

Spectacular Film Now Showing at the Nickel

There was revealed at the Nickel Theatre last night a costume motion picture which deserves to rank with the finest thing of the sort yet done. It is Emmett Flynn's new production for Goldwyn Pictures, "In the Palace of the King," adapted by June Mathis from F. Marion Crawford's popular novel. There are a number of spectacular episodes in this production, but the spectacular is never emphasized to the detriment of the dramatic and absorbing story which is woven around half a dozen highly pleasing personages in the Royal Court of Spain in the sixteenth century.

Flynn is one of the directors who never loses sight of his story in staging spectacular effects. The route of the Moors and the burning of the Alamo are two of the big moments in the film from a spectacular point of view, but it is touched on only briefly and only insofar as it bears on the drama in the picture and on the King Philip II and Dolores, the principal actors.

Sweet has in "In the Palace of the King" the role that Miss Allen essayed on the stage. It gives Miss Sweet one of her best opportunities and her characterization of the part is every way admirable and appealing.

Love, one of the handsomest leading men on screen or stage, is cast as the King, "Don John" and, with fever and restraint, King Philip II, who is jealous of the popularity of his daughter, the Spanish princess, who is depicted by Sam de Grasse. The part of Dolores' father, who takes upon his own shoulders the guilt for the supposed murder of his daughter, is played by one of the most popular actors in the world, John Barrymore. Other well known players who are important in the picture are Alleen Pringle, Pauline Starke, William V. Wong, Lucien Andriot and Charles Clark. June Mathis' production of the picture and Lucien Andriot is responsible for the photography which is universally beautiful.

"In the Palace of the King" is a picture which will appeal to every actor of the film and one that will be shown again and again with both pleasure and profit.

No Change in Immigration Restrictions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(By Canadian Press)—Despite much complaint against the drastic nature of the new immigration law which was passed by the last session of Congress, there is no prospect of its relaxation. This is the opinion of Representative Albert Johnson of the state of Washington, who is chairman of the House Immigration Committee.

Representative Johnson says there is more or less smuggling of immigrants across the Canadian and Mexican borders, but he does not think there is any more than usual. In fact, he believes smuggling under the new law and with an increased force of inspectors and agents along the border has been made more difficult. He pointed out to-day that under the new law the burden of proof is on a person entering the country to show he has been lawfully admitted. He can be apprehended in this country by authorities at any time and place and unless he can show he is lawfully in the country is subject to deportation.

Representative Johnson said immigration to this country now was almost at a standstill. While the new quota is but 2 per cent. on the basis of the 1890 census, Mr. Johnson says this is enough. He declares that in 25 years the population of the United States will have increased 40,000,000 and will be over 150,000,000, and he believes that when this fact is considered the United States should go slowly in the admission of large numbers of immigrants. He expects no new important legislation on immigration the coming winter but does expect new naturalization legislation.

La Follette the Thorn in the Flesh

WASHINGTON — (Can. Press) — Survey of the political prospects of the country over a month before the coming election, though it leaves much to be desired in the way of definite knowledge of what the voters will do, points to the selection of President Coolidge or throwing of the election into the House. On the basis of the present condition, John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee, does not seem to be a winner. The Republican leaders are strenuously claiming the election of President Coolidge as certain but the more astute of them are fearful of the strength of La Follette in the West.

Coolidge at this time has the lead over La Follette in the West. On the other hand, La Follette is strong in the West, in the country from the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast. Opinions are divided whether he will get enough electoral votes in that country to make it impossible for Coolidge to win in the electoral college.

and thus throw the election to the House. What seems the most probable outcome is that the Republican organization, which is powerful and well-financed, will be able in the next month to strengthen itself enough in the West to elect Coolidge and keep the election from the House. But this is far from certain. The present state of the Republicans may be the means of saving them, as it will arouse many to work who would not

have done so otherwise. Some Democratic leaders believe the nomination of Al Smith for Governor of New York will greatly strengthen the chances for Davis and that before long Conservative business interests will turn to Davis and away from Coolidge on the theory that the only way to keep the election out of the House is to choose Davis. This is a possibility, but the probabilities are against it. Will the La Follette strength in the

West advance or recede between now and November. Republican chiefs say it will recede but this is a guess. La Follette will soon enter on his speaking campaign and if his health permits him to carry it through he is likely to make converts to his own cause. Recession of La Follette strength cannot be taken for granted—that much is certain. Hard work by Republican organizations may overcome it in some of the close states.

Clever French Find Way to Beat Inheritance Taxes PARIS, Sept. 25 (A.P.)—A law was passed in France recently making the legal adoption of children relatively easy of accomplishment, and the new measure is resulting in loss of revenue to the government. Inheritance taxes in France are heavy. On a fortune of 1,000,000 francs a nephew who inherits must pay 400,000 francs to the state, a grand-nephew 441,000 francs, an unrelated inheritor 482,000 francs, but a child pays only 123,000 francs. Adopted children rank as real children, so it has become the habit for testators to adopt distant relatives and friends to whom they desire to leave money.

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The Upward Trend in Commerce

DUNN'S REPORT OF FAILURES THIS YEAR.

A new low level for this year in number of commercial failures in the United States was reached during September, with 1,306 defaults reported to R. G. Dunn and Co. The decrease from the August total, which had marked the previous minimum, is about 14 per cent., and the decline from the high point of last January, when there were 2,108 failures, is 38 per cent. With fewer business days, a smaller number of defaults in September was to be expected; yet the reduction from the August figures is relatively the largest that has been recorded since 1917, and in two years since that time—in 1919 and 1920—slight increases were shown in September. For the third quarter of the present year, failures numbering 4,441 disclose a decrease of about 13 1/2 per cent. from those for the second quarter, which compares closely with the declines for similar periods of 1923 and 1922, and contrasts with increases in 1921 and 1920. In September and in the third quarter, more defaults occurred this year than last year, the increases being 6 and 18 per cent., respectively, but decreases are shown in each case from the totals for 1922 and 1921.

The comparison as to liabilities likewise reveals improvement during September, when an aggregate of \$34,296,276 was reported. This is about 38 per cent. below the August amount, is also considerably less than that for July, and, though materially in excess of the total for September, last year, shows declines from the figures for September of both 1922 and 1921. The exhibit for the third quarter is, however, distinctly adverse, due to the unusually large indebtedness reported in August. At \$126,263,495 the third quarter's liabilities are not only about \$6,700,000 above those for the second quarter, but are the heaviest on record for the third quarter, the previous high point being represented by the \$122,700,000 of 1921.

The monthly and quarterly reports of business failures are contrasted below for this and last year, with the liabilities for 1924; also, the totals for each quarter and the nine months.

	Number		Liab ^{ties}
	1924	1923	1921
Jan.	2,106	2,136	\$51,272,503
Feb.	1,730	1,508	\$5,945,007
Mar.	1,817	1,682	\$7,651,028
1st Quar.	5,653	5,316	\$184,865,571
Apr.	1,707	1,520	\$8,904,453
May	1,816	1,530	\$6,590,905
June	1,607	1,358	\$4,099,031
2nd Quar.	5,130	4,406	\$119,594,388
July	1,615	1,231	\$6,812,238
Aug.	1,520	1,319	\$5,153,951
Sept.	1,306	1,226	\$4,296,276
3rd Quar.	4,441	3,776	\$126,263,495
Nine Months ..	Number		Liabilities
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1923	13,500		\$358,178,627
1922	18,417		\$490,914,495

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