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CENSOR BOARD TONES PICTURES

Chicago Board Cuts Out Many Scenes in Films Presented for Inspection.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—When movie men take to censoring their films, they sometimes have some strange ideas, it is related at the Chicago censor board.

Distributors getting a picture they think will not pass the board now and then take a hand at fixing it up. They have cut out funny parts that the censors think great, left in parts that the censors hold thumbs down on, and otherwise perplexed their judges.

"We have sometimes sent back and asked them to give us the whole picture, as we did not find anything wrong in it," remarked Miss Benita McGinnis, Chicago's acting chief censor.

"At other times we have rejected a whole film after their hopeless attempts to doctor it up."

The Chicago censors sit as sort of a humane society on the city's films. They are keenly averse to useless brutality. Their "Cut-out Book" contains frequent injunctions to eliminate scenes in terse terms as these: "Cut kicking and striking man on floor."

"Cut slugging man" "Cut too close views of choking" "The number of violent movie deaths in Chicago has been reduced by millions annually since the censor board took a hand in reducing the film murders. They cut them out with a strong hand."

Another aspect of the censors' work is indicated by this line from the Cut-out Book: "Cut all scenes of white children chasing negro boy and throwing stones at him."

An incident like that was credited with starting a race trouble. Disregard of the law is another suggestion that the censors try to offset. Glorification of lawlessness on the plains is one of the most frequent forms in which this comes up.

"A censor should be able to put back something as vital as he takes out, only less offensive," is a principle at the Censor Board.

"We are doing constructive work in censoring today that we did not know could be done seven years ago," Miss McGinnis said.

"One reason for this betterment is that the moving picture people realize that censorship has come to stay."

REINDEER ARE SENT TO CANADA

Government Buys 700 to Introduce in the Canadian Arctic.

Christiania, Sept. 10.—A representative of the Hudson Bay Reindeer Company recently paid a visit to Denmark and bought a herd of 700 reindeer which are to be shipped to Haffin Island.

A number of Laplanders were also engaged to take care of the animals which will be dispatched in September.

A plan for converting the Arctic and South-Arctic regions of Canada into a great wool, milk and meat producing area was presented to the Canadian government by Viljalmar Stefansson, the Norwegian explorer of the Canadian Arctic, more than two years ago.

His project involved the introduction into the Canadian north of large herds of reindeer and also the domestication and development of great herds of musk ox. He estimated that there were from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 square miles of land available for grazing in a climate too severe for cattle but where reindeer and musk ox exist all the year round. In proof of his argument, he cited the introduction by the American government of reindeer herds into Alaska. The explorer declared that the growth of these animals in the far north would help to solve the food shortage then existing.

The Canadian government appointed a committee to investigate his project. It was represented that there is an abundant growth of vegetation in Arctic regions of Canada in the summer and that the musk ox and reindeer could graze on it throughout the entire year.

PARIS POLICE TO CHANGE UNIFORMS

Paris, Sept. 10.—The Paris police—known as "agents"—are going to change clothes. Their uniforms are quite dignified but they have found that a high collared, long-tailed double-breasted uniform doesn't add to their speed in a 440-yard sprint after an offender.

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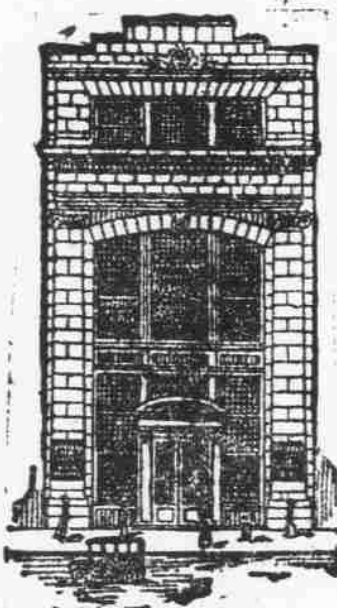
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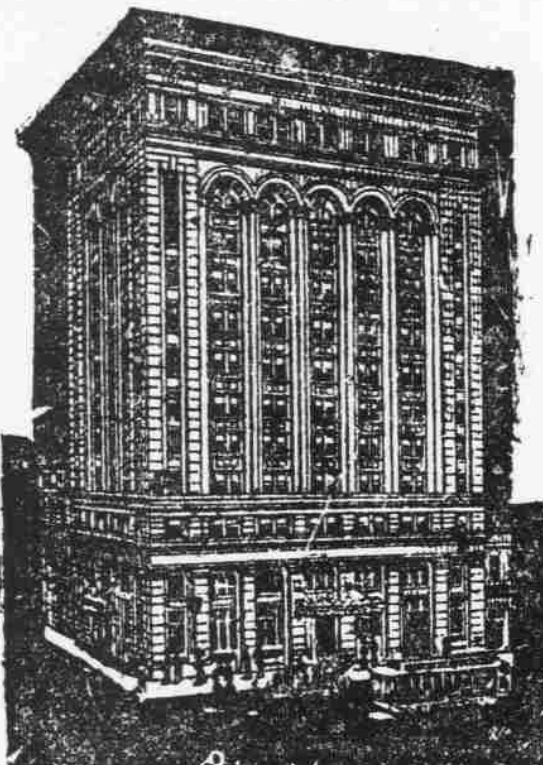
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