

STAR DUST

MOVIE AND RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE

HERE is an even more authoritative report on the standing of the movie stars at the box office than was submitted to you in this column last week. It comes from the independent exhibitors, through the courtesy of the Motion Picture Herald, a weekly publication devoted to the news of the industry. Here it is.

(1) Shirley Temple. (2) Will Rogers. (3) Clark Gable. (4) Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers. (5) Joan Crawford. (6) Claudette Colbert. (7) Dick Powell. (8) Wallace Beery. (9) Joe E. Brown. (10) James Cagney. Even more interesting (to me, at least), is the standing of some of the other players. Shirley Temple is rated at 874 per cent; against that rating Jean Harlow gets 164, Norma Shearer, 139, Katherine Hepburn 111. William Powell is rated at 205, and Myrna Loy at 76. Startling, isn't it? But how about Greta Garbo, at 41 per cent? And Carole Lombard at 2?



Shirley Temple

Of course, these ratings were based on the number of times an actor or actress was mentioned in the questionnaires filled out by the exhibitors. And some of the players did not make many pictures in 1935. Even so, I find myself going around in a daze, muttering "Ronald Colman, 15 per cent;

Miriam Hopkins, 8 per cent. And Patsy Kelly got only 1 per cent, and she's being starred now." Have the mighty fallen!

No sooner is one dispute between James Cagney and his employers settled than another one bobs up; it looks very much as if the two-fisted James wanted to end that affiliation. They've squabbled over salary, over his right to have the final say on his pictures, and the most recent argument (to date) is over how many more pictures he's to make on his contract, which has two years to run. He says six, the company says eight. He does some of his best work in the latest release, "Ceiling Zero," a real thriller. It probably will coin money, which puts him in a good spot to make trouble.



Jim Cagney

Well, American men can rest on their laurels now: Wendy Barrie has come out with the statement (or her press agents have come out with it for her), to the effect that she's always liked American men better than she liked the British, "because they're more romantic." But she came to this country, according to all reports, with the avowed intention of marrying one of our young millionaires who is frequently mentioned in the public prints, only to discover that he wasn't matrimonially interested. Well, perhaps that's romance!

Jane Withers certainly owes Shirley Temple a debt of gratitude. Due to Shirley's zooming into stardom, everybody wants pictures starring a child, and Jane came along just in time. She has a new, long-term contract with Twentieth Century-Fox, and her next picture will be "The Matron's Report."

Once again Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., has Hollywood all agog. At the moment it looks as if the romance between him and Lady Ashley is a thing of the past, which, of course, revives rumors that he and Mary Pickford will re-marry, and brings up assertions from some of those who work with Mary, to the effect that she will marry Buddy Rogers. Fairbanks has sent word to have a studio dusted off, and says he is all set to begin work on "Marco Polo." It will be a costume picture, of course, and not so long ago producers wouldn't touch a costume picture with a ten-foot pole. Now you fall over them wherever you go.

Richard Dix is busy saying "No" these days. He said it emphatically when he was asked to let his twins make a nice sum of money by appearing in a picture, and he said it again when he was invited to go to Australia to make one.

Katherine Hepburn's sister Marion, who is younger and prettier than the temperamental Katherine (she's seventeen), hasn't the slightest interest in appearing in the movies. Still in college, she's doing social settlement work in Chicago for two months, as part of her college course. She posed without protest for newspaper photographers, and then went back to her work.

Don't see "A Night at the Opera," the Marx Brothers' latest, unless

you like completely goofy pictures. It's quite mad. The only sane thing is the really lovely singing by Kitty Carlisle and Allan Jones, the young man whom, it's said, will forge straight ahead as a singing actor after this performance.

New Orleans ought to take a new interest in the movies now; five girls from there have been given three months' contracts, with options, by Paramount. They are Louise Small, Ann Evers, Jeanne Perkins, Jill Deen and Wilma Francis—not that it does any good to give their names, because, of course, they'll be called something else once they land in Hollywood.

ODDS AND ENDS... Errol Flynn seems to be set as a star; his picture is breaking a lot of attendance records. ... Gladys Swarthout and Fred Astaire, ignoring that little matter of high taxes, are building in Hollywood... The motion picture colony in Hollywood lost its heart to Governor Allred, of Texas, as soon as it met him... How do you like Bing Crosby's variety show, on the air, in the spot that used to be Paul Whiteman's? ... They say we'll see more all-color pictures than ever this year.

