

Proposed Film Duty in America Alarms British

English Producers Say 30 Per Cent Tax Will Cause Deadlock in Interchange of Negatives.

By GRAFTON S. WILCOX Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, Aug. 13.—Whether the American people are to see in future any foreign films whatever, or only those produced by Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle and other stars and lesser lights exhibited exclusively by American producers in paragraph 1450 by which the bill seeks to "encourage" the moving picture industry in the United States at the expense apparently not only of foreign producers but of American audiences.

One of the features of the Fordney tariff bill recently passed by the house and awaiting action by the senate is the drastic provision in paragraph 1450 by which the bill seeks to "encourage" the moving picture industry in the United States at the expense apparently not only of foreign producers but of American audiences.

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Strikes at Peace Influence. "The matter," he continues, "is one which goes far deeper than a mere blow at a home industry; it strikes right at one of the most potent influences working for the peace of the world. The power of the cinematograph picture is far greater than most people realize. By its means, people separated by half a world learn subtly and unconsciously of one another's doings. "Hitherto the screens of this country have been freely open to American films which introduce scenes of American life to the people of this country, but if British film manufacturers are to be entirely debarred from the opportunity of reciprocally performing the same office in the United States with regard to English ideas of life, there will be no option but to prevent the practically free importation of American films into this country and then we have the deadlock complete."

State Finance Secretary. Issues Funds Statement. Lincoln, Aug. 13.—Funds available for state expenditure during the present biennial total \$29,090,811.12 of which \$1,333,293.78, or 10 per cent, has been reserved for contingencies, according to a financial statement issued here today by Phillip F. Bross, secretary of the finance department. Fixed appropriations and cash balances at the beginning of the fiscal year are given as \$21,461,922.38. Estimates approved for expenditure for the current quarter are \$3,671,903.92, more than \$2,000,000 of which was previously certified as available. The estimated cash funds to be derived from miscellaneous sources to the state is listed as \$7,628,888.74.

Columbus Girl Receives Ancient Family Heirloom. Columbus, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Miss Pearl Freeman received from relatives in Venango, Pa., a family heirloom, which she prizes highly—a spinning wheel which her great-grandmother used more than 100 years ago. Through all the years that have elapsed the device has been kept in the family. It is in a perfect state of cultivation and serviceable still.

Beatrice Gas Company Reduces Rates 10 Cents. Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The local gas company has filed a communication with the city commissioners announcing a cut of 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet on the price of gas to take into account this month's billing. It is said the reduction is due to the lowering of prices for products used in making gas.

Generally Fair Weather Coming Week Is Forecast. Washington, Aug. 13.—Weather predictions for the week, beginning Monday, are: Upper Mississippi, lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair except for scattered showers, moderate temperature.

Old Settlers' Picnic. Beaver City, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—An old settlers' picnic will be held at Hendley August 17 and 18. R. B. Howell, Gov. S. R. McKelvie and other speakers are on the program. The picnic will play the Kickapoo Indians each day.

Eleven-Year-Old Teaches Sewing Class



An 11-year-old teacher in domestic science—that is Marie Helen Witte, daughter of H. J. Witte, 8606 North Thirtieth street. Despite her youth Marie Helen has become quite an expert with the needle. She sews with the skill of a twice her age. Encouraged by her parents, the little girl organized a sewing class among her playmates. She is the teacher and regular classes are held. She is seen in the picture with four of her pupils. Marie Helen is the girl on the left in the group of four above. The others of the group, left to right, are Rose Marie Jensen, Lucille Nigro and Mary Lilith Green. Below is Nettie Helen Nigro.

Elsasser Family To Hold Annual Reunion Aug. 28

More Than 250 Members of Family Expected to Attend Picnic at Elmwood Park. The annual reunion of the Elsasser family will be held at Elmwood park on Sunday, August 28. The promoters believe there will be more than 250 members of the family at the celebration. It is believed that this is the largest family in Nebraska. The original members came to Omaha in 1866. The reunion will begin at 10 a. m. and will last all day, with games for young and old, prizes to the winners and a general good time for all. Pioneer friends of the family are invited to join during the afternoon. W. L. Elsasser is president of the Elsasser Reunion association and W. G. Elsasser is vice president.

Thieves Steal 10 Tires From Depot at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Ten automobile tires were stolen from the Union Pacific freight depot about 3 this morning. The thieves forced a lock on the freight house door and helped themselves to the shipment consigned to the Rasmussen Brothers garage at Ames. Nothing else in the freight house was disturbed. The marauders crawled through the window into the ticket office and broke the cash drawer open but found it empty. Jess Hager, living across the street, heard shouts and noises about the station and arose from his room to investigate. He suspected a robbery at the time but feared to bother the visitors unarmed. The thieves made their getaway by car. The station at Ames has been visited by burglars several times the last few months.

