

# GYPSEY GIRL

THE STORY OF AN IMPASSIONED ROMANCE

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### READ THIS FIRST.

Consuelo, a beautiful gypsy girl, longs to dance with all the world at her feet. In love with her are the Duke, a great noble, and Marcu, both members of her tribe. She has only hate for her mother, Anica, but is extremely fond of her father, Gita. The other members of the tribe are her treatment of Consuelo.

### HOW GO ON WITH THE STORY?

#### CHAPTER 3

**A DILAPIDATED** old hammer, pushed in one corner out of the way, was dragged forth and opened. Consuelo searched through it, pulling forth rags, tattered, discarded trinkets and scraps of brilliant silk that had been saved for some possible use. In the bottom of the hammer was a package, the paper soiled and old. She picked it out and then tossed the other things back. With eager hands she unfolded the package and stared at the lovely article it held. For a moment she knelt motionless, then her fingers crossed the folds with tender awe, wedding skirt, it had been the best silk that money could buy and through the years its brilliant colors had never faded or spoiled. Fine yards of loveliness, gathered and caught in by the belt.

She drew the silk thing on in her fingers and looked at her and the feel of the silk against her arms was good. She was very beautiful as she knelt there, her long hair falling about her to the floor like folds of ruffled, black, velvet, her eyes closed, the lashes making shadows on her cheeks. The loose blouse she wore had slipped from one shoulder, exposing the full line of her throat. There was a quiver about her now that brought peace into her face, that stilled the animation but left there a radiant glow of satisfaction. As if she had looked after her lover had kissed her or so might she look when she attained the marble palace on top of the high hill and her ideal had been fulfilled to the very utmost.

But only for a moment did the Madonna-like attitude exist, for at the next she was on her feet and with nimble fingers tore her own skirt from her and flung it to the floor. Off came the blouse which was replaced by a newer, more sandy one. Then the beloved skirt was fastened about her waist and more anklets were added, more bracelets, more beads; a gay scarf edged with bangles was knotted about her head leaving the dusty hair free. Into her ears went earrings, great gold loops that drew the lobes of her ears into pearl-like grooves. She slipped her hair and the earrings and the bangles and the beads touched and made a tinkling music that joined the chorus of bracelets and anklets.

Among her things she produced a small bottle of eau de Cologne and poured the liquid down her neck, scattering the wet splashes that oozed through on the blouse. She closed her eyes in ecstasy and inhaled deep of the heavy scent. She hid the bottle again and placed the broken mirror on a box and thoughtfully viewed herself.

"I am happy," she murmured to herself, "Oh, but I'm happy!" She laughed aloud and began to half chant, half sing, improvising tune and words as she went along. "Only going to dance at goria fair, I am, but that doesn't matter. There will be people and they will clap for me, throw dimes, maybe a half dollar or



A cry of rage fell from Anica's lips.

two and the young white dove will flirt with me and I will flirt back at them and Marcu will be furious and scowl and threaten and I will laugh in his face and snap my fingers at him and I will pick some nice young man with money to buy me lemonade and ice cream and he will be afraid of me but afterwards he will boast to his friends that he treated the gypsy girl and tell how bad are the gypsies, how they carry knives in their belts and speak a language the gorgios don't understand and so the gorgios hate them—all but the gypsy girls and these they give bold looks and suspect bad things of. I am a bad gypsy girl but I am as beautiful as a spiny red carnation. Men love me but I hate them all. I'm as free as the wind and like the wind I dance! Dance! Dance!"

She whirled on her toes, the wedding skirt flying high about her bare legs. She flung back her head and laughed and laughed, like a drunken person.

At that moment Anica drew aside the curtains. Her eyes took in the whirling laughing girl. At first the full significance of the outrage did not penetrate her mind, then she remembered. The silk skirt, her wedding skirt! A cry of rage fell from her lips.

"What are you doing with that on?"

The laughter stopped. The whirl stopped, but the skirt went on merrily winding itself around the legs.

"That's my wedding skirt!" Anica shrieked, still not quite comprehending the situation.

"Yes," thought so, my mother. Bravado. Inwardly she was shaking.

"What have you got it on for?"

"I'm going to dance in it this afternoon." She moved toward the end of the van.

Anica gasped.

"I guess you are not!" She stepped in front of the van's only exit.

"Why not?" demanded Consuelo, trying to pass her.

"Because it's mine!" She caught the girl by the shoulders and shoved her against the wall. "You'll not wear it, then!"

"Oh, yes, I will! Let go of me—you're hurting!"

The grip tightened. Inch by inch Anica forced her down against a pile of old rags.

"Take it off!" she commanded.

"I won't! Let go of me! What are you trying to do, anyway?"

