

Burton Holmes in Travelogue Series on South America

Burton Holmes returns to Orchestra Hall on Feb. 16-18-19 to open his series of five travelogues with an all new production, "A Motor Tour in Brightest South Africa." With his car and cameras Mr. Holmes went to South Africa last summer to conquer for his screen a new world of wonders, a white man's Africa. Never before has South Africa been presented in Travelogue. Stories of dangerous and scientific exploration have held the lecture stage for many years. The wild animals and the black natives have been pictured frequently. But the white man's splendid cities and the amazing works of the Empire Builders, who have civilized a continental wilderness have never before been shown. The super highways, scenic glories, delightful resorts, skyscrapers, modern office buildings, picture palaces and National Parks received their first treatment by the cameras of Burton Holmes, and for the first time he offers a travel adventure about this land of the sun-bathed veld, where wild animals roam unmolested in

ern cities rub shoulders with the primitive huts of native tribes, and where travel is one incessant round of pleasure and interest.

On Feb. 23-25-26 Mr. Holmes presents for the second of his series "Italy and the New Roman Empire." Returning last fall from South Africa via the East Coast through the Mediterranean Mr. Holmes toured Italy extensively. This time with his car, also a flight to Tripoli for a visit with General Balboa. This new screen story will show the marvelous transformation effected during the past few years.

The third lecture on March 2-4-5. Mr. Holmes presents the story of "The World Wide British Empire," which may be called a world tour under the Union Jack—a tour which ends with the crowning of a new King of a mighty Empire that never sees the sun sink behind her far horizons.

On March 9-11-12 the fourth lecture is "Picturesque Germany" when he will present not only new aspects of familiar regions, but German scenes and German cities new to his screen.

For the fifth and final lecture of his series on March 16-18-19 Mr. Holmes will once more take his audience below the equator for a bright and highly adventurous trip. "Down to Rio, Through Mexico and Over the Andes," a screen story that ends in delightful Rio de Janeiro, the loveliest place in all the world.

Deerfield Boy to Star for Bradley at N. U. Saturday

The Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic conference takes the basketball spotlight away from its younger Illinois college rival in championship action this week, but a non-conference battle promises to detract the attention of both before the week is up.

Those rampant Bradley cagers, pacing the Illinois college loop with three triumphs, risk their season's string of 11 straight victories against Northwestern Saturday in the non-conference feature. Not since the Wildcats present leaders of the Big Ten, whipped them last season have the Techmen lost a game. They won five in a row after the setback, which with this season's string, gives them a record of 16 consecutive victories.

Charles Orsborn of Deerfield is star played for Bradley cagers.

While the Peorians are building up to their "revenge" game and Illinois Wesleyan is planning for another non-conference headliner against De Paul, the North Central-Millikin and Augustana-Knox games will supply the championship feature of the week.

Community Training School First Session Held Tuesday P. M.

The community leadership training school which is being conducted at the Bethany Evangelical church under the auspices of the Lake County Council of Christian Education, had its opening session Tuesday evening. Scholars enrolled from Glencoe, Deerfield, Bannockburn, Highwood, Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and from our own city. Prof. John Garrison of Winnetka is proving himself to be a splendid instructor. Two more lectures will be given, one on the 8th and the other on the 15th at 7:30 p.m. Any one interested in this fine course is invited to enroll.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

By **RALPH E. CHURCH**
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Washington, D. C., Jan. 29—Last Monday the Senate Civil Service committee favorably reported a resolution introduced by Senator Allen J. Ellender, Democrat, of Louisiana, providing for an investigation of the administration and operation of the civil service laws. In proposing the resolution the Senator has no doubt been actuated by a sincere desire to further the merit system in the government. We do not want to believe otherwise. We have no reason to believe otherwise.

The stated purpose of the proposed investigation is not to attack and publicly discredit the civil service system as such but rather to find ways and means by which it can be improved. It is designed to expose to the light of public opin-

ion the "bureaucratic control" over positions in the government whereby the spirit if not the letter of our civil service laws are violated. If anything, the proposed investigation represents a much needed attack upon "bureaucracy."

According to the committee report on the Ellender resolution, "there have grown up within the civil service a clique of 'bureaucratic czars' who, while abhorring 'party politics,' have worked out a system of 'personal politics' whereby personal promotions and salary increases are traded back and forth and their friends and relatives are appointed, transferred and promoted in complete defiance of the civil-service laws." The report goes on to state that "the worst enemy of

effective government and a real merit system is a secret group of this kind responsible to no one and chiefly interested only in personal advancement."

We will agree with the Senator that discriminations and favoritisms violate the purpose and intent of the civil-service laws. We will agree that they constitute an enemy of effective government and a real merit system. Such practices of "personal politics" enable unqualified people to occupy responsible positions and destroy the morale of the civil service employees who conscientiously seek through merit a career in the Federal Government. It is an evil which should be exposed and promptly corrected.

But "bureaucratic czars" and "personal politics" are not the only enemies of effective government and a real merit system. Their particular practices are not the only evils which should be exposed to public opinion. It can be justly said that members of Congress themselves and "party politics" con-

stitute an enemy of a real merit system. While professing to be in favor of the establishment of a modern career service based on merit for the government, subtle strategy has been repeatedly employed whereby the administration can make it appear that it is fulfilling its platform promise to the people and at the same time continue the "spoils and patronage system." It would no doubt help the cause of the merit system if these practices could also be exposed to the light of public opinion.

Space precludes an explanation of all the tricks (and there are many) that have been employed. It will suffice to indicate one of the favorites in this political practice of artful dodging.

Let us take for an example the Social Security Law which established a new agency in the government. The law provided in effect that positions with the Social Security Board are to be filled from the Civil Service registers established in accordance with the ratings re-

ceived in the examinations. That provision thus enables the administration to say to the people that it is fulfilling its promise to extend the merit system. It is pointed to as concrete evidence of "good faith."

But, and this is the joker, the same provision of the law provides for "exceptions," those instances when the selections need not be taken from the Civil Service registers. Among the exceptions named one will find the "experts."

Ask yourself this question: What is an expert? What is necessary to qualify as an expert? An administration politician can supply the answer. It can be seen, therefore, that by writing "exceptions" into the Civil Service provision of the law the spoils system is continued while at the same time the spoilsman expresses his interest in the merit system.

Senator Ellender's resolution proposes an investigation of one enemy to a real merit system. There are other enemies who should also be exposed.



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