

MOVIE "AD". ON LIBRARY IN N. Y. STARTLES FOLKS

Police Can't Find Anyone But Press Agent and Hold Him Irresponsible.

New York, Feb. 9.—"Well, that's the limit. They plaster the countryside with screaming posters; they disgrace the streets with advertising crimes in color, and now they slap us in the face with that hideosity."

So wailed an angered, elderly citizen taking his constitutional between clubs in Fifth avenue last evening, as he pointed to the brilliant sign of the more or less well known—and now better known—(name elided by advertising censor) motion picture manufacturing company displayed on the Fifth avenue side of the Public Library building.

The sign was gorgeous and glaring. On a field of bright blue, was the name of the picture company in bold letters of white.

"Something ought to be done about it," grumbled the citizen as he passed on. Other citizens saw the offensive sign and exclaimed in wonder that "such a thing" should be allowed. "What are we coming to?" some one said. One indignant woman said that she would "write the paper about it," and another promised to tell a friend of hers who was a friend of a man who had met the mayor's secretary.

Even the stone lions guarding the avenue entrance divined that something was wrong and tured to stare at the imitation of Broadway.

The sign, which seemed to have been painted upon the hitherto unblemished library building and then illuminated by a searchlight, was dark, and from that time on every citizen whose eyes it offended remarked upon the atrocity.

By 7 o'clock the Fifth avenue crowds had grown to this, so there was little left for the sign to accomplish. About that time the telephone in the office of John H. Fedler, superintendent of the building at 435 Fifth avenue, opposite the library, rang and a man's voice told the superintendent about the sign and said that possibly an investigation in the office of the advertised motion picture company on the other side of the building would reveal the origin of the sign and also, possibly, a violation of the law prohibiting the defacement of public buildings with advertisements.

Fedler went to the night floor and found no one but a telephone girl, who denied knowledge of the sign. But the superintendent went through the rooms of the office, and in a window facing the library found a powerful projector lantern, and in the lantern a blue slide with a border of white and the name of the company in the middle. He withdrew the slide and the sign on the library disappeared, to be replaced by a bright rectangle of light.

So the sign was really not painted on the library at all, but was reflected from the white wall. This discovery transferred responsibility from the guardians of the library to the guardian of the office building, who was Fedler. He immediately hurried to the street and found Police Sergeant Gunn and Policeman Nikly, to whom he made complaint. The policeman went to the offices of the motion picture company and after an argument with the telephone girl and a wait, received there a man who confessed that he was employed in the office and applied to that ubiquitous and fertile agent of public nuisances commonly known—and avoided—as Press Agents.

Of course he knew nothing about the sign, of course, he had not put the lantern in the window, and of course he was very much surprised that any one should seek publicity through the defacement of a noble building.

But Fedler, as he talked to the man, thought his voice sounded strangely like the voice he had heard over the telephone. He so informed Policeman Nikly, who, admiring his future abandonment of uniform for a distinctive C. P. agent of thick-soled shoes and a loud necktie, exclaimed: "Ah, ha! Press agent lights lantern and projects sign. People passing see sign and become familiar with the name of company. Crowds grow and no one is left to see the sign. Press agents want more publicity. Looks up statutes and finds that fine for advertising on public nuisances is \$10. Publicity through arrest and court trial worth \$10. Press agent, impersonating indignant citizen, complains to superintendent. Ah, ha!"

The police were unable to find any responsible person in the motion picture company's offices—they did not consider the press agent responsible—so they went away, saying that they would be back in the morning to arrest some one on the president or manager of the company. Also they promised to report the offense to the directors of the library.

BUILDING PERMITS
Eleven building permits, the aggregate cost of the buildings to be \$67,450, were granted by the building commissioners at their meeting last night. The permits were: Store front, west side at 25 Middle street, for Robert M. Judson. Boiler house extension on north side of Congress street, for the United Illuminating Co. One-story frame addition to house Colorado and Railroad avenues, for Edward E. Chappin. Private frame garage, east side of Main street, for F. D. Keller. Six-room frame cottage, west side of Morningdale avenue, for Spargo & Winters. One-story frame barn and shed, north side of 633 Ogden street for Frank C. Pagan. Cellar wall, east side of Booth street for Pell and Catrina Martucci. Roof over veranda, west side of Park avenue, for Donato Caserio and wife. Brick building, east side of 556 Broad street, for Stephen Wilson. Alteration to dwelling, east side of Noble avenue, for Mrs. Maria E. McElroy.

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AMERICAN SURGEON PERFORMS MORE THAN 3,000 OPERATIONS CLOSE TO THE FIGHTING LINE

Dr. Eugene Hurd Succors Wounded Russian Soldiers As Artillery Roars Around Him—Czar's Fighters Pay Him Deserved Homage.

