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Radio Hero

Official Order From Gov-
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Operator Rest.(Copyright, 1931, by United Press)
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, March 19.—A government order was required today to give Otis Bartlett a rest.

Bartlett, the 21-year-old-radio operator on bleak little Horse Island, became the outstanding figure this week in the rescue of more than 100 survivors of the Viking disaster and, simultaneously, he became one of the busiest men in the world.

Four days ago Bartlett was discharging the daily routine duties of a wireless operator in the isolated little ten-by-ten station on Horse Island off the northern coast of Newfoundland.

Every day he could look out across several miles of ice which circled the island and see the sealing ships hunting northward for herds.

But last Sunday night the stout ship Viking reached the end of her half century of service in the sealing fleet, and the tragedy of her last moment carried Bartlett to a high place in the admiration of his countrymen and in the eyes of the world.

SUNDAY night the radio operator was listening in, when he was startled by the sound of an explosion.

He dashed out of the station as a momentary flash of light appeared on the ice far off the island. Then all was silence again and the light disappeared.

Other residents of the island heard the explosion and rushed from their homes, but they could see nothing.

They talked it over and, knowing that a sealing ship was off the coast, decided to wait and see if the ship would come back to the island.

Early Monday morning, Bartlett aroused the fishermen with whom he boarded, and told him that he had seen a steamer burning eastward of the island.

The radio operator then dressed and hurried to his station, where he worked frantically for almost four hours before he could raise the relay station on the mainland and get through a message.

WHEN the station finally responded, Bartlett flashed the news that disaster had struck the sealing ship. The flash reached St. Johns at 10:40 a. m.—almost four hours after the Viking had been torn to pieces and her crew killed or hurled to the ice.

All day Bartlett sat at his key, scarcely taking time out to eat. His work was slow and hour after hour he fought static and inadequate sending facilities to get through to the mainland the news of the disaster and the need for urgent help.

Messages poured into the little station and he arranged a system whereby he sent for half an hour and then received for half an hour—plugging on throughout the day and night as messages piled up at both ends.

FINALLY, the government took charge and gave official messages precedence.

On Monday night atmospheric difficulties increased his task as he fought off weariness and exhaustion, sticking at his post until day without leaving the office.

Food was brought to him, and he carried on through Tuesday until nightfall, when it became apparent that the relay station at Campbellton could not cope with the situation.

Arrangements were made for stations at Twillingate, Port Albert and Little Bay to take Bartlett's messages in relays and send them on to St. Johns.

But there was no one to relieve Bartlett in his barren little office on Horse Island, watching men staggering in from the ice floes in such pitiful condition that he must have forgotten his own weariness.

He had no relief and only occasional naps, without leaving the office, until midnight Tuesday, when the minister of posts and telegraphs sent through an official order for cessation of traffic to Horse Island to relieve Bartlett of duty until 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Bartlett was at his desk at 8 a. m. Wednesday and opened the connection again two hours earlier than ordered by the ministry. At midnight the ministry ordered him to rest again.

But Bartlett's greatest task was achieved. He had brought seven rescue ships, loaded with supplies and doctors, to the ice pack off Horse Island.

The ships had picked up several small groups of survivors who otherwise would not have reached safety. The wounded and exhausted men on the island knew that Bartlett was responsible for bringing food and medicine.

TALKIES USED FOR CHURCH EXPERIMENT
Novel Service Is Presented for Presbyterian Workers.

"Within two years it is quite possible that talking equipment will be in use in Indianapolis churches as an aid in religious education," H. Paul James, director of visual aids for the board of Christian education, declared today.

This prophecy followed the first presentation in Indiana of a "talkie" church service at the Severn Wednesday evening. Approximately sixty officials and church workers of the Presbyterian church organization witnessed the experiment.

The service, consisting of hymns, organ numbers, speeches, and choir selections was shown on the screen by use of both stereophonic and projector. Synchronized recordings amplified by radio apparatus are used in place of more expensive "talkie" equipment.

Bank at Orleans Reopened
ORLEANS, Ind., March 19.—After being closed since Nov. 24, the Citizens State bank reopened Wednesday.

