

THEATERS

Bebe Daniels in "Oh, Lady Lady"

With clever, bubbling fun running throughout the whole piece and played by exceptional popularity to interpret the principal roles, there is little wonder that "Oh, Lady Lady," which opened at the Imperial this morning, was most vociferously received by an enthusiastic audience.

Reclart has done a splendid thing in transferring to the screen the humor of the famous musical comedy by Bolton and Wodehouse, which played so successfully a few years ago. And certainly they picked three ideal fun-makers in allotting the main roles to Bebe Daniels, always an appealing little "vamp," Hiers, cleverest of fat comedians; and Harrison Ford, the very popular leading man.

Miss Daniels is altogether delightful as the young musical comedy actress who is accused of "vamping" when she attempts to help out the fat sweetheart of her school days. It is a role entirely different from that of "Rowena" in "You Never Can Tell," but affords Miss Daniels even better opportunities for the clever fun-making which is always a feature of her appearances on the screen.

"Oh, Lady Lady" will remain at the Imperial for two days.

FAMOUS SINGER AT AUTO SHOW

Despite the French flavor of her name, Barbara Maurel, mezzo-soprano, is essentially American. She was born in Philadelphia of American stock whose name "Maurel" is derived from their Alsatian origin, was educated in American schools, and finally was sent to Paris to study under the great Jean De Reszke. On her return to America she became a member of the Boston Opera Company and with that organization made many a tour throughout the Middle and Far West.

Later, following the disbandment of the Rabinoff version of the Boston company, Miss Maurel entered musical comedy, under the name of Barbara

Schefer and appeared with Marguerite Namara throughout the long run of the operetta "Alone at Last." However, the call of serious music was too potent and Miss Maurel gave up the light opera stage and her fictitious name and returned to give the customary recital in Aeolian Hall, New York.

Her further career needs no retelling. It has consisted of two years' tours in recital alone and in joint-recital with Oscar Seagle, baritone. Here is a steadily mounting career as yet in the dawn of its life.

Miss Maurel will appear in concert at the Auto Show next week.

"The Great Redeemer" a Superb Photodrama

Capacity audiences at the Broadway theatre yesterday derived great enjoyment from the first showing of the Maurice Tourneur super production of "The Great Redeemer," interpreted by a full-star cast including House Peters and Marjorie Daw. This play will be shown today and Saturday also. It is not stretching the truth to say that the picture registered a profound impression on the best playgoers they have witnessed this year.

Certainly Maurice Tourneur has outdone himself in the putting on of this super special. With all the sweep and power of the rugged West, it has also a tender story, plenty of "punch" and points a moral lesson that none can disregard.

"The Great Redeemer" narrates the high lights in the career of Dan Malloy, a train bandit. Pursued by a sheriff's posse, he takes refuge in the mountain cabin of a beautiful young girl. She comes to love him and he, when a pal induces him to have another try at holding up the mail train. This he does, but is captured and sent to prison. There the work of reform begins by the girl is completed with a miracle happening in the grim cell and Dan Malloy finds his soul.

House Peters is excellent as Dan, and Miss Daw gives a sweetly pathetic impression of the girl in the story. Others in the all-star cast are Jack Macdonald and Joseph Singleton.

WORD H. WOOD IN FAVOR OF BONDS

State Highway Official Says County Can't Afford to Defeat Measure.

One of the most important things about the \$20,000,000 bond issue for roads in the state, so far as the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county are concerned, according to Word H. Wood, one of the nine members of the State Highway Commission appointed to expand the bond money, is to see that the \$2,000,000 bond issue proposed in Mecklenburg county carries.

Mr. Wood has returned from Raleigh, where he went to attend the first meeting of the commission, which is to have another meeting about April 26. He was impressed by the fact that several of the most forward counties of the state, notably Guilford, Forsyth and several others are talking immediate steps to borrow money to put over big road programs pending the issuing and selling of bonds in the individual counties. If Mecklenburg is not to lag behind and become a back number in the forward stride of forward counties she must by all means pass the \$2,000,000 bond issue, he says.

