriff's fee and her own attorney's fee.

#### Here's How Much Man Can Lose of Himself

Kansas City, Mo.—A man may go usefully about his work minus a leg, an arm, an eye, his tonsils, appendix, gall bladder, one kidney, part of his lungs and brain and as much as 12 feet of his intestines.  
Dr. John F. Erdmann of New York is authority for the statement. He told the Interstate Post-Graduate Medical association here that the number of organs a human being can afford to lose to the knife is steadily increasing, owing to better methods of surgery and increased knowledge of the functions of organs.  
Recent developments, he said, were operations on the heart, the removal of entire lobes of the lung and the removal of the gall bladder.

### VOLCANOLOGIST TO STUDY IN ALEUTIANS

#### Dr. T. A. Jaggar Tells of His Previous Visit.

Washington.—Nature's battlefield of 45 active volcanoes strewn along an arc running through the Alaskan peninsula and the Aleutian Islands will be exposed to the attack of science, if plans made by Dr. T. A. Jaggar, distinguished volcanologist, are realized.  
Doctor Jaggar, who is director of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, spent the summer in geological reconnaissance work along the outer Alaskan peninsula and the Aleutians, and recently reported his observations and conclusions to the Department of the Interior.  
To Solve Volcanic Problem.  
"My dominant thought in going to Alaska," he told the United Press, "was to consider methods for solving the problem of the great volcanic arc and for ascertaining what it means in the economy of nature."  
"I believe that a permanent station should be established at Unalaska for the study of volcanic action, earthquakes, magnetism, and other terrestrial problems."  
In the course of his reconnaissance trip Doctor Jaggar observed economic conditions of the Aleutian region. He visited Nushagak, chief center of the Alaska canning industry and headquarters for the salmon fisheries fleet. He was impressed by the need for thoroughly mapping and charting the areas which he visited.

#### Many Says Not Yet Surveyed.

"Many of the present maps are based on old Russian charts," he said. "One hundred and sixty years west of Unalaska, on the Pacific side, have not yet been surveyed."  
Notwithstanding his plans for Alaska, Doctor Jaggar strongly emphasized that the center of his affections, as well as of his work in connection with volcanoes, would continue to be Hawaii.  
"I have been in Hawaii 16 years, and shall be content to remain there the rest of my life," he said.  
"The volcano Kilauea and its famous fissure of Kalaupapa, spouting fire in July and showing signs of early renewal of activity, will always be a strong attraction for visitors."  
Doctor Jaggar indicated that the center of volcanological studies of the geological survey, whether at Mount Lassen, California; in Alaska, or in Hawaii, would continue to be at the Hawaiian volcano observatory.

### Industries Now Seek to Keep Workers Well

Cincinnati.—The entire industrial world is beginning to appreciate the dollars and cents value of keeping employees well, according to Dr. John A. Turner of this city.  
Speaking before the American Public Health association meeting here, Doctor Turner declared that the records of the industrial plant in which he has been medical director for several years showed that there was a 50 per cent reduction in the time lost on account of injuries and approximately a 50 per cent reduction in absenteeism on account of sickness as a result of a preventive medicine program.  
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### Production Speeded Up by Better Organization

New York.—Mechanization and improved organization have so improved productivity of the manufacturing industry in the United States since the beginning of the century that an average of 67 workers in 1925 produced as much as 100 men turned out in 1880, despite the shorter hours now prevailing, according to a study of productive efficiency made by the national industrial conference board.  
If the productivity of industry through mechanization should continue to increase in the same manner and at the same rate for the next 25 years, it would at the end of that time require but 45 men to produce what now requires a force of nearly 70, and which a little more than 25 years ago necessitated the employment of 100 men. Such calculation, however speculative it may be, does not overdraw the striking advances constantly being made in the way of mechanization and more efficient co-ordination of effort in manufacturing processes.

### Cloth for Women's Garb

Communitistic Propaganda  
Harbin.—The Russian woman who had a summer dress made from a piece of pink patterned calico which she purchased in some shop at Harbin was hardly aware that she was infringing the recent orders of the Chinese authorities against communitistic propaganda.  
But when later on the pattern formed of various sized letters of the Russian alphabet was attentively examined, it was discovered that they formed the legend: "Proletarians of the World—Unite!"  
This calico formed part of a shipment of soviet cotton goods which recently reached Harbin.

