

## Wallace Reid, Matinee Idol, Talked of As "Model of Screen," Near Death of Liquor and Drugs

### Unbelieving Hays May Have Been Cleverly "Taken-In" By Men High-Up Supposed to Help Him "Clean-Up Vice"—May Find Morphine Ring—Star Was Lure for Young Girls, and Fairies' Bizarre Playthings

(By EDWARD BOBERTS)  
(From The Washington Post)  
Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—The case of Wallace Reid, a brilliant movie star, ruined by morphine and whiskey, may result in more exposure of conditions in the movie picture colony than did the mystery in the murder of William D. Taylor, moving picture director.

The fact that Will H. Hays is at present in Los Angeles and is making an investigation has caused much apprehension in the colony. It is predicted that a complete shakeup is in store for movieland. It is hinted that Mr. Hays may find men with whom he has been conferring on the split of the moving picture business, are as rotten as some of the stars whose contracts the producers seek to break.

Hays was told today that one of the biggest men in the film world is the man who "crossed the bridge" for Wallace Reid and is the very one who first started the idea on the "poppy path" to ruin him, at this time the head of the picture industry association, and was preparing to go into a conference with leading producers.

It is believed that Hays said, "The film men has been apparently cooperating with me in the effort to clean up the industry, to make it safer and better pictures. It isn't reasonable to say that."

Hays was told. It is said, that it's big men with the urge for cleaner pictures made use of Wally's popularity and encouraged him in rounding up the pretty girls necessary for the staging of wild parties in many a rose covered bungalow in Hollywood or Laurel Canyon. It was at one of these parties that drugs and liquor were plentiful, and the great star was introduced to the drug which in a few years has dragged him down to physical, financial and moral ruin.

Many reveal other victims. Many others have been inoculated with the poison of morphine, cocaine, heroin, or marijuana, at these parties and through this individual, may come the investigation planned by Hays.

The investigation may show the movie men have been especially guilty of the habit of occasionally taking the money of the young women, who would make the first payment on a costly roomer for a young girl and continue paying the installments until he tired of her when it was up to her to pay the balance if she could; how another big director used to call in a girl, when a pretty face had appeared tell her he was through, was going back to his wife, and give her some money, usually \$500.

The investigation may show Mr. Hays not only the workings of the dope ring in movieland but the workings of a vice ring as well.

It would not be astonishing if he should learn how a certain young woman became star in an incredibly short time. He may find out that she lives in the home of her benefactor, and that her mother serves breakfast to the two every morning, bringing a tray to the room.

It is common knowledge in Hollywood there is no reason why Mr. Hays should not be enlightened, if the investigation goes deep enough.

"Wally" is critically ill. He may pull through; he may not. Three years of morphine and whiskey have taken the toll of his splendid athletic body.

## A BROKEN REED



WALLACE REID  
The man most often referred to in film magazines as living the "happy married-life," with his wife, Dorothy Davenport, is now reported to be broken in health and spirit, and fighting for his life against drugs.

### "SO BRAVE ABOUT IT, POOR BOY" WALLY'S WIFE DECLARES

### Reid Expected to Die for Three Nights, "Wanted Live for Billy, Betty, and Me"

### IF RESULT NARCOTICS TIME TO PRAY—HAYS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid motion picture star, is on the verge of death and for several days has not been expected to live, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid, (Dorothy Davenport) in an interview today in the Los Angeles Examiner given to a Hollywood sensationist last night.

One of the physicians, according to The Examiner, corroborated Mrs. Reid's statements, saying:

"Mr. Reid had been near death for the past five or six days. His temperature has repeatedly reached 103 and his pulse 140. His heart action is irregular and weak. He has fainted on an average of a time daily and has lost 70 pounds in weight."

Laboratory findings at the present time indicate he is suffering either from a condition of complete exhaustion or from influenza.

"Re infection of influenza is possible at time and could cause his death. This is not anticipated by attending physicians but might be and in being considered."

