

**THEATRICAL**

For the coming week the Royal presents a guaranteed attraction, heralding the coming into Southern territory for its first tour, Lew Goetz's "Ship Ahoy Girls" company, an organization composed of all-Broadway talent, with the biggest beauty chorus ever seen on the Royal stage, presenting a new repertoire of rich, clean and classical musical comedy plays that have never before been seen in Wilmington.

The Ship Ahoy Girls introduce more real novelties than have ever been seen in an attraction of its class anywhere in the South, featuring the entire company in vaudeville and specialty acts, every member of the company being a talented artist in some particular line, so that the week will be an endless chain of big surprises—something new every time you see the show.

As an added attraction the Royal announces the beginning of their latest big serial, "Jimmy Dale, Alias The Gray Seal," the most amazing story of a super-criminal that the mind of a story writer has ever conceived, the story of the slickest criminal ever filmed. It features in the title role none other than the talented and famous Broadway star, E. K. Lincoln, which is alone enough recommendation of its worth but with him in this sixteen-week serial will be seen Paul Panzer, who formerly played opposite Pearl White in serials, together with beautiful Edna Hunter in the leading feminine role.



A SEXTETTE OF CHORUS BEAUTIES WITH THE SHIP AHOY GIRLS AT THE ROYAL THIS WEEK.

the screen. The photoplay in which she makes her debut for Goldwyn, "The Spreading Dawn," an adaptation of the story by Basil King which ran so successfully in the Saturday Evening Post, will be seen at the Grand theatre Monday and Tuesday.

The addition of Miss Cowl to the Goldwyn galaxy of stars further emphasizes the tendency of dramatic stars to broaden the scope of their activi-

ship of the Broadway successes, "Lilac Time" and "Daybreak."

By the terms of her Goldwyn contract Miss Cowl is slated to appear in a number of photoplays to follow "The Spreading Dawn."

It can not be said that the failure of Miss Cowl to turn seriously to the screen before this was due to the prejudice which so many stag stars have evinced for the motion picture field. She never has held herself aloof from the screen, but she did await that time when the motion picture would reach a creditable state of development. She did not wish to participate in a class of productions which underrated the intelligence of the public.

**"The Beauty Shop."**

The playgoers who love the best in musical plays and welcomes the opportunity to be at once pleased, amused and interested, is cheating himself if he does not see "The Beauty Shop," which the management of the Academy of Music offers as the attraction for matinee and night on next Wednesday, December 19.

The piece is a musical comedy, the book and lyrics of which were written by Rennold Wolf and Channing Pollock, both well known journalists and authors, and the music composed by Charles J. Gebest, and has enjoyed long and successful runs in New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia.

The costumes and stage settings have been carefully selected with the artistic always in mind, and when the curtain rises on each scene there is not a question of doubt but what the eye will have its entertainment as well as the ear.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to \$1.50. Night prices will range from 75 cents to \$2. War tax extra. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday morning at Elvington's.

Gus Hill's Big Minstrels. Gus Hill's Big Minstrels, headed by George Wilson, "Waltz Me Again," who has been at the New York Hippodrome for fifty weeks, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Christmas Day.

The musical numbers of the entertainment are said to be of singular beauty and musical excellence and the entire organization has been produced on a scale of munificence and bigger and better than any similar organization ever assembled.

The company numbers sixty, traveling in their own special train. The great success of Gus Hill's Big Minstrels lies in the one word, "Class." Always drawing upon his own original ideas to make his minstrel superb, Mr. Hill, this season, comes forward with a most pretentious offering, which is said to be the best ever offered in minstrelsy.

**RATIONING SYSTEM HAS RUINED GERMAN WHOLESALER**

London, Dec. 15.—"The German wholesaler, has been ruined by the food rationing system," says the National Food Journal. "He has become an unnecessary link in the chain of distribution. The system leaves no scope for his activities except as an agent of some public authority. The German retailer is a necessary

part of the system. He has suffered from the extension of municipal shops during the war, but the creation of such shops is now officially discouraged. He cannot make very good profits. But in general he is sure of a restricted trade. He is not a popular person. 'Worse than Pasha' is the phrase current to describe his attitude to the public."

President Dismissed. Lisbon, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—The dismissal of President Machado from office has been decreed.

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New Carbonator and Ice Cream Machine, and two New Men Installed.