BROOKS CHILD KILLER MAKES NEW THREAT

Suspect Intimates He Will Commit Second Crime to Prove 'Superiority.'

BOASTS OF PERFECTION

Letter Written by Man of Education, Belief of Coast Police.

By United Press
SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 19.—A new threat to kidnap another child to prove "criminal superiority" has been made in a letter received by police from the man suspected of the killing of Virginia Brooks, 10, it was disclosed today by Detective Lieutenant George Sears.

While refusing to state whether the message had been written by a mysterious "doctor," who wrote police a defiance Tuesday, Sears admitted that the note apparently was written by a man of powerful but twisted mentality, seeking to commit "the perfect crime."

"The contents of the letter have received will not be revealed, because I believe the man who wrote this note is the murderer," he said.

Not a Crank Letter
Sears thinks "the doctor" is the killer. He said police based their assumption on the fact that the note was not a typical "crank" letter. It was written perfectly and punctuated, and indicated that the writer was well educated, he said.

The note, received Tuesday, read: "I killed Virginia. I have performed a perfect crime. I am no degenerate."

"She did not suffer. You never will find me, for I left no clew. It proves I am superior."

The letter was found under the door of a service station near the district from which Virginia disappeared on Feb. 11 while on her way to school.

Slayer Has No Fear
Lieutenant Sears said that the slayer, having covered his tracks completely for a month, had no fear of being apprehended. The officer admitted that even the board of experts gathered here in an effort to solve the crime had found not even one tangible clew.

He added that the letter from "The Doctor" was written in pencil on brown paper, apparently carefully selected because it will yield fingerprints easily.

Torch 'Victim' Alive
Prison Receives Corrected Schroeder Papers.

Corrected commitment papers for Harold Herbert Schroeder of Mobile, Ala., were received at the state prison at Michigan City today where Schroeder Tuesday started serving a two-to-twenty-one year, voluntary manslaughter sentence.

The papers, taken by Sheriff Charles (Buck) Summer carried an erroneous date of conviction for Schroeder on a charge of slaying an unidentified man and burning the body in Schroeder's car on the High School road early May 31.

Police were informed Wednesday that Harold Webb, 24, former Indianapolis youth, whose mother, Mrs. Louise Crooks, R. 2, Box 673, believed her son to have been Schroeder's victim, is employed in Salem, Ill.

Schroeder is being kept in solitary confinement at the prison until observation is completed and he will be assigned to a regular job in the prison.

U. S. AVIATOR IS LOST
Four Navy Destroyers Begin Search for William G. Brophy.

MANILA, P. I., March 19.—Four United States navy destroyers began a search today for William G. Brophy, Los Angeles aviator, who was believed to have been forced down in an isolated section of Luzon while flying from Hong Kong to Manila.

Both firemen were treated at city hospital for the injuries. The fire was started in a closet on the first floor of the house and damaged the structure about \$200. Police opened an investigation of the blaze. The J. S. Cruise Realty Company is rental agent for the property.

HUNT CITY FIREBUG
Open Probe of Blaze in Vacant House.

Two firemen were injured this morning while fighting a blaze believed of incendiary origin in a vacant house at 329 Kentucky avenue.

Howard Sanford of headquarters company, suffered a cut wrist when he attempted to smash down a door to gain entrance to the house. Harry Shirling, Engine House 13, suffered arm cuts and a sprained wrist while cutting a hole in the roof of the residence.

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THREE ACTRESSES CAN'T SAY 'NO' TO STAGE CALL
Betty Blythe, Ex-Film Queen; Mrs. Chevalier, and Mary Nolan Booked to ReturnBY GILBERT SWAN
NEA Service Writer
NEW YORK, March 19.—The theater having furnished rather dull fare for some days, it's take a few backstage peeps this week.

It was the fifth name from the top in the program's list of players. It read in plain type, "Betty Blythe." We rubbed our weary eyes and began to look for gray hairs.