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ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



DEAR ANNABELLE: WHO INVENTED THE WORLD'S FIRST CURE FOR BALDNESS?

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Bells Have Played a Great Part in History of the World

Served as Harbingers of Both Good and Bad Tidings.

"Bells have played no small part in history," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Among the many renowned bells whose ringing has ushered in new chapters in the story of mankind is the Liberty bell, most beloved historical relic of the United States," the bulletin continues. "Prior to its cracking, the Liberty bell had a very active 'voice' in the affairs of the nation. Its most far reaching utterance was that of July 8, 1776, when it announced the public reading of the Declaration of Independence which had been formally adopted by the Continental congress on July 4, 1776.

Liberty Bell Hidden Under Floor.

"Threatened with British capture, it was removed from the tower of Independence hall on September 18, 1777, and hidden beneath a church floor in Allentown, Pa., for almost a year. Rehung in the tower, it pealed for festivals and anniversaries until its fatal accident in 1835, when it cracked as it was being tolled for the funeral procession of Chief Justice John Marshall.

"Other historic bells treasured by Philadelphia are the chimes which ring from the steeple of old Christ church.

"In Sicily, in the Thirteenth century, nearly 8,000 Frenchmen listened stolidly to the ringing of the Sicilian vespers, unaware that the bells were signals for their cold-blooded massacre. In the Sixteenth century France, clamor of bells cried the beginning of the murder of thousands of Huguenots.

Bells Warned of Floods.

"Among England's most appealing legends about bells is that of the Bow bells in London. When young Dick Whittington, hungry and destitute, was leaving London to seek his fortune elsewhere, it is said the bells of this old church rang out and seemed to say: 'Turn again Whittington, thrice lord mayor of London.' It is a familiar tale of how, cheered by them, he returned, found work and later actually became lord mayor.

"William the Conqueror enters the history of bells through being the first to strictly enforce the rule that all lights and fires should be extin-

guished when the warning bell rang at eight o'clock. As late as the Nineteenth century, in many European towns, ringing of the curfew (couvre-feu or 'cover fire') was simultaneous with the squealing of numerous door hinges as shopkeepers hastened to obey the law.

"But bells used to strike terror to the hearts of people in the Netherlands. When, in the silence of the night, bells jangled madly from the sentinel's watch tower, soldiers swarmed to repel approaching invaders, or townspeople rushed to repair a breaking dyke.

"Ship captains today, plowing through a heavy sea, listen for the ominous clanging of bell buoys, rocking in the heavy surf, which warn of dangerous reefs.

Bells Given as Rewards.

"In Russia, during whirling snowstorms that blot out house lights villagers ring bells to guide lost travelers. Siberian carriages and sleighs are drawn by teams of three, or even seven horses, the middle horse galloping beneath a big wooden arch from which hang numerous bells.

"Although old Russia was called 'The Land of Bells,' it did not have a monopoly on them. Our pioneer forefathers rambled over the prairies in Conestoga wagons to the lifting chimes of bells swaying above their horses' shoulders. These bells frequently served as rewards. If a wagon broke down, its driver often gave its bells to the wagoners who assisted him."

Studio Has 10,500 Props; Range From Armor to Gems

Each movie studio has a property department in which it stores a miscellaneous collection of nearly everything under the sun, says Popular Mechanics. In one collection there are 3,000 heavy pieces ranging from suits of armor to rugs and period bedsteads. Aside from these the studio has 7,500 "hand props" like jewelry and dishes. One room is piled high with different kinds of saddles, a third with paintings. Stands hold various types of umbrellas and walking canes. Wrist watches, necklaces and silverware are laid in cases. On the lot are different kinds of automobile bodies, replicas of ancient carts, and even a collection of small boats.

If a studio needs something that it doesn't own, the chances are the item can be rented from one of the property houses, huge 'warehouses stacked with equipment.

"As the Duty of Every Day Requires," Is Simple Rule

Resolve when you awake that it shall be to some faithful purpose, and that your renovated powers shall be obedient to him who has renewed them.

Let not the opportunity that is so fleeting and yet so full pass neglected away.—Frothingham.

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