

'UNDER TWO FLAGS' FURNISHES FOUR-STAR ENTERTAINMENT

Legion Film Packed With Fast Drama

Story of Action, Heroic Love Best Since 'Bengal Lancer.'

Sands of the Arabian desert have been sprinkled beneath the feet of Ronald Coleman, Claudette Colbert, Victor McLaglen and Rosalind Russell by Director Frank Lloyd, and the result is the best screen entertainment of its kind since "Lives of a Bengal Lancer."

The picture, "Under Two Flags," opening at the Apollo today, combines excellently the best portions of the Ouida novel with the splendid acting of the above quartet, and for almost two hours held this reviewer in a state of boyish excitement.

It is the story of a young British officer who enlists in the French Foreign Legion under the name of Victor to escape arrest for a crime which his younger brother committed and for which he had shouldered the blame. In Africa his brilliant military knowledge and able command of his troops under difficult conditions wins him a promotion from the company major, Doyle.

Chooses English Lady
At a cafe, run by a girl camp follower, Cigarette, Victor repulses her advances. Later he meets her in the market place, challenges her to a horse race with a kiss as the prize. Wins. Off they race into the desert. And there the romantic desert skies, she learns to love him.

When Victor returns he accidentally meets Lady Venetia, English girl who had accompanied the English High Commissioner to his post, and falls in love with her. He dares jail to court her and captures her heart. Then comes news of the gathering of Sidi-Ben Yousif's forces in the desert and Doyle, made a colonel, is given the task of fighting the Arabs. He tells Cigarette the glad news, receives a cold reception, forces from her admission of her love for Victor.

Gives Life for Rival
In the battle with the Arabs, Doyle sends Victor three times against the enemy with a deliberate attempt to have him killed. But Victor always comes back. At last he is trapped with a few comrades in an old fort. Doyle then relents, takes his entire force to the rescue. The result is that the whole army is surrounded by the wily African tribes. Facing extermination, Doyle and Victor make up.

Director Lloyd has handled a cumbersome subject artistically. The battle scenes are among the best the screen has produced. Natural settings and technical excellence is unsurpassed by the super-normal cast.

Mr. Coleman is his usual breathtaking as Victor. He has the opportunity to get his face dirty fighting the Arabs and to display his flawless romantic technique with two lovely ladies.

Miss Colbert's performance is just another role at which to marvel. The reserve of this young actress is remarkable. The way she takes the part of Cigarette, in which she does not "win out in the end" and makes of it a dramatic masterpiece is ingenious.

For All the Family

Mr. McLaglen blusters and roars entertainingly as Doyle, and Miss Russell continues her upward climb in the sympathetic role of Lady Venetia. Deftly has Director Lloyd balanced this part with that of Cigarette so that audiences won't feel that the "wrong" girl was killed.

Among the smaller roles, that of Ivan, played by Gregory Ratoff, stands out as a gem of comedy. Nigel Bruce also appears in an excellent comedy part. J. Onslow Stevens plays the Arab chieftain with verve. Here is film fare which is healthful food for the whole family. And there won't be a dull moment in the most blasé. It's a four-star picture in more ways than one. (By G. W. T.)

Leads Are Selected for Manual Play

Margaret Webster and Jack Kistner have been chosen for the leading roles in "Thanks Awfully," one of two plays which will be presented in the Manual Training High School this afternoon by the Mask and Wig dramatic organization, for the benefit of the Red Cross Clubs.

'Professional' Quite Non-Professional
Madge Evans, who typifies young professional women on the screen, has never been in any profession except that of acting.

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"THE TRIAL OF MARY DUGAN"

Children's Cast to Repeat Popular Play Saturday



One of the Children's Theater's most successful plays, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," is to be presented again tomorrow at 10:30 and 2:30 in the Civic Theater Playhouse. It was given last Saturday before a large audience.

Powell Star of Mystery Comedy Hit

'Ex-Mrs. Bradford' Features Suave Actor in 'Thin Man' Role.

