

WILL SHOW FILM INTACT, HE SAYS

Producer of "Birth of a Nation"
Notifies Silberstein No Scenes
Will Be Eliminated.

COMMISSIONER THINKS CHANGES INCONSEQUENTIAL

Cutting of Objectionable Parts
Would Not Impair Play,
Safety Head Contends.

Not an inch of film will be eliminated from the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," when it is shown in Duluth next week, according to an ultimatum issued to Public Safety Commissioner Silberstein, yesterday by members of the firm of Elliott & Sherman, who will offer the picture at the Lyceum theater.

Shorn of his censorship power as the result of an opinion by City Attorney Greene, who declares that the city has no right to prohibit or censor a play or picture because of race hatred that it might incite, Commissioner Silberstein, yesterday asked the film management to eliminate certain parts, which he asserted were inconsequential and unnecessary to the plot.

Would Not Impair Picture.

"The changes I suggested would in no degree detract from the picture," Commissioner Silberstein said.

"The producers have notified me that they will not eliminate an inch of the picture," Manager Morrissey announced. "The film has been passed by the national board of censorship and lauded as one of the greatest pictures ever produced."

According to City Attorney Greene's opinion, the city can only censor a play or picture that is immoral or obscene or would seem likely to cause a disturbance of the public peace.

Negroes Again Protest.

Protests against the picture have been made by local negroes. A committee headed by William Dawson and J. N. Richey, after witnessing the picture Monday night in Superior, met with Commissioner Silberstein yesterday morning and asked that he use his influence to have certain scenes eliminated. The public safety head told them he had no authority to order eliminations, but would suggest changes to the management.

SCENE FROM 'THE BIRTH OF A NATION'
TO BE AT LYCEUM FOR INDEFINITE RUN

