

DRAMAS OF THE OVER-SEX TYPE WANING FASTLY

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Great Britain, following America's lead, is in the preliminary throes of a campaign against over-sexed drama.

Moralists who began the agitation against over-emphasis of sex in modern plays are being backed up by managers of provincial theatres, which means all theatres outside of London, who say their audiences like the old-fashioned article, in which virtue emerges triumphant, if panting.

In launching the campaign, the London public morality council, of which the bishop of London is chairman, called a special meeting, and passed a resolution denouncing two of what is regarded as the worst examples of immoral plays, and calling on the official censor, the Lord Chamberlain, to suppress them.

Rain, Somerset Maugham's grim story of the fall of a South Sea missionary, was one of the plays.

The other was *Fallen Angels*, which a young British playwright Neel Coward, uses as a vehicle to show two young married women in the process of getting soggy drunk while waiting for a lover to whom each had been mistress in turn before their marriage.

As far as dramatic merit goes, Maugham could hardly be expected to share Coward's probable pride at their being coupled as horrible examples. Maugham tells a story and points an obvious moral; Coward's aim frankly is a cynicism, whose youthfulness is unintentional.

Anyway, the Lord Chamberlain declined to act, and the public morality council followed up their resolution by drafting an appeal to Stanley Baldwin, the prime minister, to pass a bill in parliament, replacing the official censorship with a licensing system for London, similar to that in provincial British cities, and in all parts of the United States, by which local authorities would control the staging of plays, and would be able to refuse or rescind licenses.

In their petition to Baldwin, the public morality council cite statements of the English Theatrical Managers' association to show that provincial theatres have lost \$450,000 in recent months because their audiences won't go to see sex plays.

"Plays dealing with divorce, drunken women, domestic triangles, 'cocktail connies,' 'cocaine carriers,' and flapper-appealing mothers do not appeal to provincial audiences," the petition declares.

It adds that from the moral standpoint, "such episodes are unnecessary for the stage and can easily demoralize or encourage to vicious habits those whose minds are open to immoral influences, and by whose corruption the standard of obscenity is defined."

"We are not prudish to whom all pleasure is sinful, but people who like plays and resent the stage being monopolized by the unpleasant characters of unpleasant-minded playwrights," Howard M. Tyrer, secretary of the public morality council, explained to the United News.

"I have been a theatregoer all my life. I like the theatre, and I should like my children to learn to like it. But I don't want them to like the type of play that today is representative of the London stage.

"It may be true, as some people say, that London's problem is simple compared to America's, but it is bad enough. We hope to clean up the London stage sufficiently not to feel, after attending one of its plays, that we could cleanse ourselves by bathing in a sewer."

A circulation covering the city of Klamath Falls and the county of Klamath—that's the Klamath News

Pastor Expelled for Wooing



GEORGIA ASH

Georgia Ash, eighteen-year-old choir singer in a New York suburb, now faces the scorn of the village gossips. She was wooed by Rev. L. Earl Shaftner, sheik-pastor, who was forced to leave the community by the irate villagers. He was married.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NOT LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE QUAKE FOR YEARS

SAN JOSE, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Northern California need not expect another earthquake for many decades, but the southern part of the state can look for one at any time because of existing earth pressure.

Such is the opinion of Dr. Bally Willis, seismologist of Leland Stanford university, a recent visitor here.

Dr. Willis predicted in Santa Barbara tremor, and is an authority on earth pressure and strains.

"Seismologists expected a quake in southern California before the Santa Barbara disaster occurred," Willis said. "That Santa Barbara

disturbance was so local that it is not believed to have relieved general strain. The expectation of seismologists with regard to quakes in southern California therefore continues.

"Seismologists are not in position to say when such an earthquake will occur. It might be tomorrow and it might be 15 years from now."

Dr. Willis bases his prediction of immunity for northern California on the belief that the severe general earthquake of 1857 relieved the strain from Monterey to Fort Yuma.

Disastrous results of earthquakes can be minimized greatly by proper architectural construction, Dr. Willis believes.

OIL SWINDLER IS GETTING JUSTICE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—C. C. Julian, picturesque million dollar oil promoter of Texas and California, was divested of cash and personal property totalling approximately \$300,000 by federal authorities tonight.

Internal revenue collectors started confiscating the promoter's wealth today to recover \$792,565 alleged back income tax. According to proceedings instituted by the government, Julian has failed to report any income since 1919. His profits, it is claimed, totalled many millions of dollars.

The "oil Ponzi" began negotiations tonight to raise a bond of more than \$1,000,000. If this bond is furnished by August 18, or 19 he can file a plea of abatement in Washington, D. C., and start proceedings for a compromise with the government on the amount of back tax to be paid, according to federal officials.

"CONVICTS HERE!" "TOM MIX HERE!" NEWSIES HAD 'EM COMING, GOING

Mrs. Haud C. Hood, an employe of the business office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, has decided not to prosecute newsboys of the Klamath Daily News, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Rather, she is inclined to blame her lethargy, induced by early morning sleepiness, for a measure of disappointment suffered at an early hour yesterday.

Mrs. Hood was asleep, sound asleep, when out of the great void came what O. Henry loved to call the clarion call of the press. Reluctantly, for it was yet gray, Mrs. Hood lent an ear.

"Tom Mix here!" was what Mrs. Hood understood the newsboys to be telling their prospective patrons. "Tom Mix here!"

Paraphrasing let it here be said that the mere arrival in Klamath Falls of a few robbers, more or less, is to the feminine mind a matter of little importance. But should a

motion picture hero, immaculately vested, earning \$458.73 an hour, and riding a pony that eats with a knife and fork—well, should one of those appear—

The lusty voices continued to come out of the dawn. And they seem to say:

"Tom Mix here! Tom Mix here!"

Of course Mrs. Hood got the paper. And there, crying itself from the front page, was the information on which the newsboys had based their rather unintelligible announcement.

What they really had been saying was: "Convicts here!"

Mrs. Hood insists that virtually no profanity was used.

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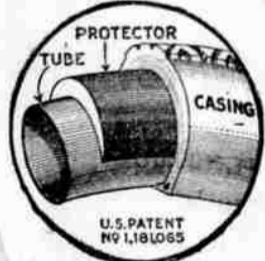
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