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LORD NORTHCLIFFE ENTERS FILMDOM

Great International Moving Picture Exchange to Improve Relations.

New York, Feb. 12—Lord Northcliffe, most powerful of British newspaper proprietors, is promoting what is planned to be the greatest of international motion picture exchanges. It is his contention that the common interests of the British and the American peoples can best be unified through the medium of the cinema. To lay the foundation of such an enterprise, Lord Northcliffe sent to New York one of his editors, W. G. Faulkner, of the London Evening News, who arrived this week on the Adriatic.

Mr. Faulkner said that he was not at liberty to divulge immediately his chieftain's plans, but it is known that the Northcliffe scheme involves the creation of a heavily capitalized corporation which will have offices in London and New York. Between the two offices there will be exchanged all sorts of films—news reels, films devoted to geographical subjects, to industries, to natural history, to characteristic country and city life, to dramatic pictures and to typical comedies. The British mind is to be shown by the same method that American psychology is now revealed the British.

"My mission is solely concerned with the creation of a better understanding between America and England," said Mr. Faulkner, "and Lord Northcliffe has decided that this can be accomplished through the cinema. Through unification of ideas and closer relationship in aims and ideals of the two great English-speaking nations, the trade interests of both should be fostered greatly."

Arthur Levy, an American motion picture exporter, is assisting Mr. Faulkner, who will proceed to California within a week.

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THUNDERSTORMS IN SUN MAY EXPLAIN WIRELESS PUZZLE

Paris, Feb. 12—French military wireless operators have come to the conclusion after co-ordinated study that the famous "wireless messages from Mars" are thunderstorms in the sun. Since the question of untraveable and undecipherable messages was opened they have kept a close watch at all the receiving stations, working on the basis that if Mars were sending out Hertizan waves they would reach all the earth stations simultaneously. But they have found that these mysterious troubling messages do not come simultaneously or last the same length of time. Therefore they conclude they are not sent out by any instrument or power resembling the Marconi installation.

On the other hand they have found that over certain areas what are called parasitic waves disturb messages when magnetic storms are going on, caused by sudden activity in the sun.

"When a star that lights up the earth indulges in any of its tremendous eruptions," one authority says, "it seems to send out waves into inter-planetary space. When these reach out atmosphere they set up a magnetic disturbance which produces unrecognizable dots and dashes on the Marconi instruments."

Frenchmen are content enough with this marvel.

"It will be something extraordinary," they say, "if we could hear the people of Mars or any other planet trying to talk to us, but surely it is wonderful enough that we can hear a thunderstorm going on in the sun some hundreds of millions of miles away. Considering the force of the sun eruptions necessary to travel the distance, it is certain that we should never be able, without burning up the earth, to reply to any messages from Mars."

Believes Signals.

New York, Feb. 12—Those wireless disturbances recently noted by radio experts may or may not have come from Mars, Venus or some other possibly inhabited planet trying to communicate with us; but if one wishes to accept the theories of Charles Fox, author and non-luminous and therefore invisible "cosmographer," such efforts at messages have been made, and made by planets much nearer to the earth than those named.

"There is a large mass of data," the author says, "which points to the fact that there are planets within a few hundred miles, some within fifty miles, of our earth's surface. For example, there have been many unexplained eclipses which coincide with earthquakes.

"A carved stone which was found at Tarbes, France, in June, 1887, must admittedly have fallen from the sky, because it was coated with ice. This stone, which was as small as an ordinary 10-cent piece, had carving upon it which was distinctly a form of hieroglyphic and therefore interpretable. The members of the French Academy declared that a whirlwind had carried the stone from some other part of the earth; but nobody found any trace of a whirlwind at the time and the more reasonable supposition is that it was an effort by the inhabitants of some planet close by to communicate with the earth in this direct fashion."

A still more substantial reason for believing that inhabitants of other planets have attempted communication with us, according to Mr. Fort, is that on several occasions luminous and distinctly interpretable hieroglyphics were seen in the sky by correspondents of the American Meteorological Magazine and the English Mechanic.

Mr. Fort believes that strange dangers lurk in the wake of the swiftly moving planets that pass close by us. There is peril of earthquake, he says, of falling masses, of collisions and even of new and hitherto unknown diseases. He has collated many incidents where vegetable and mineral matter, decaying and germinating plants, putrifying fishes and other strange objects have fallen from the sky. It is his belief that these all came from passing planets.