"I'm not trying to do anything. I'm doing it!" She reached up. Her hand gripped the whip from the rack. She poised over the girl, whip

held high, face red and ugly.

"Now take it off!"

"I won't! Get out of my way!" Consuelo shouted.

For answer the whip cracked across the shoulders and back of the girl.

Consuelo screamed.

Again the whip fell.

Beads of sweat dropped from the woman's face.

Again the whip fell.

The girl was not screaming now but lay half stunned from surprise and pain. Red, ugly welts rose, the blood showing through the skin.

Again the whip fell. "Then frenzied, senses reeling, she sprang for her mother, grabbed her around the hips and the two rolled to the dusty floor of the van. Like a tigress the girl struggled on top, her slim fingers clutching the oily black hair.

The woman dropped the whip and together they grappled and rolled on the floor.

Anica grabbed the skirt and her fingers tore at the belt until the fastenings gave way. The skirt tumbled in the struggling legs. Like animals the two screamed at each other, tussling, rolling, fingers nails drawing blood.

"There was a shriek from Anica as a stream of blood rolled down her cheek. She loosened her clutch from the skirt and, screaming like a mad woman, grasped the girl's throat.

"I'll kill you now!" she cried.

The curtains of the van were thrust apart and Marcu sprang at the two. He pulled Anica from the girl and flung her against the wall.

"In the name of God what are you doing, old fool?"

The woman fell panting and bleeding, the breath half knocked from her.

"Get out of here!" she gasped.

"Let me kill her now!" Again she sprang for the inert girl.

Marcu's foot stopped her and she sank groaning to the floor. He picked Consuelo up in his arms. There was a strange pallor under his tawny skin. He carried her from the van to a nearby bucket of water. "Come here, some of you!" he shouted, voice hoarse.

He threw water in the girl's face. She groaned and, gasping, began to draw the breath back into her lungs.

Girtza was the first one of the quiet circle to move. His face was old and grim as he started for the van.

A few moments later the screams of a woman told that the long neglected whip was being used for the second time that day.

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## HAUPTMANN PLEA LENGTHY PROCESS

### Huge Warship Profits Blow to Appropriations for New Building

By LESLIE EICHEL  
New York, Feb. 22—Appeal procedure in New Jersey in the Hauptmann case is as follows:

(1) Appeal to the Court of Errors and Appeals.

(2) In event of failure there, appeal could be made to the court of pardons. The court of pardons is composed of eight members. The governor is a member of that court, but decisions of the court are not effective unless the governor votes with the majority.

Members of the court of pardons, besides Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, are: Chancellor Luther A. Campbell, head of the court of chancery, highest judicial office in the state; George Van Buskirk, a builder of Hackensack; Henry T. Kays, an attorney of Newton; Walter L. Hepfield, Jr., an attorney of Plainfield; and Joseph A. Dear, publisher of the Jersey Journal of Jersey City. There is one vacancy, due to the resignation of William L. Dill, to run, unsuccessfully, for governor.

Lay members of the court are appointed by the governor for six-year terms, with confirmation by the State Senate.

**SHIPBUILDING**

Construction of warships and merchant vessels built with government subsidy in private yards may be forbidden by Congress if the Senate munitions investigating committee has its way. Admission by a shipbuilding company that it made 35 per cent profit on two warships was a damaging blow to the navy.

The admission also struck the administration in a vital spot—since approximately 400 millions of public works money had been allocated to warship construction.

Senators are not overly sanguine, however, that naval yards will better private yards—unless the navy construction bureau is shaken up.

**LIBERTY**

George Washington's era was prolific of splendid assertions concerning liberty, a correspondent points out.

One of the greatest comments was made in 1784 by Edmund Burke: "The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion."

Another shall this, spoken by John Philpot Curran in Dublin in 1808, ever die? "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Curran's first version, in 1790, was this: "The condition upon which God has given liberty to man is eternal vigilance."

And Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

But the most famous of all "liberty" expressions was made by Patrick Henry, in March, 1775: "Give me liberty or give me death."

### Plan Teeth In Textbook Rental Bill

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book system within 20 days after the bill has been enacted and to require the examination to start work within ten days after its appointment." Senator Gravelly said, "I am also going to offer another amendment to make it mandatory for the rental system to be set up by the beginning of the 1935-36 school year and to make it mandatory for the State to provide the money with which to set it up, regardless of whether it has to borrow the money or sell bonds."

Senator Gravelly also said he was going to see to it that the bill would abolish the North Carolina Book Depository, owned by Alfred Williams and Company, here when now collects 10 per cent on the wholesale price of all school books sold in the State, in addition to the ten per cent charged by the local dealers.