Petrograd, Feb. 9.—More than 3,000 surgical operations, most of them close to the fighting line and with the roar of artillery in his ears, is the past year's record of Dr. Eugene Hurd, until recently the only American surgeon at the front with the Russian forces. Dr. Hurd is chief surgeon in charge of the Twenty-Ninth, known as the "Grodno Nobility" Flying Column. He has the rank of colonel in the regular army. His physique—he stands six feet three inches in height and weighs 225 pounds—makes him a conspicuous figure, even among the big fellows of the Siberian Corps among whom he works. He has acquired a reputation among the simple minded soldiers for doing the impossible. A soldier returning from the hospital told his fellows that the "big American surgeon could take a hand that had been shot off, patch it together and put it back on good as new."

Hurd has been reported several times killed, wounded or missing. He has made a number of hurried get-aways, but he has always turned up with his outfit when the smoke cleared. His column was outfitted by the noble families of Grodno soon after the outbreak of the war. Then they looked about for a surgeon to take charge. About that time Hurd, who was in Seattle, was offering his services to Russia. Through the Russian consul in Seattle his offer was accepted and he sailed on November 28 for Vladivostok. He was at once sent to Grodno with a contract to serve during the term of the war. He believed he was giving his services gratis, but several months later, when he had time to have his contract translated, he found that he was to receive 400 roubles monthly.

The first taste of battle was on Grodno front. On the retreat of the Russian army last summer Hurd narrowly escaped an involuntary transfer of his activities to the German side. After a twenty-hour stretch of hard work he was ordered to retire by night to Oran. At three o'clock in the morning he had reached an estate six miles from that point and there he decided to rest until daylight. When preparing to resume his journey the following morning he found the stable yard full of Russian cavalry horses, some of them wounded. A Russian soldier informed him that Oran had been captured by the Germans early in the morning and that they were approaching less than two miles away. He made a hurried exit southward through sand dunes where Napoleon lost his transports on the retreat from Moscow. Until four o'clock in the afternoon when he reached now Russian position he was between the hostile lines uncertain as to the location of either army.

At another time the German cavalry broke through the Russian lines before Hurd was aware of the fact and had cut his field telephone. They passed his operating base, evidently believing his capture assured on their return. But the American doctor harnessed his horses and with his operating force made a break for the retreating Russian army. The Germans turned a baiter on him and with shells bursting all around him he galloped his teams over the crest of a hill and eventually made his way to safety.

Dr. Hurd works customarily about a mile back of the trenches in line with the light artillery and in front of and under their heavy batteries. "I believe the Russian soldier to be the best in the world," he said, on a recent visit to Petrograd, his third brief absence from the trenches in more than a year. "The Russian is a fatalist, is absolutely fearless, willing to attack under any conditions, and is an expert with the bayonet, his favorite weapon. I am convinced that the Germans lost to me on the retreat last summer."

"A new form of trench bomb, filled with an acid that acts like vitriol is the most element we have had to contend with. The effects is fatal if the fumes are inhaled and the least effect is to produce total and permanent blindness. These bombs are fired at close range and explode on contact. From one to seven men are affected where the explosion occurs among men unprotected by respirators. Often the men have not time to adjust their respirators in time to escape."

"A remarkable thing that I have observed is the number of cases of frozen feet among German prisoners, while I have yet to treat the first Russian for that trouble. The reason is that the Germans wear close fitting boots, while the Russian boot is large and in place of socks he winds his feet in yards of woolen cloth. The boots are water-tight. One seldom finds a Russian soldier with wet feet. Another thing; the Russian trenches are deep enough and wide enough that the men may stand and move about. 'Trench-foot' due to cramped positions and impaired circulation, is unknown among our soldiers."

"I insist upon rigid discipline in my corps of assistants, and through a system of packing and handling which I have devised, I can break camp and be on the move within twenty minutes, or I can unloader and begin an operation within ten minutes upon arrival."

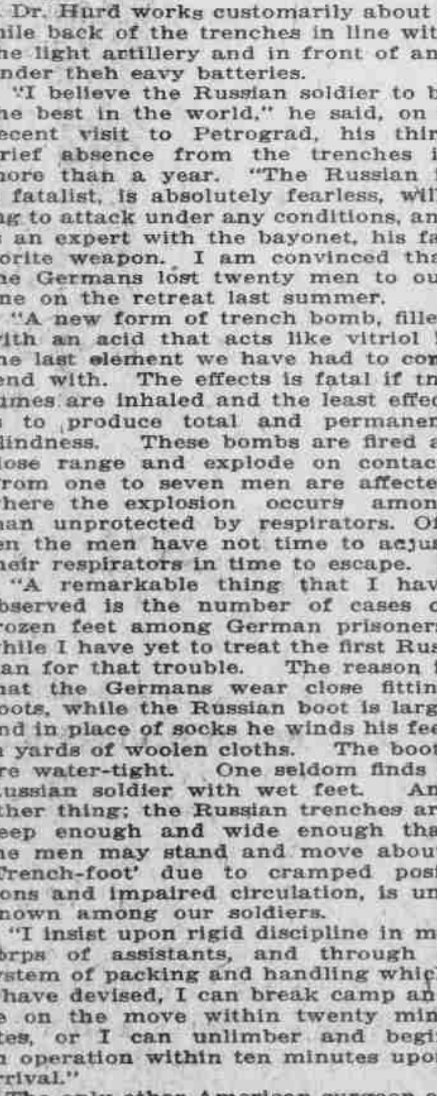
The only other American surgeon at the Russian front is Malcolm Grow, who is chief surgeon of the Twenty-first Flying Column with another Siberian corps.

