

Hollywood Sights Sounds

By Robbin Coons.

HOLLYWOOD — The ranks of former "prop" boys who became movie actors, following the example of Eddie Nugent, are growing larger, and the latest of them to attain a degree of prominence is Frank Albertson.



A Hollywood boy, Frank has worked in and around pictures about seven years which may not be enough to make him a finished actor at 29, but apparently has been sufficient to teach him that "working in the movies is a funny Frank Albertson proposition," and certainly to forestall any exaggerated ideas of his own importance.

Frank left high school to find work when he was 13. He found it as a studio "prop" boy, but "worked extra" between times. He went from prop shop to still room to laboratory, until one day he decided to become a full-time extra.

But his calls were too few, and he was about to return to shifting and set functioning when Director Dave Butler gave him a chance in "Prep and Pep." That led to a studio contract, but did not end his troubles.

He Came Up Smiling.

His first contract picture was "The Farmers' Daughter." Yes, that was the traveling salesman, but he did not get even screen credit. Another actor had been cast for the role, and when he was unable to play the part, they showed Frank in, but billed him under the other's name. Nobody knew the difference, and Frank did not mind—it was a funny picture.

Then he was given the lead in a newspaper talkie. But the story was revised completely, his part "written down" to practically nothing, and finally the whole thing was scrapped and re-filmed with another set of players.

But fortune now seems to be smiling on this kid who took with a smile everything else she gave him. Frank now is in demand at other studios as well as his own, and will be seen in a number of the new talkies.

Hat-Size No Larger.

It is obvious in all he says that he still considers himself far from real success. He's just trying to get along his way for whatever he can make, and possesses a large stock of common sense behind his smiles and wisecracks.

Tay Garnett, now a director, first became a screen name through writing screen stories, which he still does occasionally, "just for old times' sake," while Alan Hale, whom he directed in "The Speller," wrote more than 200 screen stories before he acted in one. There are many film colony men who thus change their professional status, but scarcely a single actress.

NATIONS CONSIDER TRADE RESTRAINT AT PARIS MEETING

GENEVA.—(AP) An opportunity for promoting international economic cooperation will be presented at Paris Dec. 5 when representatives of states which signed the convention for Abolition of Import and Export Prohibitions and Restrictions meet under League of Nations auspices to consider the fate of this inactive treaty.

The United States and sixteen other countries have ratified this agreement, which is designed to break down certain barriers to international trade.

But the trade barrier to go into effect because on the "dead-line" date, September 30, it had not been ratified by eighteen states.

Moreover—four nations which were named as essential parties to the treaty by states which ratified provisionally, have not put their final approval on the document. These non-ratifiers are Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, and Turkey.

The purpose of the Paris discussions is to consider whether the countries which have ratified the convention wish to make it effective among themselves, regardless of unratified conditions. The United States has indicated it is ready to do this.

This conference, however, will undoubtedly provide an occasion for urging governments which have signed but not ratified to take the final step. All signatory governments, as well as the seventeen ratifiers, have been invited to send representatives.

The results of this conference will be watched by the European economic world as a possible index to the attitude of many governments toward the proposal for a tariff treaty. They believe too that the negotiations will be in some respects a test of the strength of "the will to economic cooperation" as contemplated by Aristide Briand's scheme for European union.

BERLIN.—(AP) Lost umbrellas auctioned off here once a month by the railway companies are offered in bundles of ten. Even though ten rain shields may be too many for an individual, it is good business to bid from 75 cents to \$1.25 for the lot as it generally

Flying Squad of Prohi Agents Important Enforcement Factor Is Report of Attorney General

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—

A flying squad of prohibition prosecutors, speeding here and there over the country to lend aid to local officials, has impressed Attorney General Mitchell so much that he has reported to congress that its creation marked a highly important step in the progress of dry law enforcement.

Using funds transferred from the prohibition bureau and other sums granted by congress last March, ten experienced criminal lawyers have been made special assistants to the attorney general, to act in the capacity of assistant United States attorneys in places where their services were needed.

The flying squad, which, however, does not generally travel by airplane already has rendered assistance in trial work in many states. It stands ready to aid district attorneys in any place in the country.

The report of the attorney general said that liquor smuggling from the high seas and across the Canadian border continued during the past year and that the ocean smugglers had discarded the use of large boats for speedier motor boats. It asserted that St. Pierre-Miquelon, French possession, in the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, had been the chief base for the illegal liquor supply of those engaged in smuggling into the United States.

Almost every phase of the prohibition enforcement work increased during 1929. Criminal prohibition prosecutions instituted during the year totaled 56,786, the number of cases terminated were 56,435, while 18,699 were pending at the close of last June 30. Of the cases terminated there were 47,109 convictions.

The aggregate of fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed under the prohibition law totaled \$7,476,306 while a total of \$4,209,952 was collected. During the year the government secured judgments aggregating \$459,480 in civil prohibition cases as compared with \$382,853 the year before.

