# Pictures With Dramatic Punch Enliven Theatre Offerings

## 'China Clipper' Is at Elsinore

Pat O'Brien and Beverly Roberts Have Leads in **Aviation Thriller** 

"China Clipper," the new First National production which is scheduled as the feature attraction at the Elsinore theatre on today, is a glamorous romance of the air, marking a milestone in the pictorial history of daring av-

There is an exceptionally tal-ented cast which includes Pat O'Brien, Beverly Roberts, Ross Alexander, Humphrey Bogart, and Marie Wilson in the principal



PAT O'BRIEN While the story itself is fictitious, it is based, to a large extent, on the hazardous flights of the famous China Clipper of the Pan-American Airways which not so long ago established an air service between Alameda, on the Pagific coast near San Francisco,

and the Philippine Islands.

O'Brien has the leading role, that of a war ace, who conceives the idea of establishing definite air routes from the United States to the South American countries, then to China, to span the world.

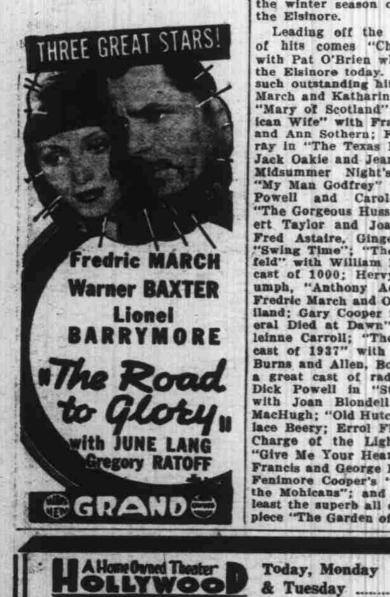
### "Mine With Iron Door," Hollywood

Ancient Legend of West Is Filmed: Richard Arlen Has Leading Role

Harold Bell Wright's fascinatfng story of "The Mine With the Iron Door," a fictional dramatization of a legend that has lived on in the American west for almost three hundred years, has been brought to the screen by Columbia with Richard Arlen in the starring role. It is scheduled to open at the Hollywood theatre

The legend tells of a treasure in gold and jewels that was buried in a cave by the abbot and monks of the Mission of San Capello about three centuries ago in anticipation of an attack by the Indians. The Indians massacred the missionaries in an attack at dawn, leaving the location of the treasure a hidden secret.

Wright's story concerns the attempt of a modern soldier-of-fortune to discover the lost cache. Appearing in support of Arlen, the modern Cortez, are Cecilia Parker, Henry B. Walthall and Stanley Fields. David Howard di-



#### New Romantic Triangle



Warner Baxter, June Lang and Fredric March engage in a battle of hearts with the world war as a background in "The Road to Glory" at the Grand today.



"The Mine With the Iron Door" returns to the Hollywood today with a distinguished cast headed by Richard Arlen.



'Straight from the Shoulder" is a fine family picture with Ralph Bellamy and David Holt as father and son. It is the current Capitol attraction.

### **Exceptional Pictures Coming During** Fall and Winter to Elsinore; "Mary Of Scotland" and "Ziegfeld" Billed

the curtain is going up on one of Boyer. the biggest and best motion picture seasons since the first Edison company produced the first affords in the way of short subone-reeler way back when. Manager Carl Porter of the Elsinore theatre has just announced some for the ensuing fall and winter of the outstanding attractions for | season at the Elsinore. the winter season of 1936-37 at the Elsinore.

Leading off the great parade of hits comes "China Clipper" with Pat O'Brien which opens at the Elsinore today. Then follow such outstanding hits as, Fredric March and Katharine Hepburn in "Mary of Scotland"; "My American Wife" with Frances Lederer and Ann Sothern; Fred MacMurray in "The Texas Ranger" with Jack Oakie and Jean Parker; "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; "My Man Godfrey" with William Powell and Carole Lombard: "The Gorgeous Hussy" with Robert Taylor and Joan Crawford; Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers in "Swing Time"; "The Great Ziegfeld" with William Powell and a cast of 1000; Hervy Allen's tri-umph, "Anthony Adverse" with Fredric March and Olivia de Haviland; Gary Cooper in "The Gen-eral Died at Dawn" with Made-leinne Carroll; "The Big Broad-cast of 1937" with Jack Benny, Burns and Allen, Bob Burns and a great cast of radio favorites; Dick Powell in "Stage Struck" with Joan Blondell and Frank MacHugh; "Old Hutch" with Wallace Beery; Errol Flynn in "The Charge of the Light Brigade"; "Give Me Your Heart" with Kay Francis and George Brent; James Fenimore Cooper's "The Last of the Mohicans"; and last but not least the superb all color masterpiece "The Garden of Allah" with