BY JOHN W. THOMPSON
To most of us a William Powell picture is like manna from the heavens. Let it be known that "manna" here again, this time in "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford," in which Mr. Powell is starred with Jean Arthur. It opens at the Circle today.

In a "Thin Man" type of role, the suave Powell is cast as Dr. Lawrence Bradford, affluent gentleman about town whose penchant for solving mysteries is squelched by his ex-wife, Paula. She naively gets him all mixed up whenever the opportunity is presented.

Suspected of Murder
Dr. Bradford finds a jelly-like substance on the boy's arm but nothing to indicate murder. Yet Paula hangs onto the murder theory. Later Mike North's body falls in through Dr. Bradford's front doorway and the police suspect him of murder.

The same type of jelly-like substance is found on Mike. After a run-in with a gang of book makers who all but take Dr. Bradford for a ride, he accidentally discovers the murderer and the missile. We won't tell you for you fools. There is a plot of "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford" is an unusually intriguing one especially since Mr. Powell and Miss Arthur's acting could stand a much lighter story. A good story and a good cast is a rare combination and this is a rare picture.

The comedy is, if anything, even spicier than the "Thin Man" and every bit as carefree as "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," even though Stephen Roberts and not Frank Capra directed it.

For instance, when Paula discovers a test tube containing the jelly-like substance Dr. Bradford had found on the jockey's body, she steals it, has it analyzed and is told there is nothing poisonous in it. Undaunted, she serves Mr. Powell an entire meal made up of nothing but gelatin by telling, "There is gelatin consommé and gelatin salad and gelatin desert. All through the meal she keeps asking him if he doesn't feel faint or dizzy. When he doesn't she is non-plussed and tells him her secret.

Able Supporting Cast
Again, when Powell battles with a burglar he had discovered in his apartment, Paula attempts to help, swings a vase over the scuffling couple and puts her lover out like a light. The picture is full of such situations.

Mr. Powell has an added touch of dignified humor in his role which makes it even more forceful

Takes Leading Role

in 'Thin Man' type of role.



One of 27 Washington High School seniors to take part in this one-act play tonight, Ann Mitchell (above) is to have a leading role in "The High Heart." A fantasy, "Three Pills in a Bottle," and "Suzanna Skids," a comedy played by 12 girls, complete the program.

than "The Thin Man." And Miss Arthur plays right up to her hero all through the film. There are even times when her giddy comedy tops his performance. She deserves the highest praise for having come a long way on the road "back" and is destined for a long line of such parts. This, we believe, is her best role to date.

With Eric Blore ("Top Hat's" perfect butler) as Mr. Powell's valet, Jimmy Gleason as the detective and Robert Armstrong as a gangster-booker, the cast supports the star remarkably well. The title might mislead one into thinking the film was another of the humdrum divorce-remarriage pictures which have cluttered theaters for some time. But take our word for it, "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford" has the brightest plot, the most sparkling comedy that has come out of Hollywood in months.

Don't miss it even if you have to beg or borrow the price of admission.

Films Interest Woman Skater

Sonja Henie Flies West in Search for Role.

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, May 8.—Sonja Henie, blond Scandinavian ice skater, today said she is ready at any time to take off the steel blades for a pair of high-heeled shoes and become an actress.

She arrived here yesterday from the East by airplane, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Henie, and her professional skating partner, Jack Dunn.

Miss Henie readily admitted she is seeking a motion picture contract and scheduled skating engagements here so studio executives would see her.

One major studio was reported interested in signing her and will take a series of screen tests soon.

Miss Henie has been the world's champion woman figure skater for the last 10 years and is a veteran competitor in the Olympic winter sports.

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A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF LOVE—AND SIX BUCKS IN CASH!
BRIDES ARE LIKE THAT
ROSS ALEXANDER ANITA LOUISE

Indorsing by Movie Stars Adds to Pay

Good Cash, Free Samples Are Exchanged for Signatures.

