

"THE INSIDE OF THE CUP", BIG PICTURE, EXPOSES HYPOCRISY

Specialty Supervised by Albert Capellani Photoplay is Based On Winston Churchill's Great Novel.

Said to be one of the most remarkable picture productions of the current season, "The Inside of the Cup," a Paramount-Cosmopolitan production of Winston Churchill's famous novel, will be shown at the Opera House Friday.

When this book was published in 1913, its exposure of hypocrisy among wealthy churchgoers, provoked bitter criticism by the clergy of England and this country. The hero of the story, as in the picture, is the Rector of a fashionable church, who becomes disgusted with certain elements of his flock and severely arraigns them for their shame and hypocrisies.

Director Albert Capellani, however, has paid more attention to the dramatic features of the story than to the philosophy which makes the book almost unforgettable. The scenes are thrilling and the heart appeal culminating in the fruition of a love romance, is irresistible. The cast, headed by William P. Carleton and Edith Hallor, is unusually large and artistic.

ACTION BY HUGHES PLEASES FRENCH

News of Rejection of Plea From Russia Received With Satisfaction In Paris

Paris, March 26.—Dispatches telling of the rejection by the American secretary of state, Charles E. Hughes, of Russian Soviet trade proposals were received with satisfaction in official circles here today.

While none of the officials would permit himself to be quoted, all were undisguisedly pleased that the United States had been fit to reject Lenin's plea for recognition, the French interpreting the American attitude as a certain amount of support of the French viewpoint regarding the Soviet republic.

Coming as it does after England's trade agreement with the Soviet's officials believe the American refusal more than counteracts any strength the Bolsheviks may have gained through their successful negotiations with Great Britain. The news was received here too late for comment by French newspapers.

BIG RAID HALTED

New York, March 26.—The halting of a big raid scheduled here today in which federal prohibition agents planned to confiscate approximately \$200,000 worth of wines, was the direct result in a South Carolina case that the Volstead act supercedes the old internal revenue laws. If the decision is upheld by higher courts, it is expected, the announcement said, that \$1,000,000 worth of liquor seized here by federal agents must be returned to owners.

The decision was handed down in the fourth United States circuit court of appeals on March 10, and attorneys here declare most of the liquor confiscations were made under the old revenue laws.

There are pending in United States courts here suits against prohibition enforcement agents for the return of liquors valued at more than \$500,000.

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OVER 2,000,000 VICTORY MEDALS NOT CALLED FOR

War Department Appoints Twenty-five Officers to Finish The Distribution.

To complete the issue of the Victory Medal granted by the United States Government to American participants in the World War, a group of officers and field clerks have been detailed by the War Department to devote their entire energies toward stimulating interest in these awards and facilitating their distribution. The officers, twenty-four in number, have been selected from the General Recruiting Service of the army which has been temporarily discontinued.

Colonel Charles H. Martin, who until recently has been in charge of recruiting activities, will direct the work of the selected Victory Medal officers. Under Colonel Martin's supervision the country has been divided into six Victory Medal regions, each in charge of an officer who gained familiarity with his region during the recent recruiting campaigns. To each of these Regional Directors a number of officers and field clerks have been assigned and this organization will endeavor to cover the entire country with the assistance of National Guard Inspector-Instructors and officers detailed to Reserve Officers Training Corps Units.

"Despite the efforts which were made by the Army Recruiting Service to issue the Victory Medal and notwithstanding the hearty cooperation of the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, and other patriotic societies, the distribution of this award is far from completion. While it is estimated that more than 4,000,000 persons are entitled to the Victory Medal, the total number thus far issued is less than 1,500,000." This statement was made by Colonel Martin in discussing this matter.

GREENWOOD PLANS FOR THE PYTHIANS

Greenwood, March 26.—Preparation is being made for a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias in Greenwood on May 24 and 25. A meeting of Greenwood Lodge No. 5 will be held to make additional arrangements. Between 200 and 300 delegates are expected from the entire state. Major, H. C. Tillman, Chancery Commander of the Greenwood Lodge stated yesterday.

Most of the first day will be taken up with business sessions, and part of the second day will be devoted to business. Plans are being made for a college baseball game here on the afternoon of May 24, but no definite announcement can be made at this time. A banquet will probably be given in honor of the visitors on the night of May 24th.