Included in the report was a statement by Sanford Bates, superintendent of prisons, who said the problem of coping with the "tremendous increase in the number of persons committed by the federal criminal courts," had reached a climax.

Bates said the United States prison bureau today does not know how many federal prisoners are in county jails, although he said there were about a thousand of these institutions now housing such prisoners.

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(Associated Press Correspondent.) ANGOORA.—(AP)—Turkish adults who last year were rounded up and packed into hastily constructed schoolrooms to learn the new A. B. C.'s, are now finding out to their dismay that they must go to school all over again this year. The Kemal government declares itself dissatisfied with present results of the alphabet reform.

During the two months' schooling of the popular schools last year, the government taught half a million illiterates their A. B. C.'s, but the continued increase in the circulation of Turkish newspapers and periodicals, gives sad evidence that the half-million holders of alphabet certificates have not become a half-million new readers of books or even of newspapers. It is even hinted by a semi-official daily, "Aksham," that many of those who passed the A. B. C. examination six months ago, could not do so today.

After six months of vacation for the popular schools, six months during which nothing has been done to further the dissemination of the new alphabet, the government is getting ready for a fresh onslaught. Now another half-million illiterates are to be taught the alphabet in two months' courses to be reopened throughout the land, and those who attended the A. B. C. schools last year are to be rounded up again for obligatory attendance in a new set of four months' courses wherein they will be instructed in reading and civics. In Constantinople alone the number of such popular schools will be 700.

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ing extremely successful in improving landing characteristics.

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"In the majority of instances wings continue to be built of wood spars and ribs with covering of fabric; but a number of manufacturers are giving attention to the construction of all-metal planes with the sheet duralumin replacing the fabric and several of these designs are in extensive commercial use.

"Until recently the large supply of engines left over from the war materially retarded America's development of aircraft engines; now, however, the supply is virtually exhausted, and large numbers of new engines are being developed.

"Exhaust manifolds are receiving considerable attention in an effort to reduce noise as well as carry exhaust gases clear of the passenger compartment.

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IN NEW YORK THEATERS

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Is the public sick and tired of crook pictures? One local theater manager apparently believes so. He advertises boldly that his current attraction contains "No underworld, no gunplay, no 'ooz."

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LXINGTON TO FURNISH POWER PUGET CITIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Assurances were given by Secretary Adams today that the naval aircraft carrier Lexington would be permitted to furnish electric power to Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., if an administrator were appointed by Governor Hartley to allocate the supply from the ship's generators.

STEIWER CONFERS ON COLUMBIA PROJECT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP) Telegram from Senator Steiwer, Oregon, in which he announced he had conferred with President Hoover regarding the inclusion of the Columbia river project in the national waterways program was received today by R. H. Ripley, executive secretary of the Columbia Valley association.

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MARGARET TURNER IN CAMPUS DRAMA

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—(Special)—Margaret Turner, senior in education, from Medford, will play the part of Miss Dora, a character in the production "Escape" by John Galsworthy, December 6. The drama will be presented at the Guild theater, campus stage, by members of the university class in technique of acting.

Miss Turner is a member of the Sigma Kappa, social society, and has been active in campus dramatic affairs since she entered the university.

Nominatee, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The nomination of John Glover, South of Frankfort, Ky., who now

LEAKY PACKAGE FROM GERMANY HELD BRANDY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(AP) A leaking package from Germany labeled "honey" led customs officers to investigate. Inspection revealed the package was divided into two partitions, one of which contained honey and the other brandy.

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Planes Made Safer, Young Says, By Year's Progress in Industry

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Notable advances in aviation have been made in the last year, says the report of Clarence M. Young, assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics.

Into the plane itself, Young said, has been built much of the inherent stability hoped for and promised by aeronautical engineers for many years. Moreover, this stability has been achieved without sacrificing maneuverability or controllability.

The increasing number of multimotor planes, greater use of metal propellers and tail wheels instead of skids, increased use of metal in wings and fuselages, development of the Diesel engine and attainment of more speed in nearly all types of commercial aircraft, were cited by the air secretary as among the most striking features of the year's development.

"Another striking feature," said his report, "has been the general application of brakes to airplane wheels. Not only does this development shorten the landing roll and takeoff distance, but it also aids materially in maneuvering an airplane on the ground, as the brakes are independent in action.

"Landing gears of oleopneumatic and oleopneumatic design are being used almost exclusively for shock absorption purposes and are proving extremely successful in improving landing characteristics.

Marc Antony Erased Debt to Caesar After Brutus' Deed, Says Old Record

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Along about the Ides of March, 44 B. C., Marc Antony owed Julius Caesar \$1,569,435, which was a lot of money in those days.

The Chicago Civic theatre, devoted to Shakespeare, has found out about it from some old records. The point is that Marc owed the money on the Ides of March, but that about the first of April he was clear on the books. The Ides of March is put forward that immediately after Caesar became deceased—via Brutus—Mr. Antony took an eraser and obliterated the indebtedness.

Of course, Antony made a pretty

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