

SIDELIGHTS OF THE STAGE AND SCREEN

Capitol Theater
Singer's musical comedy company will stage many features Christmas eve (tonight). A variety of vaudeville features are on the bill at the Elgin's Capitol. The stock company will keep the crowd in the right kind of spirits on Christmas eve. Dolores Lowell, whose talents have been greatly appreciated by the Salem theater fans, will present "Prisoners Medley." Of course there is pathos in it but a little pathos now and then does you some good. Bozo is back again with "Blots the Dutchman" in parody on "Let the Rest of the World Go By." Bozo's nose is going to be the same color Christmas eve as it always is (no change). Mizzi LaMarr will be seen in another lively sketch, people will have to hold their seats. On the screen the Capitol will present "Poor Girls" a drama of the vivid night life of New York.

Elsinore Theater
Colleen Moore, vivacious First National star, comes to the Elsinore theater tonight and Sunday in her latest John McCormick comedy-drama, "Her Wild Oat."
An all-star cast supports Miss Moore in this picture. Marshall Neilan, famous director, who made some of the star's outstanding hits, directed "Her Wild Oat," adding innumerable comic touches for her for which he is so renowned.

"Her Wild Oat" shows Miss Moore as a little lunch wagon owner who takes her life's savings and spends every cent on one week of luxury and thrills at an exclusive seacoast resort. Her hopes for splash in society is only a ripple, however, and she is persuaded by a newspaper reporter friend to obtain recognition by impersonating a duchess. After a day of worried glory the pseudo duchess is exposed, and Colleen's troubles begin all over again.

LAD HOLDS FIRST ALIBI YARN TRUE TO FACTS

cake of soap had been partly used and that the cleaning powder had been used copiously. The cleaners were found in the bathroom of the apartment by Detective Walsh.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Possible corroboration of William Edward Hickman's story that he had an accomplice in the kidnaping and murder of Marian Parker, in Los Angeles, was seen tonight in a report that a stranger answering the description Hickman gave of "Andrew Cramer" had called at the Herald hotel here last Tuesday night asking for "the man in 502."

Hickman, who stayed at the hotel Monday night, and fled Tuesday morning when he read in newspapers that he had been identified as the kidnaper, occupied room 402. He stated that he and "Andrew Cramer," named as the actual slayer, had agreed to meet at the Herald hotel here.

The new information was furnished by W. F. Smith, proprietor of the hotel, who said the stranger visited the registration desk when Smith was in charge. Smith told him there was no man in room 502.

"Sure there is," said the stranger. Asked the man's name, he said he knew only his Christian name, which was George. Failing to get information, the inquirer left hurriedly. Smith surmised last night after reading Hickman's description of his confederate that possibly the confederate, if he had one, had arrived late at the rendezvous and had made a mistake regarding the floor on which Hickman stayed.

Coronado Beach, one of the world's playgrounds for the wealthy, was used as the location for the making of the exterior scenes, while an unusually large building program was instituted at the First National Studios to provide the settings representing portions of New York.

Fanchon and Marco "Hi-Hatters" idea accompanies this picture on the bill.

Motion picture patrons are divided into little armies and factions, as any exhibitor will affirm. The western star brings out his followers one night, the ex-Shakespearean actors entertain a different crowd the following night, and Pollyanna has her innings the next.

When three different groups go to see a single picture it means that the picture has an appeal to three groups. That is the case with "Babe Comes Home," the First National Pictures' baseball production now showing at the Elsinore theater. It stars Babe Ruth and features Anna Q. Nilsson and Louise Fazenda last time matinee today.

Babe Ruth and baseball attract one following; a second group never misses a picture in which Miss Nilsson appears, and a third belongs to Louise Fazenda. Of course, there are others outside this classification, chief among whom may be named the discerning picture shoppers and those who have a habit of attending on certain nights.

While baseball furnishes a thrilling and colorful background for the plot of "Babe Comes Home," two unusual love stories, much comedy and some tense dramatic action vie with it in appeal. Consequently all three groups of spectators at the Elsinore theater get their fill of the sort of entertainment they like best.

Flat Denial Made
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Andrew Oliver Cramer, convicted bootlegger, from his cell in the Lincoln Heights jail here today, threw a bomb which officers said shattered the "confession" of William Edward Hickman at Pendleton, Ore., that he was aided in the kidnaping of Marian Parker and that Andrew Cramer was her slayer. Cramer admitted having known Hickman.