Beatrice Company Will Leave for Encampment

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Capt. Emmett Powell of Company C announces that he has received transportation for members of the company who will leave next Wednesday, August 17, for Camp Dodge, Ia., to attend the annual guard encampment. Company C truck, in charge of two men, left Beatrice Saturday for camp, and it will be used in hauling provisions and supplies to the grounds for the company.

Father of Omaha Realtor To Be Buried at Fremont

George S. Gibson, former resident of Fremont, Neb., father of W. R. Gibson of the Payne Investment company, will be buried in Fremont at 2:30 this afternoon. He died last week in Vancouver, Wash. Several members of the Payne investment firm, as well as several real estate salesmen from other offices here, will attend the funeral.

Stage Booze Raids

Columbus, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Twenty-six gallons of liquor were seized by state agents in raids upon John Sokel's soft drink parlor at Duncan and the A. Nordland home in Columbus. Sokol paid a fine of \$200 and costs in county court and a sample of the Nordland booze was sent to Lincoln to be analyzed by the state chemist.

Plan County Picnic

Beaver City, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A county picnic will be held at the fair grounds here August 24, under the auspices of the Beaver City Community club. A program of sports, music, speaking and entertainment will be given to the whole county free.

Plan Booster Tour

Beaver City, Neb., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A county tour to boost the Furnas county fair, the county purchased stock business and the county picnic will be held by the Furnas County Farm bureau and the Beaver City Community club, August 23.

Obsequies

Winifred S. Ewing, 64, a business man here for the last quarter of a century and the first white child born in Richland township, died at his home here. He had been ill for many months. Mrs. Menne Harms, 61, pioneer of Gage county, died at her home northeast of Beatrice after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband and three sons. She was a native of Germany and had lived in Gage county for about 40 years.

Herman Hamm, 62, died at his home in West Prussia in 1881 and was never married. Henry Boechner, 22, who lost his life in the war in France, was brought to his home at Plattsmouth, and military funeral services in charge of the American Legion post will be held Sunday, August 14. Burial will be at Plymouth.

F. G. Mathias, 71, died at his home at Liberty, Neb., after a long illness. He was a resident of this city for many years. W. K. Lay, 60, died suddenly while reading a newspaper in the city park. H. B. Hammond, 73, employed for more than 25 years as a train dispatcher at the Burlington at Wynome, died at his home there. A widow and two children survive.

Henry F. Wellensick, 72, died at his home five miles south of Syracuse from heart disease following an illness of three weeks. Mr. Wellensick was born at Westphalia, Germany, June 18, 1848. He came to America at the age of 16, settling first in Clay county, Iowa, and then moving to Nebraska in 1878 and settling on the farm in Osage county where he died.

Mrs. Hannah Vandegrift, 90, died at her home near Beatrice. She had resided in the same vicinity for nearly 50 years. Her husband died many years ago. She leaves several children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Emma Hurd, 58, who died at McCook, Neb., was brought to Fremont and buried here by her husband and two sisters. She was a former resident of this city and one of the first settlers in Saline county. Thomas C. Foster, 40, a resident of Pawnee county for 40 years, died at his home here. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Rev. Harry Foster and Dr. John Foster, both of Omaha, and one daughter, Miss Katherine Foster, of this city.

Mrs. A. M. Bettridge, 74, pioneer of Adams, 74, died at her home here after a prolonged illness. She is survived by one daughter and two sons. Infant McIntyre, Nebraska City, Neb.—Madeline, one of the triplets born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal McIntyre in this city on January 4, died last night following an illness of but a few days. Another of the triplets is ill and fears are entertained for its recovery.

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Man Killed With Shotgun, After Attempt to Force Huckster to Drink. Had Criminal Record.

Inquest into the fatal shooting of Charles Daniels, 4124 Redman avenue, Friday night, will be held at 9 Monday morning in Stack & Falconer's morgue. Deputy County Coroner Steinwender announced yesterday. "Daniels was a trouble-maker," said the deputy coroner. "He has been held into district court a dozen times in the past 10 years on various criminal charges." Records in the county attorney's office show Daniels was last arraigned in district court in May, 1920, on charges of intermarriage with his daughter. These charges were nolle.

sent to Penitentiary. In November, 1919, he was acquitted of a charge of horse rustling, while in June, 1918, he was sent to the state penitentiary under sentence of 1 to 10 years for shooting with intent to kill. Daniels died in Swedish Mission hospital Friday night from wounds in the abdomen caused by a charge of buckshot fired from a shotgun in the hands of Tony Calamia, 2019 North Twenty-first street.