"With a State rental textbook system there will be no reason for a school book depository or for local dealers, with the result that if wholesale prices remain the same, the books will thus cost 20 per cent less than at present," Senator Gravelly said. "In fact, from the investigations I have been making in other states that have the rental system, I am convinced that a Statewide rental system here will save the parents and children at least 66 per cent on the present cost of textbooks. For at present the average cost of textbooks and supplies is at least \$10 per child per year or \$110 for 11 years children are in school probably more. But in Alexandria, Virginia, where a rental system has been in effect for 12 years, the cost of rental for school is only \$18.50.

"The difference in these figures should be sufficient proof of the need for a rental system in North Carolina. It should also indicate that it is ridiculous for us to claim that we have a free public school system when we permit a condition to exist that puts the possession of textbooks beyond the reach of thousands of school children. Yet that is the condition under the present system where children must buy their own textbooks. But if we can reduce the average cost of textbooks from \$10 a year to \$18.50 a year, as has been done in Alexandria, Virginia, we can make it possible for every child to have the textbooks he needs."

Senator Gravelly said that the rental textbook system would lead eventually to an entirely free textbook system, which is preferable but which is impossible right now because the state cannot afford to set up a free textbook system. But in two or four years he believes it will be possible to have entirely free textbooks, provided the state now makes a start by setting up a rental system.

The claims reported as made by some of the textbook lobbyists as to the effect that they are not worried at the prospect of the passage of the Gravelly-Griffin bill and that it would never succeed in setting up a rental

## On the Screen Sunday Night With Vaudeville



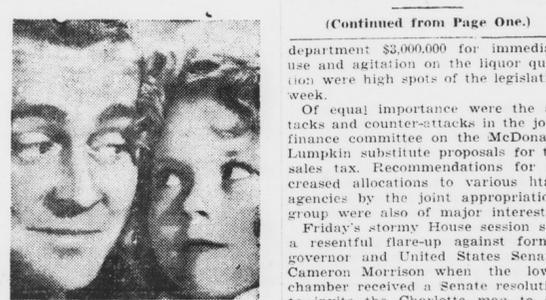
GLORIA SWANSON and JOHN BOLES are seen in two of the leading roles in the melodious new Fox Film spectacle, "Music in the Air," a noteworthy film version of the Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein operetta which ran for a year on Broadway.

## Stevenson—Wednesday and Thursday



Clark Gable, Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery in "Forsaking All Others"

## At the Stevenson Monday and Tuesday



JAMES DUNN and SHIRLEY TEMPLE are once more buddies in Shirley's newest Fox Film starring picture, "Bright Eyes," dramatic story of an ace's orphaned daughter and her adopted dad. "Bright Eyes" is Shirley's biggest vehicle to date.

system, have served to make Senators Gravelly and Griffin only more determined to put through a rental textbook plan that will not only work but which at the same time will reduce the cost of textbooks and break the strangle hold which the textbook trust has had on the state. They are being backed up by an equally determined group in the house. The house group not only wants to set up a rental textbook system but to completely revise the methods of selecting and adopting textbooks.

The textbook lobbyists have been strangely absent from the hotel and capitol lobbies and last few days. It is understood that most of them have gone to Atlantic City, N. J., for a special pow-wow with the publishers concerning the methods to be used in combating the rental textbook sentiment and the size of the slus fund to be used in an effort to defeat the pending bills. The annual convention of the American Education Association is now meeting in Atlantic City.

## Child Labor Item Seems Dead Issue

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this legislation would fall far short of approval if presented now. Even the most ardent proponents of the amendment concede that much. Which is, of course, the answer to the question as to silence. They know that ratification has no chance just now. Before the session is over, however, they will make a strenuous effort to put the measure across.

During the early weeks of the present session the amendment was much discussed and chances for ratification by the North Carolina legislature seemed fairly bright. Representative Ben Cope, wealthy Greensboro manufacturer, it was reported, would introduce the resolution for ratification. He later announced that he would not, assigning no reason for his action.

All talk of the amendment died suddenly and without warning despite the fact that Governor Ehringhaus, at President Roosevelt's express request asked that the legislature ratify the amendment.

This week several pieces of literature opposing the amendment were placed on legislative desks. Proponents of the amendment on the contrary are distributing no literature just now, nor are they creating any ballyhoo. Chances for ratification of the amendment are hopeless as things stand at present. It is doubtful if proponents of the measure can muster enough strength, even later in the session, to secure ratification at the hands of the North Carolina legislature.

thor of the measure and for many years an active and ardent proponent Morrison were chief spokesmen for the opposite sides.

Morrison's indictment of the Young Democrats for having adopted a resolution in convention last summer and his statement "that despite few of our fine young Democrats are members of the organization" precipitated a report from the Senate judicial committee before which the hearing was held is expected next week. Proponents are positive the measure will either be reported favorably or "without prejudice" and opponents are equally certain it will be killed in committee.