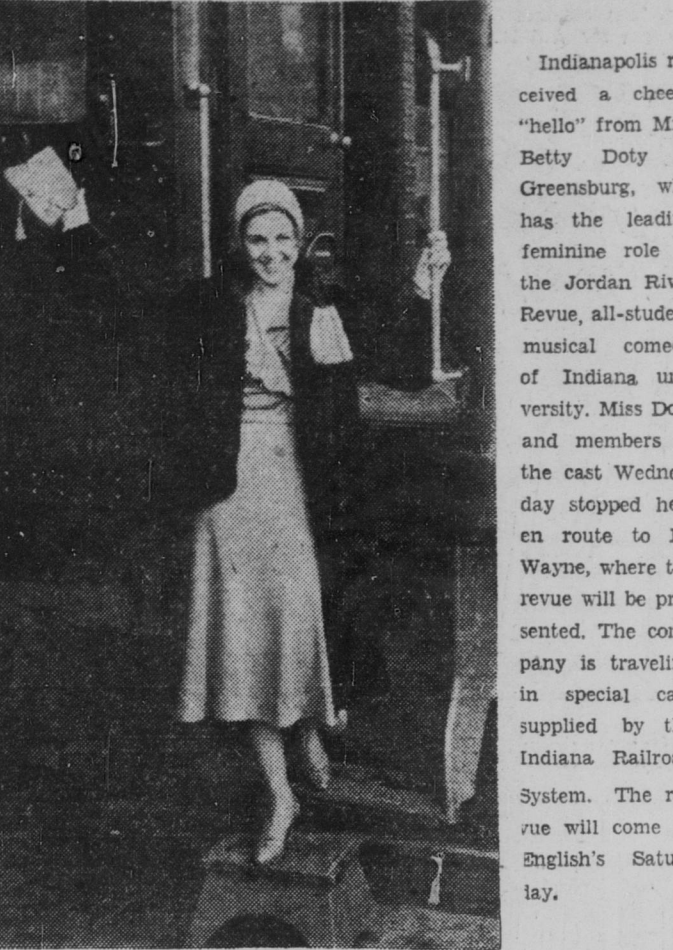
The name came bouncing out of memories of flimflam's ancient days. Maybe you'll remember, too—way back when Betty Blythe was a queen of the cinema?

Now she had a role in a third-rate play entitled "Paging Danger." It has little chance of surviving, but it's given Miss Blythe the chance she's been looking for so long. She hopes that it will be a wedge opening a door to the "way back."

It has been a long discouraging struggle. Even with her past record of achievement, Miss Blythe found that hunting a job on Broadway was just about everything that has been said about it.

She began making the big street rounds only after the movie situation had offered no hope. You may remember that, after her first successes, Miss Blythe went abroad and stayed for several years. It's

Leading Lady of Revue



Miss Betty Doty

Indianapolis received a cheery "hello" from Miss Betty Doty of Greensburg, who has the leading feminine role in the Jordan River Revue, all-student musical comedy of Indiana university. Miss Doty and members of the cast Wednesday stopped here en route to Ft. Wayne, where the revue will be presented. The company is traveling in special cars supplied by the Indiana Railroad System. The revue will come to English's Saturday.

Just Damp

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 19.—Students at De Witt Clinton high school, the largest in the city, admitted in a questionnaire they were 26 per cent drinkers and 29 per cent smokers. Half of the students said their parents drank.PICKS SCRAP WITH BORAH
New Farm Board Chief Denounces Policies.By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 19.—James C. Stone, who just has succeeded Alexander Legge as chairman of the federal farm board, will receive condolences or congratulations on his new job with the smiling acknowledgment that he does not know which it should be.

This Kentucky occupies one of the hottest political spots in Washington, and says he has no interest in politics. Political storms beat about the farm board all winter.

The agricultural committee of the progress conference under chairmanship of Senator William E. Borah (Rep., Idaho), plans to keep the storm blowing through the summer and fall.

Instead of seeking a storm cellar, Stone made his debut as chairman with a firm denunciation of cherished agricultural policies of Borah and the progressives in general. He condemned the export debenture.

Now he is ready for a battle with those who contend farm board efforts to stabilize wheat profits must entail a loss. He says government purchases of wheat last November prevented a "debacle."

"LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY," SAYS BISHOP ROGERS
Midday Lenten Addresses Are Continued in Christ Church Here.

Continuing his midday Lenten addresses in Christ church, the Rev. Warren L. Rogers, D. D., bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Ohio, spoke today on "Our Duty to Our Fellow-men."