### CALL YOU CAMEL? SHE'S FROM PARIS

#### French Women Have Variety of Pet Names.

Paris.—"Cabbage," "White Rabbit" and "Five-Footed Cat" are among the multitude of pet names the Frenchwomen pick out of the vegetable, animal and mineral kingdoms to bestow on those she loves.  
"Tontou," formerly applied exclusively to little dogs of the Fide variety, is being on husbands and sweethearts with great generosity these days. Ordinary names seem to lack the broad scale of feeling women wish to express.  
"My Little Cabbage" is used currently by the push-cart fruit and vegetable sellers who gather in the city markets in convenient side streets. It is applied to servant girl or mistress alike regardless of size or shape.  
"My Little Blue Doll," "Green Rabbit," "Kitten," "Cat," "Golden Angel," "Duck," "Yellow Chicken," "My Sugar Hen," "Love," "Agile Rabbit" are terms of endearment that flow from the mouths of women in France.  
One extravagant phrase is "My Camel of the Desert," which is capable of several meanings. As an expression of affection it might take a prize, but shouted at a taxi chauffeur it would start a fight. "Camel," for some occult reason, is a challenge and a battle cry. In anger, but a mother or wife can make it a poem.

#### Indians Erect Hall for Tribal Dances

Tower, Minn.—Nature's limitless theater has given way to a snugly heated hall for the Indian's savage dances.  
Poets have sung of the beauty of the Indian dances performed on the rolling plains, against a background of towering trees and mayhap a twinkling lake or two. But when the Chippewa Indians in the Lake Vermilion country of Minnesota get ready to observe the change of the seasons with savage steps, they repair to a well-lighted and heated hall, take down their clubs and head-dresses from neatly labeled hooks around the wall, and devote the dances of their forefathers in comparative comfort.  
They erected a building just for that purpose—because it's more comfortable. There is a concrete floor and a pit for the drummers. John Wauvegan, son of an old chief and one of the drummers, explains that when the dances were held outdoors the dust from the terpsichorean grind, which frequently ran into days, all but smothered dancers and drummers.  
An "orchestra" pit in the center of the hall accommodates the drummers, head-dresses, beads, bells, washes and war clubs are hung around the wall with a peg for each person.  
Dances soon will be in full swing in observance of the fall harvest of wild rice and blueberries.

### British Government Builds Million Homes

London.—The millionth house to be built under the British government's housing scheme, inaugurated after the World war, has been completed and is ready for occupation.  
Government statistics show that England is becoming a nation of small property owners, each individual a small capitalist in his own right.  
More than 600,000 new houses will have been bought outright during the period from 1923 until the end of 1927 by middle-class and working-class persons.  
A great majority of these houses have been obtained through the installment plan and building and loan societies, by bank mortgages, or by special facilities afforded by speculative builders. British building and loan societies advanced \$200,750,000 in 1926 for the purchase of houses, helping 114,000 people to become the owners of their own property.  
Money invested in war savings certificates is more than \$3,220,000,000, nearly all from the small capitalist.

### False Teeth of Steel

Berlin.—False teeth made of steel are among the peace products which the Krupp firm of Essen are turning out now. Various grades of non-rusting steel have been on the market for some time, but the new so-called V. A. steel is acid proof as well.

### Angry Church People Block Sunday Golfers

Aberdovey, Wales.—The Sabbath calm of this Welsh seaside resort has been disturbed by the decision announced by the local golf club to permit play on Sundays. Welsh church leaders are up in arms against the decision and crowds of angry townspeople have invaded the links for several Sundays and prevented all play.  
The links are on common land where the people have pasturing rights. An ultimatum has been sent to the golf club threatening to put "all manner of beasts" to graze on the links if Sunday play is persisted in.

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**"6 CASCADIANS"**

**140,000,000 Blacks and 4,000,000 Whites in Africa**  
Sydney.—There are 140,000,000 blacks and 4,000,000 whites in Africa, and it is only a matter of time until Africa will be ruled by the black man," declared Dr. H. E. Wareham, who has had 25 years of experience in missionary work in northern Rhodesia.  
"Africans are not an inferior species of people," said Doctor Wareham, "and they cannot be kept permanently in subjection. But they need the guidance of the white man."  
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