

THESE THEATERS

Fire Committee, Aroused by The Call, Begins Investigation of Firetraps

Building Inspector Says That Licenses Are Issued Under Schmitz' Permits

Stirred to definite action by The Call's exposure of the danger lurking within the wooden walls of the firetraps that go under the name of nickelodeons...

Among the recommendations that may be made to the grand jury by Lazzere is the suggestion that Chief Murphy that firemen on the pension list of the department be appointed nickelodeon inspectors to see that all exits are open and the law otherwise complied with during the showing of the moving picture films.

Chief Building Inspector John P. Horgan of the board of public works yesterday put the responsibility for the continuance of the fire trappings, the Wigwam, Lyceum, Globe, Central and National, up to the license bureau of the tax collector's office.

LICENSE COLLECTOR BLAMED According to Horgan's statement, no license was issued for the theater or nickelodeon without his approval in writing. He denied that he had ever approved the granting of licenses to any of the five theaters listed in the firetrap class.

"I never approved the building of at least four of the theaters you mention," said Horgan yesterday, "and if the law was followed strictly they would not be running today. The license collector should not issue licenses to any theater proprietor without my approval of his building in writing, and every theater running under any other conditions is violating the law."

Soon after the fire, when applications poured in on me to give my O. K. to a number of mushroom theaters, I refused, and the license collector, E. Schmitz, who was mayor at that time, and secured written permits to open their houses. These permits have no stamping in law, but they include the name of the license collector, and I am as much interested as anybody in the crusade against dangerous nickelodeons, and I want to see the men, women and children who attend them surrounded by every safeguard," said Chief White.

"The company commanders have their instructions regarding the visits of patrolmen to the theaters, and their beats to see that the law is complied with, but they can not go beyond that because all the theaters, including those you mention as being unsafe, are operating under a license. We have no authority to go behind a license unless a disorderly house is conducted, and then I doubt whether we would have the right to go beyond locking up the disturbers."

"I want to do all I can to have the five tent theaters comply with the building law."

JURORS CONTINUE INQUIRY The grand jury at its meeting last night discussed the violation of the theater law by those nickelodeons that have a seating capacity larger than the building ordinance allows and referred the matter for investigation to the committee on the tax collector's office. The committee on amusements and the committee on buildings were also instructed to continue the inquiry into the alleged firetraps and the five tent theaters having no rear exits. It was the unanimous opinion of the grand jury that measures should be taken at once to compel the nickelodeon proprietors violating the law to make alterations so as to insure the safety of the women and children patronizing the places, and The Call was commended upon motion of Grand Juror Lazzere for its exposure of the danger lurking in many of the nickelodeons.

OAKLAND IS CHOSEN AS SITE FOR FACTORY Colonial Wall, Board and Plaster Company to Build

OAKLAND, Sept. 19.—The Colonial Wall, Board and Plaster company, capitalized at \$100,000, has decided to erect a factory in Oakland. The location will be selected Saturday. Officials of the company have been looking over various sites in San Francisco and Oakland for several weeks.

Law Limits License to Theaters of Class "A"

Section 159 of the building laws governing theaters, which is being violated by the tax collector in granting licenses to firetraps making as nickelodeons, reads as follows: Every theater hereafter erected, to be used for theatrical or operatic purposes, must be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance relating to class "A" or steel frame construction. No building which at the time of the passage of this ordinance is not in actual use for theatrical or operatic purposes, and no building hereafter erected not in conformity with the requirements of this ordinance shall be used for theatrical or operatic purposes until the board of public works shall have approved the same in writing as conforming to the requirements of this ordinance, and the tax collector shall refuse to issue any license for any performance in any such building until a certificate in writing of such approval shall have been given by said board of public works.

PRESIDIO CONCERT BY MASSED BANDS

Two Hundred Musicians Will Play in Program on Post Parade Grounds

Nearly 200 musicians, comprising one of the largest military bands ever assembled in the United States, will give a concert on the post parade grounds at the Presidio this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The musicians will be taken from the bands at the local post, the Third artillery, the Thirtieth infantry and the First cavalry bands, and will be under the leadership of Armund Putz.

For a short space of time yesterday afternoon, when the thick fog lifted, the 6 inch guns at batteries Godfrey and Chamberlain were put into action and several shots were fired into a moving target out past the heads. Good scores were made. The companies at the guns were the One Hundred and Forty-seventh and Fifty-seventh.

The officers' military hop will be given this evening at the officers' club in the Presidio.

Yesterday was a busy day for the three aviators who have their machines at the Presidio. Both Bryant and Cribbet expect to make flights early Sunday morning. Bradley has not yet completed putting his aircraft in order. Several aviators will join those now at the Presidio within the coming week.

Major Chase, Whooly and Knowlton will start their 90 mile test ride on horseback this morning. The three officers were given their physical examination at the general hospital yesterday.

Trainmaster Henry Purcell, who has invented a new equipment wagon, has been ordered to report to the chief of the department at Fort Riley, Kan., for the purpose of explaining its use to the army equipment board at that post.