HOLLYWOOD, May 8.—(NEA)—The indorsement business amounts to quite a nice little sideline for movie stars, and may keep them in cigars, shoes, automobiles, tophats, or whatever products they choose to approve.

Several get good cash money in addition to free samples and the publicity afforded by publication of their pictures. More of them than skeptics would guess actually use the products they indorse. Popularity is a fragile thing, and they have to be pretty careful.

Western stars, for example, do not indorse cigars. One horse-opera hero appeared in a tobacco advertisement and received a great many disapproving letters from prentice-teachers. For several months his pictures actually were dropped from some of the preferred lists compiled by local censors.

No Fan for Harlow
Innumerable propositions are rejected by the stars. One company wanted Jean Harlow to stand next to a ventilating fan and allow her skirt to be blown this way and that—mostly up. It would have made quite an interesting picture. Miss Harlow said, "No, thanks."

Makers of women's nether finery and foundations are forever after Mae West's indorsement. She always declines, figuring that this

would be the most illusion-shattering publicity possible.

One manufacturer wants to sell corsets bearing her autograph. Can you imagine Klondike Annie posing in a corset? Oh, well—don't try.

They say that Greta Garbo was asked to indorse a garbage can. It has been called the "Greater Garbo Garbage-ola," or something like that. That was probably the first time the wan Swede decided that she wanted to go home.

But Shirley's advisers have declined many an offer. Their loudest "no" went to a French manufacturer of fancy cigars. He wanted to include her name in a list of stars who preferred his brand.

A good many lesser actors and actresses are interested chiselers who continually are seeking chances to make indorsements. It's nice work when they can get it.

Mary Pickford Aloof
About the only topnotcher who consistently refused to make indorsements during her entire film career was Mary Pickford. She reckons that she must have passed up more than a million dollars of easy money. She's doing a bit of indorsing now, on the radio.

The next time you go to a movie, give a thought to these figures: The film is traveling through the projection machine at the rate of 90 feet a minute. There are 16 frames, or individual pictures, to each foot of film. Twenty-four of these frames flash on the screen each second—1440 a minute.

If it's a good feature with big-name stars, each of those fleeting flashes costs at least \$5 to film, and

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Victor McLAGLEN • ROSALIND RUSSELL
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"Under Two Flags" with Ronald Coleman, Claudette Colbert, Victor McLaglen and Rosalind Russell, at 11, 1:30, 4:30, 6:30 and 9:30.
CIRCLE
"The Ex-Mrs. Bradford" featuring William Powell and Jean Arthur, at 12:40, 2:40, 4:40 and 10:10.
KEITH'S
"Behold This Dreamer" with Hal Hawkes, Jack Duval and Federal Players cast. Directed by Dr. Lee R. Norville. At 8:15.
LOEWS
"The Great Ziegfeld" with William Powell, Louise Rainer, Myrna Loy, Frank Morgan and Ray Bolger, at 2:30 and 8:30.
LYRIC
On screen, "The Law in Her Hands" with Margaret Lindsay, Glenda Farrell and Lyle Talbot, at 11:35, 1:45, 3:57, 6:09, 8:21 and 10:33.
On stage, "Major Bowes Amateurs," Unit 7, at 12:45, 2:57, 5:09, 7:21 and 9:33.

may have cost \$10 or more. The average feature film is well over a mile in length.

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UPTOWN 42nd & College Double Feature "IT HAD TO HAPPEN"
GARRICK Double Feature "ESCAPE FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND" "LITTLE MEN"
ST. CLAIR St. Clair & E. Wayne Double Feature "KIND LADY" "THE MUSIC GOES ROUND"
REX 30th & Northway Double Feature "TRANSATLANTIC TUNNEL" "CARTE BLANCHE"
TALBOT Talbot & 22nd Double Feature "TOUGH GUY" "THE MUSIC GOES ROUND"
STRATFORD 18th & College Double Feature "THE BRIDE COMES HOME" "MISTER HOB"
MECCA Noble & Mass. Double Feature "ROSE OF THE SANGHO" "MAN OF IRON"
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