From a former position of primacy in the matter of good roads among all counties of the state and even of the South, Mr. Wood points out Mecklenburg has already fallen behind Forsyth, Guilford and several other counties, many of them of far less wealth than Mecklenburg.

Mr. Wood reported that Governor Morrison and State Treasurer Ben R. Lacy would leave Raleigh night for New York to see if they can sell some of the North Carolina bonds on a 5 per cent basis. If they cannot sell the bonds they expect to borrow money on notes secured by the bonds, in order that road work in the state may get under way as soon as possible.

The money obtained under the act, Mr. Wood said, will be apportioned among the counties of the state, which has been divided into nine districts for the purpose, on the basis of population or road mileage and area. J. Elwood Cox, a member of the state highway commission and a representative of the road building body of his county, was at Raleigh and told the state highway commission his county, Guilford, would proceed at once to borrow money to construct her roads, not waiting until the road bonds voted by Guilford have been sold. Rufus A. Doughton, member of the state highway commission for the district, in which Forsyth is located, said Forsyth would do the same, in order to complete a permanent highway of the latest hard-surface type between Greensboro and Winston-Salem. Plans are already on foot to finance another stretch of permanent hard-surface highway from Greensboro to Reidsville.

In other words, they are not waiting in many of the counties until the bonds are sold, but are going ahead and borrowing money to begin work at once.

"If Mecklenburg county is not to be altogether outdistanced," Mr. Wood said, "in the good roads building program, she must get busy at once. Five roads leading out of Charlotte are to be built with funds partly derived from the state. It is essential that the construction of these roads begin early. If Mecklenburg county votes the \$2,000,000 bond issue, the county will be able to lend the money to the state highway commission the money to begin at once the building of these roads.

"Some of the counties of North Carolina are trying their best to push Mecklenburg out of first place as the banner county of the state in roadbuilding and other ways and if we don't get busy they are going to do it. I hope the people living in the rural parts of Mecklenburg county will realize that the voting of the bonds will benefit them more in proportion to the cost than anyone else. Charlotte property will pay two-thirds of it."

GERMANY LIKELY TO DISTANCE FRANCE

Paris, April 8.—France will be outstripped by Germany with a few years if she does not buckle down to work the same spirit the Germans are displaying. Francois Marsal, until recently Minister of Finance, told an audience at Strasburg.

"We have known since the armistice that the sum we will get from Germany will go but a very short distance toward relieving the tremendous burdens the war has imposed upon us. We can count upon them neither to restore our devastated districts, to pay pensions nor to meet other heavy costs of war.

"It matters not whether a nation was defeated or victorious in this war if she does not set to work. It is the people who get to work more quickly, who work with more ardor, whether it be in the field or in the shop, who will establish economic and financial supremacy. By the same means they will establish political supremacy."

The former Finance Minister urged that private enterprise be given a free hand in the restoration of France.

"There should be no further talk of the state engaging in great industrial enterprises," he said. "No matter what the operation, it is a well known fact that it will cost infinitely more gear if it is undertaken by the state instead of being left to private interests and private individuals. If France says 'no' to the state in this line and applies herself to the task of reconstruction she will have a speedy recovery."

RAILROAD CONGESTION CRITICAL

Mexico City, April 8.—Congestion of Mexican railroads has reached a critical stage and commercial and industrial interests of the country have appealed to the government to take extraordinary steps to relieve the situation. At Vera Cruz, Tampico, Puerto Mexico and in cities along the United States frontier thousands of tons of merchandise has been lying for months, the railroads being unable to move these goods to their destination.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

THE HEN'S LAMENT.
"These modern methods make me sick."
"These spake old Biddy Dominick.
"We used to please ourselves, you bet. Folks took what fresh eggs they could get."
But now we stay up half the night And lay our eggs by Mazda light, 'Tis culling also I protest, 'I'm getting old, I want to rest; Yes if in laying I grow lax, I'll be the next to get the axe."

