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MOVIE NOTES

Majestic Theatre.
Back in 1914, a little war was started in Europe, which rumbled on into the greatest struggle that the world has ever known. The same year, in Hollywood, a man started a struggle for screen success, which has rolled and on, until today, he has a star; the goal he had in mind. That man is Monte Blue, who entered D. W. Griffith's studio as a common laborer at \$1.50 per day, and now he makes almost a thousand times that much in a week. The story of Monte Blue's success reads like a romantic fairy tale, but it is no fantasy of the mind; it is a cold-fact story of struggle, work and study.

Monte Blue has a leading role in "Her Marriage Vow," the screen adaptation of the Owen Davis novel, coming tomorrow to the Majestic Theatre.

Liberty Theatre.
The Kremlin, palace of the former Russian Czar, in Moscow, was built for "The Eagle," Rudolph Valentino's first United Artists Corporation starring vehicle, which will be at the Liberty Theatre tomorrow.

The magnificent setting occupies an outstanding position at Valentino's studio among the various other ecstasies of world-famous streets and buildings. It was designed by William Cameron Menzies, who was art director on "The Thief of Bagdad."

The real Kremlin was battered up considerably during the Bolshevik revolution, but has now been restored, according to Menzies.



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SNAP SHOTS OF WORLD'S NEWS

LONDON, April 10.—(A. P.)—The manager of Covent Gardens, London, home of the opera, are speculating anxiously about the frequency with which King George and Queen Mary will attend the opera season which will open within a few weeks. Upon the measure of the royal patronage the success of the season largely depends.

Last year, their majesties attended only the performance of "Tosca," with Mme. Jeriza in leading role. This year it is taken for granted that they will be present at Mme. Melba's farewell performance, which will be a program of selections from all her most famous roles. It is doubtful, however, whether the sovereigns can be induced to attend any of the Wagnerian presentations which will make up a large part of the coming season, as the lengthy performances of the Wagnerian "ring" are not much to his liking.

Obtaining a presentation to the king and queen is becoming such a task that even English folk of high rank have to resort to subterfuges to obtain a court presentation for their own children. So many foreigners are claiming the right of presentation nowadays that even though their majesties hold four courts instead of two in a season, the English born debutants have difficulty in getting into the presence of her sovereigns.

Hundreds of applications were refused by the Lord Chamberlain this year. Already the unsuccessful applicants are registering for next year. Many parents whose daughters will not reach the debutante age of 18 before 1927 and 1928 have made applications for the year in which their daughters shall be old enough. The Lord Chamberlain has received these applications, but not accepted them, for he fears that if such precedent is established, such applications will be filed whenever a baby is born in eligible families.

American mothers have been quick to follow this lead. The embassy already has applications for the court for 1927 and 1928.

Anaconda skins from Brazil, boa constrictor, iguana, shark and seal skins have all appeared in London among the uncommon leathers for smart spring shoes for women. Never have bird, beast, fish and reptile skins been in such a demand for footwear as this year, the dealers declare. Python skin, which requires a six weeks' process of dressing to bring it to a state of perfection, is listed among the most expensive novelties of the season, as shoes of this kind retail at \$6 to \$7 (\$39 to \$35) a pair.

Buckingham Palace and the other royal residences of King George and Queen Mary have come within the range of an economy campaign inaugurated by the sovereign himself.

The king, speaking at the opening of parliament, emphasized the necessity of "economy in every sphere" and has brought his suggestion into practical effect.

It has been announced that the upkeep for the royal palaces for the financial year will be \$10,000 (\$50,000) less than last year. The royal residences, which are maintained out of the civil service estimates, include Buckingham Palace, Marlborough House, Windsor Castle and Frogmore House.

In furtherance of the scheme for cutting down expenses, it was announced that the king had reduced the number of gentlemen-in-waiting to the royal household and had found other places for numerous servants.

While rather extensive alterations are being made at Sandringham and Balmoral, no provision is made in the estimates for this work as these estates are private property of the king.

English film producers striving to make English films with English stars to compete with American pictures assert that they are handicapped by the English type of feminine beauty. The typical English girl, they say, is too tall to make a film favorite. The motion picture camera accentuates height and when the tall heroines of the British spoken stage are filmed, the results are not satisfactory.

It is claimed that film fans the world over want petite heroines and that nearly all the women making pictures in the United States are of average height or under it. It is easier to make short women look taller in the movies than to make tall women look shorter, and British producers are on the lookout for smaller girls of a pronounced English type who can be developed into world rivals of the heroines of Hollywood.

The usual English diet of roast beef and potatoes, moist, English food and the English love of out of doors are cited as the reasons for the tallness of Alton's daughters.

PARIS, April 10.—(A. P.)—The fortified island of Re, lying off La Rochelle, believes it holds the world's record for the scarcity of the bob among its female population. In a population of 11,900, there is only one bobbed female head.

Until four months ago, all the women of Re wore their tresses long. Then came Henri Baraud, winner of the Goncourt prize for literature in 1923, and with him came Mme. Baraud with her hair modestly clipped. Her example, however, has not been followed by the women of Re, who are proud of their beautiful, long hair.

The Champs Elysee, music hall celebrated its first anniversary this week, although when it was opened as a vaudeville theatre in April, 1925, wagers that it would not last twenty weeks found no takers. The theatre was built largely with American capital, a score of years ago as a "Temple of Music" designed to depict the last word in theatrical architecture and to become the center for modern production of grand opera. Only a short time was needed, however, to demonstrate that Paris did not want a second house for grand opera, the famous opera being sufficient. Success only came to the "temple of music" when it became a music hall.

Its present directors say they hope to present the "Ziegfeld Follies" to Paris as soon as the Voltaire franc has been pinned down to a "fixed relation to the almighty dollar."