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Health Board Records Show 263 Died Here During Last Month

The health department recorded 263 deaths in this city during January, according to the report of Dr. E. A. McCellan. This is said to be the largest number of deaths in one month in the history of this city.

Pneumonia caused 50 of the deaths and the receipt of influenza was responsible for 11 and tuberculosis for seven. In January of last year there were 137 deaths. The highest number of deaths in one month before this year, was 177 in February of 1915.

The rules governing the conduct of the health department are obsolete, according to members of the board and at their meeting last night they decided to have a new set of rules drafted for all branches of the department.

Municipal ash collection is favored by the board and a letter will be sent to the common council, asking the creating of a city ordinance, providing the collection of ashes by the city. There has been a big increase in the number of school children being treated at the dental clinics. Last year 4,666 children were treated. This year, so far, 8,932 children have been treated at the clinics. Dr. George E. Ober, city bacteriologist, reports 15 new cases of tuberculosis, but no typhoid fever.

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The Crocker Wheeler Co. declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent. on the common stock. Col. E. M. House, the President's personal representative, will leave Paris for London today. The position of municipal dog catcher of Boston will be auctioned off to the lowest bidder. Switzerland will again attempt to import large quantities of sugar from the United States. The Norwegian steamship Skard, which was held by the British at Kirkwall, has been released. King Constantine signed a decree alling to the colors about 30,000 Greek reservists living abroad. The Hercules Powder Co. will erect a plant costing \$1,230,000 at San Diego, Cal., at which potash will be extracted from kelp. Austin W. Scott, acting dean of the Harvard Law school, denied that the school has endorsed the Brandeis appointment.

OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER
(Special to The Farmer.) Newtown, Feb. 9.—Michael Keane of Cemetery avenue visited St. Vincent's hospital, Bridgeport, yesterday, to see his brother, John H. Keane, who was operated on for appendicitis Sunday. The operation was successful, and the patient is rapidly recovering. Contractor T. F. Brew has taken the contract for extensive repairs and remodeling of the dwelling and outbuildings of the old Patterson property on Mile Hill, for the new owner, Mr. Benedict. Two dogs in Sandy Hook known to have been bitten by a rabid dog last week, have been killed by their owners. Burton Beers of Danbury was a week-end guest of his father, Ell B. Beers, of Quaker street. The valentine sale at the Sandy Hook library Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Housatonic branch of the Sunshine society, was liberally patronized, and the proceeds go for the benefit of the funds of the library, everybody was interested. Cake and candy for sale were added attractions. Everything was sold out.

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rubber compounds, and many of the formulas now in use all over the country were originated by him. He also was instrumental in introducing many new labor saving methods in the manufacture of rubber, but never profited, as his knowledge was turned over to his employers. But he was also highly regarded by all his superiors in the various capacities, and was a faithful employe until the business left town in 1900. Since then he has lived with his son, Thomas Keane, who took up the care of his aged parents, on the little homestead in the Glen. Thomas Keane, Sr., was born in Ireland, but was a keen student of town affairs and was an authority on men and measures which were prominently before the citizenship for more than a half century. He had an accurate memory and was often appealed to in the settlement of disputed points of local affairs. Although more than 85 years old, he retained his faculties to the last. He was liked by young and old. His funeral will be held from St. Rose's church at 10 a. m. Thursday. Burial will be in the family plot in the Catholic cemetery in the Glen.

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LAUDS COLERIDGE TAYLOR

Dr. Arthur Mees, director of the Bridgeport Oratorio society, gave an interesting informal talk last evening on the life of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer of the music of "The Departure of Hamathwa," which the society will present at its annual spring concert, April 4. Dr. Mees said that never had he met a more charming gentleman than Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, whose father was the son of a western African negro and a white woman and whose own mother was white. He studied at the Royal college of music in England and it was through the influence of his teacher, Col. Waters, that he wrote the work which the Oratorio society is now rehearsing.