WE REFUSE TO ANSWER, AS IT MIGHT INCRIMINATE OR DEGRADE US.
The world often thinks that the wise man is a fool and fool is often taken for a wise man. How about those chaps who write the columns in the newspapers? Are they wise men, or are they fools?
By your answer we will know if you have any brains.
Marcel Steinbrugge.

WILBUR GLENN VOLIVA has announced that there will be no more short skirts allowed in Zion City. The question is, what is a short skirt? Years ago they were short when they were up to the shoe tops. Now they are long if they reach below the knees. Well, anyhow, it is a question that we do not care to discuss.

DIDN'T CARE FOR THE NEAR-NEAR.
A Kansas City man who is manager of the used car department in one of the big motor car salesrooms downtown has evidently been talking shop at home, says the Kansas City "Star."

ALLEGED MURDERERS ACQUITTED.
Norfolk, Va. April 8.—Four men charged with murder in connection with the killing of two Japanese seamen aboard the steamship Kaiso-Maru last Christmas eve were acquitted by a jury Thursday night. The jury had been out twenty-four hours before it reached a verdict.

ON STEERING COMMITTEE.
Washington, April 8.—Representatives John I. Nolan, California; John Anderson, Minnesota, and Frank Greene, Vermont, Thursday were elected members of the republican steering committee of the house by the committee on committees.

Speaking of horrible deaths, would you like to be a United States senator bill and be talked to death asks the Jewell "Republican."

One newspaper announces in a tone of faint regret that there is "only one gorilla in this country." One will be enough if he ever gets loose.

The national workers have just defeated the implication that they intend force a curricular Sunday. They are not going blue, after all.

An appropriate spring song in local circles would be: "Here comes the Panama war?"

Have you been Stillmanned enough?

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Featuring House Peters and Marjorie Daw