Second Lieutenant Ira A. Rader, Nineteenth infantry, has been assigned to duty at division headquarters, with station in the city, until the sailing of the transport Oct. 1 when he will proceed to join his regiment at the Philippine islands.

Captain Condon, coast artillery corps, reported sick yesterday and was taken to the Presidio general hospital for treatment.

Next week the batteries at Forts Barry and Baker will commence their full service charge target practice.

Captain Mortimer O. Bigelow, Eighth cavalry, and Captain Main Craig, general staff, are appointed temporary aids de camp to Major General Albert W. S. Gardner, commander of the western division.

JUDGE GROSSCUP TO RELEAVE BENCH

U. S. Circuit Court Jurist Says Big Political Change Is Coming

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—United States Circuit Judge Peter S. Grosscup today announced that he would retire from the bench the first week in October. He will send his resignation to President Taft shortly after the meeting of the United States court of appeals, October 2. A desire to enjoy more freely his freedom as a citizen and resume practice of law are given as his reasons for his decision.

Judge Grosscup, in announcing his intention of retiring, said: The reason for my resignation at all is that I wish more freedom, not only as an individual, but as a citizen. The world, politically, is trying to catch up with the world's radically changed economic conditions. The 'repressive' period is approaching. Next year's presidential election, I believe, will be the last one on the old lines. The settlement for the future will come, not through the courts of law, but through the court of public opinion. I wish no office—except never again to hold office—but I wish given to me my part in this court's record of public opinion.

Judge Grosscup issued the injunction against Eugene Aron and other officers of the American Railway union during the railway strike in 1914 in Chicago, restraining the labor men from committing acts of violence, and later called on the president to send federal troops to Chicago to preserve order.

[Special Dispatch to The Call] RENO, Sept. 19.—Walter McAvoy, a cartoonist, in a recent arrest here, facing a charge of forgery. McAvoy has been employed by a local engraving company for several weeks. He is charged with having forged a check for \$5 which was cashed by a local firm Saturday night. When the check was presented at the bank Monday afternoon the forgery was discovered and a warrant was issued against McAvoy. The check was two weeks ago from San Francisco, where his mother lives.

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TROOPS AT BALBAO STAY IN AUTO CROWD

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Continued From Page 1 ters pretty well in hand until after dark, when the disturbers vented their fury in an attack on the officials in the adjacent township of Cullera.

The rioters murdered a judge and wounded other officers of the court which had been engaged in the trial of those who had been arrested earlier in the day. The mob was finally dispersed by guards from the custom house.

RECALLS FERRER'S DEATH The last previous time when martial law was declared in Spain was in the summer of 1909, when the efforts of the government to put down the revolutionary outbreak culminated in the execution of Professor Ferrer, a distinguished educator of anti-monarchical principles.

The trouble, which began at Barcelona, was caused by popular opposition to the Spanish campaign against the Rif in Morocco. The calling out of reserves for the reinforcement of the army was a signal for a general strike and the beginning of mob violence. Barcelona was for a time at the mercy of a mob, which burned churches and monastic institutions. Much blood was shed before the disturbers were suppressed. This was late in July.

INSURE AGAINST REVOLUTION LONDON, Sept. 19.—The overthrow of the Spanish monarchy was insured against at Lloyd's this afternoon when the high rate of 25 guineas (approximately 100 per cent) was being paid for the policy.

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IRISH RAILWAYS CRIPPLED DUBLIN, Sept. 19.—There was no improvement today in the situation resulting from the strike declared originally on the Great Southern and Western railway and which is extending over the Great Northern and the Midland Great Western, thus affecting the three principal lines of railroad communication in Ireland. Traffic generally was interrupted, the service being maintained only by the Dublin and Drogheda papers.

NOTABLE DEATHS GENERAL ANTONIO FIRMIN, FILLIBUSTER—St. Thomas, D. W. L., Sept. 19.—General Antonio Firmin, who deserted to the Spaniards at Manila, died here today. Firmin was a native of Cuba, a native of Cuba, and was a candidate for the presidency in succession to Simon. However, General Latorre, the party of the day, was assumed the presidency before Firmin could muster sufficient strength to give him a fighting chance at the capital.

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A little Diapiesin makes out-of-order Stomachs feel fine in five minutes

If you just ate a lump of your stomach or Hes like a souring of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch Gas and Eructate sour, undigested food, besides, it makes you to the table with a healthy appetite; but, what will happen if you do not get relief? That your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for Biliousness or Constipation.

This city will have many Diapiesin cranks as some people will call them, but you will be cranky about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if you ever try a little for Indigestion or Gas or any other Stomach misery. Get some now, this minute, and forever rid yourself of Stomach Trouble and Indigestion.

WATER Natural Alkaline Water

Unexcelled for table use. Standard remedy for Dyspepsia, Stomach Troubles and Gout. Ask your Physician

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1037 Fillmore street, and Olive F. Wright, 18, 546 Broadway street. LUNCH-FREEMAN—Joseph Lunch, 43, Malvina Freeman, 29, both of 824 Fulton street. NORTON-McCONNELL—William Norton, 14, 142 Dore street, and Veronica McConnell, 15, 1230 Valencia street.

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