"He thought he would die the other night," said Mrs. Reid. "He was so brave about it, poor boy. For three nights he had expected to die. He isn't afraid to die, but he wants so much to live for Billy and Betty and me," referring to their son and adopted daughter.

The physicians describing the actor's illness, according to The Examiner, said:

"His present illness has no connection with over indulgence in alcohol or narcotics, although such indulgence have undoubtedly undermined his strength, and system in months gone by."

Mrs. Reid in describing his condition just before the present breakdown said:

"How did it happen to let myself go? Why couldn't I have stopped long ago? I thought so strong. I thought I thought I was so strong; I thought I knew myself so well; I can't understand it."

## THOUSANDS TOBACCO FARMERS READY TO GET SECOND PAYMENT

### Fifteen and One-Half Thousand Checks Ready for Distribution Tomorrow

### MILLIONS WILL BE PAID OUT THEN

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—Thousands of tobacco farmers who are members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will double their cash receipts next Wednesday, December 20 when 15,549 checks for the second payment will be delivered at all the cooperative warehouses of Eastern North Carolina. According to today's announcement of James H. Craig, treasurer for the tobacco cooperatives these checks will cover the second payment on all tobacco deliveries up to December 1. A similar payment will be made to all the organized growers of the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina on deliveries up to December 20. As soon thereafter all checks can be made out and mailed.

Millions of dollars are ready for distribution to the growers of three states and the third payment will be made in the South Carolina members of the marketing association following the second distribution to the old belt. A record breaking series of thirty six meetings in twenty counties of Virginia this week will mark the celebration by thousands of growers of their first successful year of organization for marketing. John E. Hutchinson, director of extension for Virginia F. R. Farrar, J. H. Quisenberry J. G. Bruce, state district agents, and W. R. West and Joseph M. Hunt, directors of the association will be among the speakers at these rallies of tobacco growers. Heavy deliveries to the cooperative warehouses of western North Carolina and Virginia have followed the recent rains and members of the association who will double their money within the next few weeks are pleased with the recent cash advance which have run as high as \$20.00 per hundred on some loads. In the South Carolina belt where the markets are closed, friends received from actual sales of the association for substantially all of its tobacco, by the association agent to be well in line if not in excess of that received by members.

Among the directors of the Tobacco Cooperative who will meet in Raleigh tomorrow for their final session of 1922 will be the delegates of the association from the national conference of cooperatives held last week in Washington, where President Harding, Secretary Hoover, and directors Eugene Meyer, Sr., of the war finance corporation expressed praise for the work of the cooperative marketing associations, now established throughout America.

## RESCUE 23 OF 27 PERSONS MAROONED ON FREEZING ISLE

### Hardships of Shipwrecked Saulte St. Marie People to Make Lake History

### WERE WITHOUT FOOD, FUEL OR FIREARMS

SAULTE STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 18.—After being marooned for five days on the barren Lizard Island in Lake Superior with the temperature ever hanging below zero mark, 23 of the 27 missing persons from the ill-fated tug Reliance have been rescued by the tugs Grey and Favorite, according to a message wireless dispatch here this afternoon from the Grey. Fate of the remaining four persons was not revealed in the dispatch flashed by the wireless.

The hardships suffered by the band during the five days imprisonment, it is believed here, becomes new history of the Lakes. When they left, the sinking tug some of the men had food, fuel or firearms.

## SEVERAL SHOOTING FIREWORKS CASES UP

### Preamble of Christmas Holidays Fruitful Days for Police Court and Mayor Bain

The police court had a Christmas round up yesterday, Mayor Bain sitting on the bench until 1 o'clock trying the various and multiplicity of offenses, speeders and those charged with disorderly conduct and shooting fireworks. Half a score of citizens were haled in to wait on charges of running with one light and violating the traffic ordinance, but most of these were excused with the promise of getting it in the neck if they ever came before "Missus" again on these charges. Ernest Albritton, colored, charged with assault with intent to kill, was bound over without bail.