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COMING TUESDAY

THE GREATEST

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN**

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**'By the Sea'**

One of the Greatest Productions Chaplin Ever Made

AN ESSANAY PRODUCTION



Jane Cowl in 'The Spreading Dawn' Goldwyn Pictures.

The Exceptional Goldwyn Offering at the Grand on Monday and Tuesday

gineer under contracts to supply the allies with ore used in the manufacture of ammunition is fought to death by an agent of the central powers, who employs a band of outlaws who seek by fire and food and dynamite to destroy the mine.

Ninety-five per cent of the pictures were taken in the wildest reaches of the Sierras in Southern California on the edge of the great Nevada desert.

**Grand.**

Jane Cowl, who has stamped herself as one of America's greatest emotional actresses through a long gallery of stage creations, is the latest star of the spoken drama to heed the siren call of

ties and seek the exhaustive possibilities of cinematographic art. The Goldwyn Corporation regards the acquisition of Miss Cowl as one of their greatest achievements thus far. Her photographic registry has proved excellent, and it is said that her emotional work is admirably adapted to screen purposes. Miss Cowl created the role of Mary Turner in the New York production of "Within the Law," and also the part of the heroine in the metropolitan production of "Common Clay." In addition, Miss Cowl is a successful dramatist, having collaborated with Jane Murfin in the author-



Two of the biggest hits with the musical comedy success "The Beauty Shop" at the Academy of Music on Next Wednesday.

**BIJOU**

MONDAY

**"The Fighting Trail"**

Nerve and a Six-Shooter Oppose Treachery and Numbers

yes, and the lone one triumphed! The all-powerful explosive is saved to Uncle Sam and the Central Powers receive a setback that they dread more than the loss of a fleet. "The Fighting Trail," Greater Vitagraph's marvelous serial melodrama, shows how Americans can battle superior forces and unlimited trickery. Athletic William Duncan is the patriotic mining engineer and Daring Carol Holloway the girl who fights at his side. Apart from its patriotic appeal and its spectacular side, it offers the first motion picture serial of the great out-doors. Every lover of out-door adventure should see it. No nature-faking, either—every thrill and stunt is genuine. Come!

FOURTH CHAPTER MONDAY

**FORD WEEKLY**

Shaking a Visit to Luther Burbank, the Plant Wizard and Some Other Big Features

**ROYAL**

ALL THIS WEEK

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An Organization Made Up From All-Broadway Talent

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**MORE REAL NOVELTIES**

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**EXTRA ATTRACTION**

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The Opening Chapter of a Great Serial

**"JIMMY DALE ALIAS, THE GRAY SEAL"**

The Greatest Screen Character of the Year—The Slickest Criminal in the History of Fictional Screen Characterization, Featuring the Powerful Broadway Dramatic Star

**E. K. LINCOLN**

WITH EDNA HUNTER AND PAUL PANZER

We Guarantee That If You See the Opening Chapter You Will Not Miss One of the Sixteen

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H. H. Moss Presents

THE COHAN and HARRIS ASTOR THEATRE SUCCESS, WHERE IT PLAYED ONE ENTIRE YEAR

**THE LAUGHING MUSICAL TRIUMPH THE BEAUTY SHOP**

BOOK AND LYRICS BY RENNOLD WOLF AND CHANNING POLLOCK. MUSIC BY CHAS. J. GEBEST WITH FRANK W. SHEA

A Smashing Comedy of Youth That Sparkles with Music, Mirth and Melody

THE GREATEST GIRL SHOW OF THE SEASON.

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For every member of the family at Peterson and Rulf's.—Adv. de 15-sa we,sa,su

**GRAND Two Days Beginning MONDAY**



AMERICA'S GREAT EMOTIONAL ACTRESS COMES TO THE SCREEN

**Goldwyn presents JANE COWL**

**"THE SPREADING DAWN"**

The Romance of A Generation From The SATURDAY EVENING POST Story By Basil King

Miss Cowl was the Heroine and Creator of Mary Turner in "Within the Law," the Heroine of "Common Law" Two of the Greatest Sensations in the History of the New York Stage—Her Popularity With American Public is Unrivaled

This Production marks the Greatest Triumph of the Great Goldwyn Organization and is Presented with a Guarantee That It is Their Greatest Production to Date

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