FILM STUDIOS, CHALLENGED BY SCREEN STARS' WALKOUT, TO DETERMINE WHO'S BOSS

Hollywood, April 30—Two motion picture studios apparently have determined to have settled, by court action if necessary, whether the studio management rules or accedes to desires of stars and directors.

Marlene Dietrich, blonde German-born star; James Cagney, actor, and Josef van Sternberg, are under suspension. Paramount employs Miss Dietrich and the director; Cagney works for Warner Bros. First National Studios.

Salaries Halted

Von Sternberg left Hollywood for New York last Saturday, saying he considered the story provided for his next production unsuitable. Miss Dietrich, siding with the director, refused to repotr for work yesterday under Richard Wallace, substitute director. Salaries of both were stopped with their suspension.

Cagney was suspended yesterday after he demanded a $2400 weekly increase in salary. He had been signed under a long term contract at $1600 weekly.

Cagney refused to appear at a premiere showing of his most recent picture, scheduled for tomorrow night. He said he would leave Hollywood soon on a motor trip through the Canadian Rockies and unless his salary demand is heeded will quit motion pictures and enter Columbia University to study medicine.

The two studios did not reveal whether they will seek to have the three contracts broken or if they will endeavor to enforce the agreements.

Would Be Barred

If the contracts are found legal and the studio is given the right to dictate to its artists and should the artists refuse to appear, they would be barred from other studios, under an agreement of leading producers of the film colony.

"Artistic temperament" as displayed by a motion picure artist was vindicated in the last major test it received in a court struggle.

That is a significant memory as Hollywood watches for developments in the battle precipitated when Von Sternberg went to New York instead of obeying orders to direct the story approved by his studio for Marlene Dietrich.

Jetta Goudal was the artist whose "temperament" was exonerated when she sued Cecil B. De Mille, director, for breach of contract when he did not complete a picture for which he had signed her.

The court, deciding in her favor, held that temperament is part of the artist, and that Miss Goudal's action which caused De Mille to label her a "French cocktail of emotions" did not constitute a violation on her part. The state supreme court last year upheld this $90,000.

Harding Case

A few months before the Von Sternberg disagreement there was a strangely similar case involving Ann Harding, who disapproved of the screen play written for "Prestige" and tried every means to evade playing in the picture. She yielded, however, under pressure.

Since then her husband, Harry Bannister, as a preliminary to their divorce proceedings, came to an "amicable settlement" with the same studio and was freed of his contract. He objected to being buried in insignificant roles.

Roland Brown, a directorial "soldier of fortune," who came into prominence two years ago by making "Quick Millions," also belongs to the ranks of the insurgents. He and Fox came to a parting of the ways. He went Universal, left dissatisfied and now is at radio as a writer and director.

The career of Erich von Stroheim, also a director, is replete with disagreements and stormy walkouts.

Recently Janet Gaynor again has occasion to go into conference with Fox studio officials over a story she did not care to make. She won the arguments and was given another vehicle. A year before she walked out and took salary suspension because of her refusal to play in "Lilliom." A reconciliation and smooth sailing followed until she decided against "Rebecco of Sunnybrook Farm" as her next story. She will make "The First Year," instead.

The case of Miss Bellamy is marked by irony. A popular player, she protested against being cast in three pictures in a row as a chorus girl wearing tights. She had played that character in two films and objected to the third, "A Woman from Hell." In the argument that followed Miss Bellamy was discharged and since then has been virtually [illegible] pictures.

HUNGRY BEAR SCARES WOMEN, UPSETS DINNER

New York N. Y. May 2—Mrs. Christine Schubert was planning dinner as she mounted the stairs to her apartment. When she got inside her kitchen she was surprised to find her refrigerator lying on its side. While she was contemplating the scrambled eggs, jam, chicken legs spread indiscriminately over the floor there came a deep bass grunt behind her. Mrs. Schubert turned around in a hurry.

There stood a brown bear waving its paws playfully.

Mrs. Schubert departed through a handy door, shrieking loudly, "Bears! Police! Murder! Fire! Bears!"

The police came and lassoed the bear. It broke loose and took refuge in an empty store. Finally came Richard Herrold, owner of the bear, and slowly, cautiously enticed his pet into handfuls of lady fingers into a cage. u

ANGLING TAUGHT IN COLLEGE

(New York Times)

Intsruction in the art of fishing will be taught at Leland Standford Junior University and a degree goes with successful completion of the course, according to information which reaches New York by devious, unknown paths via London.

Educators and welfare workers keep advising young men out of work to stay in school, or to go back to it or to enter vocatinal training classes. In such study there is no immediate gain, but the student of fishing may pull his lunch out of the brook on the first day of school.

Californians are on the spot and will doubtless enroll by the hundreds. But New York need not remain without academic possibilities in fishing. We have water and fish and plenty of men with time on their hands. A donation of tackle is now in order.

Right Hour But Wrong Day

Dr. A. D. Houghton, cactus expert, was talking about Texas of the old days, particularly some of the train service down there.

