

Veronica Lake, Preston Foster In Thrill Packed Drama At Craterian

LAIRD CREGAR IN SUPPORTING ROLE WITH ALAN LADD

Tully Marshall, Marc Lawrence in Cast—"March of Time" Shown.

Back to the screen comes Veronica Lake, a vivacious blonde bomber, in the adventure-thriller, "This Gun For Hire," which opens a three-day run today at the Craterian theatre. She is co-starred with Preston Foster with a first-class supporting list headed by Laird Cregar and Alan Ladd, a newcomer for whom the Hollywood bigwigs are planning a great future.

"This Gun For Hire" is the sensational story of a killer with a "gun for hire" to those who can pay the price. Preview witnesses are reporting that Alan Ladd's portrayal of a cold-blooded killer has seldom been matched.

Veronica Lake, who was last seen in the comedy "Sullivan's Travels" is said to turn in a role of power and sympathy as the girl forced to accompany the killer on his marrow-chilling sorties, who in the end effects redemption of sorts.

Preston plays a detective on the blood-stained trail of the killer who has no feelings until a girl's kindness arouses in him the first sparks of human emotions.

Laird Cregar, who amazes film-goers with his unusual characterizations in all sorts of pictures, can be depended upon to turn in another striking performance as a man who orders killings for a fifth-column ring but who is revulsed by violence—his weakness being blondes.

From all reports, "This Gun For Hire" is bound to be rated as the top thrill picture of the year. Others in the cast include Tully Marshall and Marc Lawrence.

MILLERS STRIKE
Kansas City, July 18.—(P)—Eight hundred employees of seven flour mills struck today and then settled down to playing games as both sides agreed the wage controversy simply was a matter for the government labor conciliation department to decide.

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Tarzan Visits New York In Wednesday Thriller



The "royal family of the jungle" pays a visit to civilization in "Tarzan's New York Adventure," which brings Johnny Weissmuller, Maureen O'Sullivan and little Johnny Sheffield to the Cool Craterian Theatre Wednesday for a four-day run. Tarzan runs into all sorts of trouble which causes many an

Gene Tierney And Victor Mature In Shanghai Picture

One of the screen's most eagerly looked-forward-to pictures, "The Shanghai Gesture," opens a three-day run today at the Holly theatre. The film has a remarkable stellar cast headed by Gene Tierney, Victor Mature, Walter Huston, Ona Munson, Phyllis Brooks, Albert Basserman, Maria Ouspenskaya and Eric Blore.

The exciting story centers around the gambling casino of Mother Gin Sling, fascinating, dangerous ruler of Shanghai's underworld, who runs a business of trading women for gold. This role is played by Ona Munson who will be remembered for her role of Belle Watling in "Gone With the Wind." Victor Mature portrays Dr. Omar, a smooth Arab mystic, and Miss Tierney is seen as Poppy, a girl who falls into the clutches of Mother Gin Sling. Walter Huston plays Sir Guy Charteris, manager of a large trading company who comes into Shanghai

to rid the city of Mother Gin Sling and her underground machine. She discovers that he is a part of her "past" and uses this as a weapon to destroy him and his company.

Out of this strange gathering of wanton human beings comes one of the most exciting stories ever brought to the screen.

"The Man With Two Lives," starring Edward Norris, plays as the added feature with "The Shanghai Gesture."

March Of Time On Craterian Screen; India Is Feature

Playing today at the Craterian theatre on the same program with "This Gun For Hire" is the latest March of Time subject: "India at War." About two months ago March of Time filmed the first of this two-part subject which played at the popular Central Street theatre under the title of "India In Crisis." The first covered the complicated political and social background while this issue, "India at War," shows the effort now

being made to protect India from invasion.

The highlights of the subject are the many exclusive scenes of India's vast war potential being geared for all-out effort. How effectively this is being done is shown in exclusive scenes of Indian shipyards, her industries, and the rush on the part of Indian youth to swell the ranks of the Royal Indian navy and Royal Indian flying force.

WHEAT PRICE NERVOUS
Chicago, July 18.—(P)—Trading in the wheat pit today exhibited a nervous undertone and closing prices were off fractionally from the preceding session. Other grains followed the bread cereal lower.

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Murder Mystery On Holly's Bill "In Crossroads" Roxy Headliner



Preston Foster, Patricia Morrison and Albert Dekker have leading roles in the triple-threat murder mystery, "Night in New Orleans," which comes to the Holly Theatre for Wednesday and Thursday night with "The Man Who Wouldn't Die," featuring Lloyd Nolan, as the added mystery hit.

PAIR TO DIE IN BORROWED CHAIR

Huron, S. D., July 18.—(P)—Two men, condemned for murder, will be executed in South Dakota in a borrowed electric chair.

The South Dakota board of Charities and Corrections disclosed yesterday that arrangements had been completed to borrow the electric chair at the Illinois state prison at Joliet, and that the executions, scheduled for the week of August 9 and November 15, would be carried out.

The necessity of borrowing a chair arose when the South Dakota legislature re-enacted capital punishment in 1939, after a 25 year absence, but made no

provision for a chair. Warden G. North Jameson of the state prison at Sioux Falls, tried unsuccessfully to borrow chairs in Indiana and Vermont, before arranging for the one at Joliet.

SONG WRITERS IN EXTORTION PLOT

Washington, July 18.—(P)—The FBI announced today the arrest of a song-composing team at Los Angeles on charges of trying to extort \$250,000 from Louis B. Mayer, motion picture executive.

It named the pair as Meyer Philip Grace, former prize fighter turned lyricist, and Channing Drexel Lipton, ex-filling station employee with a talent for music. The justice department said sev-



William Powell provides the mystery and Hedy Lamarr the glamour for the grandest hit of the year and their first co-starring picture together, "Crossroads," playing currently to capacity crowds at the Rialto Theatre where it will show through Thursday. The local showing marks the world premiere of the picture. Others in the cast are Basil Rathbone, Claire Trevor, Felix Bressart and Sig Ruman.



Golden-voiced Frances Langford heads a cast of radio funsters in "Swing It Soldier," which plays today and tomorrow night only at the Roxy Theatre with "Bedtime Story," co-starring Fredric March and Loretta Young.

Ken Murray, Don Wilson, Brenda Cobina and Skinney Ennis and his band have roles with Miss Langford.

NAVY REJECTS YACHT

Seattle, July 18.—(P)—The million-dollar Fantome, owned by A. E. Guinness, London brewer magnate, is still riding at anchor here apparently rejected by the navy as a possible auxiliary ship.

NEW PORTLAND COACHES

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