

# WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES

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AGAINST THE U. S.

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torious Count Luxemburg is  
Exposed

SECRET MESSAGES  
ARE TRANSLATED

Mexico Tries to Explain Hurried De-  
parture of Finance Minister from  
Washington—Went to Attend Latin  
American Conference at Buenos  
Aires.

Washington, Dec. 20—Evidence of a  
man plot to align the nations of  
South America against the United  
States is revealed in telegrams sent to

## AT THE GAIETY IN FAIRVIEW

Friday	Saturday
MARIE WALCAMP in— "THE RED ACE" Episode Two in Two Acts	"THE SCRAPPER" Two Part Bison Western Drama "THE TIGHT WAD" Joker Comedy UNIVERSAL SCREEN MAGAZINE

MATINEE SATURDAY—MATINEE SATURDAY

Mon. - Christmas Special - Tue.

### "IRIS"

BY SIR ARTHUR WING PINERO

Berlin by the notorious Count Luxemburg, former German charge in Argentina, made public today by the state department.

In one of the messages, of which there are some forty, Luxemburg reports that he induced President Irigoyen, of Argentina, to enter into a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia, a "mutual rapprochement for protection, versus North America" and did his utmost to have Peru included in such an agreement.

The correspondence deals largely with efforts made by the German minister to

prevent any rupture of relations with Argentina and throughout the despatches there was a warning to his government to flatter the Argentinians and to word the note in reply to the Argentine protest against the sinking of the steamer "Toro" in such way as not to offend them. Evidence of the apparent pliability of the Argentine president and of the opposition of Minister of Foreign Affairs Puercydon is disclosed in many of the despatches. Frequent reference is made by the charge to the difficulty he was having in dealing with the foreign minister, but emphasis is placed on the ease

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with which he communicated with the president.  
An indication of the means used by

### REVIEW OF HIS OLD HITS ENTITLED

#### "THE PEST"

The Thirteenth Episode of "THE SEVEN PEARLS"

PATHE SCENIC

Count Luxemburg to evade detection in communicating with his government is found in one despatch where reference is made to his fear that the "secret wire" had been discovered. Another refers to an interruption of his wire to Mexico.

Not According to Fact.  
Translations of the despatches were given out by the state department in agreement with the Argentine minister of foreign affairs, who in an accompanying statement gave general denial to Luxemburg's account of the negotiations with his government.

"The telegrams show a number of inaccuracies so surprising that no epithet will fit them," said the foreign minister's statement, "as they are at complete variance, both in substance and form, with the terms in which the negotiations were entered into, carried on and brought to a conclusion."

The message referring to the South American alliance merely said that the president at last had made up his mind to conclude such an agreement with Chile and Bolivia and there was nothing in the correspondence to clear up just what negotiations were carried on with those countries.

A telegram dated July 20 last announced the completion of a "freezing plant" and asked for the wave length of the great wireless station at Nauzen.

The concluding message, dated July 19, said: "As long as Chile is neutral, Germany will be able after the war to carry out her South American policy just as well, if not more easily, in opposition to an infatuated and misguided Argentina, as with Argentina on her side."

Mexico Explains.

Mexico City, Dec. 20—According to unofficial information today, the sudden and unheralded departure from Washington of Luis Cabrera, Mexican finance minister, while he was engaged in negotiations looking to free importation of foodstuffs and gold to Mexico from the United States, was due to the fact that he was under definite instructions to go to Buenos Aires for the conference of neutral Latin-American nations. He is president of the Mexican delegation to the conference.

The departure of Senor Cabrera shows the importance attached by the Mexican government to the deliberation at Buenos Aires. Keen interest in the possible developments at the conference is shown in governmental circles, although no official statement has been given out here regarding the purposes of the meeting. It is understood, semi-officially, that the recent declaration of several Latin-American nations for the Entente Allies may result in a change from the original purpose, which was to align all Latin-America for neutrality. In view of the growing sentiment in favor of the Entente, it is believed possible the conference may issue a call to the nations represented to unite in a declaration of benevolent neutrality in favor of the Allies.

