

# WHEN BILL GOT MAD, WELL, HE WAS THAT

Marie Dressler Again Proves She Is as Great a Dramatic Artist as She Is a Fine Comedienne.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

WHEN Wallace Beery as Bill got mad after Marie Dressler as Min had chased him all over the room and about pounded him into jelly, well, Bill got mad.

After Min had about ruined Bill, he up and tells her, "Now, Min, you have made me mad," and in his right hand he held a relic of other days which generally reposed under the bed.

You may call this situation crude, but this scene probably will get more laughs than any other scene in "Min and Bill," which has the leading services of Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery.

Here is stark drama and Miss Dressler again plays one of those



Marie Dressler

harsh and rather cruel roles as she did in "Anna Christie." "But in the case of all drama when properly done there is comedy relief, because the characters are human. And Dressler brings that quality of fun into the character of Min, the operator of a point near the ocean front. Min lived because she loved a girl she had raised from a baby and the big moments arise when Min faces the real mother, played with great and ugly power by Marjorie Rambeau. Here you see the false savage mood of the rum crazed mother. Here you see the great honesty of Min who is fighting for the happiness of the girl. Then murder because Min shoots and kills the mother of the girl.

Just as you will always remember Karl Dane and his tobacco spitting in "The Big Parade," you will also remember Wallace Beery while eating watermelon and spitting out the seeds in "Min and Bill."

I am ready to state I believe that Marie Dressler is the most commanding woman on the stage. Even while you are laughing at her in "Min and Bill," you will want to cry.

Bernhardt once told me that the greatest tragedian was a comedian at heart. And I believe that that great woman was right.

Apply that statement to Marie Dressler and I believe that you will get my point. Please remember that "Min and Bill" is drama, but there is a laugh always just around the corner, because of the great artistry of Dressler.

This movie was made from Dark Star by Lorna Moon, but the story has been so changed for screen purposes that you would never recognize it.

Now at the Palace.

**JUST ABOUT THE SMARTEST MOVIE YET**

Just as "Holiday" made Ann Harding on the talking screen, "Laughter" makes Nancy Carroll one of the best dramatic-comedy women in the business.

I thought we would have to go many months before we found another "Holiday," but I have the sneaking thought that there is higher comedy and dramatic acting in "Laughter."

Here is a picture that is so finely acted and so intelligently directed that it becomes one of the greatest movie blessings of the season. You are concerned with a former Follies chorus girl who married a man with so many millions that he knows what to do with them but to make another



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gesture the perfect look and, above all, the right atmosphere—all going to make a perfect dramatic scene. I hope you will agree with me that this is Arliss' greatest movie because here we have the strangest death scene that the screen or the stage has reflected in years.

Arliss is right in bringing his stage successes to the talking screen. Those characters are mellow and wonderful in his hands now at this time of his life.

"Old English" makes Arliss without any fear of contradiction the greatest dramatic artist before the public today.

Even when the old fox is trying to outthink and outwit his enemies and even his friends, he does it with such a sly and such a forgiving manner that you must respect the old rascal.

Here is Arliss at his very best. "Old English" is one of the rarest treats the talking screen has given us so far.

Now at the Apollo.

**TRIO IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD ON ROLLER SKATES**

Fancy dancing on roller skates is something, but to tap dance on roller skates is a little more than something. The way Mulroy, McNece and Ridge do it this week, on the Indiana stage with such ease and poise, is exceptional. They make it look so simple, but I bet most of us would fall on the first tap. I asked the young lady who was with me when I saw the show how she liked the skaters. This was her answer: "I thought they were marvelous. It's hard enough to tap dance, without doing it on roller skates."

Well, I agree with her that they are very good. Their tap dancing on the skates is the best I have even seen.

Charlie Davis and band are playing some hot music this week. They stopped the show with the two "Sing Something Simple" and "Nobody's Sweetheart Now." Bobby Jackson, who was master of ceremonies at the Indiana stage with such ease and poise, is back this week. He dances and sings and lets out some nice cracks. The rest of the stage show is nice entertainment.

The picture "Half Shot at Sunrise" is just light, meaningless fun. I was neither bored or excited. I did get some laughs, but who can help from laughing some when seeing Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey on the screen or stage? They are funny whether their material is old or new, and in this movie most of it is old. As soldiers in

Paris and absent without leave, they get into all kinds of mixups. And when they try to speak French, well, it sounded more like Greek to me, being as I do not know how Greek sounds. Dorothy Lee is in the cast and she and Bert burst out in song once in a while. If you like Wheeler and Woolsey and their type of fun, you will like "Half Shot at Sunrise."

Dessa Byrd in an organ solo demonstrates how she broadcasts over the radio, and she is assisted by Frank Parriah, singer from Charlie's band.

Now at the Indiana.—(By Connell Turpen.)

Other theaters today offer: Aunt Jeannette at the Lyric; "The Santa Fe Trail" at the Ohio; burlesque at the Mutual; movies at the Colonial and movies at the Rialto.

The Indianapolis Federation of Public School Teachers tonight at 8:15 o'clock will present Lawrence Tibbett, baritone, in recital at Caleb Mills hall. This is one of the major concerts of the season because of the merits of the artist.

**Firm to Elect President**  
By United Press

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 1.—Directors of the Continental Steel Corporation will meet Dec. 31 to elect a successor of Henry A. Roemer, president, who resigned to accept the presidency of Sharon Steel Hoop Company, Youngstown, O. D. A. Williams, first vice-president, is mentioned for the post.

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Those voting "yes" on the question:

"Should the United States adhere to the protocol of the permanent court of international justice on the terms of the Root formula for embodying the senate reservations?" were:

J. L. Anby, C. W. Becher, William M. Blanchard, F. S. Cannon, William A. Carson, John W. Clements, Charles W. Chase, Stanley Coulter, Joseph J. Daniels, George L. Denny, H. W. Denny, James I. Disette, J. Ambrose Dunkel, Edgar H. Evans, Samuel M. Foster, William Fortune, J. E. Frederick, H. O. Garman, James P. Goodrich, W. A. Hacker, Arthur F. Hall, Samuel R. Harrell, Fred Hoke, J. I. Holcomb, Harry E. Jordan, D.