

'Girl in Spotlight'
Stellar Roles Go
To Obscure Pair

By BURNS MANTLE.

NEW YORK.—(Special Correspondence.)—Discovering gems has been a pleasant mania with George W. Lederer ever since the day he picked Edna May out of the chorus of "The Belle of New York" and entrusted to her piping soprano voice the words and music of "Follow Me."

In the newest musical comedy to be produced by him, called "The Girl in the Spotlight," he has two young persons previously unknown to theatrical fame for whom he predicts brilliant futures and to whom he attracts public attention. One is Mary Milburn, a personable young woman who held a minor position in Mr. Lederer's "Angel Face" company a year ago.

Miss Mary hasn't been long on the stage, but before she gave up her job as a stenographer to try for a position in the chorus she had taken the precaution to spend a part of her weekly wage for singing lessons. Her teacher told her she might, if she kept at it long enough and worked hard enough, one day sing in grand opera, which is enough to indicate that Mary has something better than the average applicant's voice.

Hearing the voice Mr. Lederer brought her from the back row of the chorus to the front row of another, from where she jumped lightly to a minor speaking part in a third attraction. With this experience to her credit she was picked for the leading role in "The Girl in the Spotlight," and is now credited with a substantial success.

The other discovery is a tenor named Forbes—Ben Forbes. At least he is named Forbes now, but before Mr. Lederer heard of him and induced him to go in for light opera he was singing in oratorios and concerts as Bechet Alcock. Also he was something of a protégé of Charles Schwab—the steel man having a decided flair for music and a sympathetic interest in all earnest young artists.

Young Mr. Forbes is a better tenor by several degrees than those who generally find their way into light opera. His solos give joy to the composer and the musical director and pleasure to the audience. He is still a little awkward as an actor, and even though he sticks to musical comedy it is not likely that he will duplicate the quick rise to fame of John Charles Thomas, seeing he is not the heart smashing type of youth. But he is to be numbered with the recent acquisitions that mean something.

As for the play "The Girl in the Spotlight" is a pleasant little affair with quite a bit of plot sifted through a Victor Herbert melody. The heroine is one of the help in a boarding house that shelters the hero while he is composing an opera. Naturally she can't help picking up the principal songs as she trundles her carpet sweeper room from room.

Thus when the prima donna engaged for the opera disappoints on the opening night, what more reasonable than that the tuncful chambermaid should offer her services and create a furore? There are two comedians, Johnny Dooley and Hal Skelly, and June Hodge and John Henderson are among the principals. "The Girl in the Spotlight" was intended for a summer run in Chicago, but the strike of the musicians that was threatened last month kept it in New York. It was all fixed up, with no place to play, so the engagement at the Knickerbocker was decided upon. In the fall it will start west and take up its original route.

New Nebraska Movie Shows
Operation of Industries
Nebraska's industries and resources are the stellar characters in the new movie reels completed by the University of Nebraska department of conservation and soil survey. Many thousands of feet of film, enough to reach from Lincoln to Omaha, according to Dr. George Condra, head of the department, have been taken of the operations and equipment of Nebraska's industries, butter-making, irrigation projects, beet-sugar industry, agricultural subjects and manufacturing industries of all kinds, in which the enterprises and resources of the state are most clearly shown. The latest reels are released, and requests are already being received from Nebraska communities and from state departments of neighboring states who wish to borrow the films for exhibition.

Discovery of Bull Montana.
To Douglas Fairbanks belongs the credit of having discovered Bull Montana, the best man on the screen. The discovery was made in New York. Bull was an ice man. He was attempting to beat the high cost of living by organizing himself into a day and a night shift. By night he struggled on the mats of a boxing athletic club, as a wrestler. By day he made use of the unusual muscular apparatus with which he had been endowed by nature in the more plebeian role of ice man.

It was in the midst of his struggles that Doug chanced upon Bull. A big cake of ice rested on the muscles of his neck. "There's a type that would go big on the screen," said the star. He talked to Bull while the cake of ice dwindled in the sun. The result was the appearance of Bull in Los Angeles, by the freight train route. He was there when his discoverer alighted from his train. He was given a tryout. Since then he has been in demand. He has played in "Treasure Island," "Victory," "Till the Clouds Roll By," "In Again and Out Again," and with Bert Lytell in "Easy to Make Money." As a result of his experience with the biggest stars of film-dom, Bull has ceased to be a type and has become an actor. Bull is now appearing as an artist's model in "Hearts Are Trumps," a current Metro production.