"The whole matter," declared Bishop Rogers, "is tersely contained in the admonition: 'to live righteously.' Righteousness is something that grows; it is a matter of evolution and is developed by the sum total of our experiences. I live. Character changes with our changing age and that character grows. We don't stay put—to stay so would be merely to be dead."

Bishop Rogers will close his series of addresses Friday, 12:05 p. m.

Councilman Chosen
KOKOMO, March 19.—Victor E. Valle, president of the South Kokomo bank, has been selected by the city council to succeed Charles C. Piro, who resigned following his conviction in the Howard circuit court of taking \$3,300 from the defunct Farmers Trust and Savings bank. Valle will represent the Third ward. Edward Edwards was the Democratic nominee for the place.Child Gets \$2,750 Damages
GREENFIELD, Ind., March 19.—Damages of \$2,750 have been awarded Margie Mae Grigsby, 12, as a result of injuries suffered when she fell through a sidewalk grating in front of a building owned by Christian Kirkpatrick, who lives in the city of Greenfield as defendant in a suit which asked \$15,000 damages.Man and Wife Accused
NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 19.—Clarence McNeice, 50, and his wife, Edna, 45, are in jail here pending trial on liquor charges. Officers reported finding sixteen pints of beer and a pint of whisky at the McNeice home.SURRENDERS TO FACE GIN TRIAL
Man Charged as Owner of Liquor Mansion.

Surrendering to Sheriff Charles (Buck) Summer today, Claude Bittroff was slated at city prison on bond and charges, to appear in municipal court.

Bittroff was being sought by the police and deputy sheriffs for a week after deputies raided a mansion on Eighth street, west of College avenue, and confiscated about \$3,000 worth of liquor.

When the raid was made deputies found the house empty but lights were burning. The liquor was found in the garage and basement. Rental papers made out in Bittroff's name were found in the house.

Bittroff was with his attorney, L. Ert Slack, when he surrendered. His \$1,000 bond was signed by John Walker and Joe Foppiano, professional bondsmen.

United Brethren Have Convention
Ministers, Yawmen Attend Meeting of White River Conference.

Ministers and laymen of the United Brethren church were in attendance at the adult convention and mid-year retreat of the White river conference in the First church, Walnut street and Park avenue today.

Bishop H. H. Post was principal speaker today; his subject, "The Need of a First Century Pentecost for the Twentieth Century Church."

The two day conference opened today, when the Rev. C. P. Marshall, of Indianapolis, outlined as the five objectives of the conference, a consecration, leadership, stewardship, evangelism and organization.

NEW LAWS TO BE IN EFFECT ABOUT MAY 1

Printing Firm Ordered to Print 26,000 Volumes of Legislative Acts.

SUPPLIES TO COUNTIES

Governor's Proclamation to Follow Notice of Last Delivery.

Acts of the 1931 legislature, which adjourned ten days ago, will become effective on or about May 1, J. Otto Lee, secretary of the state printing board, estimated today.

Last of the law copies of the 181 bills and eight resolutions approved by Governor Harry G. Leslie for incorporation in the "Acts of 1931" were sent this week to the Ft. Wayne Printing Company, Ft. Wayne, which has the contract for publication of the acts, Lee said.

The printing firm has forty days in which to complete the printing contract and to ship the required number of copies to clerks of the ninety-two counties of the state.

Proclamation to Be Issued
When the secretary of state receives acknowledgments of delivery from all the county clerks, he will notify the Governor the distribution is complete, and the Governor will proclaim the acts in effect. Four years ago the proclamation came on April 28. Two years ago on May 21.

Some of the acts became effective immediately upon approval by the Governor because of emergency clauses, while others carried specific effective dates which permitted their taking effect in advance of the Governor's proclamation.

The law requires that each county clerk shall send twenty copies of the acts for each 1,000 votes cast for secretary of state at the last general election in such county. This will require 23,300 copies.

26,000 to Be Printed
Each of the 150 members of the legislature will receive five copies. With the additional distribution authorized by law, the total number will mount to 26,000 copies, the number to be printed.

Because litigation caused the Newton circuit court measure to be left out of the 1929 acts, it will be incorporated in the 1931 volume as "Act 224 of 1929."

