

MOVIE CENSORSHIP HEARING DRAWS ALL STAR CASTS

Noted Producers Pledge Elimination of Promoters of Vicious Films.

OPPOSE STATE ACTION

Brady, Griffith, Beach and Morey Plead for Free Expression.

WOMEN SUPPORT BILL

Attack Unscrupulous Producers as Aiding Juvenile Delinquency.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, April 5. All star casts fought for and against State censorship of motion pictures for five hours to-day in the Senate chamber.

Producers and writers told the Legislative Finance Committee that censorship meant strangulation, while those who are assailing film productions denounced pictures as the greatest menace to the morals of the nation.

William A. Brady, speaking for the motion picture producers of America, pledged the committee that the industry was ready to eliminate the promoter of objectionable films.

Give them one year's time, Mr. Brady said, and the producers would agree to clean the business without State interference.

The hearing was on the Lusk-Clayton bill, which provides for a censorship commission of three with power to pass on all films shown in this State and imposing a tax on films. The producers gave little attention to the tax.

Covers Entire Country. "I am ready to go before Gov. Miller and the Legislative leaders together with ten men who with me will represent the leading producers and enter into a hidebound agreement that we will have this entire situation disposed of within a year," Mr. Brady said.

He will do it by pledging ourselves not to allow our pictures to be shown in theaters where objectionable pictures are being exhibited. We will close these theaters if necessary and if this plan does not work out I will be here next year and talk against the producers.

The advantage of this proposition is that it does not apply to New York State alone, but to the entire country—it will be a clean sweep from coast to coast.

Tex Beach, president of the Authors League of America, said that motion picture production is an art which cannot be gauged by any set of rules.

"State motion picture censorship," he said, "is here proposed means strangulation. It is advocated by two groups—those who are accentuated by narrow minded bigotry and those who believe movies are the cause of crimes."

D. W. Griffith said that the motion picture art, which but very few exceptions, is as clean as any expression of art. He said:

"Censorship started in Germany and next moved on to Russia. Are we to adopt something which found its origin and stronghold in such countries? Suppose they had repressed the class of literature that they now try to repress movies. Where would our libraries of to-day be? Their shelves would be half empty."

Refers to Divorce Case. E. A. Morry, chairman of the legislative committee of the National Board of Review, said that subjects equally bad as some of those found in films were read by children in newspapers. He referred to the Stillman divorce case, and said that the public printing of sordid details in such cases is as bad as any expression on the screen.

Hugh Pruett, representing Samuel Gompers and labor, spoke against the bill, as did Mayor James Canfield of Poughkeepsie.

"Motion picture producers are defiling American womanhood," Mrs. Clarence Waterman said. She is one of the leaders of the movement for censorship. "There are about fifty feet of morals to 5,000 feet of immorality in films. Sixty per cent of the producers want suggestive films. They want the money and do not care who is hurt."

Mrs. Ellen O'Grady, formerly Deputy Police Commissioner, said that strong plea for censorship. The industry has passed into the hands of unscrupulous men, she charged, and added that in her opinion a great part of juvenile delinquency is due to motion pictures.

Alexander I. Rorke, Assistant District Attorney of New York, said it is unfair to call bigots all who favor censorship. Clergymen representing many denominations favored the bill.

The belief here is that the bill will pass.

ASSEMBLY DEFEATS MILLER ECONOMY BILL

Refuses to Stop Publication of Session Laws.

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New York Herald Bureau, Albany, April 5. The Assembly to-day defeated the Betts bill, cutting out the publication of the session laws, as was recommended by the Governor, in the small town newspaper and the rural weekly. The enactment of the measure, it is estimated, would have resulted in a saving of \$300,000 a year. The vote was 62 to 60.

Assemblyman Betts in defending his measure declared that publication of the session laws was a "criminal waste of public money," and a "legalized form of graft." He charged that they were never read and that the payment for the publication was generally conceded to be "party patronage."

NO CASH FOR DRUG ADDICTS.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Landlords Preparing to Raise Rents on May 1

LANDLORDS who were somewhat staggered by the rent laws of last October are coming back in fine form, according to reports reaching the Mayor's committee on rent profiteering, and are preparing to greet their tenants bright and early the morning of May 1 with additional demands for rent. Otto B. Shulhof, chairman of the committee, said that the committee's mails are packed with pleas for assistance from tenants who already received notice of the proposed advances.

Mr. Shulhof said that the courts are still crowded with rent litigations and that the new moves by the landlords will add heavily to the congestion.

