WOMEN OF WORLD TO MEET NEXT YEAR

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 11.—(By Mail.)—A convention of the International Council of Women, of which Lady Aberdeen is president, will be held in Christiania next September. Three hundred delegates, representing twenty nations, are expected to attend. A committee, composed of presiding officers of various women's organizations, will meet in Geneva in March to arrange the program for the convention.

CROOKS ARE CLEVER

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(By Mail.)—The police have discovered a novel manner of advertising an opium den. It was the shop of a dealer in antiques. When the police raided it one of the occupants told the inspector he was able to identify it as an opium den because all the letters "O" in the sign advertising antiques were painted in flaming red while the other letters were gilded.

Representative Snell of New York says: "We will never have a prosperous country unless the railroads themselves, are prosperous."

MARINES DON'T KNOW WHY THE NATIVES DO IT

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, Dec. 22.—(By Mail.)—United States marines garrisoning these new possessions of Uncle Sam cannot understand the fashions affected by the natives. Why a negro or Cha-Cha Indian should wear an overcoat when the thermometer stands at 100 in the shade mystifies them.

For some strange reason the native Virgin Islander believes in wearing every article of clothing he can lay hands on. All American holidays are now celebrated by the natives, who spend the day parading about the streets, some of them wearing overcoats, capes, two or more pairs of trousers, and a red bandanna handkerchief about the neck. Also they frequently adorn themselves with the horns of cows or oxen, attached to the head just in front of the ears.

The champion Cincinnati Reds and the Washington Senators have arranged to play 14 exhibition games during the spring training trip.

"Babe" Ruth's demand for a $20,000 pay envelope must mean that the film depicting the home-run champion as a movie hero is about to be released. Publicity gets the kale.

Trainer Doc Hart will return to the Brooklyn Dodgers next season. Hart came from Chicago to Brooklyn and trained the Dodgers from 1916 to 1918. Last year he went back to the Cubs.

Now that the National Collegiate Athletic Association has appointed a committee on boxing, the manly art of self-defense is bound to flourish in our colleges.

A meeting is to be held this month to revive the Illinois-Missouri League. Still they come. Minor league baseball—a dead one for several seasons—is surely coming into its own this year.

The French minister of the interior warns French girls who are marrying Chinese laborers in France that most of these coolies already have wives in China.

SEVEN YANKEE LINERS PLY ON S. A. ROUTES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14. (By Mail)—American business men in Argentina received with pleasure the announcement that the United States Shipping Board had allotted seven of its fast passenger liners for service between New York and South American ports including Buenos Aires. They have felt that they have been struggling against a handicap owing to slow mail communication and passenger transportation between the United States and this country.

If the Americans here wanted to send a letter to the United States he knew that in the past it would require at least 30 days for the letter to reach New York and that frequently it would require 40. To send a representative ti the United States on a business mission would require 3 months before the agent could return to Buenos Aires.

Meantime the American's chance of doing business has fallen into the hands of a European competitor who could communicate with his principals by mail within three weeks. Fast steamships have been arriving here from European ports almost twice a week while the mail from the United States came mostly by slow freight steamers.

One of the difficulties of which the Americans here complained was the delay in receiving bills of lading for goods sent from the United States to Argentina. This was due to the fact that the bills could not be sent on the steamer which carried the goods and there were few fast steamers which could bring them here at the time the goods arrived.

When the bill of lading was sent on slow ships the goods were held in the custom house here until she arrived.

On the other hand bills of lading on goods shipped from England came through on fast steamers which often arrived here before the goods were received.

The Americans here say that cable communication to the United States costs 53 cents a word and that the caacity of the cables is trebly overtaxed.

AT THE THEATERS

If you haven't been to the Liberty Theatre this week to see "Checkers" today is your last chance to view the big Fox production. "Checkers" is a play abounding in color and atmosphere, and contains many beautiful as well as thrilling scenes. In the vernacular, it is a "corker".

Richard Stanton, who directed the picture, has followed closely the story of the famous stage play from which it is made; but elaborating the racing and fighting scenes. The play is finely presented by an all-star cast headed by Thomas J. Carrigan and Jean Acker, and is a treat to both those who saw the brilliant play on the speaking stage, and those who were not so fortunate.

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The one big outstanding feature picture of the year is "When Bearcat Went Dry," which will be the attraction at the Liberty theatre on Sunday and Monday.

The famous and widely read novel of Charles Neville Buck, of the same title, has been made into a photoplay that teems with dramatic intensity and suspense.

The characters of the picture are those hardy mountaineers of eastern Kentucky who, from time immemorial, have shown slight regard for man made laws. They are the descendants of the hardy pioneers who blazed a trail from the shores of Virginia through the mountains of that State and Kentuck. They fought the treacherous savage and settled the "Blue Grass State." They made it possible for an empire to be founded that gives to us and our children that follow, a land that knows to counterpart for riches.

It is of such kind of men and women that "When Bearcat Went Dry" has to do, and needless to say a picture-play of unlimited entertainment qualities is provided.

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One of the most interesting pictures ever shown at the Liberty will be seen Sunday in addition to the feature picture. The wonderful new color photography, "Prizma," showing actual scenes in their actual colors, cannot fail to interest every nature lover and sportsman, since the subject is "Trout,". The picture takes us through the hatchery showing all the wonders of trout propagation and we see the graceful creatures in all their exquisite coloring, something the average person seldom sees.