Calamia is a huckster who had gone to a shack near Forty-second and Grand avenue to prepare for an early morning trip to market. Daniels, William Ray, 3714 Spencer street, and John Fowler, 4215 Himebaugh avenue, drove up to the shack in a buggy and called for Calamia to come out and get a drink, according to his wife.

Flees from Shack. Calamia appeared at the door and when Daniels seized him by the shirt and called him a vile name, he reached for his shotgun and fired. Mrs. Calamia told police. Then he fled out the rear door while Ray and Fowler pulled Daniels into the buggy and started to drive away. Daniels fell out, however, and rolled into a ditch where police found him. Daniels' young stepdaughter-wife whom he married following the death of her mother, told police her husband always was violent when he had been drinking and calmly showed officers where the wounded man lay in the weeds. She tried to comfort Mrs. Calamia who was hysterical. Fowler and Ray are held by police as witnesses.

Charles Jackson, formerly station agent for the Burlington road at Wynome, died at his home at Long Beach, Cal., after a brief illness. Mr. Jackson was well known along the Wynome division of the road. Burial was at Long Beach. Mrs. Marie Johnson, 78, died at the family home.

Madison, Neb.—Mrs. Marie Johnson died at a lingering illness. Funeral services held from the home of her son, Henry Johnson, of this city. Burial was in Crownhill cemetery. Marie Peterson was born at Somark Moon, Denmark, March 2, 1852, and came to Fremont, Neb., in 1882, where she married Peter Johnson. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Albert of Richland, Neb., and Chris and Henry of this city.

Abraham Reimer, Jr., 40, farmer and stock raiser living near Hog, this county, died at a hospital here where he was recently operated upon. Mr. Reimer is survived by a widow and six children. His mother died a little more than a year ago when an auto in which she was riding was struck by a Union Pacific freight at a crossing just north of the city.

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Exposure of Ku Klux Klan on File Here

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The first men to join in the state, that Governor Morrison after his outbreak against it was seen and promised good behavior and later applied for admission and was held on probation, that Joseph Daniels was refused because he was too friendly with the negroes after living in Washington eight years, that Senator Overman was twice refused admission, that General Pershing, Attorney General Daugherty, Gen. Julius S. Carr and many others were original and earnest members.

Easy to Believe. "Why I believed any of these things is another thing entirely, and I can't answer it, except that it is easy to believe what one wants to believe. "I was credulous and was caught. "They then picked me to head the permanent organization in the state. I thought this was due to my acquaintance with the state and with the right kind of men in every county.

In fact I know now it was because they figured I was the best asset they could pick, in order to use it to bring in the coin. Colonel Simmons promised me everything and gave his personal word to me that no action could be taken in the Klan that was not lawful, that I was the supreme head in the state as he was the nation and answerable only to him and that I could build my own organization with men of genuine ability and character.

All Empty Promise. "All this was empty promise, and the organizers, professional money-getters from outside the state who knew nothing and cared nothing about getting the right kind of men, proceeded to use my name secretly and openly as answers to the charges of fake and fraud. At one meeting, while still in the faith, I pledged the state organization for law and order, and 141 men came forward, took the oath and paid the cash. "They caught me and used me and probably laughed at it, but they made the mistake of thinking I would quietly lie down and take it. After the higher-ups saw this disruption was imminent, they offered me everything possible in a commercial sense. I have paid all my own expenses out of my own pocket, and I am glad now that this is so. I only wish I had lost 10 times as much and nothing else but the money. I deserved to lose it and I repeat my only regret is that all I lost in it might have been money.

Wizard Incompetent. "The imperial wizard is a big-bodied, red-headed, genial Irishman, and in my opinion, personally sincere. He is not competent to head the organization if it could succeed. He has

only moderate ability and no force at all. "He has mixed up with fraternal orders and dreamed this thing, and some strong-minded men without disquieted me from the start, and yet a very large proportion of the men who have joined, did so because of this stuff and of the appeal to passion and to ignorance. I have never really taken the thing seriously but simply have hoped in spite of the facts, facing me that it might be made national and state governments their vassals, and that isn't possible, and if it were, would be wrong. Our governments are not what they should be, but they will not be cleansed by work in the dark. "The sacred sublime flubdub has disgusted me from the start, and yet a very large proportion of the men who have joined, did so because of this stuff and of the appeal to passion and to ignorance. 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