Octopus at Large.
Betty Hilburn, who appears in "The Girl of the Sea," a Republic picture, dove twenty-five feet during the filming of the movie and had the sensation of having the eight long arms of an octopus embracing her as no lover can ever hope to embrace his lady love. The embrace must have been anything but pleasing for Miss Hilburn refuses to meet Mr. Octopus again.



MISS WILSON
MISS DONG FONG GUE
ORPHEUM

What Omaha Parks Offer

LARGE attendance records were given Krug park each day again last week, and if the weather continues at all favorable the rest of the season, more people will have passed through the turnstiles at the park than were marked up for the season of 1918 and 1919. Seven large outings were held there, each being well patronized and drawing large crowds; in fact, the crowds were so large state visitors were of the opinion that some immense reunion was being held on the grounds.

The bathing beach was taxed to capacity all week, each day finding a greater number of people enjoying a plunge in its clear, pure water. Several water events are scheduled to be given at the pool in the near future, but the management at this writing is withholding the nature of them from the public.

This week five picnics are scheduled to be held on the grounds, and this, with the clean amusements always provided, is sure to provide amusement enough for everyone going to the park.

DANCING in the breezy lake shore pavilion to the strains of lively music played by Henderson's orchestra rivals bathing as a popular pastime at Manawa Park. The orchestra is one of the largest provided at any amusement park in this part of the country.

The last few days of the past week have seen midseason crowds at the Manawa bathing beach. The fleet of launches and rowboats at the beach are handling the crowds with promptness and courtesy. A. A. Wedemeyer's band will play at the park this afternoon and evening, and will be followed by the free motion pictures. Free movies are shown at the park every evening. Special street car service will be maintained to the park today. The automobile roads are in splendid condition and arrangements are made to park a big flock of automobiles.

Film Actor, Learn Parts.
A novel development in the staging of a motion picture was marked in the production of "Sir Arthur Wing Pinero's greatest drama of domestic life, "Mid-Channel," in which Clara Kimball Young is to take the feminine lead. Instead of the occasional outbursts of speech, mostly unstudied and spontaneous, that a film actor gives vent to in the crucial moments of a photoplay, the lines of Pinero's play are to be memorized in full, and spoken outright with full dramatic force before the camera.

What's a Husband?
King Vidor, the youthful director, is decidedly an expert on small town stuff, but he had a new one pulled on him the other day, when he was filming some scenes at Sawtelle, a suburb of Los Angeles. An old lady, driving an antiquated buggy and a horse that might have been Noah's original companion in the Ark, passed and struck a good bit of character study that Vidor ran after her and asked her to drive back down the street for him. "Can't," she said brusquely. "Got 't git home. My husband's sick."

A Sure Thing.
If you want to be a motion picture star but aren't quite sure that you can be, all you need to do is to have Nelson McDowell look at you. He can tell after one glance. No, gentle reader, he is not a crystal gazer, nor a fortune teller. He is a student of physiognomy and psychology and other things of the kind—in addition to being a motion picture actor. Just now he is out on the Goldwyn lot supporting Will Rogers in "Cupid, the Cowpuncher," and between the scenes he is always surrounded by a group interested in his analysis of their characters and possibilities. To date, he has not made any errors—although it must be added that there has not been time to prove his predictions as to newcomers. However, he has gone on record as saying there be "no possible shadow of doubt, no possible doubt whatever," that model Norman, Tom Moore and Will Rogers were meant to be stars!

Summer Vaudeville Bills
F^{OR} this, this closing week of the Orpheum's summer season, the headline attraction will be "Flirtation," a comedy of youth with music. The excellent cast has Dorothy Van, Frank Ellis and Jack Edwards for principals. Three other excellent players appear in the well-staged and richly costumed offering. Billed as two boys from Virginia, Christie and Bennett are a bit made up of clever talk and amusing antics. "The Party of the Second Part" is the new offering. This is a comedy of youth with music. The excellent cast has Dorothy Van, Frank Ellis and Jack Edwards for principals. Three other excellent players appear in the well-staged and richly costumed offering. Billed as two boys from Virginia, Christie and Bennett are a bit made up of clever talk and amusing antics. "The Party of the Second Part" is the new offering.

