## Fruitful Work of the Monks in Early Days

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir .- As the annual collection in aid of the Christian Brothers will be taken up in the Catholic Churches of this city on Sunday next and as this year, I understand, marks the aftieth anniversary of the arrival of these Holy men to our shores, I would ask you to publish an extract from the work known as "Six Years in the Appenines," by the distinguished Protestant Irish woman, the late Miss Stokes, which pays a glowing tribute to the work accomplished for Christianity and civilization in Western Europe by the Monks in the early centuries. In one part, when sceaking of these saintly men, the gifted writer

"The Armorican Peninsula was heathen country until after the death of St. Patrick, and idel worship subsisted in Switzerland down to a still later date. Material civilization had perished equally with religion throughout a great part of the Roman Cominious, and in Gaul, the primeval forest was again encreaching on the cultivated land, burying under a tangle of bush and scrub, the sites of mercial highway from the Loire to the Rhine traversed the great desert of the south, and six similar wildernesses existed in Burgundy or Northern Gaul, at the close of the sixth century. That mystical wonderland, the great forest of the Ardennes, extended across the Franco-Flemish frontier, and Switzerland was wrapped in a shaggy mantle of wood, whose memory still survives in such names as Grindelwald, Unterwalden and many others. It was on this ruin of the ancient world that the monastic orders began to rebuild from its foundations the shattered fabric of so- "My Son." at the Star Movie Monday is ciety. The movement initiated in the a mighty achievement for the First south amid the din and turmoil of con- National director.

anderings. "The slopes of the Vosges was the and compelling. scene of his first missionary labours | Jack Pickford plays the name role abroad. Gaul was then divided into and proves D. W. Griffith's statement Neustria, Austrasia and Bungandy, about him: "Jack Pickford is the ruled respectively by Chilperic, Sigis- most natural actor that ever walked bert and Goutran, the three sons of in my studio," the "old maste" said. Clothair. About the year 574, the king by Columbanus, bestowed on him a Mary Akin, Ian Keith, Constance Benvast desert tract on the confines of nett and Dot Farley. Burgundy and Austrasia, where is now | Carewe personally directed the picthe western border of Alsace. Here all ture and Finis Fox wrote the scenario. traces of Gallo-Roman civilization had The settings are picturesque and very been obliterated by the passage of different from the usual run of cinema successive hordes of barbarians, and sets. John D. Schulze is credited with the wolf and other wild animals made art direction and deserves great praise their lairs where art and luxury had for his skillful and artistic work. had their homes under Latin domina- Carewe produced and directed "The tion. Relics of this past still survive Bad Man," one of the greatest artistic the site of the baths of Luxeuil, whose "Madonna of the Streets," but we feel waters were noted for their healing that in "My Son" he tops them both properties long before Caesar, in and places himself among the fore-58 B.C., reached that part of Gaul, and | most of our American screen directors. chose the fertile plains of Sequania, now Haute Saone, as winter quarters for his legions. The Roman dominion. says Miss Stokes, then commencing in Gaul, lasted for about five centuries. In the second and third century, Big Super Special Christianity slowly penetrated to these districts, and extended its branches to many other places. Although at first Rome ruled by the sword alone, yet the Sequanais were gradually won over, more by the softer effect of civilization than by arms, while the Romans associated with them, in the rights of citizens, and in political dignity, even opening to them a seat in the Senate. The first half of the long period was comparatively prosperous and happy, but the second was one long series of disasters following on the Germanic invasions. The progress of Christianity was arrested and all developments paralyzed. In the second half of the third century (260-268) the Rhine was crossed by the barbarians, and all the provinces on the borders of the river, especially Sequania, were devastated. In the years: 275-276, seventy-five Gaulish | cities fell before Germanic tribes, who for two years unceasingly ravaged the country. Between the years 293-297 cago, Philadelphia, New York and came another swarm of Germans, who were met at Langres and afterwards from \$1.00 to \$3.00. The picture is not at the field of Windisch, by the Emperor, Constantine Chlorus. In the years, 304, 350, 355 and 357, successive invasions took place, when Besancon was ruined, Sequanta depopulated, and the enemy penetrated to Lyons. In the year 378 the lands of Sequania are described as one vast solitude, in of the savage Comanche Indians and which no traces of the reign of the