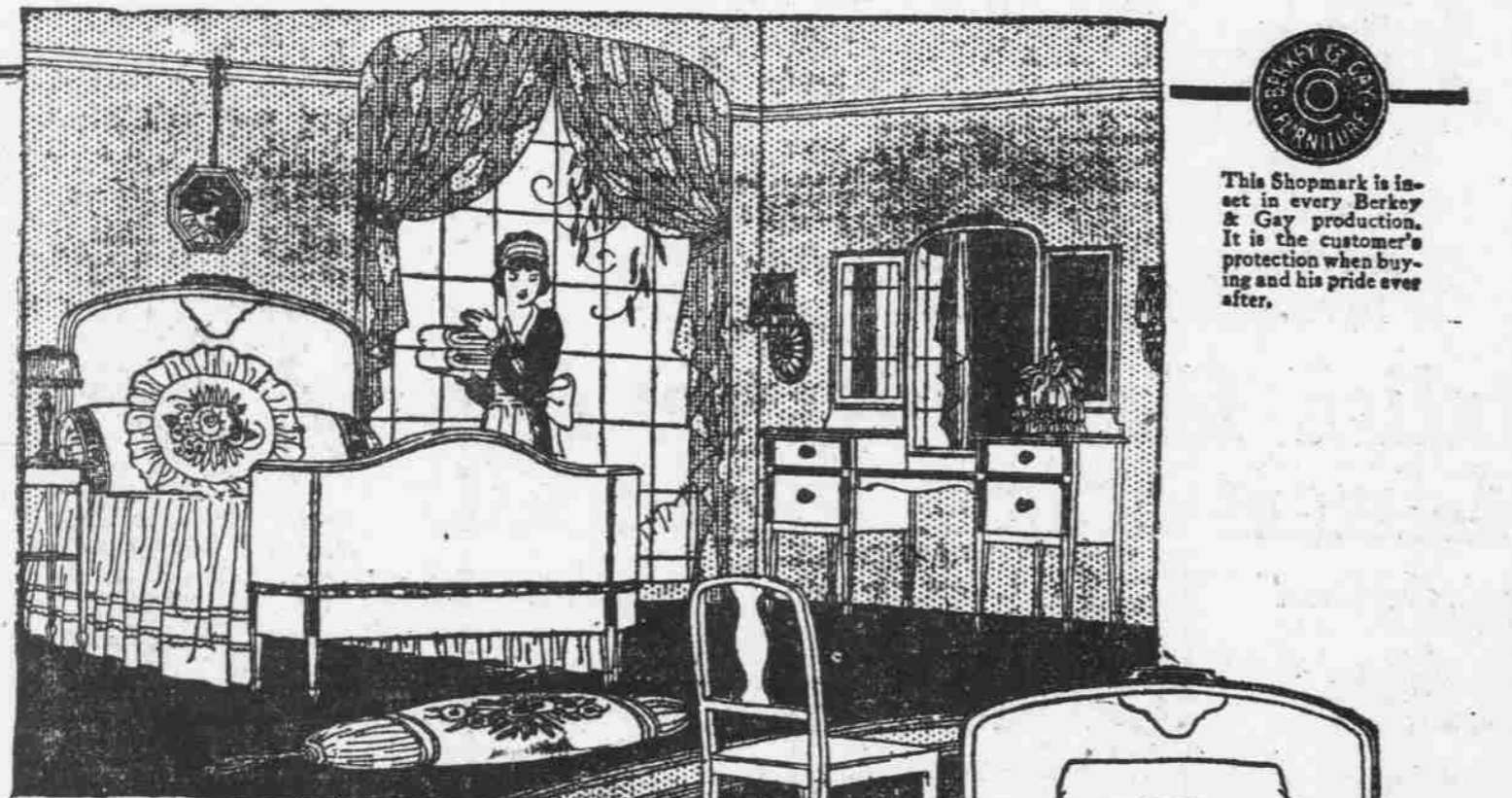
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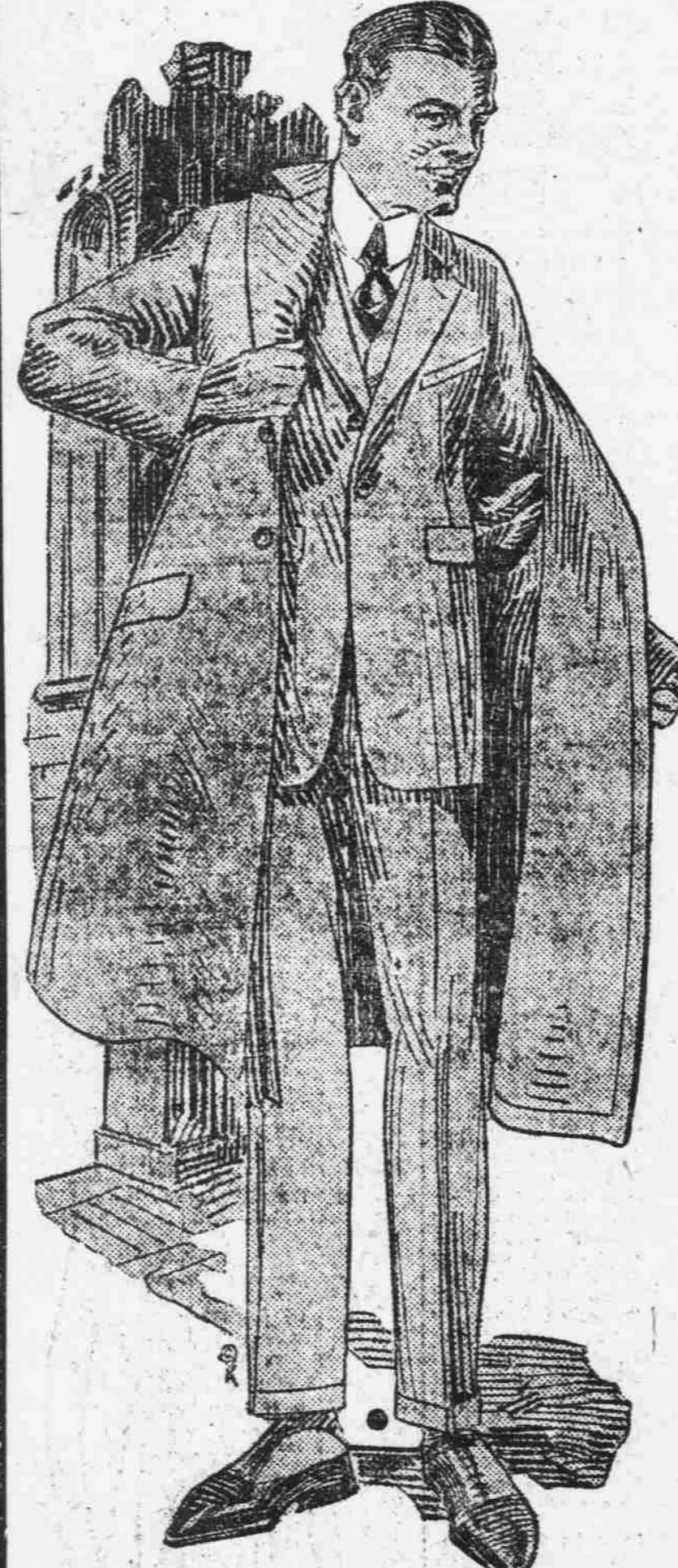