Some leaders of both major legislative committees, finance and appropriations, are of the opinion the appropriations bill will call for at most \$5,000,000 more revenue than the money bill will make possible in its original draft. They anticipate the spending committee will then revise on a downward scale and that about \$2,000,000 will be written in by the revenue group.

Representative McDonald declared yesterday he will not make a bid in the finance committee for his proposed amendments. Every big bet is to a battle royal between administration forces and the McDonald-Lumpkin bloc when the money bill reaches the floor of the House.

Allocations of \$500,000 annually for each year of the biennium for the maintenance of highway links within corporate limits of municipalities were recommended Thursday by the appropriations committee, which also voted to increase the allotment for the motor vehicle bureau and highway patrol from \$175,000 each year to \$879,420 the first and \$759,920 the second year. Such increases would permit enlargement by nearly 100 per cent of the patrol personnel.

The Senate next week will receive a committee substitute bill to limit the number of justices of the peace, and the House will receive a substitute measure for the establishment of a State board of examiners for the photography profession.

The appropriations committee discussed appeals for increased allocations for schools yesterday but adjourned for the week-end without taking action, according to the Senate Chairman Lee Gravelly. Consideration of school appropriations will be resumed next Wednesday after the first two sessions of the week are given over to other matters.

Only local legislation was considered today in the two houses as the usual perfunctory Saturday sessions were held. A vast majority of the legislators are at home for the week-end and will not return until Monday. Sessions will be held in both chambers Monday night at 8 o'clock.

## Italy Sends More Troops Into Africa

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suit of the Ethiopian trouble.

A huge crowd gathered at the wharf in Messina to see the ship of Women distributed fruit and flowers to the troops packed aboard.

Rome, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Regiment of Professor Mussolini's fighting unit today boarded the S. S. Vulcania which prepared to speed them to East Africa for possible action in the Ethiopian dispute. There were 500 men aboard.

The steamship bearing General Rudolfo Graziani, Italy's active military commander of the expeditionary forces, steamed into Messina harbor at dawn, having left Naples with flying colors, and a send-off of bright red by the presence of Crown Prince Humbert.

At Messina a portion of the 20th division was lined up after midnight to await the ships. The Vulcania is expected to leave port tonight.

The liner Nazario Sauro proceeded to Naples with 1,300 mechanics to pick up several hundred more technical workers Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman said the negotiations with Addis Ababa were proceeding very slowly and very badly. He expressed pessimism over the outcome.

Bod lies Hanging in Shack.

Honolulu, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Police broke into a river street shack today and found the body of K. Okada, 35, hanging by the neck and nearby the half clad body of an 11-year-old girl.

## Travel Bargains

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Chattanooga, Tenn.	7.93	15.85	21.15	26.45
Nashville, Tenn.	10.22	19.46	25.95	32.45
Birmingham, Ala.	9.50	18.99	25.35	31.65
Memphis, Tenn.	12.32	24.63	32.85	41.05
Portsmouth-Norfolk, Va.	1.97	3.94	5.25	6.60
Richmond, Va.	1.71	3.42	4.60	5.70
Washington, D. C.	4.27	6.92	9.25	11.55
Baltimore, Md.	5.71	8.36	12.13	14.43
Philadelphia, Pa.	9.17	11.82	19.05	21.35
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## TOWNSVILLE SPLITS WITH MIDDLEBURG

### Middleburg Girls Win 30-10; Townsville Boys Victorious by 29-28

Middleburg and Townsville halved a doubleheader court tilt here last night in the High Price warehouse floor as the Middleburg girls laid claim to the county championship by defeating Townsville 30-10, giving them two victories over all girls' teams in the county they have played. The Townsville boys eked out a 29-28 decision over Middleburg.

Paced by the stars that have played an important part in their season, Misses Newton, Currin and Short, Middleburg was clearly out in front all the time, having little trouble in winning. Miss Newton got 14 points, Miss Currin, 10 and Miss Short 4. Miss Satterwhite accounted for two points. Miss Stegall led the losers with six points. Miss Howell got three and Miss Capps 1.

This was the last game for Middleburg girls and the "swan song" for Misses Newton, Currin and Mabry, an outstanding guard on the county team.

The opening whistle as the lead changed back and forth during the contest. Robertson led the boys' with nine points, Hendricks got seven, Grissom, six, Renn, four, and Ellington, to account for the scoring. Sparrow paced Townsville to victory with 14 points, Twisdale got seven, Newell, six, and L. Wilson, 2.

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois of New York and Atlanta, Negro editor and leader, born at Great Barrington, Mass., 87 years ago.

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