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#### Ladies Have Tea

TURNER, Sept. 5.—The Methodist ladies held their monthly silver tea Friday afternoon at the country home of Mrs. C. A. Bear. Guessing contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Mary McKinny gave two vo-

## War Drama at Grand Theatre

"The Road to Glory" Now Playing; Baxter and June Lang Stars

The great love drama of the World war, "The Road to Glory," Twentieth Century - Fox production, opened at the Grand theatre yesterday and revealed itself as one of the outstanding cinema achievements of the year.

Painted against a background of the seething kalledoscope of battle, no-man's land, and wartorn France, the film depicts love in all its phases.

Vibrantly enacted by an impressive cast including Fredric March, Warner Baxter, Lionel Barrymore, June Lang and Gregory Ratoff, the film tells a robust dramatic story, and maintains an intense auspense from beginning Baxter is seen as the hard-

bitten commander of a war-torn sector, whose only relief from the din of war is found in the arms of Monique, a petite French June Lang, a virtual newcomer, has her first big chance as Mon-

ique, and, if her performance is any criterion, she will soon be among Hollywood's leading feminine stars. Gregory Ratoff's delineation of the sergeant who goes on laughing to the last, is one of the voluble Russian's outstanding cinema contributions.

#### The Call Board

Today-Double bill, Robert Taylor in "There's Always Tomorrow" and Richard Arlen in "The Santa Fe \*

Tuesday-Double bill, Herbert Marshall in "Till We " Meet Again" plus James Gleason in "Murder on the " hursday-Double bill, George\*

Brent in "The Case Against . Mrs. Ames" and Margaret Sullavan in "Next Time We \* Saturday only-Charles Star- \*

rett in "The Mysterious \* Avenger".

Pat O'Brien.

Thursday-Double bill, Joan \* Crawford in "Dancing . New York except the Harlem ver- night. Lady" and Wallace Beery . in "The Big House".

CAPITOL \* Today-Double bill, "Straight "

From the Shoulder" with Ralph Bellamy and "Down " to the Sea" with Russell \* Hardie.

Tuesday-Double bill. To m Brown in "I'd Give My Life" and "Danger Ahead" . with all star cast.

hursday-Double bill, "Hollywood Boulevard" with 20 . stars and Joe E. Brown in "Sons 'o Guns".

GRAND Today-Fredric March in

"The Road to Glory". Saturday-Jane Withers in "Pepper".

HOLLYWOOD Today-Richard Arlen in Harold Bell Wright's "The Mine With the Iron Door". Wednesday-"My Marriage". .

Friday-Double bill, Jean Autry in "Red River Valley" a and "Roaming Lady" with Fay Wray.

with Claire Trevor.

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By CLARK KINNAIRD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 .- The ar- | sion of "Hamlet" and "Murder in rival of Philip Barry's comedy the Cathedral." about political birth-pains on the The Lewis statement implies campuses, "Spring Dance," is a that there isn't a Broadway probreak for the D'Oyly Carte Opera ducer with the courage to dramacompany, for it gives theater-goers something to talk about besides flaws in the current productions of Gilbert & Sullivan operettas by the English troupe. Torrid temperatures in the notably air-unconditioned Martin Beck theater have put the Sullivan fans in an irritable temper and made them doubly disposed to find

Grounds for Complaint Unfortunately, there are good grounds for complaint about the D'Oyly Carte version of "The Mikado." The players are too willing to oblige with encores, and too lacking in ingenuity to make the encores anything except bores. Stage direction of the company is so antiquated that any repretition makes the show drag with hoth feet. One of the ladies sang so far off key that it was apparent to even these old ears, made dull and insensitive by many a year of listening to Cantor, Crosby, et

"Spring Dance" comes to town with the promise of relieving the monotonous procession of "Comes the Red Dawn" plays with which Broadway has been afflicted for two seasons . But the heavy run of propaganda is to continue early season announcements indicate.

