

# FIRST NATIONAL BUSY AT WORK ON FALL SCHEDULE

Both Eastern and West Coast Studios Rush New Photoplays.

With nearly twenty pictures either in production or in the cutting room First National will continue its heavy production schedule during coming weeks, a number of companies being assigned to the new studios at Budbank, now nearing completion.

Last advised from the East and West coast states that some seven pictures went into work during the first two weeks of July, including the Joseph M. Schenck special, starring Norma Talmadge, "The Sun of Montmartre," and Colleen Moore in the John McCormick production of "Tinkletoes." With the exception of the Talmadge production, the new pictures are to be included in First National's Banner Group released for the season of 1926-27.

The first scenes have been shot on "The Sun of Montmartre," an original story by Hans Kraly, which is planned as the biggest production the Schenck star has ever made for First National, not excepting such box office triumphs as "Secrets," "Graustark" and "Kiki." Tullio Carminati will play opposite the star.

Scheduled to start is the B. P. Fineman production, "A Desperate Woman," from the stage play by Sam Jenney which includes Doris Kenyon, Lloyd Hughes, Charlie Murray and Arthur Stone in the cast under the direction of Alfred E. Green.

**New Sils Film**  
John McCormick has starred "Men of the Dawn," with John Francis Dillon directing. This is an adaptation of "The Legionary," a story by Ludwig Biro in which Milton Sils will star as a member of the famous French Legion. Supporting Sils are Mae Allison, Philine McCullough, Arthur Stone, Natalie Kingston and a number of other well-known players.

It is figured that Miss Moore will have completed "It Must Be Love" in time to start work in "Tinkletoes" July 19. "Tinkletoes" is a version of one of Thomas Burke's famous Limehouse stories and offers the star a role of great fascination in the character of a pathetic little dancing girl. Charles Brabin will direct "Four Feathers."

**Eastern Production**  
In the East, Robert Kane is preparing to start studio work on "French Dressing." This picture, taken from an original story by Blanche Merrill and Thyrn Samter Winslow, is expected to burlesque the cloak and suit industry in somewhat the same fashion that the moving picture business was burlesqued in "Bluebeard's Seven Wives." Mr. Kane is at present selecting a cast to appear under the direction of Lothar Mendes, the German director, who is just completing "The Duke of Ladies."

Charles C. Burr and Johnny Hines, having spent a number of weeks with continuity writers and gag men, will be ready to commence studio operations on the next Hines starring picture by the middle of July.

Instead of "The Dancing Mayor," this latest comedy, which deals with the rise to prominence of a typical East Side New York boy, is being called "The Knickerbocker Kid." It is possible, however, that another title will be selected before the picture is released. Edmund Breese has been cast for the picture, but Mr. Burr and his star are still looking for a suitable leading woman.

## CIRCUS ARENA TO BE BUILT AT LYRIC

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daily fare will be a special screen attraction for the week.

### BILLY HOUSE TO OPEN AT THE PALACE

Billy House, the heavyweight light comedian, and his company of twenty-ix entertainers will be the whole vaudeville show at the Palace Theater the first half of next week when they present the Harry Rogers' musical comedy extravaganza "Hello Bill," centering around the comic actions of the fat funster.

Billy House is the main character, the husband, who is forced to go to jail after being caught in a poker raid. Like Jiggs he is afraid to go home to his wife. Instead of offering the old gag of having business to attend to in Mexico the husband listens to the counsel of a friend and pretends to be the general of the army which has been across the border fighting in Mexico. While he is explaining all his experiences to his wife the true general of the forces appears in khaki and complications ensue that are humorous in the extreme.

Twenty chorus girls wear several different costumes and present lavish dance and song numbers. Billy House has written several blues songs and sings them. His "Don't Let No Shimmy Mamma Shake You Down" is one of his own hits which he offers.

On the screen are: "The Shamrock Handicap," a Peter B. Kyne story with Leslie Fenton and Janet Gaynor the first half and "The Phantom of the Forest," with Thunder and White Fawn, the marvel dogs the last of the week. Pathé News, a comedy, Topics of the Day, and an Aesop Fable are the reels.

## Broad Ripple to Have Contests

When one sees the thousands of automobiles carrying immense crowds and the street cars unloading legions of passengers at Broad Ripple Park almost daily, it is hard to realize that there was a time when transportation to the park, other than by horse-drawn vehicles, was Monon trains, which stopped at the nearest point. Later a street car line was built to take care of the modest traffic of those days.

The development of the park and the surrounding territory as a summer home colony really began with the formation of the old Indianapolis Aquatic Club, about thirty years ago, composed of men interested in water sports and outdoor life. The club had a boathouse anchored in the river which was a rendezvous for week-end parties and vacationists. The boathouse was wrecked and burned about 1902 and the club went out of existence.

Not long afterward the street car line was taken over by the Union Traction company and an effort was

made to feature the park. That was its beginning as an amusement center.

In 1906 White City was built on the site now occupied by Broad Ripple Park and all sorts of amusement enterprises popular at that time were provided. This flourished for several seasons until wiped out by fire. Thereafter the park was gradually rehabilitated with miscellaneous attractions. The park continued to be dear to the hearts of the people of Indianapolis—an Indianapolis institution.

But all of this is changed now, a group of business men have made it into one of the interesting parks in the country. It boasts of the only wild animal zoo in the State and also the largest concrete swimming pool in the world.

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