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SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD IN WAR

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 12—A suitable memorial to the members of Alberta University who fell in the war will be erected by the Alumni Association, and will take the form of a memorial scholarship fund to assist students, by loan or otherwise, who may be in financial difficulties during the college period. At present the proposal is for a minimum fund of $5,000, based upon an average subscription of $25 for each of the alumni, who now number approximately 250.

Monaco Heiress to Wed Polignac.

Rome, Feb. 12—The Prince of Monaco has officially announced to the Pope the engagement of his niece and heiress to the principality, the Duchess de Valentinois, to Count Pierer de Polignac. The Pope offered his congratulations to the prince.

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MILES OF HIGHWAY UNDER CONTROL

Twenty-Four States Report 2,795 Miles Let in 1919

Outlook for Future Building is Brilliant — One-Third More Building is Reported by Fifteen States.

(Highway Engineer and Contractor.)

Reports have been received from twenty-four states showing the miles of highway placed under contract during 1919. An evidence of the activity in this department is seen in many reports which bore the notation that the information was "up to Dec. 1," since which time, it is known, a great many contracts have been let by the state authorities.

Reports received indicate a total mileage of 2795.5, which were let prior to Dec. 1, in the majority of cases. Contracts were for a total of 27,271,116 sq. yds. of pavement, embracing the better and more widely known varieties and exclusive of graded earth, sand and gravel and similar kinds. Of this total yardage, 15,625,007 yds. were reported and the remainder, 11,646,109 yds. were estimated on the basis of 9,387 yds. to the mile, the number of yards contained in a 16-ft. highway.

In mileage Pennsylvania led all the other states from which reports were received with a total of 648.5 mi. Illinois was second with 510.7 mi. Ohio was third with 300.68. Other states which let contracts in excess of 100 mi. hard surface pavement were California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.

Missouri comes to the front with 400 mi. of macadam, gravel and graded earth roads, which is the largest total of that kind of highways reported by any state, Maine being the only other state which reported any considerable amount of gravel roads, the total for that state being 100 mi. Missouri is planning and executing a district road programme which embraces the state. This does not mean, however, that Missouri is sticking to the gravel for a bond issue is to be voted upon which, if carried, will do much toward placing that state in the front rank of the good roads states.

Concrete Holds First Place.

Of the various pavement materials concrete takes first place with a total of 1894.94 mi. In all its forms bituminous concrete is second, the total for that material 413 mi., the nearest approach to cement concrete pavement. Asphalt surface, usually on a concrete base, comes third with a total of 244 mi. Vitrified brick is fourth in the list compiled with a total of 228 mi. These were the principal materials to be used in paving the 2795.5 mi. of highway.

Pennsylvania reported more mileage than any other state, the total being 649.5 mi. This state also reports the greatest mileage of cement concrete highway, the total for that material being 487.51 mi. The total sheet asphalt laid on bituminous concrete or cement concrete or broken stone base was 154.56 mi.

Illinois, one of the other large builders of highways during the last year, reports the letting of contracts for a total of 487 mi., or substantially the same amount of cement concrete highway as reported by Pennsylvania. Ohio is credited with having let contract for about 160 mi. of cement concrete highway, and also is credited with 95 mi. of vitrified brick. California comes in with 141.4 mi. of cement concrete and West Virginia with 92 mi.

Proposed Building of Highways.

The proposed building of highways shows to excellent advantage, not so much in the actual figures reported, as in the spirit that pervades the answers. Some of the answers to the question propounded in regard to future building are illuminative. C. Coykendall, engineer of road management of Iowa writes:

"Approximately 350 mi. are proposed for building in 1920, but we cannot advise you as to the mileage that will be constructed of each type, owing to the fact tat bids are received on a number of different types and the selection is made at the conclusion of the letting."

Regarding the future, Clifford Older, chief highway engineer of Illinois, writes:

"We are unable at this time to determine the exact mileage and square yardage of hard surfaced roads which will be awarded next year. We expect, however, to bring up for letting approximately 1,000 mi. of all types, ranging from 10 to 18 ft. in width or an average width of 16 ft. We contemplate placing the entire 1,000 mi. under contract, should the supply of contractors and availability of materials warrant such action."

Minnesota is planning to build 272 mi. of improved highways, as shown by the reports.

In Ohio the programme is not determined though it is known to be a large one.

Oregon is planning to build 170 mi. of bitulithic on new macadam base, 17 mi. of cement concrete and 24 mi. of bitulithic concrete on bituminous base.

In answer to that part of the inquiry devoted to the future, W. D. Uhler, chief engineer, state highway department of Pennsylvania, writes:

"We are unable at this time to give you any idea as to the approximate amount of different types of pavement that will be constructed next year. Surveys and plans of same have not as yet been made, and the type of pavement selected for each particular section of road is not determined until a thorough investigation has been made of the local conditions and availability of materials are considered."