A small landscape by Meissonier, who painted the famous "1814," a Napoleonic episode, was knocked down at the Hotel Frouot, the auction rooms of Paris, a few days ago for ninety francs (about \$3). This trifling sum for anything from the hand of this painter is striking evidence of how his position in the world of art has changed in the last quarter century.

Far higher prices were bid at the same sale room for works by Picasso. This high price of cubism, who does not limit himself to painting in making pictures, but introduces bits of metal and drinking straws still wrapped in paper, saw some of his cubist studies reach \$50 to \$100 francs (\$25 to \$50). The initiated noted that the attendant who passed the pictures round for bidders to see generally had to scrutinize the signatures with care to help him to decide which way to hold them.

Without a murmur of publicity and at the cost of 100,000 francs, the Riviera casinos have met and defeated the activities of a clever band of chip counterfeiters who recently threatened to upset the financial solidarity of the gambling halls.

Six weeks ago, counterfeit twenty franc and hundred franc chips began to make their appearance in three of the largest casinos. Efforts to discover their origin proved fruitless and the losses in one casino reach fifty thousand francs. Instead of calling in the police the casino directors called in the engravers. Soon players were surprised to find they were handling new chips, decorated with pictures of animals, birds and musical instruments. The directors affirm that these designs enable the croupiers to identify good chips more easily and make counterfeiting a great deal more difficult.

Not all students on the Boul' Mich, the main street of the Quartier Latin, lead Bohemian lives. Quaker has just begun on a new student hostel, the gift of Mrs. Whitney Hoff of the United States, which will house one hundred foreign women students under a system similar to that of the Y. W. C. A. The new building replaces a structure for thirty students at 99 boulevard St. Michel, known as the International Students' Home.

BERLIN, April 10.—(A. P.)—Ill fortune continues to follow the Moselle valley wine growers, who are waging a militant campaign for credit and tax relief from the government.

When, after weeks of wet weather which had caused water to seep into hundreds of wine cellars during the disastrous early spring floods, it was pumped out, it was discovered that the labels had been washed off the bottles that the many wine growers now have no means of distinguishing between wine ten and fifteen years old and wine ten and fifteen years old and estimated at several hundred thousand marks. No one wants to pay a high price for wine merely on the guess of the grower that it is rare old stuff. It is feared that lots will have to be sold at prices prevailing for one year old wine.

Members of the Dawes commission, foreign financiers and even many Germans who were the guests of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, at a smoker during the recent annual meeting of the bank, expressed wonder at the number and capaciousness of the rooms in Dr. Schacht's apartments in the Reichstag building. This apartment is one of the finest official residences in Germany, not even excepting the palaces of the president and the chancellor.

Wonder concerning this luxury was removed, however, when it was explained that the first president of the Reichstag, Herr Von Henning, had thirteen children, which made it necessary for an unusually spacious residence to be provided him. When Herr Von Henning was raised to noble rank in 1865, thirteen gold coins were added to his family coat of arms.

Both during the empire and under the present republic, the president of the Reichsbank is one of the most exalted officials in Germany.

The city of Cologne does not want another skyscraper, the city council has decided. One, a ten-story warehouse, is regarded as enough.

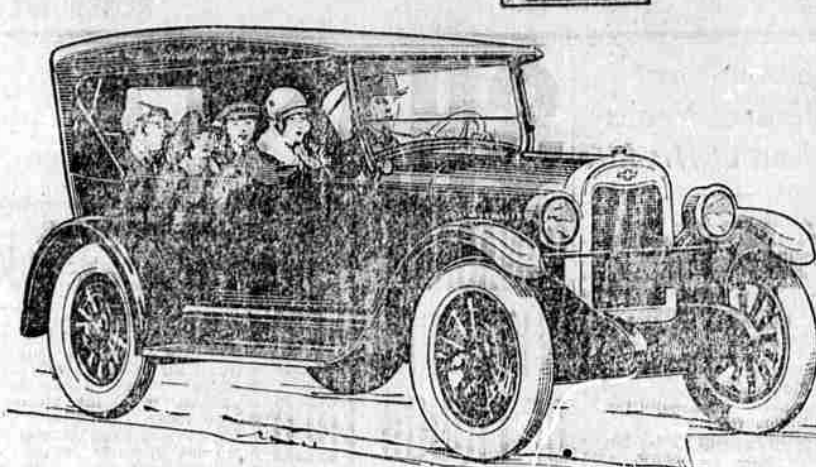
The majority of voters influenced the council in its decision. Sky-scrapers, it was said, would obstruct the view of the famous Cologne cathedral, which towers above every building in the city and can be seen from a distance of several miles.

Berlin's few remaining not-for-profit "hot dogs" have organized a union. The membership holds a virtual monopoly of the sale of the frankfurter and roll combination and will attempt to increase the outdoor sale of this staple.

Honorary persons coming from theatres or movies will find vendors dressed in white near the entrances advertising that the sausages in the nickel kettle not only are stuffed "with fresh beef and pork" but that the vendors are members of the union of night sausage dispensers.

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(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., April 10.—State Engineer Rhea Loper will today direct Fred N. Cummings, water master at Medford, to turn water from the canal of the Rogue River valley canal company into the

buildings of the Medford irrigation district to take charge of the canal system and divide the water between the irrigation district and the canal company. The terms of a contract, whereby the canal company built the system for the irrigation district provided that the canal should be of sufficient capacity to supply a certain quantity of water from April 15 through the irrigation season. Under this contract that canal company claims it is not obliged to furnish the district any water before April 15. The state department takes a different view. Injunction proceedings by the canal company against the state department are considered probable.

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