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British Pantomime Shows Again Bring "Silly Season" To Islands

LONDON (AP)—"Wanted Wolf—Wanted—small misdeed." Such ads are cropping up in the theatrical trade papers again and from now until early spring, Britain's show business and the rest of the world part company. It's pantomime time, the silly season that afflicts this sober-sided nation with the falling of the leaves and apparently cannot be cured until the trees are in bud again. Foreigners living here sympathize, even if they cannot understand the craze completely. Here, for the purpose of fostering Anglo-American relations, is an attempt to explain the pantomime. It is timely because there are dark mutterings by London producers of an attempt to infuse a pantomime on Broadway—as if Broadway hasn't enough trouble with plain plays and musicals. **NOT AT ALL SILENT** First, a pantomime is an entertainment—if one may use the term—produced to run roughly from mid-December until February or March. Scores of theatres in London and Britain put them on perennially, even though it sometimes means closing down an already profitable show to make the room. It is called a pantomime but it isn't. Despite the name everybody talks, sings and generally makes a lot of noise. The part of the hero is always played by a girl with pretty legs. The part of the heroine is also played by a woman. The fact that both hero and heroine are female somewhat inhibits the love scenes. The comedian is usually called "The Dame" and dresses like a maiden aunt. "She" is always played by a man. **TRADITION OBSERVED** The villain always enters from the left. The hero and the good fairy—lots of pantomimes have good fairies—always enter from the right. These traditions go back over two centuries. The stories of the pantomimes are rough adaptations of nursery stories—"Aladdin," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Red Riding Hood," "Mother Goose," "Robinson Crusoe."

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OLD THINGS PREFERRED WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—Because the firemen seem to prefer antiques the Worcester Fire Department still has 15 trucks in operation which are anywhere from 26 to 38 years old. The men grumble when they are transferred from an old timer like the department's 1913 model American-LaFrance pumper to a modern truck.



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ing about ought to be auditioned with a hair brush in the woodshed. Pantomimes rarely use original music. It is customary to sing songs right off the hit parade. Red Riding Hood is liable to look deep into the wolf's eye and burst into "Hushin' the Red Nosed Reindeer." Neutral observers regard the pantomime as colorful, spectacular and intensely dull. However, Britons prefer them to most other stage productions, much as they prefer drowned Brussels sprouts and razor-thin roast beef to the outstanding cuisines of France and the United States, and dusty coal fires to central heating.

UNC Meets No. 1 Team

RALEIGH (AP)—Illinois, rated first among the nation's basketball teams, is heavily favored to whip North Carolina tonight at Chapel Hill. The Southern Conference is banking on N. C. State to uphold the lion's honor in a game with Manhattan in Madison Square Garden. State is ranked 10th in the nation, while Manhattan has failed to make a rating. The only other game involving a Southern Conference team tonight schedules The Citadel against High Point. The Citadel already has lost to one North State Conference team, Elon, and goes into tonight's contest an underdog. All of the teams in the Southern circuit took a night off last night.



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