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## HOLLYWOOD ALL ASTIR OVER 'RED'

### Film Folks Skeptical About Story of Big Contract Given Grange

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 9.—Whether the \$200,000 Harold "Red" Grange has agreed to accept for merely starring in a film in paper or real money is a disturbing question in Hollywood. Opinion isn't evenly divided. Seventy-five per cent of the who's who in filmland consider "Red's" acting ability worth \$25 a week and his name worth \$100,000 a year at the very most.

Red's reported salary looms as big as a silver dollar in a collection box, compared to the miserly, but authentic salary of Rudolph Valentino, Tom Mix, Gloria Swanson and several other underpaid screen folk, who make only \$10,000 a week.

In purely professional parlance, Red's venture in the movie field is known as "blah," a word that can be used only in the derogatory sense.

"I am all for Red Grange," shouts Beebe Daniels. "I hope he gets in the game for good and shows the same pep and ability that made him famous in football. I hope he makes a million."

R. P. Schulberg, executive of Famous Players-Lasky, is not sure of Grange's career, since "only the future can give the referee's decision."

Reginald Denny believes that the red-head's football picture will have no great significance in the industry, except as a novelty.

Laura Laplante is sure he will make a very interesting star.

On the whole, the aristocracy of the film capital will greet Grange with open arms, but they do hope he will not insist on exaggerating his salary. It is not being done nowadays.

## ARMY TURNS ON FIERY COLONEL

### Wm. Mitchell Criticized For His Conduct During World War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(United News)—The army turned the tables on Col. William Mitchell Wednesday and laid on his doorstep direct criticisms of personal conduct during the World war.

Answering the court martialled officer's charge that aviators were ordered to fly unnecessarily under extra hazardous conditions, the army, through Capt. R. M. Rath, reserve officer, and Los Angeles broker, told Mitchell's jurors that Mitchell, during the San Mihel World war offensive, had ordered a flying group trained for day flying, to make a night sortie, with disastrous results.

Again he attacked the Mitchell ramparts with Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, head of the army air service. Patrick testified that Mitchell had approved the army keeping De Havilland planes, which he has branded as "flying coffins."

During this testimony another of the many flare-ups, which have marked the court martial proceedings, occurred. Brigadier General King, author of the "damn roll" incident, which earlier threatened his place on the court, attacked the defense cross-examination of Capt. Rath, after Rath had refuted Mitchell's charge that attack of anti-aircraft gunfire was ineffective, and was scoffed by aviators.

## DEFENSE CALLED IN BEN GAY CASE

Testifying that the distillery, which he is charged with having operated, was found, not on his property, but on land fully a half mile from his land, Ben Gay, on trial in Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt's court, yesterday afternoon took the stand in his own defense.

Late yesterday afternoon the state rested its case and, today, the defense will continue with its witnesses. Gay was arrested some time ago.

## DRY LAW ATTACK GAINING GROUND IN WASHINGTON

### Hill of Maryland Is Leader of Wets

### CONGRESS, CHANGING

### Leaders of Drys Lay Plans To Tighten Weak Spots In Prohi Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Two powerful organizations labored Wednesday to change the Volstead law. One sought to strengthen it; the other to weaken it.

While dry leaders of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals sat in all day session considering means of checking the leaks in the law, wet congressmen took steps to organize the most powerful modification bloc, which has been formed since the Volstead law was passed.

Representative John Phillip Hill, Maryland, republican, announced that an unofficial house committee of 60 wet representatives would meet within a few days to start the long looked for attack upon the dry law.

"Conditions are infinitely more favorable to modification this year than ever before," Hill told the United News. "Some sort of modification is inevitable and I believe that the time is fast approaching when it will be effected."

"There has been the greatest possible change in the attitude of congressmen during the last few months. During the 67th congress, a great many wouldn't recognize the possibility of modification. During the 68th, more became convinced."

"At the present time there is a generally prevalent feeling among those in the house that modification will come shortly."

However, while Representative Hill was speaking optimistically of the chances for modification, leaders of one of the most powerful dry organizations were laying plans for further tightening of the weak spots in the prohibition law.

## Geologist Claims Equator Shifting

### NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The equator is shifting, the Northern American coast is sinking and the coast of South America is rising.