invasions followed, and then the advance of Atilla, the Hun, dealt the inal blow to the province of Sequania. On the tract of the Hun civilization. churches and dwellings were alike razed to the ground, the priests perished together with their flocks, and paganism reasserted its domination attempt at restoration after this crowning disaster, and his famous foundations at Luxeuil, Fontaines, Amegray and Lure, were built on sites where the wilderness had usurped the place of culture and habitation. The lives of these monks were They spread about knowledge, learning, and arts, and contributed in many ways to the temporal well-being of the state. The art of silk-weaving, so useful throughout Europe and especially in Italy, was carried from India by certain monks who brought the first silkworms from thence and taught the people-this manufacture. Agriculture also owes its progress to the monks: it was they who first brought the knowledge of this art to bear upon the most barren mountain side and the thickest forest."

Trusting the above item may be of interest to your readers and that next flourishing towns and cities. The com- Sunday's collection will be a banner one, is the sincere wish of the writer Thanking you for space,

Yours truly, THOMAS J. FREEMAN.

## Nazimova in Great Picture "My Son"

RUSSIAN STAR APPEARS AS FISH-ER WOMAN IN NEW FILM.

Edwin Carewe's picturization of

flicting waves of barbarism, had its Nazimova plays the starring role counterpart on the verge of the wel- and gives to the portrayal a finished tering Atlantic surges, for the Irish quality comparable to the finest screen saint, Columbanus, born in the year work. She plays the role of "Ana of Benedict's death, was mainly in- Silva," a Portuguese. fisher, woman strumental in carrying out the work who loves three men. Tony, her son, of the Solitary of Subiaco. Starting she loves most of all, for he is the from the great monastery of Bangor, image of his father. The drama that with twelve companions, he began comes into the lives of Tony and his that wonderful series of apostolic mother, brought by Betty Smith, a flippant flapper from the city, is vivid

of Austrasia, having been converted by Hobart Bosworth, Charley Murray,

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## at the Majestic

"NORTH OF 36" A GIGANTIC PRO-DUCTION.

On Monday at the Majestic Theatre picture that is designated to be one of the best six ever produced by the Paramount Corporation, entitled "North of 36" will be shown. This production is one of the most expensive ever screened, the settings alone costing thousands of dollars. Whilst the picture is said to be greater than "The Covered Wagon," the cost of its Lois Wilson, Jack Helt, Noah Beery, Ernest Torrence and other stars of equal fame are included in the cast, and this alone should be sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the picture. "North of 36" attracted millions in the various large theatres in Chi-Boston, where the admission fees ran yet finished in those cities, as according to Boston papers, it is advertised to start a second run on January 1st, 1926. There are some amazing scenes the most spectacular are: The stampede of frenzied cattle; the onslaught the villainous attacks of the notorious land agent. Embodied in all these thrills, is a strong love theme which grips from the very commencement to the finale. The picture is really the best ever shown at the Majestic Theater. It is one of those super specials for which the Majestic have made special arrangements to have exhibitd at an early date. The admission

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The publication of the terms ittle movement in the price of nre-war German loans, the real va f which, of course, cannot be de itely gauged, as it is main! sented by the chance of the bon ing drawn. I might add that as as is known, the total amount German and Prussian Gove 13.500.000,000 paper marks. sues were made at above pa the conversion terms now anno the nominal value is reduced to £17,000,000, calculating the exc at par, the gold mark at presen manding a slight premium over ing. In effect, the German Gov ment, as a result of the mad inflation indulged in during and after the wiped out fully £600,000,000 of indebtedness in respect of particular loans. And whatever be said of the almost equally speculation in German marks German bonds, in which other co tries indulged, there is an additi element of injustice in the different ation for "conversion" purposes tween bonds held before or a particular date.

## First Woman Mayor of Linco

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 24. (By ian Press)-Among the Mayors cities and boroughs in England e ed on Monday, Nov. 9, is Miss M Elizabeth Neville, Mayor of Linox Miss Neville has the distinction being the first woman Mayor of coln. She is a daughter of a late on of Lincoln Cathedral and has interested herself in the public



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