

# DOG TEAMS OF MOVIES TO BE GIVEN ACID TEST IN SNOW

*Screen Mushers Challenged to Vie With Champions at Ashton, Idaho.*



**H**ERE'S a chance for the movies. Mr. Will Hays, please notice!

Through The Los Angeles Times, the dog drivers of America have issued a challenge to the dog drivers of the movies—they who mush over the vast arctic wastes of Bear Valley carrying the handsome hero to the rescue of the beleaguered heroine—to prove whether or not they are the real thing by entering one of the many beautiful teams in the Los Angeles movie camps in the American Dog Derby at Ashton, Ida., on February 22, when the American, and possibly the Canadian championships will be defended by real dog teams under some of the ablest drivers of America, Canada, and possibly Alaska.

All entries can be made through George Zarn, chairman of the committee of the big international race at Ashton, Ida. The line forms to the right, men, and don't push. Mush!

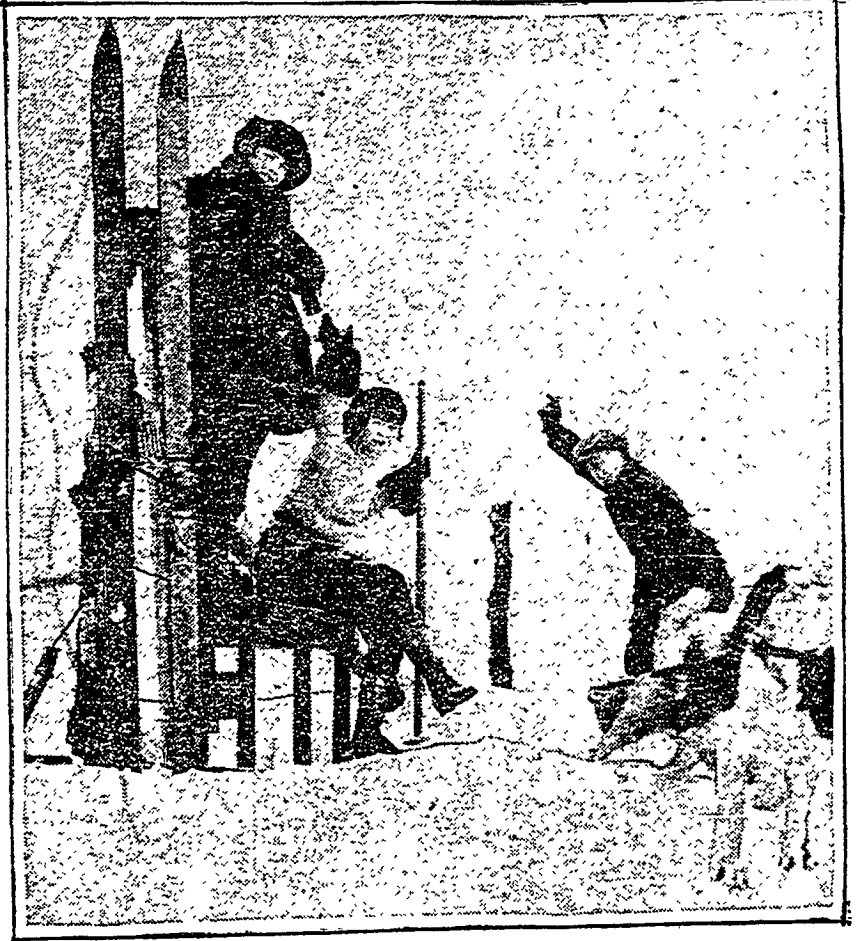
The American Derby at Ashton is the speed event of the Big Three, the others, the All-Alaskan Sweepstakes and the Hudson Bay Derby being the endurance contests.

In addition to the championship cup, now held by Tud Kent, the American champion, a purse of no inconsiderable size which is still growing, is raised as prize money of the sporty event.

Already it is being whispered that a team, picked from out of the several score crack sledge-dogs of the movies and the best of the many drivers of cinema camps, will be chosen and sent to Ashton, where the motion-picture team might take away the American championship from the land of the snows, and give it to that of the orange groves—and Bear Valley!

Tud Kent, American champion, is one of the foremost in issuing the challenge. Kent's time for the twenty-five-mile course, by the way, is 2 hours flat, a record made in 1921, beating the previous one of 2 hours 2 minutes. He is present holder of the championship, and the championship trophy.

Besides Kent, there are three other dog drivers of international fame planning to enter the American Derby. These are William Cory, Anchorage, Alaska; C. C. Morgan, The Pas, Manitoba; and Arthur T. Walden, Wonalancet, N. J., all of whom have been entries in the two great northern sweepstake events. These, with the American champion, and the American drivers who will enter, will comprise a field for a movie team to compete against that will, in truth, give the California team a chance to demonstrate its stuff.



**Here Are the Challengers; Look 'Em Over**

Tud Kent, champion dog driver of America, and his leader, Bob, who has issued a challenge to one of the dog teams of the movies to enter the internationally famous American Dog Derby at Ashton, Idaho, on Washington's Birthday as a competitor for the championship, appears in upper left. On the right is Miss Lydia Hutchison who owns and drives her own dog team against the best dog drivers of America. She, too, is confident that she can beat any team from the movies. Below is shown Smoky Gaston and his dog team that carries the mail over 100-mile route of frozen snow through the Targhee Forest right along, and Smoky is also in on the challenge to a movie team to enter the championship classic.