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'MATCH-NOT CLASH'
IS LONDON SLOGAN
FOR MEN FASHIONS.

City Holds First Show of Clothing Dedicated to Men Only.

Color Schemes Mild.
London, July 31.—Men's sartorial emancipation was demonstrated triumphantly when the lord mayor opened the first annual clothing and outfitting trades exhibition dedicated exclusively to men's wear. Masculine raiment until now has been merely a side show of the great feminine carnival of dress known to the buyers of the land as the drapery exhibition. This year for the first time the items that make up the wardrobe of the well-dressed man are considered sufficiently interesting to entitle man to an exhibition "of his own."

White Collar Gone.
The disappearance of the white collar. The return of the tweed hat as a rival to the cap. Arrival of velour hats from Czechoslovakia, finished in London. Revival of the waisted-frock overcoats for autumn. Ties have become one of the most important items of the men's outfitting trade now that the tie manufacturers have made a compact to use no German tie silks for five years. Prices, according to this authority, are not likely to go down.

Gobb Does Movie Stunt.
Irvin Cobb is said to be an aspirant for personal motion picture honors. The well known writer, according to a story emanating in San Francisco, broke into the game at a party tendered leading newspapermen attending the national democratic convention at Mayor James Rolph's ranch. Cobb was supported by James Montague, Ring Lardner, Damon Runyan, Samuel Blythe and Heywood Brown. Cobb proved a winning trade now that the tie manufacturers have made a compact to use no German tie silks for five years.

Huge Ape, Larger Than Man, Searched for by Hunters
Parkersburg, W. Va., July 31.—A huge ape, said to be larger than a man, is giving the hunters of this section an interesting time. Many persons here have reported seeing the animal, which runs away at the sight of humans. Hunters have not yet been fortunate enough to get a shot at the ape.

Sunday School Teachers Go To Jail On Robbery Charge
London, July 31.—A remarkable case of "Jekyll and Hyde" was disclosed at Scarborough Quarter Sessions when three brothers who were formerly Sunday school teachers at Rotherham were sentenced to terms of imprisonment for committing robberies.

Popular Screen Comedian Plays New Role
In His Latest Picture of Human Interest



The unique personality of Will Rogers, portraying a man of the open plains in "The Strange Boarder" at the Moon theater this week, is revealed in his fine humor and the delicate touches of pathos so peculiarly his own.

Yachting Trips Not Popular With Wilson; Prefers Motor Rides

Washington, July 31.—Commander Ralston S. Holmes, commanding the Mayflower, the presidential yacht, reported that the vessel will be in readiness for a cruise within 10 days, although the president and Mrs. Wilson are not expected to take any river trips until later in the season. The Mayflower has undergone extensive repairs and alterations during the last few weeks in preparation for the week-end cruises planned by the president and Mrs. Wilson. President Wilson much prefers an automobile trip to a cruise on the Mayflower, so it is not expected that he will take much recreation on the river.

FLOATING MINES PROVE MENACE TO RUSSIAN TRADE

Location of Mines Laid By Navy During War Now Unknown.

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 1.—Thousands of anchorless, floating mines laid by the imperial Russian navy early in the war still strew the Baltic sea, constituting a grave menace to traffic between the ports of the west Russian republics and the outside world. The mine fields are practically uncharted and such chartings as do exist are of little value, for the fields have become dispersed and stray mines drift with the winds and tides far from their original moorings. The only comparatively safe route through the Baltic is the narrow channel from Copenhagen to Mitau, recently cleared by British mine sweepers. Even this sea lane is dangerous, for there is nothing to keep derelict mines from drifting into the cleared zone.

Quakers Arrange to Feed 600,000 German Children
Berlin, July 31.—American Quakers announce through the Berlin press that they have secured contributions in the United States sufficient to enable them to feed 600,000 undernourished children. These contributions come from all classes of Americans. "We are arranging to feed 600,000 children in 70 different German cities," says Geheimrat Professor Doctor Czerny, director of the Berlin university clinic, who is chief medical adviser of the American Quakers. "In order that the money may do the most good all children fed will have a medical examination at which it must be definitely determined that they are undernourished. Only children between the ages of 2 and 15 years will be fed."