Joe Conley, colored, with his vasculature of salts, germs, and eggs was the principal prisoner, and was found guilty of having cocaine and bound over to the Recorder's court where he again was found guilty and given nine months on the road. Frank Teacher and Georgia Teacher man and wife, were found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and fined \$5 and cost; Horace Hatte, speeder, \$10 and cost; John Bodde, colored, drunk and disorderly, \$5 and cost; Jessy Boothe, colored, operating automobile with broken muffler, \$5 and cost; E. W. King, drunk and disorderly, \$5 and cost; Bob Jones drunkness, 30 days; John Coffey, reckless driving, \$10 and cost; Emmet Crumpler, drunkenness and disorderly, \$10 and cost; George Stuart, shooting fireworks, let off with payment of cost; Dr. J. C. Joffe, charged with speeding, plead an emergency call, dismissed; William Johnson, shooting fireworks, taxed with the cost; George Taylor, found guilty of speeding, \$10 and cost; O. S. Boney, shooting fireworks, \$10 and cost; Claude Cole, colored, drunk and disorderly, \$10 and cost; A. Tonkie, found guilty of violating the traffic law, \$5 and cost; Dolphus Carter, charged with being disorderly dismissed; Charles Howell, drunk and disorderly, \$10 and cost; Willoughby Daniels, speeder, \$10 and cost; Faison Pollock and J. L. Davis, disorderly, \$10 each and cost; Leonard Rhodes, William Harris, Gus Anderson Ed Moore, Will Oliver and Herbert and Hubert Moore Paul Whitefield, all colored charged with gambling. This was changed to "unlawful assembly" and all were fined \$10 and cost.

## SCOUTS BASKETBALL TEAM ORGANIZED AND READY TO GO

The basketball league for the scouts of Goldsboro was formed yesterday and regular play will begin Tuesday morning December 25 at 10:30. Thomas Griffin of the Poisons was elected to lead, the following team: Bruce Yelverton, Jack Pyatt, Chris Stinson, Tommy Hollanworth, Fred Craventon, Edgar Stimpine and George Dewey. The Tigers will be captained by Reggie Well and the following boys compose his jangle: Newton, Matthew, Walter Creech, Raymond Warrick, Bill Lanston, Ed Parker David Ganhman and Glen Pyatt. The wildcats, Evans Boney, Robert Zealey, Pulley Smith, Dorch Langton, Monroe Betts, Sonny Hobbs and George Casteen elected Howard Simmons as their leader. El Saleeby and his Bears, George Spien, Mark Lane, Robert Yelverton, Zeke Stanton, Edwin Stroud Ed Waters and George Thompson promise to make things hot for the rest of them.

The schedule calls for twelve games extending over the period of three months. The Poisons and Bears will contest in the first game Tuesday and the Tigers and Wildcats will entertain each other. From the brand the boys have been putting up some good games are expected. Considering the experience they have had their showing so far has been gratifying and the team that wins out will have to have an organization that the town may well be proud of.

## COLLEGES CLOSE ON ACCOUNT OF INFLUENZA

DURHAM, Dec. 18.—It was announced today that Trinity College would be closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays, two days earlier than usual, because of a number of cases of influenza among the students. A total of thirty six cases had been reported on the campus today.

GREENVILLE, Dec. 18.—Erskine college, the Due West woman's college and the high school at Due West have been closed and no church services, public gatherings of any kind are permitted on account of an epidemic of influenza, according to word received here today.

INSURANCE MAN KILLED  
RAEFORD, Dec. 18.—L. E. Fetter, 35, local insurance man, was killed last night when the automobile in which he was riding overturned at Rock Ridge bridge, one mile from Raeford. His neck was broken. No one was with him at the time of the accident. He leaves a widow and two small children.