F. Finlay Henderson, of Aiken, Grand Chancellor Commander, Henry C. Tillman, Grand Vice Chancellor, Commander and J. C. Guilds, president of Columbia College, Grand Prelate will of course be present, at all of the sessions as well as the local Knights. Other noted Pythian dignitaries are expected. Maj. Tillman will probably succeed Mr. Henderson as Grand Chancellor.

Interesting exercises will feature the meeting. Prizes will be awarded to judges and individuals who won distinction in the recent drive for new members. The grand chancellor's cup will be presented to the lodge showing the greatest interest is centered in the announcement of the trophy winners.

GETS NEW SECRETARY

Dominick Names Ramsaur Of Pickens County

Newberry, March 26.—Congressman Dominick today announced the resignation of his present secretary, W. F. Blackburn, and the appointment of Walter Ramsaur of Central Pickens County, to succeed him.

Mr. Blackburn has resigned to accept the position of chief clerk in the office of the chief game warden in Columbia.

Mr. Ramsaur was congressman Dominick's secretary when he first went to Washington four years ago remaining with him as secretary until September, 1917, when he entered the army as army field clerk, and served in France as such for two years.

Meteors begin to glow at a height of eighty or ninety miles.

FAMINE TAKING A TERRIBLE TOLL IN CHINA PROVINCES

More Than 50 Thousand Have Died In One Area—Pneumonia Plague Adding to Frightfulness of the Situation

Peking, March 26.—Famine, which holds the provinces of Honan, Shensia and Chihili in its sinister grasp, is reaping a dreadful harvest, according to reports received at the headquarters of the International Relief Organization, in this city. In twenty-two counties of Honan, the average daily death rate on March 15 was 1,000, while deaths from famine in the six northern counties of the province averaged 300 daily.

Sixteen counties in Shensia covered by relief committees have suffered terribly, it is shown by reports, the most serious effects of the scourge being found apparently near Fuping. In the sixteen counties there have been 50,600 deaths from starvation, since the beginning of the famine.

Pneumonia plague recently made its appearance in twenty villages along the border between the provinces of Chihili and Shantung, 108 persons dying from the plague.

Funds amounting to 3,250,000 gold taels (normally \$4,550,000) including 1,000,000 taels from the American Red Cross have been apportioned to all famine districts by the advisory committee of all working organizations in the stricken regions.

CONSUMERS CAUSE COAL DEPRESSION

Policy of "Buy Only As Needed" Being Followed In United States.

Washington, March 26.—Consumers, and not the railroads, the operators or the miners, are responsible for present depression in the bituminous coal industry, Dr. George Otis Smith, director, and F. G. Tryon, coal statistician of the geological survey, declared in a statement issued here tonight.

A policy of "buy only as needed" is being pursued, dangerously, by bituminous consumers, the geological survey statement said. Empty coal bins will be the result, it was said, should a sudden industrial upturn develop as in such an event the miners would be unable to produce and the railroads unable to carry sufficient coal.

Reports of bituminous production this month, the statement said show constant declines, 6,525,000 tons being the production for the week ending March 19, as contracted with a weekly production of around 12,000,000 tons several months ago. During the first week of the present month, 2,600 soft coal miners reported to the geological survey an average employment of only 19 out of a possible 48 hours.

Watch the label on your paper.

RAILWAY STRIKE NOT CALLED OFF

Chance for Settlement on A. B. & A Fades. Other Men At Work

Atlanta, Ga., March 26.—Possibilities of an early settlement with union employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad faded today when representatives of the strikers withdrew from the federal court room after Judge S. H. Sibley and Henry D. Clayton had ruled that the court was without authority to direct the receiver to discharge men employed to take the places of the strikers.

Earlier in the day conciliatory proposals had come from the strikers when their representatives stated the men would call off the strike immediately and return to work at the reduced scale of wages, if they were permitted to return in a body and resume their former status and provided that the court would not order an audit of the company's books to determine if they were able to pay the wage scale at issue.

This proposal was rejected by Morris Brandon, of counsel for the receiver, who declared that 900 men had been employed by the road since the former employees went on strike and these could not be discharged to make room for the return of the old men.

After the union men had withdrawn, argument proceeded on the question as to whether the railroad is able to pay the old scale of wages.

NO RUSSIAN TRADE UNTIL CHANGES COME

American So Notifies Authorities of Soviet Replying to Note—Doors of Commerce To Remain Closed.

Washington, March 26.—The American government notified the Soviet authorities in Russia today that resumption of trade between Russia and the United States could not be considered until fundamental changes had been made in the economic system underlying the Soviet regime.