EDWARDS VETOES PORT TREATY BILLS

Governor Says Measures Would Give Joint Commission Too Much Power.

TRENTON, April 5.—Gov. Edwards vetoed to-day the port treaty bills under the provisions of which this State, together with New York, would cooperate in the development of the port of New York. The bills, otherwise known as Senator Case's bills, will be taken up again by the Legislature, and it is expected that the Governor's veto will be overridden.

The bills called for the naming of a commission to be known as the New Jersey Port Development Commission.

In vetoing the measures Gov. Edwards expressed the fear that by the time a plan of development is ready for adoption New Jersey may find itself united in "an unsatisfactory, unhappy and unprofitable marriage from which it cannot be relieved."

He wrote a review of the bills, calling attention to the provisions of Article 15, which provides for meeting salaries and other expenses. He found fault with the compact for the powers it would give the commission, and called attention to the provisions which empowered the members to "operate railways, street railways, build tunnels or bridges, under or across any waters within the port district, including the Hudson River, and operate automobiles."

"In a word," he added, "there seems to be hardly anything that this commission will not be authorized to do."

"The future of this State," the Governor wrote, "is so important that it should not be indissolubly bound up with that of any other commonwealth in a compact or agreement which cannot be abrogated for all time. I am fearful that the enactment of this measure into law will result in tying the hands of the State."

"Whether that be so or not, thus much seems to me to be fundamental wisdom that no entity, whether it be that of an individual or that of a business corporation or municipality or a great State like New Jersey, should gangly with the property of the future by making an irrevocable contract which is to operate for eternity."

SIX MASTER PLUMBERS RECEIVE SENTENCES

Two Fined and Four Are Sent to the Tombs.

Fourteen individuals and five corporations, members of the Bronx Master Plumbers Association, who pleaded guilty to violation of the Donnelly anti-trust law, were arraigned for sentence yesterday before Justice John V. McAvoy in the Supreme Court. Six master plumbers were fined or sentenced to the Tombs and sentence was suspended on five corporations in which these six individuals were the directing heads.

The sentences were: Vincent F. Bernegger, ten days in the Tombs; John Richmond, \$50 fine; Barnett W. Rodd, \$20 fine; P. R. Tuilly, five days in the Tombs; and Joseph M. Rowan and Edward Malphigh, ten days each in the Tombs. Each is head of a corporation which bears his name.

Others sentenced were: Albert F. Deitchel and Eugene Dukliser, ten days each in the Tombs; and Sam Minkoff, Henry Salzman, Alfred Beyrodt, Jacob P. Muller and Charles Muller, suspended sentences.

ACID TANK BLOWS UP, ENDANGERING CHILDREN

100 Pound Container Drops at Settlement House.

A steel carbonic acid tank, weighing 100 pounds blew up in a lot at avenue A, near 124th street, where it was stored with others, and after losing its top went on a gyrating flight last night, "ravelling half a block toward the East River, it came down near group of children playing in front of the Lenox Hill Settlement, at 511 East Sixty-ninth street, without hurting any of them. The tank landed in an iron grating in front of the settlement house.

Inspector James Callahan of the bureau of combustibles of the Fire Department began an investigation of the storing of the tanks in the lot.

ANNIVERSARY OF WIFE'S DEATH, KILLS HIMSELF

Idle Man Grieved Also Over Scattered Family.

George D. Hyder, 46 years old, of 187 West 109th street, was at dinner with two of his sons and a daughter last evening when he remarked:

"It was just two years ago to-day that mother died."

Wiping tears from his eyes Hyder, who had been out of work, walked into an adjoining room and killed himself with a revolver.

Since the death of his wife almost all of Hyder's children had left home, causing him to grieve.

POLICE CAPTAIN VINDICATED.

Stewart Was Sued by Widow of Man Killed by His Pistol.

Action for \$10,000 brought against Police Captain Abraham Stewart by Mrs. Josephine Combs of Donagan Hill, S. I., for the death of Antonio Combs, her husband, was ended by the Supreme Court, St. George, yesterday, when a jury before Justice Krupper brought in a verdict for the defendant.

Comp. it was alleged, was killed by a bullet from Capt. Stewart's gun. The officer, who was then stationed on Staten Island, it was claimed, was driving in an automobile when Combs jumped into the road, and, believing he was about to be held up, the Captain drew his revolver for protection. The gun was discharged accidentally, and Combs fell.

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