This is the substance of geological information brought back by Dr. J. Harding, a geologist employed by the Anaconda Copper company, who has spent the last ten years in the Andes mountains in South America, making observations.

After a study of volcanic conditions, Dr. Harding is convinced, although not yet in a position to prove that the equator is shifting.

In an effort to prove his theory, Dr. Harding will spend six months at the Yale observatory, where he will build a concrete sphere, having a rim speed of three miles a minutes for demonstration purposes.

## POISON CANDY CASE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 9.—Ernest Herman, a real estate salesman and Mrs. Jennie Hartman were arrested Wednesday and charged with conspiracy to kill Otto Hartman, husband of Mrs. Hartman, with poisoned candy. Hartman had enough vitality left after eating twice from the box of sweets to go to the police station, where he collapsed.

Herman and Mrs. Hartman have persisted in denials of the charge. It is alleged that Hartman received the candy anonymously by mail.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Cloudy with rain northwest, moderate temperature; south winds.

## MAIN MACADAM ROADS GET OIL

### State Commission Orders 630 Miles Treated During Coming Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Six hundred and thirty miles of macadam road will be oiled next spring by the state highway commission in its work of maintenance. This is an increase of 400 miles over the present year. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$450,000. The amount of oil to be spread will approximate 90,000 barrels.

The sections to be oiled are the main traveled ones and include the following: Columbia River highway and Old Oregon Trail from The Dalles to Ontario.

The Dalles-California highway—The Dalles to Dufur, Redmond to Bend, Lava Butte to LaPine, Modoc Point to Klamath Falls, Klamath Falls to Junction/Lakeview road.

Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, Klamath Falls to Kenn. Ochoco highway, Redmond to Prineville. Crater Lake highway, Medford to Trail.

Cooa Bay-Roseburg highway, Myrtle Point to Coquille. Corvallis-Newport highway, Newport to Toledo.

Tillamook highway, All unpaved sections between Willamina and Tillamook city. Mt. Hood loop, full length. Sherman highway, Biggs to Wasco.

LaGrande-Joseph highway; Island City to Elgin. Oregon-Washington highway; Pendleton to McKay dam.

## NORTHERN LINE OFFICIALS PAY VISIT TO COOS BAY

### Lumbermen Accompany Rail Men and Look Over Marshfield Mill

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 9.—A party of Northern Pacific railroad officials and big lumber men were on their way today in a Northern Pacific private car leaving behind a number of rumors relative to the sale or re-organization of the Pacific States Lumber company and of plans for the extension of the Hill lines to Coos Bay. Included in the party which spent three days here were M. J. Scanlon, Minneapolis and Bend, Ore., lumber operator; four members of the Pacific States Lumber company's bond holders protective association; Alexander Ostrom, Minneapolis; David Winton, Minneapolis; N. V. Wagner, Milwaukee; C. T. MacNeill, Chicago, and F. H. Fogarty of Portland, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific.

C. A. Smith, former head of the Pacific States Lumber company and still heavily interested, died in Berkeley this morning.

Destination of the party leaving here was given both as Bend, Ore., and San Francisco. Scanlon's name is most prominently identified with the purchase of the Pacific States company.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Northern line officials in Portland admitted today that the eastern heads of these rail companies are maintaining an interest in Coos Bay and other sections of western Oregon and are anxious to continue the friendly relations built up there in recent months.

As far as the journey of the Northern Pacific private car to Marshfield is concerned local officials said this was a courtesy shown the midwest timbermen.

## SURVEY AIR ROUTE

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9.—Verne C. Gorst, North Bend, Ore., and R. B. Patterson, Santa Cruz, Calif., are making an air survey of the proposed air mail route from Seattle to Los Angeles. Gorst expects to be successful on the bid he submitted to the postoffice department. The pair flying from the north, arrived by airplane late yesterday.

## WHOLESALE ARRESTS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Sixty men and women were arrested here Tuesday, bringing the total number of arrests in the "clean up before Christmas" campaign to 103.

The police war against bootleggers and pickpockets was begun Monday.

## SENATE TAKING UP AIR PROBLEM AT EARLY DATE

### Committee to Study Measure

### FIGHT MITCHELL PLAN

### Regulation Urged As First Necessary Step By Air Experts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate will go into the much agitated aviation question at once. It will take up as its first important piece of legislation this session the measure of Senator Bingham of Connecticut for regulation of commercial aviation by the department of commerce. Bingham was a member of the president's aircraft board.