A. B. Fletcher, highway engineer, California Highway Commission, writes:

"No figures are available at the present time regarding the amount of pavement to be constructed during 1920. The commission intends to expend about $10,000,000 during the coming year on road construction, if the money markets are favorable for the sale of state highway bonds, if the U. S. railroad administration will assign enough freight cars to supply te contractors with the necessary materials, if the supply of labor does not run short and if the wages of labor becomes stabilized so that contractors may intelligently bid on work.

Future Work in Detail.

In general about one-half more work is to be done in 1920 than was let the past year. But few states report for 1920 and these reports make a total 1,209.0 mi. of new road to be built. The total for the same states last year was 840.9 mi.

The yardage shows about the same, 11,849,603 for 1920 compared with 6,817,050 in 1919, the increase being slightly more than in the mileage."

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Walter Gilbert

RENT STRIKE THREATENED.

Federated Union Hints at Walkout of 650,000 Against Profiteering.

(New York Times.)

A committee appointed at the last meeting of the Central Federated Union will call on Mayor Hylan this week to discuss the framing of legislation directed against rent profiteering. According to Ernest Bohm, secretary of the organization and Edward I. Hannah, its president, there is considerable talk of a general strike of the 350,000 members of the union in the event nothing is done to meet the situation.

"We mean business," said Mr. Bohm last night. "We do not intend to permit action to be put off indefinitely. Our membership has been hit hard by rent profiteers and they are in no mood to be put off by kind words.

"Whatever reply the mayor makes will be presented in our report to the central body on Friday night. It will then be up to the delegates to decide whether to call a conference of representative of all the trades to discuss further action. The proposition of a general strike would have to be passed on by a referendum of all the various unions affiliated with the Central Federated Union Such a referendum could be taken in two weeks.

"We are going to do our best to avoid extreme action. We know what a general tie-up would mean to this city and we do not intend to have one if we can help it. But the situation is desperate. The worker is up against it in the matter of rent profiteering, and does not know which way to turn."

The committee, in addition to Mr. Hannah and Mr. Bohm, consists of Matthew McConville of the Safety Engineers' Union, William Kohn of the American Labor Party, and Morris Brown, treasurer of the Central Federated Union.

According to Mr. Bohm, action by the Central Federated Union would be accompanied by the co-operation of the Brooklyn Central Labor Union with 100,000 members, and the United Hebrew Trades with 200,000 members.

NO MORE SWIGS FROM THE KETCHUP BOTTLE

The Pas, Man., Feb. 12—The last word on the best way to squelching the high cost of living has been announced here. The miners and inhabitants of the nearby district are said to be very much depressed over the new mandate which is all for economy, and nothing for comfort. The sad news says that the well-konwn ketchup bottle seen on the tables and counters in The Pas restaurants must be abolished. The story goes that in the old days hardy trappers and prospectors were won't to drink the ketchup bottles empty while waiting for a luscious steak. The practise has been carried on to the present day and it is a common everyday occurrence to see a husky bushman tip the bottle to his lips, be it ketchup or Worcester sauce, and drink the contents to the dregs. It is expensive to proprietors so they have abolished the counter bottles and henceforth patrons will be served a half-teaspoonful of sauce on a little round butter dish.

CAT SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE.

The mewing of her pet cat saved Mrs. Bridget Shay, 70 years old, from asphyxiation by gas in her apartment at 182 Kingsland avenue, in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn, New York.

The cries of the cat attracted the attention of Joseph Taylor, a tenant in the house, and he investigated. He smelled gas in the hall near the door of Mrs. Shay's apartment, and, knowing that she kept a cat, forced the door. He was met with a rush of gas from the room and found Mrs. Shay unconscious in her bedroom. He threw up the windows and then called in Policeman John Conlon, who gave first aid. An ambulance surgeon took Mrs. Shay to Greenpoint Hospital. It was said her condition was serious. Mrs. Shay, a widow, lived alone in the apartment

Taylor and the policeman, after Shay had been removed, found the dead from the gas. The gas was coming from a jet in the bedroom. The police believe it was turned on accidentally.

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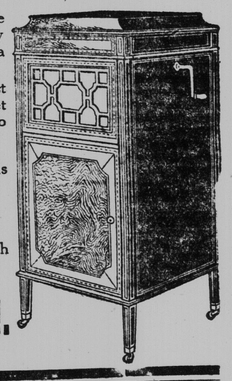

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