Speaking of announcements. one of the most amazing in several years of drama records, is that attributed to Sinclair Lewis, whose "It Can't Happen Here" is to he dramatized simultaneously in several languages in Boston, Newark, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, New York, New Orleans, Cleveland, Dallas, Tacoma, Indianapolis, Syracuse, Detroit and Miami or Jacksonville on Oct. 29, by the Roosevlet administration's Works Progress Administration theater project. The WPA says he said:

Prefers Federal Theatres

"In spite of commercial offers for the dramatization of 'It Can't Happen Here' I prefer to give it to the Federal theater for two reasons: First, because of my tremendous enthusiasm for its work, and second, because I know I can depend upon the Federal theater for a non-partisan point of view." If Mr. Lewis really believes the Neswpaper," "Turpentine" or al- used for rehearsals by two comp

tize "It Can't Happen Here" in the spirit in which it is written, and this, we think, libels most of the producers on Broadway, who never within the memory of modern drama reporters have balked at any theme whatsoever that has promised a profit. Almost any one of them would be shot in Russia, exiled to a Mediterranean isje in Italy or sent to a detention camp in Germany for the plays they have produced on political themes in recent years.

The desire to have his novel ballyhooed in the most effective method possible doubtlessly actuated Lewis' decision. No Broadway producer could have offered him the widespread simultaneous production the WPA promises

It may be only a coincidence that the date set for the production of the play by all of the WPA companies is the week of the presidential election.

Non-Partisanship

A statement by Mr. Lewis concerning the non-partisanship of the WPA Federal theatre would be more appropriate after it has produced something suggesting there is such a thing as an honest business man, or one that makes as much fun of the administration as the Soviet government theatre's "Squaring the Circle" does of the Soviet regime.

The Big Town Crier: The Lon-

don Mirror says Robert E. Sherwood's plays have earned him \$500,000 in royalties in six years. He is to be represented on Broadway next by "Tovarich." an adaption from a French play by Jacques Deval . . . Tallulah Bank-head's play, "Reflected Glory" is such a big hit in the provinces that the Shuberts are rushing it to New York, and leaving most of the road to be covered later . . . Add to the season's historical characters Benedict Arnold, who will be the hero of the villain of "A point of Honor"... Mark Heilinger, the columnist, begins his career as a Broadway producer with "Double Dummy." Mr. Hellinger's no dummy, so he'll continue doubling as one of America's Federal theater is non-partisan, it | best paid columnists . . . There is because he hasn't seen much are so many shows now in prep-Today-"China Clipper" with \* WPA exhibits as "The Living aration that theatres are being most any of its productions in anies, one by day and one by

## **Fast-Paced Story**

'Straight From Shoulder' With Ralph Bellamy, Katherine Locke

"Straight From the Shoulder' thich opens today at the Capitol heatre, furnishes more than nough real, solid entertainment o satisfy even the most hardoiled movie fan.

It's a fast-paced yarn of a girl hooter who ever came down the with guns and with actions.

Shown at Capitol pike. The romance is furnished, in liberal doses, by Katherine Locke, late of the legitimate stage, making her acreen debut in the film, and handsome Ralph Bellamy.

"Straight From the Shoulder," based on Lucian Cary's sensationbased on Lucian Cary's sensationally successful Saturday Evening Post tales, shows a quick-thinking artist, who, when he witnesses a gang killing, sketches the killers for the police, thus identifying them. The killers, pursued by the police, vow to "get" him, and are thwarted only by the courage and bravery of his young son, played by David Holt.

Andy Clyde, bespectacled, walrus-moustached comedian, is seen in his first straight dramatic role,

in his first straight dramatic role, and a man, and a youngster who as the old gunsmith who teaches proves himself the squarest little little David to shoot straight—

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