Herman Cline, chief of Los Angeles detectives, who is now on his way to Pendleton, has declared his belief that Hickman was both the kidnaper and slayer of the little school girl, had not been shaken by Hickman's confession. Cramer, who has been a prisoner here since last August, told detectives that he was acquainted with a June Dunning. This was the name given by Hickman when he told Pendleton officers that Andrew Cramer had aided him in the crime. He said he picked up Cramer and June Dunning in San Diego last Thanksgiving Day and gave them an automobile ride to Los Angeles.

Movements Traced
San Diego authorities said today they had information that Andrew Cramer and June Dunning had been in San Diego last September or October. In Sacramento, the state criminal identification bureau revealed that an "Andrew Oliver Kramer" and a man apparently his brother, known as "Frank Andrew Kramer" had criminal records on file. Aliases were on file for both men. Both have long criminal records against their names, most of them originating in Los Angeles county.

Frank Cramer, to police as the brother of the Andrew in jail here, also is a prisoner. He is serving a term for robbery.

Conflicting stories were told police and newspaper men by the brothers concerning their acquaintances who might throw additional light on the abduction and murder of the daughter of Perry M. Parker, bank official.

Rose Dunning Named
Andrew told officers that his brother had "kept company" with Rose Hurst, alias Rose Cramer, whose true name he said was Rose Dunning. June Dunning, Andrew said, was a sister of Rose. Both women, he said, ran rooming houses in Los Angeles. Police late today were seeking them.

Frank, from his cell in the county jail, told police that he had never heard of June Dunning and that the only sister Rose had was Mabel Dunning. Rose, Frank said, is his wife. Mabel died nine months ago, he said.

When Andrew Cramer told officers that he knew Hickman, he said that it might have been last June when he met him. He refused to say under what circumstances.

"I don't know why he picks on me," Andrew said when he admitted that he knew Hickman. "It is impossible for me to have been in on that killing as I was right here all the time. It's almost too ridiculous to talk about."

Contradictions Multiply
Another contradiction of Hickman's implication of a man and woman accomplices was seen by officers in the story of Edward Steizreid, fellow tenant of Hickman's at the Bellevue Arms apartment. Steizreid described in detail the movements of two men who aided a third, declared to

have been recognized by him as similar in appearance to the kidnaper, in carrying a suitcase and several bundles, from the side door of the apartment house at 11 o'clock Saturday night. The police pointed out that this was several hours after Hickman had delivered the slain girl's torso to her father.

Details Related
Steizreid said he and his wife returned to the house at that late hour after visiting a friend. He related seeing a man seated in a small coupe with lights burning and motor running at the side door curb. When he and his wife were about to enter a second alleged accomplice and the youth came in: the house as Evans, known out, brushing them closely in the narrow entry way and carrying the suitcase and bundles. Steizreid said he looked out through the door and saw the man open the coupe door to allow the placing of the bundles inside. Later, when Hickman's photograph was published, he said he recalled the Saturday night meeting and reported it to the police.

An additional bit of evidence of the presence in Hickman's apartment of the slain girl was uncovered by an investigating detective. A hair found on the dresser was declared by Police Chemist Welch to have been identical with that of Marian's.

One youth for whom detectives renewed their search for question was named as Horace W. Taylor, powerfully built man of 22 years. The police had reports that he accompanied Hickman here from Kansas City. They attended high school together and were reported to have left the midwest city at about the same time. Taylor was reported to have told acquaintances he came west to visit an uncle here, but the latter said he had not seen the youth since a year ago.

Taylor was said to have spent a few weeks in a Missouri asylum last January and February.

Cleaning Materials Found
In the inspection of the apartment today by the police chemist, resulting in the discovery of the hair believed to have belonged to have been Marian's, Welch also found that ten bars of soap were found to have been used partly, although Hickman had occupied the apartment only two weeks. Two cans of cleansing powder, both of which had been used copiously were found in the bathroom of the apartment.

Previously, Welch had determined that a few stains found in the bathroom were blood spots and were fresh—apparently having been made Saturday, the day fixed as the time of the slaying of Marian.

The police chemist's findings, coupled with other clues found in the room—blood stained towels; missing parts of newspapers which had been wrapped around parts of the small girl's body; improvised gloves, made perhaps to keep the girl from leaving fingerprints in the apartment; the presence of a huge butcher knife in the apartment—permitted the police to reconstruct what they believed to have been the details of the murder.

