

BUILDING REPORT SHOWS DECLINE

Only Few Permits Issued During December, D. C. Ebert Announces

December has seen a decline in building activity in Birmingham, according to the monthly report of Donald C. Ebert, building inspector. Permits for two residential, one commercial building, and three private garages were issued this month as against the 25 issued last month.

The total valuation of property built last month was \$31,669, which shows a decline both from last month, when the valuation of building activity amounted to \$66,656, and from December of a year ago, when the valuation was \$119,450. That December is a poor month for building is shown by the fact that in November, 1928, the building valuation equaled \$121,014.

The year 1929, however, witnessed a larger volume of building than 1928 did. The total valuation of building in 1929 was \$2,437,614, while in 1928 it came to \$2,347,600.

B^o BROADWAY

By JOSEPH VAN RAALTE

By Central Press
New York, Jan. 8.—Alice Delysia, who is enjoying a new vogue in London, where she was always a favorite, occasionally visits Broadway. But of late when she crosses from London she appears to arrive incognito. In some mysterious fashion she slips past the shipnews reporters and the camera men. She sees all there is to see on Broadway, stops at some quiet hotel and sends for a few friends, and then just as mysteriously disappears again. Later those who know her in New York hear that she has reappeared in London. Delysia always has offers for American engagements, but she has declined them steadily of late.

HODGE'S FOLLOWING
William Hodge for the time being is playing on Broadway, but this star does not appear to be troubled with the same managers, the determination never to play very far from Broadway. Hodge makes long tours and en-

joys them. Thus he has built up a following from coast to coast which is intensely loyal to him and to which he in turn is loyal. If more stars of the legitimate would have cause to complain so loudly to arrive incognito, as the "Hillums."

CLEVER IDEA
In times past the Waldorf theater, which is in 50th street close to Sixth avenue and hence in the Broadway sense a long ways from the theater center, has suffered on occasion from this location. But now some advertising genius has discovered that directly opposite to the Waldorf is almost an entire vacant lot used as a parking space. So now all Waldorf theater ads carry a line: "Don't hesitate to come in your car. Parking space directly opposite the theater." The Waldorf theater now is getting the motor trade.

WELL, MAYBE IT WAS
A Broadway character had occasion the other day to telephone to the financial district. He was told that the number he gave to the operator had been changed to "Hitchcock" something or other. In real indignation he hung up immediately.

"It's terrible," he exclaimed angrily. "What won't the telephone company do next! They've named an exchange after poor Raymond Hitchcock!"

ACCIDENTAL?
An eating place patronized by Broadway players has the telephone number "Volunteer 1776." Which is merely an example of accidental brilliancy on the part of the telephone company, or said a Broadwayite, "Whoever names the telephone exchanges could not possibly know what 1776 stands for. That would presuppose education and intelligence."

BACK AGAIN
"No, no my dear Watson," or "My dear Watson," or again, "You see, my dear Watson"—all of these have again become a part of Broadway slang—due to the last appearance on the stage of William Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes." The newer Broadway and the older, the flapper and the dowager alike, have turned to the old acting classic for a taste of what they can't find elsewhere. And even the bookstores report an increased demand for all the Conan Doyle stories in which the well loved detective appears.

Thelma Verrille, a blind girl of Mobile, is Alabama's entry in the Atwater Kent radio audition this year, being chosen as the most promising singer in the state.

A Chicago taxicab driver who found \$200 in his car several months ago has had the money returned to him by police unclaimed.

AS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEAT PITTSBURGH



Ripping and tearing through Pittsburgh, champions of the east, almost at will, Southern California administered the most decisive defeat ever taken by a losing team in the history of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena. The Panthers fell, 47 to 14. Photo shows Russell Saunders, U. S. C. backfield ace, whose play overshadowed that of Toby Ussie, Pittsburgh's All-American halfback, running back a punt in the first period.

WILL GIVE SCOUT AWARDS JAN. 24

The court of honor of Birmingham Boy Scouts will be held at 7:30 p. m., Jan. 24, at the First Baptist Church. At this time several Birmingham scouts will receive recognition and rewards for excellency in scout work. Dr. C. B. Landy, president of the Boy Scout Council of Detroit, will be the guest of honor and speaker of the evening. Invitations for the affair will be extended to prominent residents and to members of Birmingham's luncheon clubs.

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New York.—Theresa Thin shanks, back from abroad, is pleased to know that the trend of styles is to long dresses. She said that she never could understand the vogue of short skirts, since they were becoming too short and grotesque, in many cases.

Fair and Mild

Mr. Blowhard: Yes, sir, I'm a self-made man.
Businessman: Yes?
Mr. Blowhard: Yes, sir.



Businessman: Well, as far as I can see you're just another reason why we ought to eliminate unskilled labor.

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The man on the right is saying, "My, but I'm glad I joined that Christmas Club." His purchases are made and paid for and he is happily on his way homeward to stow away his many purchases until Christmas morning.

And you will be among the care-free at Christmas time, with ample funds to take care of your holiday expenses.

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	\$ 12.75		\$ 12.50
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	25.50		25.00
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