

News Notes From Moviedom

Just the other day we told you that a girl had been discovered who was heralded as Pola Negri's successor. Now along comes Eleanor Boardman with a similar bid for attention. While she was working in "Memory Lane" at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, John M. Stahl, the producer, so the story goes, was struck with her resemblance to the wistful Lillian Gish. He says that she not only closely resembles the star of "Romola" but a person watching Miss Boardman act gets the same reaction as that from the older Gish girl.

The same wistful charm which identifies itself with Lillian Gish is



Eleanor Boardman (top) and Lillian Gish.

found in Eleanor Boardman. As to externals—Lillian is five feet four, weighs one hundred and twelve

pounds, and has blond hair and grey eyes. Eleanor is just two inches taller, weighs eight pounds more, her eyes are blue and her hair is light brown. We've seen that Lillian Gish's newly discovered rival can act (she played in "Three Wise Fools," "The Strangers' Banquet" and "Souls for Sale") but whether she can equal the performance which the popular Massillon, Ohio, star gave in "Broken Blossoms," "The White Sister" and "Romola" remains to be seen. It'll take a person with a world of dramatic ability to dethrone the lovely Lillian from the place which she occupies in the hearts of the American movie-going public. Will Eleanor Boardman be able to fill the bill?

Star Dust

F. P. A., the New York columnist, says that Charlie Chaplin is the worst poker player he knows. Who says Will Hays isn't cleaning up the movie? It's getting so that a star can't even play a sociable game of poker. * * * Marian Nixon married Joe Benjamin, a prize fighter. She fell in love with him while he was working in the movies between fights. * * * Barbara La Marr has recovered from her recent illness. * * * Adolph Menjou used to wait on patrons in his father's cafe in Cleveland, when he was a youngster. He says his father taught Cleveland how to eat. * * * Alben Pringle always wears long skirts, even when they're not in fashion. She says she won't be a slave to fashion and wear things which are not becoming to her.

Radio Music

As an experiment, radio experts gave a special performance of "Siegfried" recently. While the film was being shown, the score was broadcast from a New York theater to other theaters exhibiting it. If officials decide the test merited it, plans will be made to broadcast musical scores for films twice daily. Thus the picture houses in the small towns can obtain the proper music to accompany the "feature" merely by twisting the dials.

Died of Broken Heart

PARIS, Sept. 8.—"We really love but once," said Rene Viviani, Stephane Lausanne has recalled these words of the great French orator in telling how his health began to fail from the time of his wife's death.

Thomas Hardy to See "Tess" LONDON, Sept. 8.—Thomas Hardy, who for thirty years refused to permit his "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" to be produced on the stage, is to see the first production tonight.

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West Must Unite to Keep Federal Aid

By Harvey M. Toy, Chairman, California Highway Commission. Eastern politics, plus a misconception of the purpose back of federal aid, may imperil the present highway policy of the national government. There is every indication that the crucial test will come at the next session of congress. The west must be united if federal aid for road construction is to be continued.

This opinion is shared generally by western highway builders who have been in close touch with the situation. The time to sound the alarm is now. We must be up and doing or we will lose the funds without which highway construction cannot be continued in many sections west of the Rocky mountains.

Not Concerned With Academic Discussions

The west is not concerned with academic discussions of state's rights indulged in by eastern politicians; it will continue to demand federal aid in the construction of highways as an income to which it is entitled. These funds are asked of the federal government because it owns millions upon millions of acres in western states—mineral lands, national forests, Indian lands, national parks—which are not taxable, from which no revenue comes to the states, but across which they are expected to construct splendid highways for the accommodation and pleasure of eastern tourists, coming westward in ever-increasing numbers.

Committee Hearings Important

The public lands committee of the United States senate is about to conduct a series of hearings to inquire into the public land policy of the national government. Officials of the western states should not fail to call the highway situation to the attention of the committee.

The public domain, which in several western states is considerably greater in area than all New England, is as much the property of New York as it is the property of the state in which it is located. Eastern and middle-western states, having squandered their forests, demand conservation of nationally-owned timber areas in the west. I do not criticize that policy, but it ought to be taken into consideration in determining highway appropriations.

Eastern senators are complaining because the federal aid appropriation more in federal taxes than they receive back in federal appropriations. Are we a nation or a confederation of states? Shall all the taxes paid on Broadway be expended on Broadway, or for other necessary governmental purposes throughout New York City? Where would California be if all the state taxes collected in San Francisco and Los Angeles were expended only in these cities? The state government could not exist un-

der such a plan. And such a policy would wreck the national government. Federal Aid and the Constitution. Federal appropriations for highways are in accord with both the letter and spirit of the constitution. As pointed out by Mr. Floyd C. Booe, situation of the United States authority, section 3 of article 1 of the constitution of the Nevada state highway department congress

"To levy and collect taxes, * * * and provide for the general welfare of the United States." Another clause of the same section authorizes congress "to establish post offices and post roads." This authorization provides the authorization for the creation of courts, support of armies and navies and other important powers of congress. In the early history of the country numerous appropriations were made for the construction of national roads, until the invention of the steam locomotive put highways in the background to await the coming of the automobile.

The authority of congress to make such appropriations has never been seriously questioned. And at this time such appropriations should not be considered subsidies. The states are building the highways, the federal government is merely helping pay the bill. Some wealthy eastern states get along without federal aid; possibly California could, but many states cannot.

Must Have a National System of Highways

Interstate highway transportation is more important today than ever before in our history. We must fight the forces of disintegration by making it easy for the people of every part of the nation to visit each other. We must become one nation, one people. Federal aid means continuity in our highway construction—a truly national system of highways reaching into every part of the country. The work of building such a system now well planned under the present policy, will be impeded, probably halted altogether, if federal aid is not continued. The west must make the nation realize this fact. America does not want many unconnected state highway systems, it needs and must have one great national system of improved roads.

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Packing houses are now turning their attention to D'Anjou pears, which will be disposed of by the end of this week if weather conditions permit, after which Comice pears will be the principal fruit.

The Winter Nellis pears are now of a size large enough to harvest, but are still too green. When picked, it is the plan of local growers, to put the major portion of the fruit in the local pre-cooling plant to be stored until market conditions are satisfactory. This will mean that fruit shipments will be made from Medford for the following 4 or 5 months.

To date 138 carloads of pears destined to canneries have been shipped from the valley. Each car held approximately 20 tons, making a grand total of 2760 tons of canned pears, which, if shipped in pinner boxes, would have increased the valley's pear crop by boxes materially, for there are about 42 boxes to every ton.

Vaudeville

Eight prize-winning beauties will be with Biscrow's Musical Misses at Hunt's Cafeteria tonight at the vaudeville program. Mr. Biscrow not only kept an eye out for the beautiful, but made his selections from the standpoint of musical ability as well in selecting his company.

Ray Conlin, the "sub-vocal comedian," offers an entirely new version of comedy ventriloquism. He demonstrates that he is a master of his art.

Three Marion sisters specialize in peppy dancing. They are good looking and their complete repertoire of modern dances, beautiful stage setting and gorgeous gowns, contribute to the attractiveness of the show.

A comedy burlesque on the well-known style of mind reading acts is offered by William Howe and Marie Foy in "Sense and Nonsense" and it is mostly just that. Harry Brown has managed to put a new twist into the juggling business by opening and closing his act with some good songs, rendered in a really good voice.

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