Senator Jones of Washington, chairman of the commerce committee said Wednesday that his committee would take up the bill Friday and expected to report it out. He intends to ask consideration by the senate Monday to which Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican floor leader, is agreeable. If the bill gets right of way Monday, Jones said, it should be passed before Wednesday, when the world court debate will begin.

Introduction of this legislation into the senate is expected to open the whole controversial subject, upon which there are so many diverse views. Democrats are talking of a unified air service one principal points of their program this season, and while they will not force the question at this time, it is very likely that some of the leaders will take advantage of this opportunity to stir up the issue. The administration, of course is flatly opposed to a unified air service advocated so strenuously by Col. Mitchell and democrats are not unanimous in favoring the radical change.

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## CAR SANS OWNER CALLS ON NEWS

A car owned by J. L. Jacob, member of the district irrigation board, but driven by O. L. Kenyon, made a call on The News yesterday. While parking the car jumped the curb and bumped into the iron railing and cement casing around the stairway. Fred Buesing, business agent of the I. O. O. F. building, talked it over with Kenyon and collected \$10. Fred Cofer, of Cofer Bros., estimated the damages at that amount.

## REPUBLICANS WIN

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 9.—Latest reports covering the election in Costa Rica indicate that the republicans have been victorious, having elected 16 out of 21 deputies. All the republicans elected are prominent men in Costa Rica. In view of the apparent results of the election the republican party will be the majority in the next congress.

## Wife Puts Blame On City Officials For Husbands Condition

### CLAIMS POLICE CHIEF COLLIDED WITH HIS CAR

### Pecholt Thrown in City Jail

### NO MEDICAL ATTENTION

### Says Believes Husband Was Considered An Enemy Of Administration

Chief of Police Harry Loucks last night refused to comment on an accident in which an automobile he was said to be driving collided with and damaged a car piloted by Harold Wimer.

Facts regarding the story were difficult to secure, due to the silence of Chief Loucks. The crash occurred at the corner of Fifth and Klamath streets, and the left rear fender and running board were said to have been torn from the Wimer car. Wimer is a garage owner at Fort Klamath.

## DELEGATE GETS COLD SHOULDER

### Fred Hendrick Gets Feeble Response In His Quest For Travel Funds

"Me for the reservation. I'm going to hide away like a bear." This from Fred Hendrick, Indian, who had just given up a trip to Washington in quest of \$5,000,000 for his tribes folk.

He blamed the chamber of commerce for not having gotten behind his search for \$500 expense money, with which to make the trip. The merchants of Klamath Falls were apathetic, Hendrick says. All Hendrick could raise was \$160 and he is now engaged in remitting that to the donors.

Levi Walker, another Indian delegate to Washington for the same purpose already has his \$500 and is expected to arrive tomorrow.

## FOUR BITS MAY SAVE KIDS' IDEA OF SANTA CLAUS

And could you spare four bits for a kid like this? Her name is Dorothy. It really is. It might be any name. There are so many thousands of Dorothys. But the News believes—the News hopes—its readers will see that not so many of them are forgotten at Christmas time.

Dorothy, who is a very real person, is a little shaver with brown eyes and a vacant spot in her oral cavity where a first tooth has been dislodged. Like the other little girls, Dorothy is not thinking only of herself.

Dorothy, let it be known, was responsible for the uneven, printed, hieroglyphics which, when deciphered, made it plain that she has been thinking of others. Formally was a missing feature in her "My Dear Ben" letter to the publisher of The News. No reporters for Dorothy. She wrote, in a straightforward, manner, or some manner which nearly approximated that, to the editor of The News.

And The News, like its readers, will not forget the Dorothys who believe.

"I am so happy I am to see Santa Claus tomorrow," she wrote. "I will like anything he sends me. I hope he won't forget you. I will thank you for telling him about me. I have a little bull dog now."

Incoherent, perhaps. But sincere. And from one of the thousands of Dorothys who believe.

The News has little more to say. On behalf of a bunch of kids The News asks you to produce 50 cents on the four-bit day which, soon, is to be staged.

In Our  
**Down Stairs Store**  
Foot Health Days  
Today—Friday  
January Delineator Is Here  
**GOLDEN RULE CORPORATION**  
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