

Says Movies Are Vile, Should Be Under State

United Press Service
LAWRENCE, Kans., March 21.—"Kansas should take over and manage the motion picture business as it has the publication of text books," declared William A. McKeever, head of the child welfare department of Kansas University in an interview today.

"The motion picture business is today our greatest educational force," explained the professor, "and yet it is in the hands of commercialists."

"A state board of educators in full control and management of motion pictures could, at present prices, clear a million dollars annually for the school fund. It could do vastly more than this. Through the right selection of films and especially through the use of films made to its order by artists with educational insight, the state could create for its rising generation a new set of high ideals."

"Our state censorship has done a

courageous and commendable work, but it is placed by the law at the losing end of the game. Seventy-five per cent of the films shown in Kansas today are cheap and mediocre productions. About half of them are depictions of some base crime or other form of human depravity.

"Those shows are breaking down our high ideals of moral integrity and Christian citizenship. Thus the thousands of acts of altruistic suffering, sorrow, sacrifice and other forms of virtue are crowded out of the films, while theft, murder, robbery, family brawls, sexual eff and uncleanness are played up under a veneer of fine clothes and a glare of bright lights."

"Thus, through its subtle influences in breaking down the ideals of the family, of Christian worship and services, the science of motion pictures is being permitted to blast the 'Rock of Ages.'"

Lawrence Trial

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woodshed, but this was ruled out. The cross examination sought to prove that Holman was in the employ of the defense in the case. It resulted in the submitting of an affidavit signed by Holman, and the witness explained that he was a notary public, and went to Merrill to secure affidavits for the defense.

Holman was also closely questioned as to the Hunter wagon tracks from the gate to the house, and as to the condition of the ground. He stated that the ground was frozen in some places, but that the ground traversed by the Hunter wagon, as indicated by the tracks, was soft from cultivation.

"If Kuehne told you that he had two guns and that he was running over plowed ground after Hunter, shooting, would it be possible for him to make the race, emptying the 22 automatic rifle, and carrying the other gun at the same time?" Onell asked. The witness said the shells found indicated that Kuehne had stopped twice to shoot, and that Kuehne did not say how he carried the guns, or if he shot while he was running.

On re-direct examination, Holman stated that Kuehne told him that he had shot twice with the revolver during the battle. He also told of hunting, with Durham, Stout, Todd and Kuehne, on the day of the shooting, for the Winchester Kuehne said he shot with. He said they looked in the barn, garage and other buildings, and that he found the rifle, together with a shotgun, in Todd's wagon, the weapons partly covered with hay.

Holman said Kuehne told them he did not know what he did with the gun after the shooting, and that they all hunted for about half an hour before the guns were found. He said Kuehne and Todd both passed the wagon several times during the period of searching.

Henry Stout's evidence was largely

corroborative of Holman's statements. The defense again attempted to bring in Mrs. Hunter's statement, but this was overruled, after some lengthy and heated discussion. Stout was asked as to whether he had heard Catherine Prehm tell T. M. Durham that he had better be careful not to mix up the shells taken from the house and from the premises, and that Durham said he didn't know then where they were from. This was answered, "Yes," after a storm of objection over the introduction of this testimony, to impeach Durham's statement.

During this, Attorney Onell addressed some remarks to the court which brought from Kuykendall a statement that he was not at all pleased with Onell's insinuations. Stout was not cross-examined to any extent. Kuykendall insisted that the same question put to the witness be just the same as put to Durham.

Coroner Earl Whitlock testified to partly disrobing Mrs. Kuehne's corpse, removing the nether underwear. He said he asked Prosecuting Attorney Irwin if he should save the garments, and also stated that he did not notice any bullet holes in the garments.

Mrs. A. Z. I. Tvetmoe was called to testify as to threats made against Lawrence by Mrs. Kuehne. The witness did not answer, as the state's objection was sustained, and Kuykendall ruled the testimony out of order, with the understanding that the defense could bring this evidence in later to show threats against Lawrence by Mrs. Kuehne.

Dr. Hamilton said the bullet hole in Mrs. Kuehne's body was too large to have been made by a 25-20 bullet. He stated that the wound could have been caused by a gun like the 32 special used by Kuehne in firing from the field toward the house.

Hamilton was asked if there would be any difference between the effect of a partly spent bullet, and one not spent in entering a human abdomen, and stated that he judged a partly spent bullet would do more damage to the internal organs than would one travelling at a high rate of speed. The defense attempted to have the witness testify as to whether a bullet striking a person at the same distance as that between the Lawrence house and where Mrs. Kuehne fell would penetrate the person and all their clothing, but this was ruled out on the ground that the doctor was not qualified as a firearms expert.

In cross examination he stated that he had derived his theory as to the

difference in wounds caused by partly spent bullets and by high speeding bullets by results he observed while in the army, the Krag-Jorgensen and other high power rifles making a much cleaner and smaller wound than the old Remington model, which projected a bullet at a much slower rate. He also said he could make little distinction between perforations in a human body caused by a 30-30 or a 32 caliber bullet.

Harvey B. Rhoads, a Poe Valley homesteader, was called in an effort to impeach some testimony of W. H. Todd regarding a statement that they would like to "finch that fellow Lawrence, and were going to do it, too." An examination of the record, however, proved that Todd, in his testimony, admitted this, so the question was unnecessary, and the witness was excused.

Leroy D. Richardson, who was working for Hunter, testified to young Kuehne reaching the homestead the Saturday before the shooting, of his cutting off the water, disconnecting the windmill, and firing shots around the place. He said he went to a neighbor's at the request of Hunter, and telephoned to Merrill for Constable Durham, who came out and talked with both Hunter and Kuehne.

Kuehne, according to the witness, had a gun with him when he saw him in the tank house door, and that when he and Hunter asked Kuehne to get them a bucket of water that night, the boy had a revolver sticking out of one of his pockets.

On the morning of the shooting, according to the witness, he was returning to the Hunter place to resume his work, and had in his wagon a couple of barrels of water to be used in watering Hunter's hogs. He stated that after reaching the ranch house Mrs. Hunter, in the presence of himself and others, made a statement regarding how the shooting of Mrs. Kuehne occurred. This statement is the one to be submitted in writing to the court and the opposing counsel.

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Will Agree on Method of Hunt

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will be taken, dead or alive. I believe that by this time Villa and his band are entirely surrounded by the troops of the United States and Carranza. Dodd's cavalry is reported to be making forced marches toward the mountains, in an endeavor to cut off Villa's escape to the north. Pancho Habrleer, to either side of Mexico, hoping to catch the benefit of the should escape the central coast of Carranza has not yet acted upon the American request to use the railroads, but it is expected that he will grant the request.

Lieutenant Thomas Rowan, army aviator, was seriously injured today "somewhere in Mexico." His aeroplane fell while scouting.

There are renewed reports to the effect that Villa is heading for the Durango mountains, where he was born. Remnants of several Villa bands are hiding there, ready to join their chief upon his arrival.

Dodd's cavalry contingent is reported sixty miles behind Villa. The trails being followed are narrow, rough and tortuous, making progress very slow.

The Tarahumare mountains are between Villa and the Durango country, and he is not yet out of the Carranza trap. If he once gets before Chihuahua City, however, the Americans will be forced to use the Mexican railroads to get their supplies.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 21.—Agents for Carranza report finding literature of an incendiary nature which has been distributed by Villa's agent among the Mexicans on the American line and in the districts under the control of Villa and Zapata. It is believed that Villa will remain in hiding until the pons are roused sufficiently to start a general uprising.

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