#### Refused Exemption.

In the official list of exemptions in Montreal the name of Glen Hillier, McGill's champion 100 yards sprinter, appears among those whose claims have been refused by the exemption tribunals. Hillier won the 100 yards dash in the intercollegiate championships which were held in 1914, while since the war he has never had any trouble in winning this event in the university sports. Hillier is a medical student at McGill. The name of Frankie Fleming, Canadian featherweight champion, appears among those refused exemption.

## VAUDEVILLE

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7-Reel Program—



Helene Rosson, Star in the American Mutual Masterpiece, De Luxe Edition, "The Abandonment"

In Five Acts

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MATINEE SATURDAY

Any child that is "out of sorts" with a cold or a rash should be isolated until the trouble is determined.

An arm towel rack fastened to the end of the sewing machine is convenient for holding pieces of sewing.

## IMPERIA

OUR SANTA CLAUS SHOW! Fun—Excitement—Novelty

MARGUERITE CLARK At Her Very Sweetest in Mary Roberts Rhinehart's "BAB'S DIARY" First of those famous "Sub-Deb stories from the Saturday Evening Post"

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ANTHONY GAURINO Italian Tenor

SOLOMINE CHILDREN—Violin, Piano

RIP-ROARING COMEDY

SAT.—New Musical Specialty

KULTURED BUT NOT CIVILIZED (From the Baltimore American.)

Lootists, thieves and rapists, the German soldiers, tutored by their officers, have always been in war. But that this should have extended to the expeditionary forces of the powers sent to quell the Boxer uprising in China, which the one avowed object was to protect the legations and the compounds where the legations were gathered, is amazing, particularly in the form it took. This was in 1900, and the story is told from the files of the American State Department and authenticated by living persons who were participants in the facts. Finding the Germans were thieving from the ancient Peking observatory, General Chaffee, in command of the American contingent, sent to Count Walderssee, the inflated, pompous German in general command, a letter of information and protest. He said: "I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my government would vehemently denounce an officer of its service who might enter upon spoliation of this sort, and it will sincerely regret to learn that any nation with which it co-operated to relieve the besieged legations in Peking authorities or permits its troops to injure or remove any instruments or other parts of the observatory."

This letter the Hun returned with furious refusal to receive it. The matter was referred by him to the Kaiser and that fine sample of German gentleman sought to have General Chaffee disciplined. But, as the latter's report reached Washington first, it is needless to say that he was unqualifiably upheld.

To give the incident the full contemporary flavor, Capt. James P. Drouillard, who was lieutenant in the United States infantry participating, is quoted as saying that the German soldiers engaged in rape and outrages, and in the poisoning of wells exactly as they have done in Belgium, Northern France and Serbia, and elsewhere during the present war. What a pity for the world that Germany became cultured before it became civilized!

## For Him "Get It At HUNT'S"

The time is getting short now, and late selections are always hurried and the stocks are never as good.

Now is the best time to shop, so come tonight or tomorrow and see the many things suitable for gifts—even if you are not ready to purchase just yet.

Gillette Razors	\$5.00	Socks	25c. to \$1.00
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Gloves	75c. to \$3.00	Pyjamas	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Sweaters	\$1.00 to \$12.00	Collar Bags	75c. to \$1.50
Shirts	\$1.00 to \$3.00	Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$35.00
Caps	50c. to \$2.00	Suits	\$16.00 to \$30.00
Boots	\$6.00 to \$9.00	Travelling Bags	\$2.50 to \$20.00
Mufflers	50c. to \$4.50	Hat Cases	\$1.50 to \$15.00
Brace Sets	50c. to \$1.50	Braces	25c. to 75c.
Hats	\$2.50 to \$5.00	Mackinaws	\$6.50 to \$12.00
Linen Collars	\$2.00 doz.	Raincoats	\$10.00 to \$20.00
Colored Silk Collars (something new), 50c. each		Armlets	25c. to 75c.
Dressing Cases	\$3.50 to \$10.00		

### All Gifts Nicely Boxed

We are showing many little novelties that make fine Christmas gifts, which cannot be mentioned in detail here. You must come and see them.

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