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CAUGHT IN FOUR LESSONS. The waltz, that ever popular and standard dance, will be taught in a course of four lessons at a very moderate cost at Gullitt's School of Dancing, Colonial Ball Room, 271 Fairfield avenue, commencing Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, from 8 to 9 o'clock. The instruction will be thorough and success is assured. The waltz is the most popular and enduring of all the dances, and is the basis of many of the newer dances which have been at the rage. Following the lessons for the classes there will be an evening of dancing until midnight for which single admissions are charged, and instruction will be given in some of the newer dances. Friday evenings are private. These socials prove very pleasant affairs, are attended by a large number, and you are invited to participate.—Adv.

Advice to Young Mothers. Mothers should be careful in selecting baby's carriage. So many carriages are so constructed that they are liable to cause injury to baby's delicate spine. Your physician, if he were asked, would recommend a Heywood and Wakefield carriage. This make of carriage has a specially constructed carriage and has all the latest features throughout making it a line supreme in rest motion permitting no possibility of a jar, soft upholstery, compact but luxuriously comfortable body. It is a solidly constructed carriage and has all the latest features including many small but important points of merit only obtainable in Heywood and Wakefield carriages. Thorough workmanship throughout makes it a line supreme often imitated but never equaled. You ask, "Where can one of this kind be bought?" Nothnagle's, of course, the big home furnisher, corner of Main and Elm streets. Be sure to see the whole new line now on exhibition.—Adv.

Will of Michael Kenely. The will of Michael Kenely has been filed in the Stamford Probate Court. It gives the entire estate absolutely to Mr. Kenely's widow. (No estimate of the amount of the estate is given. There are two pieces of real estate valued by the assessors at about \$10,000, also a considerable personal estate.

100 Years Old. Happy despite a severe infirmity, Mrs. Della Sanford celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth at her home in Norwalk, Wednesday. Several of her friends in the Methodist church presented the aged lady with \$60 in cash. Other presents included fruit and flowers.

Destroyed by Fire. Awakened from sleep by the odor of smoke, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wixson and son, of Danbury, escaped without injury, when a blaze, discovered Sunday night, destroyed their home and its contents, with a total loss estimated at \$5,500. The building was owned by Mrs. Captola Barnum, and was valued at \$4,000. A large part of the loss on both the house and the contents is covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is considered mysterious as there had not been a fire in the house during the day.

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JUDGE THOMAS' DECISION SAVES HATTERS \$30,000

Interest on Attached Accounts Goes to Labor Men, Not Loewe & Co.

Hartford, Feb. 9.—Judge Edwin S. Thomas in the Federal district court, released yesterday to 130 of the Danbury hatters involved in the old boycott of D. E. Loewe & Son, \$30,000 interest on their savings bank accounts, which has accumulated since their savings were attached by the manufacturers thirteen years ago.

This sum will practically complete the amount needed to save the hatters' homes from being sold to satisfy the judgment of \$262,130, awarded to the manufacturers. Organized Danbury undertook to raise the entire sum by subscription, and the amount this raised is said to be about \$30,000 short.

D. E. Loewe & Co., claimed the interest. Judge Thomas ruled the depositors were entitled to that profit, as they would have had to stand losses had their investments turned out badly.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE OF CHRIST CHURCH GETS LOTS FOR CAMPING
(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, Feb. 9.—At the monthly meeting of the members of the Laymen's League of the First Baptist church held last evening, it was announced that Charles L. Hanson, a real estate promoter, who owns a large amount of real estate at Myrtle Beach, has informed Secretary George Shelton of the organization that he will give the club two lots at the beach for camping purposes. A committee of three, comprising Walter Wheeler, Charles Judson and Harry A. Burnes, were appointed to select any two lots they may desire. There are now 88 members in the organization. About 60 attended the meeting. Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Mary Root, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Root of 637 King street, to Henry Kroder, of Bridgeport, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, pastor of St. James' Roman Catholic church, solemnized the marriage.

More than 125 persons attended the mass meeting of the Stratford Women's Suffrage association held last evening at Red Men's hall, Church street. The speaker of the evening was Miss Helen Todd of California. Her subject was "How Woman's Suffrage Worked in California." Miss Todd is an interesting and convincing speaker and many of her remarks elicited much applause. Mrs. Samuel C. Shaw of Bridgeport was chairman of the evening. Owing to the recent death in the family of Representative Ivan L. Morehouse he was unable to speak. Those who had charge of the affair were: Mrs. Charles Lovell, Mrs. H. LeRoy Lewis, Miss Edith Hastings and Miss Maude Hull.

YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE
If cross, feverish, or bilious give "California Syrup of Figs."

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given. If your little one is out-of-sorts, sick, listless, restless, eating and acting naturally—look at his tongue. If his tongue is coated, this is a sure sign that it's little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, he has stomachache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of his little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle. Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs"; then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."