STUDENT BODY GOES ON STRIKE
W. and J. Men Demand President Be Fired.By United Press
WASHINGTON, Pa., March 19.—"Strike" of some 430 men students at Washington and Jefferson college, a protest against the regime of Dr. S. S. Baker, president of the institution for ten years, will continue until Monday, students have voted.

A petition, said to demand the resignation or removal of Dr. Baker and signed by 350 of the students, was to be presented to James I. Brownson, president of the board of trustees, today.

In general, the policy of the administration toward athletes of the college was said to be the basis of the dissension.

Other factors reportedly involved in the charges included: "Childish rules" of Dr. Baker, regulating dress of students; dismissal of three popular instructors; alleged threatened expulsion of two students arrested at a dance Tuesday night.

The entire student body walked out of the chapel room Wednesday as Dr. Baker was about to make his usual announcements.

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Booth Contest Winners



Top-Prize-winners in the miniature model booth-designing contest held by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board in connection with the tenth Realtors' Home Show, pictured above, are:

Right—Samuel S. Slater, Shortridge high school, first prize of \$20.

Center—Edward Hesse, George Washington high school, second prize, \$15.

Left—Mary Hurt, Shortridge high school, third prize of \$10.

Those receiving honorable mention awards are Dolores Dorsey and Clyde Carter of George Washington high school; Charles McLaren, Arsenal Technical high school; Winston Savage, Marjorie Duncan, Juanita Wright, John E. Clemens, Fred Brun, Dean Henderson and Carl F. Gaines, all of Shortridge high school.

FIGHT ON WILL OF SISTER ENDS
Indianapolis Man Fails to Appear at Trial.By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 19.—a suit resisting probate of the will of Mrs. Ida McClintock of Indianapolis, brought here from Marion county in a change of venue, was dismissed in Hamilton circuit court for want of prosecution after a jury was in the box ready to be impaneled. Special Judge Cleo P. Mount of Tipton was on the bench.

Charles Huddleston, Indianapolis, a brother of Mrs. McClintock and also a resident of Indianapolis, nor any of his attorneys appeared. The court and defendants waited for several hours. Judge Mount then dismissed the case and ordered the will probated.

An estate valued at \$50,000 and consisting largely of property in Indianapolis was involved in the litigation. Huddleston was the only heir at law of his sister, but she left all of her property to the following defendants, whom she said in her will had been kind to her during the latter years of her life.

Opal Rider, Ida McDuff, Pearl Woodruff, Margaret Harmahan, Emma Junkins, Nora Willis, Mrs. Joseph Mays, Mrs. Joseph McArdle, Fred Bowen, Don Rider Jr., Wilbur and Frances Thronburgh, Mary Shoemaker and Donald Rider Sr.

Under the terms of the will and also under the order of the court that the instrument be probated, the defendants will share equally in distribution of the property to the exclusion of the brother, who was not mentioned.

UNDERWRITERS TO MEET
National Insurance Association Official Will Speak at Luncheon.

The Indianapolis Association of Life Underwriters will be addressed by Roger B. Hull, managing director and general counsel of the National Association of Life Underwriters, Friday noon at the Spink Arms.

Hull, who is making a nationwide tour contacting underwriters' organizations to coordinate efforts in stabilizing conditions to bring about a return of general prosperity, will speak at a luncheon on "The Service of the Social Engineer."

The luncheon will be open to all life insurance salesmen and policyholders. Hull also will speak at a breakfast of the General Agents' Association of Indianapolis, Friday.

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WIZARD'S SON-IN-LAW NOT YET ARRESTED
Thurston, Daughter Jane Get Assault, Battery Warrant Issued.By United Press
DETROIT, March 19.—Harry Harris, son-in-law of Howard Thurston, the magician, who is charged with assault and battery in a warrant obtained yesterday by Thurston and his daughter, Jane Harris, had not been arrested today.

Police said they understood Harris still was in a hospital, recovering from effects of tear gas, and would not be arrested until able to leave the institution. Harris was charged by Thurston, who used a vest pocket gas bomb to protect himself, he said.

CONTINUE HUNT FOR BODY OF MAN IN PIT
Negro Believed Drowned by Backing Truck into Water.