"A train came in on time in a little town and the town was so pleased it raised a purse for the engineman. Honest man he was, though, and he said:

" 'I can't take this money, friends; this is yesterday's train.' "

FIRE BREATHING DRAGONS SOUGHT IN THE ATLANTIC

Los Angeles, California, May 2 — "Fire-breathing dragons will be sought in the Atlantic depths off the Bermuda Islands this summer by a scentific expedition headed by Dr. William Beebe, noted deep-sea explorer of New York.

"During the work of our expedition last year," said Dr. Beebe, "we saw dimly huge shapes that came floating up from the depths. No one has seen them before and I feel sure that further work at deeper levels will reveal the presence of unknown monsters.

"We have already found creatures that answer all the descriptions of medieval dragons. These things shoot a luminous substance out of their mouths like liquids shoot their ink; they are covered with spines and are altogether fearsome."

In the last expedition were Albert E. Colburn, Los Angeles furrier and entomologist; John V. Deuel, author and aviator, and Willis J. Hole, naturalist and yachtsman.

THE COMING OF SPRING

Lilting laugh of the ice-freed brook,
Flash of a bluebird's wing,
Glimpse of green in opening bud,
This is the comiug of spring.

Zephyrs soft as the fleecy clouds
Hints of fulfillment bring;
Her life stirring in bulb and seed,
This is the coming of spring.

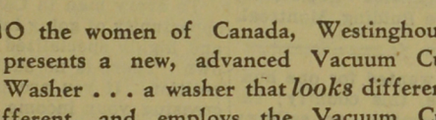
Newborn hope in the harassed heart
Where the hurts of the winter sting,
Courage and faith and cheer again,
This is the coming of spring.

F. BELL CONROW, From the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader.—

For South Africa

The Moncton Times of Twenty years ago had the following:—Among the Canadian school teachers who left this week for South Africa, are six from New Brunswick, six from Nova Scotia and five from Prince Edward Island. The New Brunswick teachers are, Miss Mabel V. Elliott, Newcastle Miss Sophie M. Pickles, Kingston; Misses Ida McLeod and Winnifred Johnson, Fredericton; and Misses Annie Burns and Agnes Carr, St. John.

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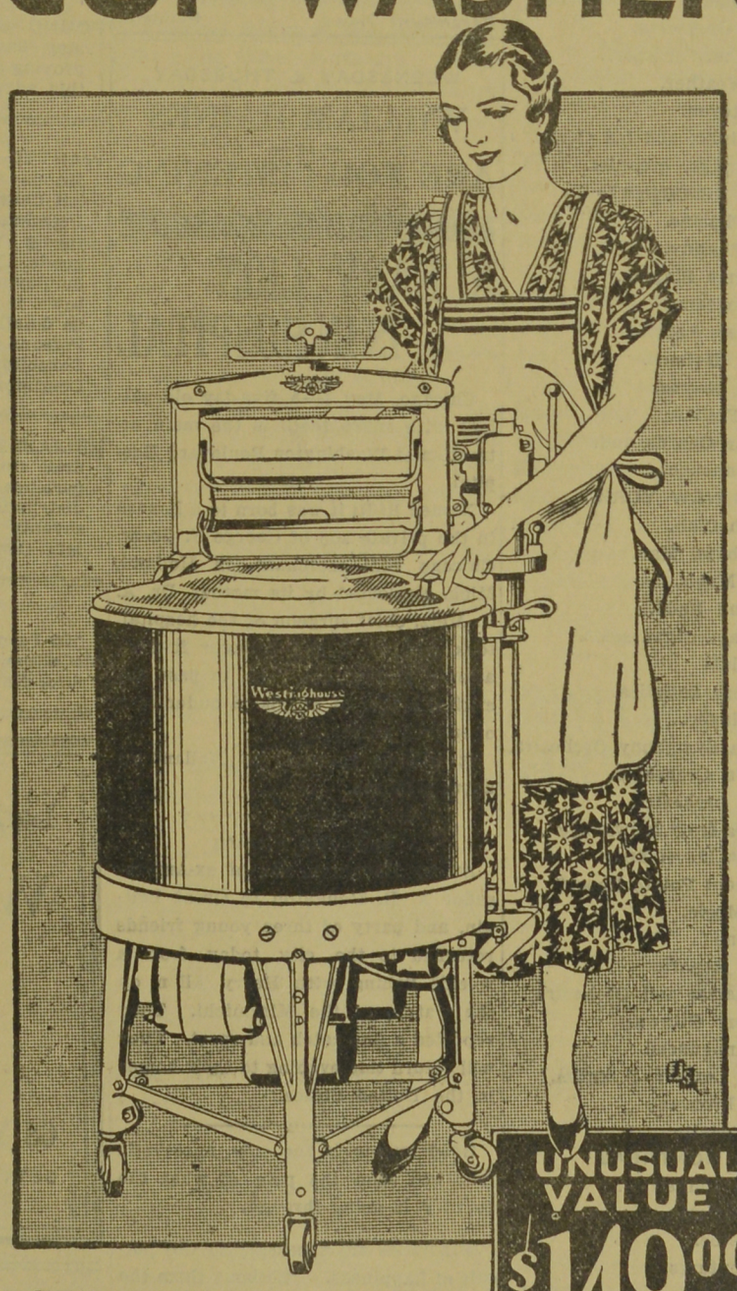
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