## BANDITS STAGE ONE MINUTE DAYLIGHT ROBBERY AT DENVER

### Take \$200,000, Shoot Merchants, and Kill One Man With Sawed-Off Shotgun

### "BOLDEST EVER SEEN IN COLORADO"—POLICE

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Masked bandits armed with sawed off shot guns and without regard for human life today fatally injured Charles Lincoln, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City Federal reserve bank stole \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denomination at the doorstep of the government mint and escaped. The robbery occupied less than a minutes time tonight every highway in the state is guarded and police and federal authorities have dispatched armed guards in pursuit of an automobile occupied by seven men who were seen speeding northward shortly after the robbery. One of the occupants was bleeding profusely.

The robbery occurred while the money was being transferred from the mint to a federal reserve truck. Twenty five packages of currency of \$4,000 each was seized. Witnesses differ as to the number of men participating in the holdup. Denver police unhesitatingly declared the hold up was the largest and most sensational ever executed in Colorado.

With sawed off shotguns two of the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint. Arthur leaped from the mint 50 government employes, summoned by an alarm bell, seized shot guns, and rushed to the doors and windows of the mint, shooting at the hold up men who returned the fire, and at the same time proceeded to load the 50 packages of currency.

According to the witnesses two or three men leaped from the car with a shout of "hands up" and opened fire on the reserve bank employes. Lincoln, according to the police, attempted to throw the mint money into the back grill compartments of the reserve truck as the "hold up" command and was shot by the leader of the bandits. Lincoln died without regaining consciousness.

## CARPENTERS WILL BE EXPENSIVE TO FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Committee for the relief of the French has already sent the French war papers \$1,000,000 francs, the financial experts have calculated. The records show that when the chamber of deputies, failing to vote the regular budget before December 31 has to resort to voting monthly appropriations in bulk in order to carry on the country's business, it costs the tax payers about a half billion more per month. The monthly allowances are reckoned by dividing the original amount of the budget estimate by 12.

In this instance the original 1922 budget estimate was 20 billion thus making necessary the voting of two and a third billions for January. It is expected that when the ordinary budget finally passes both houses, it will not exceed 20 billion.

It is admitted now that there is not a possible chance of voting the budget before the end of the year. Thus the experts have figured out that deputies Diagne intervenes in the chamber in behalf of him with the consequent loss of time involving the budget will be responsible for an extra expense of 500 millions francs in 1923.

## HARDING CABLES "SYMPATHY" TO POLISH PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A message of sympathy to the acting president and the people of Poland today was cabled by President Harding expressing the sincere condolence of the United States government at the atrocious murder of his excellency Gabriel Nantowicz, former president of Poland.

WANTS STATE TO BE FRANCHISEE IN ALL INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES  
RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Recommendations that the State enter the role of peace-maker in industrial disputes through the passage of a law referring such controversies to the department of labor and legalized are contained in the annual report of M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, to be presented to the general assembly.

JUDGE OF HARRY K. THAW TRIAL DEAD AT N. Y.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—James Fritzsche former justice of the state supreme court, who presided at the first trial of Harry Kendall Thaw for the murder of Stanford White in 1907 died at his home here late last night at the age of 71. He had been in ill health several years, his retirement ten years ago being forced by a nervous breakdown attributed to the strain he underwent at the Thaw trial.

## J PAUL LEONARD DEFENDS RETAILERS AGAIN IN A SPEECH

### State Secretary Talks at Wilson Same Lines He Did Here Other Day

### SAYS THE PUBLIC DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

(From Wilson Mirror)  
A small but enthusiastic meeting of the Wilson Merchants Association at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, with Chairman J. B. Denny, presiding and the secretary, Mrs. Harriett Pillars, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association was present and after the business of the meeting was transacted, made an exceptionally long talk on problems which confront retailers at the present time.

Practically no business was transacted on account of the small attendance, due to the inclement weather and the near approach of the holiday season. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Starr were appointed as a committee to investigate the working up of a local mailing list and directory, in lieu of the city directory, which is reported as being very faulty and incomplete.