Police today continued their search for the body of Frank Stafford, 26, Negro, 715 North California street, who was drowned Wednesday afternoon when the truck he was driving slipped into a gravel pit at Fall Creek near Indiana avenue.

The truck was pulled from the water by derricks after three hours work by police and 100 men. The cab door of the truck was open and police believed Stafford drowned while trying to reach the surface.

Ben Miller, manager of the dumps along the creek, said the Negro had been directed by him to dump the trash in the water. He said he saw the truck sink from sight in the water.

RESERVE OFFICERS HOLD MEMBER DRIVE
Potential Candidates for Association Divided Among Leaders.

Marion county reserve officers today began a drive for members of the Reserve Officers' Association. Major A. C. Rasmussen, O. R. C., vice-president and chief engineer of the Insley Manufacturing Company, was named chairman of the campaign today by Lieutenant Harry B. Perkins, O. R. C., president of the Seventh district chapter of the association.

The campaign ends March 27. Prospective members of the chapter have been divided among sub-chairmen for enrollment according to the branch of the service and the units in which they hold commissions. The sub-chairmen are:

Colonel Bowman L. Elder, coast artillery; Lieutenant Colonel O. O. Warfield, infantry; Lieutenant Colonel C. Severin, Buschmann, infantry; Lieutenant Oscar Poole, field artillery; Major Robert W. McBridge Jr., field artillery; Lieutenant Colonel W. Hensley, ordnance; Captain Frank B. Butler, special reserves; Lieutenant H. H. Maxwell and Lieutenant Paul A. Zartman, air corps; Major C. A. Hucker, quartermaster corps; Lieutenant Grier Shottwell, signal corps; Lieutenant H. L. Corke, sanitary corps; Lieutenant E. W. Chelwell, field artillery; Lieutenant Colonel F. L. Hosman, medical corps; Lieutenant Colonel Maurice E. Tennant, military intelligence; Lieutenant George Spitzer, cavalry; Lieutenant Harvey Barnard, chemical warfare; Major H. O. Percival, dental corps, and Captain Dennis Doggett, engineers.

Chosen for Naval Academy
By Times Special
SULLIVAN, Ind., March 19.—Tom Donnelly Jr., Sullivan high school graduate and now a student in Rose Polytechnic institute at Terre Haute, has passed the entrance examination to the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., in which he plans to enroll in June.

Mary Nolan

an old story that this is a dangerous practice. Hollywood has a memory even shorter than that of Broadway. She returned expecting to be deluged with contract offers. Instead she got a cold shoulder. They no longer wanted her.

Then she came to New York and started all over again, this time trying to find a place in the theater. Well, she has finally landed. It isn't much, to be sure, but it's a beginning.

YOU'RE going to see the name of Yvonne Valle in the bright lights some day.

And if that means nothing, at first glance, I'll tip you off that she is Mrs. Maurice Chevalier. For years she was a prominent entertainer of the Paris theaters, but when she came over with Maurice and he began to climb to his present stardom, she was willing to lean back and wait.

But of late months the urge to get back into the theater has been bothering Mrs. Chevalier. She wants to establish a reputation for herself.

Because she doesn't wish to trade on her husband's popularity and success she will use her old stage name and any identification as Mrs.



Yvonne Valle

Chevalier will have to come from the theater rather than herself. At present a vaudeville tour is planned. And who knows, Maurice may find a rival for popularity in his own family?

AND there's the case of Mary Nolan!

Every movie fan knows how Imogene Wilson, vanished suddenly from Broadway, to reappear in Hollywood as Miss Nolan and reach stardom.

A year ago she was one of the most promising players on the Universal staff. It seemed that nothing could stop her. But something did. Some mean stories found their way to the newspapers. Mary Nolan disappeared from the picture—and the pictures.

She came back to Manhattan recently, saying something to the reporters about taking a rest.

As a matter of fact, Miss Nolan has been dicker with Mae West for a stage appearance and will be cast in La West's forthcoming play, "Diamond Lil's Daughter." She probably will play the daughter. Also she will make a vaudeville appearance.

And if you can believe the prophets, she'll stage another comeback.



Betty Blythe