Police Weave Story
Here is the description of the crime as reconstructed by the officers if it were the work of Hickman alone:

Hickman lured Marian Parker to the apartment through the same route by which he had obtained her release from school—the plea that her father had been injured and the room he fed her and told her if she made no outcry she would not be harmed. He bound

and gagged her and gave her an anaesthetic or something similar to make certain she would be there upon his return. On one of the occasions when he returned to the apartment he found her in a condition that would require a physician to revive her or else he found her dead. (A new analysis of the girl's lungs has been ordered to determine whether there might not have been some slip in the first conclusion that no anaesthetics were used.) With her death, the man was confronted by the necessity of getting rid of the body. In order to carry it from the apartment, he dismembered it and wrapped the pieces in newspapers to make convenient bundles. This was done in the bathtub and afterward he scrubbed it thoroughly, missing only a few small stains. Then he carried out the bundles representing the parts of Marian's body.

Lindbergh's Fete To End On Monday
Reception In Afternoon To Be Only Purely Yankee Affair of Stay

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Colonel Lindbergh's entertainment as Mexico's guest will officially end Monday afternoon with the first, last and only purely American function he has known here—a reception at the American colony to meet the flier and his mother.

All Tuesday Lindbergh will be left absolutely free to prepare his plane, the spirit of St. Louis, for his Central American flight and to study maps. He will hop off for Guatemala Wednesday morning.

The aviator informed the correspondents that he might fly to Porto Rico, but emphasized that for the present no definite plans had been made for such a visit—whether it would be before his flight to Havana or later.

Wednesday morning will see him on his way to Guatemala City which he expects to reach in nine hours or less. From there he will fly to the capitals of the following countries in the order named: British Honduras, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. The Panama-Havana flight, he added, might not be a non-stop affair, as he sees no reason for it. If he makes a stop on this flight he has not yet picked his landing place.

Mrs. Lindbergh will probably fly back to the United States in the tri-motor Ford plane in which she winged her way from Detroit to Mexico City.

John W. Davis Presides At Jackson Day Dinner
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—John W. Davis, the democratic standard bearer in 1924, will preside over the Jackson day dinner here January 12, the first national get-together of democratic leaders since 1920.

As toastmaster at this revival of the party's pre-convention rallies, Mr. Davis will call on all of those whose names have been put forward for the nomination at the 1928 convention.

All other leaders of the party have been invited to gather at the banquet table to hear the call to arms of the presidential campaign and the views of the party's potential nominees.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY HICKMAN DECLARES

Solemn Warning Issued To All Young Men Throughout United States

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Warning to the young men of America to avoid ways of crime was given by William E. Hickman, in a signed statement given out at the city jail here early this morning. The statement, as he dictated it to the city attorney, C. Z. Randall, follows:

"This affair has gained nationwide publicity and the great reward and search by the people of the west coast show opposition of America's crimes and everything should be done to prevent anyone from interfering in any way with the liberty and life of American citizenship.

"Young men and college students should consider the Parker case as a typical crime of the worst that can happen when a young man gradually loses interest in family, friends and his own honesty.

"The young men of this country can see that I can pass as an ordinary young man as far as outward appearances go.

"Crime in its simplest definition is to have money without work and enjoy the same place in society as other people and still show no honest effort or intention to go right.

"Young men, when crime has once overcome your will power to be honest and straight you are a menace to society. Take my example to illustrate this. See how I tried to get what every young man wants, but in becoming a criminal to do so, I put my own life in a mess and the way out is dark.

"I hope I can do some good by giving you this warning. Think it over, see my mistake. Be honest and upright. Respect the law. If you do these things you'll be happier in the end and you will have gained much more from life. (Signed) "W. Edward Hickman."

Hickman To Get Third Degree From Officers
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(AP)—William Edward Hickman, captured kidnaper and alleged slayer of Marian Parker of Los Angeles, tomorrow will meet face to face in Pendleton the men who directed the hunt which finally led to his arrest, and the man who will prosecute him before the bar of justice for his crime. The men are Chief of Police Davis and Chief of Detectives Cline of Los Angeles, and Asa M. Keyes, district attorney of Los Angeles county.

The party left San Francisco at 7:40 a. m. today and will reach

Portland at 8:55 a. m. tomorrow on Southern Pacific train number 16.

Here they will board the Portland limited, leaving an hour later for Pendleton.

There will begin a questioning designed to break down Hickman's story shifting the blame for the murder and mutilation of the little girl onto the shoulders of another.

FLYER FORCED TO LAND

Tex Rankin Comes Down Near Bend on Way to Frisco

BEND, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Tex Rankin, veteran Portland air man, flying to San Francisco with photographs of the capture of William E. Hickman at Pendleton, was forced down to land here tonight when he encountered a heavy snowstorm over the Cascades. He will leave Bend for the south tomorrow morning.

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