

EARLY MORNING FIRE FRONT ST.

The first fire in the business district for several months occurred at 8:15 o'clock this morning and while just a small blaze doing minor damage, it was very serious in its threatening menace, but fortunately was discovered in time to enable the firemen to quickly extinguish it.

The excitement was caused when a quantity of old papers was thrown in the stove with draft open in the Eads second hand store, 32 South Fir street, and a burning paper flew out of the chimney on to the roof of the old frame structure.

also used by the store, adjoining, igniting it. Had the flames had a little more of a start, a fire might have resulted which would have destroyed at least this structure and the main second hand store building. As it was, the firemen put out the blaze with chemicals after a portion of the roof had been burned over, but had laid out 300 feet of hose as a precaution.

The fire department was called out at 9:30 p.m. Thursday to extinguish a peculiar blaze outside a dwelling on Jay street, where the gas meter apparatus had caught fire in some unknown manner. The flames were quickly and easily put out and little damage resulted.

"BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY" DRAWING BIG CROWDS

"Back to God's Country," adapted from James Oliver Curwood's celebrated magazine story, "Maple, the Walrus," began a four-day run at the Rialto Theatre yesterday.

Probably no person alive has the knack of writing on the psychology of the relationship between animal and man that characterizes the literary work of Curwood. And in his picture, which was supervised by himself in the Arctic regions in a temperature of 52 degrees below zero, a faithful attention to detail has made this photoplay far more vivid than his story.

"Back to God's Country" is based essentially upon the theme that kindness to animals results in reflecting and generating that kindness to the ever whereas, cruelty and torture serve to incite an animal to fiendish savagery. Curwood writes his story about Wapi, the killer, a great Dane which when no man or beast has ever lavished a kind word or act. Another thread of the story leads to Nell Shipman as Dolores LeBeau, a girl living with her father in the wilds of Canada and when all the animals near her home have learned to love.

When fate takes Dolores and a helpless husband into the Arctic regions, she is brought into touch with the dog, who has received the name of "the killer" from the Eskimos and traders whom he has frightened through his ferocity. Dolores' kindness wins his friendship.

How Wapi saves the lives of Dolores and her husband, who are fleeing across the barren lands in a sleigh, is one of the most unusual with her two well-rendered numbers. A novelty film and comedy wound up one of the most enjoyable programs we have witnessed for a long time. This bill runs through scenes ever shown on the Theatre screen.

Bernice Bolger, violin soloist, took the large audience almost by storm Saturday night.

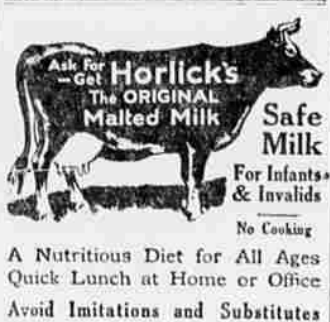
WON'T USE POISON GAS ON INDIANS UNLESS COMPELLED

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(Canadian press)—The use of poison gas against the frontier tribes of India, is not proposed except in retaliation. A statement to this effect was made in the house of commons last night on behalf of the government.

TROOPS NOT ORDERED AWAY.

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hall. The court had ruled that this showing must be made. That a raid on the J. W. W. hall had been planned, Smith testified, became known when Mrs. Mary McAllister, proprietor of the building in which the hall is located, received a warning from a man named Radcliffe, who, according to the testimony, had told Mrs. McAllister that



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the American Legion men objected to the placing of an L. W. W. songbook in the window of the hall.

"Mrs. McAllister told me that she had tried to secure some protection," Smith testified. "She said she had called on the chief of police and that he had assured her the hall would not be raided." Despite this apparent assurance, Smith's testimony indicated, the raid was expected and anticipated. Smith said that many other efforts were made to prevent a raid on the hall.

Protect Their Hall

"Having made efforts to avert trouble, what did you do?" Asked defense counsel Vanderveer.

"The boys wanted to know what to do, I believed in protecting the hall against a mob under all circumstances," Smith said. "I made a remark on the day of the parade that we should protect the hall."

On the day of the parade Smith said he was standing about 28 feet from the front door of the hall. With him were T. C. Moran and Mike Sheehan, Bert Faulkner, Wesley, Everest, Ray Becker, James McInerney, he testified.

Sheehan, Becker, Wesley and McInerney are defendants in the case. Asked to describe what occurred when the parade passed the hall, Smith testified:

Kicked Door in

"The first thing I saw were the soldiers at the window. Then one of them kicked the door in. Then shots rang out. I went to the back of the hall to get my gun from my desk. When I got my gun I found the men had gone around to try and get in a side door. The shooting in the hall was not whistled, and that he did not point. Elmer Smith told him, Britt Smith testified, that he understood the hall was to be raided. "I said if they do, we'll defend it," Smith said. The state has introduced evidence to indicate that Britt Smith, in his conversation with Elmer on the day of the shooting, pointed to the Avalon and Arnold hotels.

All Had Guns

On the day of the parade, in the morning, Smith talked with Elmer Smith, another of the defendants, he testified. He said the conversation, held in the hall, was not whispered, and that he did not point. Elmer Smith told him, Britt Smith testified, that he understood the hall was to be raided. "I said if they do, we'll defend it," Smith said. The state has introduced evidence to indicate that Britt Smith, in his conversation with Elmer on the day of the shooting, pointed to the Avalon and Arnold hotels.

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DANGER OF MONOPOLY PASSES

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selves or any other person or persons or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any food product in the United States, or indulge in any unfair or unlawful practice.

"Moreover, the decree provides that jurisdiction is perpetually retained by the court for the purpose of taking such further action or relief as may be necessary in the circumstances to carry out or enforce the decree.

"In brief, the decree removes the menace of control of unrelated industries by the 'big five' and confines their activities in future to the business of distributing meat and its by-products under an injunction which restrains them from unfair and unlawful practices.

"The decree is sweeping in its scope and I am sure will be highly beneficial to the public in its effect."

The decree, which involves reorganization of a great industry with assets of more than one billion dollars and which affects five corporations and forty-nine individuals, results from an agreement between the larger meat packers and the department of justice, announced last December 18. This agreement was reached after the department at the direction of President Wilson had instituted anti-trust proceedings against the packers in Chicago.

The Meat Packers' Spirit

Agreement for the filing of the decree, Mr. Palmer said in announcing it last December, would have the effect of establishing "the principle that no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people or any of the necessities or

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component parts of it."

The attitude of the packers was summed up at that time by M. W. Borders, general counsel for Morris and company, as illustrating the "spirit of true Americanism" of the packing industry. Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift and company, asserted his company had met the request of the government because it

was felt "that the same spirit which caused the business men of the country to submit to personal sacrifices during the war is just as essential during the period of reconstruction."

M. W. Borders, attorney for Morris and company made the following statement in behalf of counsel for all of the defendants: "These defendants have consented

to this decree and to give up certain businesses, not because of guilt, for they have not violated any law; but that the American people may be assured that there is not the remotest possibility of a total monopoly by the packers; that the constant criticism and agitation, leveled at this vital industry, which is seriously injuring

not only it, but the people generally, may cease; that a better understanding and feeling between this industry and the public may be re-established and that conditions in this uncertain and dangerous period of reconstruction may be stabilized and the efficiency and benefits of this great industry—dealing as it does in a primary necessity of life, a highly perishable product—may be preserved.

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