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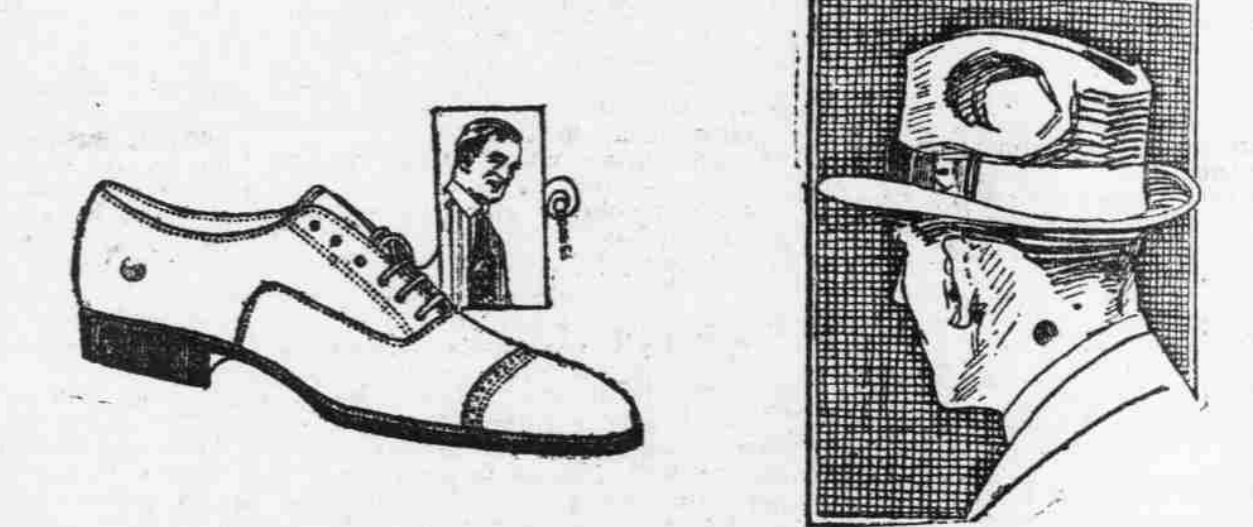
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