MOVIEGRAMS FROM SCREEN TO PATRON

GEORGE ARLISS will make his screen debut at the Stanley next week in the first showing of "The Devil," an adaptation of one of his stage successes. The screen debut of George Arliss is epochal in that he represents the highest traditions of the stage. His rare talent and his skillful acting are focalized in "The Devil," making it a photo-dramatic event of importance. In "The Devil" Mr. Arliss' art becomes immortal. He is the last of the big stars to enter the silent drama. About three years ago it was announced that he had consented to appear in another of his stage successes, but the deal fell through.

Mr. Arliss has distinguished himself as a player of character parts in which his fine artistry and his keen insight have brought to life many fictitious and historical personages. Mr. Arliss is an Englishman and first came over to this country in 1901 with Mrs. Patrick Campbell. For four seasons he was a member of Mrs. Fiske's Manhattan company. He has impersonated Disraeli, Hamilton and Paganini. His first appearance as a star was made in "The Devil," which has now been transferred to the cinema.

It is a mystery comedy with scenes laid in Budapest. The title role is of the half-supernatural order. As Mr. Arliss films him on the screen "The Devil" is a friend to all mankind. And again as Mr. Arliss depicts him in his film debut, few persons would object to his friendship. Associated Producers have lovingly revived for this debut the piece by Franz Molnar, and the presentation of the film is said to be so masterly that if it were shown in Paris some fear might be expressed that it would revive the cult of devil worship. As Dr. Miller, acquired by men and women, seemingly the most altruistic person on earth, but in reality the booking agent for the Inferno, Arliss displays remarkable versatility and suavity in insinuating himself into the consciousness of others, so that one can almost hear his whisper on the screen.

Gripping, tense and dynamic is the story. Vivid, colorful and highly visionary in the production. Sensational and bizarre is the devil's lot inasmuch as which one of his little diversions is a dance of Hades, performed by lithe and graceful maidens. This picture is said to be one entirely worthy of the directorial talents of James Young.

CONSTANCE TALMADGE says that she would rather take the part of a poor working girl than portray any other character. Because at one time she expected to become a stenographer herself.

"I would have studied stenography had it not been for Norma's entrance into motion pictures," she said. "Then the picture 'bug' bit me. I got into the habit of accompanying my sister to the studio, and one day had a chance to earn $5 as an extra girl. I was very glad, as I believe in girls earning their own living. That is why I am so sympathetic toward the working girl, for I feel that I am one of them."

Constance Talmadge is poster from a standpoint of dollars and cents than ever before as the heroine in "Good References," her latest First National starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Stanton next week.

As May Wayne, Connie finds herself in Journey's End, a boarding house, where the dear old landlady, a "perfect sixty-four," makes a wild clutch for board in advance and succeeds in reducing her fair young boarder's net capital of $5 to a lonesome pair of "iron men."

Worse than that, she tries to get a job, but all the boys behind the mahogany desks are stony-hearted about young ladies who want to be stenographers and who have no references.

How May Wayne breaks into a run of good luck that begins with her pal being taken sick, leaving a job open for some one to fill and giving Mary an opportunity to borrow a set of references, is portrayed by the star.

A BEAUTIFUL introduction in colored photographs is one of the unusual features of Mae Murray's newest Paramount picture, "The Gilded Lily," which will be the attraction at the Palace next week. This was the first feature to be ever made by Paramount in the East in which the Peanut process was used, and it will undoubtedly attract attention.

Considerable expense was undergone to incorporate the colored scenes into the film. Miss Murray has a fine dancing role. Her leading man is Edward Sherman and the director is Robert Z. Leonard.

ALEC B. FRANCIS, who was the last two years has appeared exclusively in Goldwyn pictures, has just renewed his contract at the Culver City studios. Mr. Francis plays Dr. Galloway, an important role in Basil King's "Earthbound," at the Victoria next week.

Mr. Francis has come to be recognized as one of the most versatile character actors on the screen. He has appeared as Polly of the Circus and "The Cinders in Man" and other successful in "When Doctors Disagree" and "Lord and Lady Algy."

While on the stage a England played at one time or other of the head of his own company and repertoire for a number of years, interpreting all roles of Shakespeare's Hamlet to Cyrano de Bergerac.

"THE PASSION FLOWER" production could be called one of the most artistic productions of the year, and the first picture directed by Herbert Brennon to be released since his return from Europe in connection as the attraction at the Stanley week of April 11. Norma Talmadge is the star.

Herbert Brennon is one of the best known producers of moving pictures and is considered among the leading directors in the industry. He has presented many elaborate productions.

"The Passion Flower" is an original story adapted from the popular novel of the same name by Andrew Soutar. Its heroine is one of those strong-hearted in the portrayal of which Miss Talmadge is so adept. It is stated that never before has this popular star had a role which calls for such an exhibition of emotional acting as this one does, advance reports declare that Miss Talmadge even surpasses her previous efforts in this line.

Throughout the play Miss Talmadge is a fascinating figure and she is to have the opportunity to wear many of the wonderful gowns, creations of the art.

CAN you guess" what the other man is thinking? Is a man who thinks murder equals guilty with the wretch who actually commits the deed?

These and many other ethical problems made "The Witching Hour" one of the greatest stage successes of all times. The Augustus Thomas drama has now been filmed as a William De Mille-Lasky production, with Jack Holt and Elliott Dexter, leading man of many Cecil B. De Mille productions, was considered a perfect choice for Jack Brookfield, the gentleman gambler who came to realize that his ability to "guess" the other man's hand was cheating just as much as if he had slipped cards up his sleeve.

Mary Alden, of "Birth of a Nation" fame, has the mother role created by Jannie Eustace. Clay Whipple is cast for the juvenile lead, while Ruth Renick, formerly leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks, plays opposite him. Other players include Robert Cain, Winter Hall, Charles West, Genevieve Blinn, L. M. Wells, Clarence Geldart and Jim Blackwell. Julia Crawford Ivers wrote the scenario.

DIRECTOR GEORGE D. BAKER after he had finished making the Cosmopolitan picture, "Buried Treasure," starring Marion Davies, which comes to the Arcadia next week, secured that the scenes taken for this production in Topanga canon, California, against a background of peaks, cliffs, rank anything of the kind yet done in films.

The setting demanded by the script was a seventeenth century castle in Spain. Mr. Baker says that when he and Joseph Urban, the noted scenic artist, came on this particular bit of terrain they fairly quivered for a spot, they saw its rich possibilities, but were shy of its ruggedness. However, the Urban eye soon saw through the growth of cactus and with the help of three Mexican peons and a bulldozer it soon effected his effect.

WALLACE REID will appear at the Palace week of April 11 in "The Love Special," a picture of the great outdoors and a powerful railroad story from the pen of Frank H. Spearman, now published under the title of "The Daughter of a Magnate." It is an ideal subject for Wallace Reid picture. It is the same type of story as "The Valley of the Giants," in which Mrs. Reid starred and which proved one of his most popular pictures. In the new production the star takes the role of a railroad construction engineer, and the majority of the scenes are exteriors, filmed on mountain locations.

A QUIET [illegible] and some very real [illegible] are found in "Sporting Life," the [illegible] Straight is the Way," the [illegible] Mary Mumford's story, "The Man Inside," which will be shown at the Arcadia week of April 11. And then in late spring [illegible] the very real story that sprang [illegible] the heart of Mr. Mumford [illegible] some home [illegible] Point, L. I.

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