

FORMER PALS NOW ENEMIES IN FILM FIGHT

Fox and Sheehan Wage War for Right to Control Giant Company.

Following is the fourth and last article of a series on William Fox and his battle to control his vast theatrical enterprises.

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NEW YORK, March 31.—Poles apart in race, creed and temperament, William Fox and Winfield Sheehan worked together to bring the Fox Film Corporation to a commanding place in the nation's newest great industry.

Now the two men, friends and associates for so many years, are battling each other in the courts and engaging in personal disputes. This acrimony is but one of the dramatic highlights of the financial warfare over control of the organizations through which Fox entertains hundreds of thousands of persons daily.

For frankly entered the movie business because he thought there was money in it. He knew little about making pictures, but he found Winnie Sheehan. Winnie knew little about them, but he found out.

Former Reporter

For eight years, Sheehan had been a newspaper man and a good one. Then for four years he was a secretary to police and fire commissioners in New York City. Then came the job with Fox.

Within ten years he was made vice-president and general manager and placed in charge of production. Sheehan has endless vitality—is "always full of plans." To illustrate one item in his success: Fox wanted D. W. Griffith to direct "What Price Glory?" Sheehan disagreed, assigned Raoul Walsh to the job and the result was box office history. Among his "discoveries" were Theda Bara, Janet Gaynor, Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe. Regardless of who was responsible, the film corporation's gross receipts jumped from \$21,000,000 in 1925 to \$72,000,000 last year.

Cloud Appears

There were no clouds over the Sheehan-Fox association until Sheehan says, he became convinced that Fox's attitude on a refinancing project was "harmful to the best interests of the companies and to his own interests as well." Sheehan then obtained a show cause order preparatory to seeking an injunction that would restrain Fox from refinancing his corporations through the so-called Bancamerica-Blair plan.

Sheehan charged that this plan would be \$31,850,000 more expensive to the stockholders than the plan offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co.

Fox was bitter in retaliation. He alleged that Sheehan had entered into a bargain with Halsey, Stuart and with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (the latter owner of the Electrical Research Products Corporation, one of Fox's editors) "by which he was to support me, although he owns no substantial interest in the company. That is the bargain he is trying to put through."

Charges Exchanged

And thus charge and counter-charge, suit and counter-suit go on. Victory will be determined by the courts and it may be that Fox will be toppled from leadership of the organizations he built or may win his way to domination over an ever-expanding business.

Meanwhile, Sheehan has reported that the Fox companies have reported gross receipts well above the corresponding period of last year.

The public apparently doesn't care who makes the movies or who owns the theaters just as long as there are movies and theaters to attend.

LAW REQUIRING FULL RAIL STOP OPPOSED

Motorists Would Lose 153 Years Time in 12 Months Stoops Says.

If Indiana motorists were compelled by law to come to a dead stop before crossing railroad tracks, they would "lose" a total of 153.25 years of time in a single year.

This compilation was contained today in a statement from Todd Stoops, secretary-manager of the Hoosier Motor Club, opposing "an effort by some interests" to force the full stop at crossings.

Stoops figured Indiana has 10,244 railroad crossings, of which 7,954 are unprotected. There is one crossing for every 3.5 miles of road in Indiana and there are 882,782 cars in the state. If each car came to a fifteen-second stop at one crossing every day, the 153 years "wasted time" would be entailed, Stoops calculated.

The motor club favors warning signals at all crossings.

MISSIONARIES CAPTIVES

Chinese Bandits Loot Town, Killing and Torturing Many.

By United Press
SHANGHAI, March 31.—Miss N. E. Gemmell, an American, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Porteous of Great Britain, have been held captive by Chinese bandits after an attack on Yanchow, they were workers at the China Island mission.

The bandits looted the town, killing many shopkeepers and tortured to death many others, including the Chinese pastor and the principal of a school.

Noted Actor Is Recovering

By United Press
DENVER, March 31.—E. H. Sothern, noted actor, was recovering here today from an attack of acute indigestion suffered Saturday night while portraying a scene in "Hamlet" at the theater.

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3 CITIES VOTE DRY

Harding's Home Town Against Liquor in Poll.

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 31.—Marion, O., home town of the late President Warren G. Harding, is one of three cities with dry pluralities in the latest compilation of votes in the Literary Digest prohibition poll.

Four hundred and two of its citizens indicated desire for enforcement, while 274 voted for modification and 165 for repeal.

The other two cities are Spokane, Wash., with 1,310 favoring enforcement, 1,037 voting for modification and 603 for repeal, and Elgin, Ill., tabulating 357, 389 and 319 in the three classifications.

Philadelphia voted heavily wet. Those favoring enforcement numbered 11,405, modification, 18,155, and repeal, 44,603.

French Delegates Unable to Obtain Security.

By United Press
LONDON, March 31.—Failure of the French delegates to persuade Great Britain to undertake further military obligations affording France the security she demands, appeared to end today the hopes that were aroused last week for a five-power pact.

The statement of a spokesman for the British delegation, who it is presumed, represented the views of Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald, was flat and unequivocal. It coincides with American view towards a security pact, in that it declines to accept any military commitments regarding a future situation over which it has no control.

BOULDER DAM TESTS STATE CO-OPERATION

Wilbur Forecasts Physical Tie as Aid in Solving Problems.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 31.—A vast and significant experiment in "regional self-government" is being tried out in the far west where Colorado river basin states are uniting to impound millions of acre-feet of water behind Boulder dam. Secretary of Interior Wilbur said today.

Upon the success of this experiment, far-reaching in consequence, depends the solution of countless problems of government, Wilbur said.

Wilbur envisions a day when "physical" rather than "political" ties will bind states together in working out common aspirations.

FEW 'BABY' GANGSTERS

Less than 12 Per Cent of Chicago Arrests Under 20 Years.

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Asthma Treatment On Free Trial

D. J. Lane, a druggist at 1413 Lane Building, St. Mary's, Kan., manufactures a treatment for Asthma in which he has so much confidence that he sends a \$1.25 bottle by mail to anyone who will write him for it. His offer is that he is to be paid for this bottle after you are completely satisfied and the one taking the treatment to be the judge. Send your name and address today. Advertisement.

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