

Coming to the CIVIC Theatre



A new twelve-chapter serial, "King of the Royal Mounted," based on the famous Zane Grey story, was greeted with whoops and enthusiasm by the young faithful patrons of the Civic Theatre...

mounties headed by Allan Lane. The mineral, which is used in Canada as a sure cure for infantile paralysis, has become doubly valuable, and the government is determined to keep it within the country at any price.

Gene Autry, Republic's phenomenally popular cowboy star, invades the "big time" ranks in his newest picture, "Melody Ranch," which presents him in a streamlined story with a super-streamlined cast including Jimmy Durante, Ann Miller, Vera Vargas, Mary Lee, Billy Benedict, George "Gabby" Hayes and a host of others.

"Melody Ranch," comes to the Civic Theatre for a run of two days starting Friday. Heading the Civic's lineup of the new season film hits is "No Time For Comedy," co-starring Josephine Hutchinson and Russell Sell.

Adapted for the screen by the two scenarists, Philip G. and Julius J. Epstein, "No Time For Comedy" is a comedy from the "Four Daughters" series have made screen history.

With Jimmie Stewart as the playwright and Rosalind Russell as his wife, the splendid cast includes Allyn Joslyn as a worry-ridden doctor, Genevieve Tobin as the blonde "menace" and Charles Ruggles as her millionaire husband.

Also to be shown Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, is "River's End" with Dennis Morgan. A double feature program Wednesday and Thursday will contain of Joe E. Brown's newest effort.

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GUESSWORK

By CARLTON JAMES (Associated Newspapers' WNU Service)

HEAVY, dense fog engulfed the city. Great clouds of it, resembling phantom ships, rose from the river bottom and floated spectra-fashion beneath the yellow eye of light that was the street lamp.

Inspector Joe Warren paused to watch the curious apparition. For a moment he stood in the deep shadow near the bridge's ironwork, his hat pulled down and coat collar turned up against the bleak, wet cold.

He shivered and was about to move on when a figure emerged from the swirling fog and came into the light of the street lamp. The figure was that of a man, and at sight of the inspector standing alone he stepped forward.

"You're inspector Warren, aren't you?" he asked, and Warren peered at him in some surprise. Queer, he thought, that this stranger should recognize him at a glance.

"You're waiting for a reply the other man rushed on. 'You'd better get help! A man just now committed suicide! Jumped off the bridge here, into the river.'"

"What's your name?" Mr. Warren asked. "Oh! The stranger turned, came back. 'Name of Blair. George Blair.' Was coming across the bridge," he further volunteered.

"There's his coat, there." He pointed to a dim outline on the ground. Warren made out a crumpled coat, weighted down by a small box. "He was standing here," Blair went on, "when I stepped at his arm and he turned on me snarling."

"What did he say?" Warren asked. Blair seemed to reflect. Presently: "Something about letting him alone. A man could do what he chose with his own life. Then he chopped the box he was carrying and struck me in the chest. By the time I had regained my balance he was overboard."

"Hum-m," said Warren, and only chance of what? "Hopefully. 'Only chance of not making things worse. I suspect you had a reason for killing him.'"

"I didn't! He— There was a sob in the man's voice. He seemed to be struggling to maintain his senses. 'He— he stole some jewelry from my store. I came from the back room in time to see him going through the door. I gave chase, caught up with him on the bridge. He dropped the box and flung off his life. We struggled. He tried to throw me over the railing almost succeeded, but I managed to break loose. I struck out fiercely. The blow knocked him off balance and he fell into the river below.'"

"And you thought you killed him," Warren went on. "You became frightened, and then, instead of going to the police like you should have done, you thought up this suicide game. Is that it?"

"No one would have believed me," the man pleaded. "I'm tired, I thought it was all right when I saw you."

ing our beautiful friendship. Will you marry me?" Thirty minutes later they came into the walk to the camp, came into the living room where a cheerful, warm blaze crackled in the open fireplace. Mr. and Mrs. Dumont turned to look at them with expressions of surprise.

Mr. Dumont looked from his son to Helen and a twinkle came into his eyes. "You found out, eh?" He turned to his wife and took her hand. "It was afraid, too, son. Afraid if I proposed, it might ruin everything. I, too, thought that the proper kind of setting would, well, help my cause along. But, in those days a man couldn't select his locale, and after the day on the Public Garden's bridge, I realized how foolish I'd been to think that anything so important could be changed by a setting."

"Oh, it doesn't make the slightest difference when you're— Helen broke off, blushing deeply. Mr. Dumont smiled. He looked at her, her hair matted to her forehead, her lips blue with cold, her clothes clinging with water to her slim young form, and he looked at his son, about whose shoes a puddle of water had formed, and he nodded.

"I can believe that a proper setting doesn't make much difference when you're in love."

Green-Eyed Monster By THAYER WALDO (McClure Syndicate—WNU Service)

JACK gazed steadily at her and smiled. There was, after all, little to be gained by her going to the press—make a scene—only to be humiliated by some cutting remark from her. He suppressed a sigh and set his mouth in a determinedly silent line.

Obvious to this turmoil in the breast of the male beside her, Athra Donovan laughed and chattered away. Four men surrounded her, giving their attention to her and meaning to the situation galled Jack cruelly. He and Athra, he felt, could be so matchlessly happy together if it weren't for this constant problem.

"It was a brief and intimate little scene, involving just the couple, Athra, and me, including Miss McGee, was required to incite by subtle suggestion a proposal from her hesitant beau."

"You comport yourself, dear friend, Davis claims as if my company bored you." The line was spoken with a note of tantalizing cynicism that stabbed Jack; she so rarely used it with him.

Jack listened rebelliously to the fellow's stammered apology; he listened with mounting indignation as he crossed the set to sit beside her. "Ah, then you truly like me?" Athra was cooing. For answer, Kilgore pressed his hand to his lips, Jack's breathing labored from the effort, meant a devotion so great that to diffuse it was unthinkable. But Athra was an actress; her life consisted of acting and for the sake of her notice of those around her.

Yet Jack was incapable of viewing it so. The cravings and demands of his passionate nature spurred him on, and as if by magic the half rose, then sank back again as someone called, "Cut!" and the pair separated. The director said: "No quite enough fervor, I'm afraid. Mr. Kilgore, remember, you've been the beautiful stout a long while and now that you've gotten started, you give it everything. Let's try another take on that last part; okay?"

Both players nodded, and in an instant Kilgore was once again blurring forth his awkward proposal. As before, Athra gave an eager affirmative and fairly threw herself into his arms. Savagely Jack fought for mastery of his rising gorge. But this time the thing was too strong for him. He closed his eyes and lay in a fainting swoon. He came to and tried to block the way, but too late. Jack was paid him and lunging at Kilgore. Then Athra— "Jack— stop it!"

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