Aluminum artificial combs for bees have been invented that are claimed to increase the productivity of the workers and lessen the number of drones, beside being sanitary and indestructible. There is no reduction in the heating qualities of natural gas after the extraction of its gasoline, according to tests conducted by the United States bureau of mines.

Church Still Leads To Janitor's Arrest; Moonshiners Active

Charleston, W. Va., July 31.—Moonshining is on the increase in West Virginia, according to figures and reports on file in the office of the prohibition department. More stills were raided in the last month than any other time in the history of the department.

All classes appear to be engaged in the manufacture of contraband booze, according to the reports.

In one raid a still was found in the attic of a church, and the janitor was arrested for moonshining. Another still was found turning out liquor within 50 feet of the state capitol. In Summers county stills were confiscated in the homes of two men who have been school teachers for 16 years.

A raid in Lincoln county revealed a whisky-making outfit on the premises of a wealthy farmer.

The world's deepest mine is the Morro Velho, in Brazil, the lowest working being 6,400 feet vertically below the surface, and 3,650 feet below sea level. The ventilation is effected by exhaust fans, and a \$200,000 refrigeration plant insures that, no matter what the depth, the working temperature in the slopes shall never exceed 82 degrees. The mine is absolutely dry.

BASE BALL TODAY
ROURKE PARK
OMAHA vs. ST. JOSEPH
Game Called 3:30 P. M.
TWO GAMES SUNDAY
First Game Called 2:15 P. M.
Box Seats on Sale Barklow Bros.
Cigar Store, 16th and Ferris.

VAUDEVILLE SUMMER SEASON PHOTOPLAYS
Orpheum
MATINEES 1:30 and 2:30
EVENINGS 7:30-8:30
POPULAR PRICES
INCLUDING WAR TAX
CONTINUOUS EVERY DAY, 2:15 TO 11:15

LAST WEEK OF SUMMER VAUDEVILLE AND PHOTOPLAYS STARTING TODAY
Vaudeville at 2:40, 6:40 and 9:00.

"FLIRTATION"
A Comedy of Youth Sprinkled with Music with
DOROTHY VAN and FRANK ELLIS
as well as
JACK EDWARDS
And a Splendid Cast
Earl Christie & Bennett
Two Boys from Virginia
"A CHINESE REVIEW"
with Miss Dong Fong Gue and H. Gao
Haw from Canton, China
Chas. Fred LA FRANCE & KENNEDY
In Their New Act
"The Party of the Second Part"
EMIL & WILLE
in
"Just a Pair of Eye-Glasses"

How a Simple Melody Changed the World and Won Happiness for Two is Dramatically Unfolded
TOM MOORE
in "HEARTSEASE"
Topics of the Day, Kinograms and a Rollicking Comedy Picture

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Daring Saxophone Four
"Dainty Musical Novelty"
The Gabberts
"America's Ingenious Athletes"
2-OTHER ACTS-2
Photoplay Attraction
Wm. Fox Presents
WM. RUSSELL in
"Twins of Suffering Creek"
BEN TURPIN COMEDY
PATHE WEEKLY

Krug Park
where practically everyone goes for clean, wholesome amusement
Thousands were there last night—thousands more will be there tonight—
RIDING SWIMMING
DANCING PICNICKING
Someone is holding a picnic at Krug Park every night. Why not hold your picnic there?
KRUG PARK
Has the Best Swimming Pool in the World.
The water is Filtered, Sterilized and Ozonated before it enters the pool.
Come out any forenoon, afternoon or evening and enjoy a plunge in its clear, pure water. It's healthful and beneficial to old and young alike.

MANAWA PARK
Dance!
to the strains of Henderson's lively orchestra afternoon and evening
Swim!
Sandy Beach, Life Guards, Diving Board, Chute-the-Chutes, Rolling Platform And Big Crowds.
A. A. Wedemeyer's big band in free concerts this afternoon and evening.
Free Movies Every Evening
Boating, picnicking, roller coaster, merry-go-round, courteous and reasonably priced cafeteria, many games and fun devices
Fare: From Omaha, 10c. Council Bluffs, 5c.
ADMISSION FREE
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