Safety of human life guarantee of property rights, free labor and observance of the sanctity of contracts were among the requirements laid down in a brief note by Secretary Hughes as essential if the doors of commerce between the two countries are once more to be opened. The communication added that "convincing evidence of the consummation of such changes" must be furnished before this government even cared to discuss the subject.

These requirements, the note declared, lie at the foundation of Russian productivity, by which alone the nation could hope to rebuild her foreign trade and make herself attractive economically to the nations with which she desires to exchange products.

The communication was made public at the state department in the form of a statement by Secretary Hughes with the notation that a copy of it had been sent to the American consul at Reval, Estonia, to be handed to Litvinoff, the Soviet representative there. The note was in reply to the appeal, recently addressed by the Soviet regime to President Harding and congress asking that trade relations between the United States and Russia be restored and proposing to send a delegation to the United States to negotiate to that end. No mention was made by Secretary Hughes of the proposal to send a delegation to this country.

Vast Collection of Data.

Prior to making a final decision, the Russian trade question was discussed for nearly two hours by President Harding and his cabinet taking into account a vast collection of data on Russian conditions gathered by the state and commerce departments. In a statement after the note had been made public Secretary Hoover declared the conclusion reached "shows the complete agreement of the views of the whole administration."

Unlike previous official pronouncements of the American government's attitude toward the Soviet regime, Secretary Hughes' note dealt solely with the economic aspects of the problem and made no attempt to discuss the political shortcomings of the unrecognized Bolshevik government. It set forth in a few words the reasons why the United States considers it poor business to trade with Russia under existing conditions, but made no indictment against Bolshevism as a political system.

Communication to Italy.

It was pointed out, however, that there was nothing in the note to reverse or modify the communication to Italy in which the Wilson administration set forth at length last August the unwillingness of the United States to enter into political negotiations with a government "based upon the negation of every principle of honor and good faith."

Secretary Hoover's statement follows: "Secretary Hughes statement on the Russian trade situation today shows the complete agreement in the views of the whole administration. 'As a matter of trade the first thing to be determined about Russia is if and when they change their economic system. If they so change its basis as to accept the right of private property, freedom of labor, provide for the safety of human life, etc., there is hope of their recovery from the miseries of famine. There is hope of a slow recovery in production and the upbuilding of trade.'

"Nothing is more important to the whole commercial world than the recovery of productivity in Russia. However, without a fundamental change in their whole economic system there will be no consequential trade or production and no stoppage of continuous degeneration."

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SHIPPING SWEET POTATOES OUT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson College, March 27.—South Carolina is now becoming known in the sweet potato markets of the country, and the Extension Service marketing agents are giving their time and efforts toward sending out a graded product and that well packed, ventilated, and loaded for either a short or a long haul.

To date this season sixteen cars of sweet potatoes have moved out of this state to Eastern, Northern and Western markets. Some of these have gone as far west as the state of Iowa, and several have gone to points in New York State, reports F. L. Harkey, Extension market agent.

Most of these shipments have been made by members of the South Carolina Sweet Potato Association and have been sold by the Southern States Produce Distributors Company, Columbia, S. C., which company has signed a sales contract with the Sweet Potato Association. Potatoes shipped by members of the Association bear the brand "sugarspuds" South Carolina Sweet Potato Association, main office, Florence, S. C.

The grading and loading of one or more cars at each shipping point has been made a demonstration of proper grading and loading by an Extension Service market agent, and in several instances a great saving has been effected for the shipper.

Sweet potatoes are a very perishable product and have never received in this state the proper handling to which they are entitled, since they had not been shipped from this state in car lots until last season. It is therefore necessary that every shipper make use of the experience and assistance offered by the Extension Service of Clemson College.

THE SPANISH MOSS.

The Spanish Moss which was used to decorate the Methodist church for Easter was sent to the ladies committee by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson from Springfield. The moss was effectively used and was a pleasant reminder of old Abbeville people.

FORMER SERVICE MEN WILL GET PREFERENCE

Washington, March 26.—Promise that he would observe the spirit as well as the letter of the law governing preference to former service men in the postal service was given by Postmaster General Hays today to a committee of the American Legion. The legion committee, consisting of Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy; Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, and D. John Markey of Frederick, Md., laid before the postmaster general several specific cases of alleged discrimination against former service men. Mr. Hays promised to have the cases investigated immediately and assured the committee he was in full sympathy with the law directing officials of the postal service to consider time spent by employees in the military service on their postal records.

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