The local association is working on plans to enforce the peddlars license laws in the city of Wilson, in order to protect the itinerant bell ringers from becoming a nuisance to house wives in Wilson, a situation which has often been in issue here in the state, judging from reports from various sources. It was suggested that the attention of the Chief of Police be called to the fact that many not having paid license have been allowed to go free merely upon their promise to leave town. The association thinks that the law breakers should pay the penalty for their offense and be fined.

Mr. Leonard speaks  
The main event of the evening was the address by Mr. Leonard.

Mr. Leonard stated that his chief aim was to impress on the members of the association the absolute necessity of close cooperation to prevent the large storekeepers from driving the retail storekeepers out of business.

The importance of the retail storekeeper is best illustrated by figures presented by Mr. Leonard, which he had obtained from census statistics and other absolutely authentic sources. In a fact, he said, that 37 per cent of the population of the United States at this time are supported solely by wages or salary earned in the distribution of essential commodities. This means that the retailer does his best thing in the support of more than half the population of the country.

When the retailer, however, is depressed by his inadequate profit, and forced to close his business, it means that the whole of the country is made to suffer.

Speaking of legislation, Mr. Leonard stated that very probably the Federal government is considering the merchandising of goods, low conditions he said, care to go deeply into this problem to consider the many and varied expenses, incurred in getting an article into the hands of the consumer. When they hear of the cost of production as compared with the selling price, they immediately conclude that the retailer gets all the tremendous difference, when as a matter of fact the retailer more often than not, pays out almost all the difference to the very people themselves in the operating expense of establishment.

Farm Bloc Investigation  
The farm bloc, after making an exhaustive investigation of retail conditions and arriving at a number of conclusions, and arising an immense of unfavorable propaganda, finally admitted their error, said Mr. Leonard, adding that the retailer's profit over the United States average is only about 2 percent. This admission however, he continued, was not broadcasted over the country as was the unfavorable news, and the consequence is that the National Organization is faced with the necessity of employing the men who made the investigation to travel over the country and give the actual facts of the case, as opposed to the general impression which was left in the minds of the people.

The distribution system of the country has been the subject of violent attacks for the last six years, said Mr. Leonard. Each attack has failed to show the error of the system, but now the same attitude is cropping up in the Pro-creative Movement started recently in the hands of LaFollette, Capper and Watson. National legislation involving post mark laws, providing that the most mark, actual manufacturer's article be indelibly stamped on every article shipped into a state from outside its borders is being agitated. This is impossible Mr. Leonard believes. A buyers strike would be inevitable resulting in a breakdown.

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## LOUIS HUMMEL IS TO HEAD LEGION

### Elected Post-Commander at Kennon Banquet Last Night—Begin Membership Camp.

LOUIS HUMMEL was elected post-commander of the local post of the American Legion, succeeding John Edwards at the banquet at the Kennon Hotel last night. Edwin Michaux was elected vice-commander, Clarence Crone adjutant succeeding himself, and Dr. Wall, chaplain, succeeding himself.

The local post, it was stated, will put on a campaign for new members the first of the year. There are 1,500 ex-service men in the city and 50 members of the legion. Whether or not the dues of \$2.50 is to be changed is a matter left in the hands of the executive committee.

## SOUTHERN POWER TO BUILD \$500,000,000 PLANT IN CANADA

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 18.—Authority has been granted by the government in Quebec province, Canada for construction by the Southern Power Company of a hydro-electric plant at the head waters of the Saugany River to cost eventually \$500,000,000 it was announced here today at headquarters of the concern.

## POLAND UNDER MARTIAL LAW; ELECT NEW PRESIDENT TODAY

WARSAW, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Martial law became effective in Warsaw today by proclamation of the Polish cabinet.

Captain Niewadomski, the crazed artist who assassinated President Nantowicz last Saturday, has been held for trial by court martial. At his preliminary examination yesterday the man declared he had acted on his own initiative in shooting the president and that he had no accomplices.