

ACTORS STRANDED AS COMPANIES FAIL

Scores Left Penniless at Distant Points—Equity Association Offers Remedy in "Shop Plan."

(New York Evening Post)

One of the principal causes of the fact that there are now approximately 5,000 actors and actresses out of employment in New York is the widespread failure of road companies, according to employment managers and officers of the Actors' Equity Association.

Last season, from September, 1919, to May, 1920, there were between twenty and thirty companies which failed on the road. This season, up to date, there have been twenty-five.

The great proportion of road failures are due to irresponsible managers, who came into the business during the war, and who find it easy to finance their prospects on account of the phenomenal gains made in the theatre business during the two years, it is stated.

Six Companies Stranded.

Six companies failed in December, and either all or some of their members were rescued by the Actors' Equity Association, which sends funds for the return home of its members in stranded companies.

The total bill incurred by the Actors' Equity Association for the month of December totalled more than \$2,500 in rescuing members of stranded companies.

For the girls in the companies things are not at all easy. In this country or in the British Dominions they can usually find work doing housework for the Y. W. C. A. But many of the companies go as far as Porto Rico, Australia, or South America, and the return fare takes a long time to earn.

There is a dark aspect to the stranding of girls in South America. The Actors' Equity Association has reports received through the English Actors' Association which describe the organized and skilful methods used by agents of the white slavers in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires to abduct girls who find themselves stranded in hotels of these cities.

Equity Shop Proposed.

It is as a cure for this stranding of companies that the Actors' Equity Association advocates the principle of equity shop. The council of the association passed a resolution last August, in accordance with which a referendum is to be held in the near future among all equity members to decide whether or not the association shall adopt this principle.

The adoption of equity shop would mean that equity members will not act in the same companies with non-equity members, according to equity officers. Irresponsible managers will be black-listed after they have stranded one or two companies, so that unless they can find a whole cast of non-equity players, they will not be able to get a company at all.

There are two differences between equity shop and coed shop, according to officers of the A. E. A. In the first place equity shop makes no attempt to stop managers from producing plays with non-equity casts. It only says that they must be all non-equity. In the second place membership in the Actors' Equity Association is not restricted.

Any man or woman who has spoken one line upon the stage, or who has been engaged by a manager to speak a line, act as understudy, or act in a picture can become a junior member of the association on payment of \$12, it is said.

The principle of equity shop would not, according to officers of the association, go into effect against managers belonging to the Producing Managers' Association, with whom the Actors' Equity Association has a five-year contract, which still has three years to run. It would, however, they feel sure, greatly modify the operations of the unscrupulous managers who have come into the business since the war.

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Lancaster Hospital, West St. John, Jan. 6, 1921.

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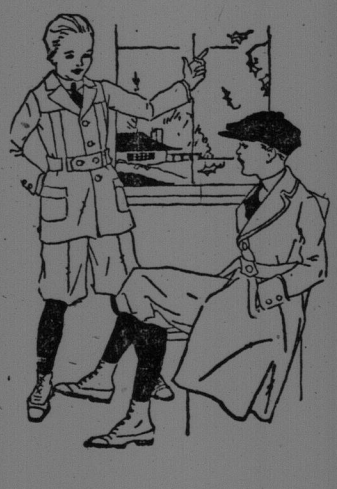
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