

THEATRE

D. W. Griffith's stupendous spectacle of peace and war "The Birth of a Nation," will play a return engagement at the Academy of Music, starting Christmas day. All over the country it has duplicated the marvelous records made in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Baltimore, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Where return engagements have been played, the attendance was even larger where that was possible than the first times. Fifteen hundred performances have been given in New York City alone. Over ten million people have been thrilled by the wonders of the great Griffith spectacle.

Produced during the fiftieth anniversary of the closing events of Civil War the play offers an unusually vivid portrayal of those epoch-making events. It is just over a half a century since Lee's surrender to Grant, and the terrible assassination of President Lincoln in Ford's Theatre, Washington. Both of those events that stirred the nation to its depths are depicted by Mr. Griffith in so realistic a manner as to startle with their realism even that fast scattering few who were themselves a part of what was done in those momentous days.

The first half of the picture covers the entire period from 1860 to 1965 with massive battle scenes which by their horror accentuate the blessings of peace. The second half Mr. Griffith devotes to the soul-stirring drama of Reconstruction. He shows the South in the clutch of the Carpetbagger and the Scallawag and how it was saved by the Scottish Clans of the Carolinas. Here the dramatic power reaches its zenith. The eyes of the spectators look backwards for fifty years and see history in the making. This wonderful spectacle is made still more impressive by the art of music, interpreted by thirty picked musicians. The manner of presentation increases the illusion of reality.

The seat sale will open at the box office soon. Those who recall the unprecedented rush for seats last season, will realize the importance and convenience of securing their seats well in advance. That obviates the necessity of a long wait in line before the performance.

This engagement will be the last opportunity to see "The Birth of a Nation" in this city. The matinee prices will range from 25 cents to \$1. The night prices will be from 25 cents to \$1.50. Tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's Pharmacy.

NEW ROYAL OPENS TONIGHT. All is in readiness for the opening of Wilmington's new vaudeville theatre, the new Royal, tonight at 7:30, and there is no doubt but that crowds will be anxious to get in to see the new and pretty theatre tonight, and that capacity crowds will witness the performance of Danny Lund's Triangle Girls.

Danny Lund's Famous Triangle Girls Company has been booked for the big opening week at the Royal, an all-star aggregation of musical comedy and vaudeville artists, presenting only the newest and highest

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Harold Lockwood
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In Their Latest Screen Triumph

"The River of Romance"

In Five Enjoyable Acts

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MISS MURIEL WINTHROP

New York, Dec. 18.—Miss Muriel Winthrop, one of the younger social set, is devoting most of her time to aiding the French soldiers in the trenches. Her latest efforts have resulted in the securing of an additional ambulance and several thousands of dollars that the American Hospital Committee will use for the benefit of the French soldiers.

class musical comedy plays, with the prettiest and best trained singing and dancing chorus ever seen in Wilmington. Special and elaborate scenery and stage equipment is carried with this show for every bill, and they feature that famous yodeler, Hy Jensen, as one of the biggest attractions ever presented with a popular price musical comedy show. The Triangle Trio, dancing and singing artists de luxe, is another big feature of the show.

A new scale of prices has been arranged for the Royal, whereby the highest price at night will be 25 cents for the entire lower floor and 15 cents for the entire balcony, which has been re-arranged and elevated. The same hours as formerly at the Victoria will be maintained at the Royal.

GREAT COMBINATION AT THE GRAND TOMORROW.

Harold Lockwood and Mae Allison, one of the most popular combinations in the silent drama, will be seen on the screen here at the Grand tomorrow in "The River of Romance," a five-part Metro wonder-play produced by the Yorke Film Corporation. In this production Mr. Lockwood is seen in the role of a wealthy young man who decides to make his own way in the world. Not finding anything better to do he buys a broken-down motor boat, which he uses to ferry passengers among the islands in the St. Lawrence river.

There he meets the beautiful daughter of a rich New Yorker, on a visit to the Thousand Islands. He falls in love with her, but she rebuffs him. The girl is struck by his manner, nevertheless, but on account of his station in life, refuses at first to consider him seriously. Little by little, however, she loses her heart to him.

How he finally carries her away against her wishes in his boat and forces her into an elopement, when she thinks he is a burglar; forms a story of thrills, and stirring situations. The boat sinks while they are running away and the supposed boatman saves the girl.

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Scene from D. W. Griffith's Wonder Spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," to Make a Special Christmas Day Appearance at the Academy of Music.



ANITA STEWART
SAYS —
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WHAT MY BROTHER MEANS IN MY LIFE.

It was a number of years ago that a sweet-faced nurse brought a tiny bundle into the living room where I was trying to center my thoughts on a book. "A little brother for you, dear; and mother is doing nicely," she said with a sweet comforting smile.

From that minute on my life was different. When I went into the street to play a few hours later I looked with pity upon my school-chum because she had no brother.

Gradually my baby brother grew into a boisterous youngster—a natural mischief-loving boy who delighted in dropping my paper dolls into the well and pulling my hair curled for Sunday school. He teased me, and I liked it.

Of course, he underwent every stage of boyhood just like any other boy; and I for my part lost patient with him at times and called him all the cross names I was capable of.

I well recollect him one day chasing me about the house bearing a large green caterpillar with many colored French knots on its wrinkled back. Life with him about was no dull, gray thing. I can also remember how poor mother who was entertaining some friends at afternoon tea, came running down the veranda steps thinking I was being killed, while old colored Eliza came around from the grape-arbor as quickly as her portly figure would allow.

Once I cried myself to sleep because he told me I couldn't go fishing with him and some other boys—"I was only a girl, and didn't even dare put the worm on the hook." But usually I understood perfectly that affection wholly was behind his demonstrative words and deeds.

Although brother George is several years younger than I am, I have always felt a strange respect for him, which probably grew from his ability to outdo me at stunts in the childhood days.

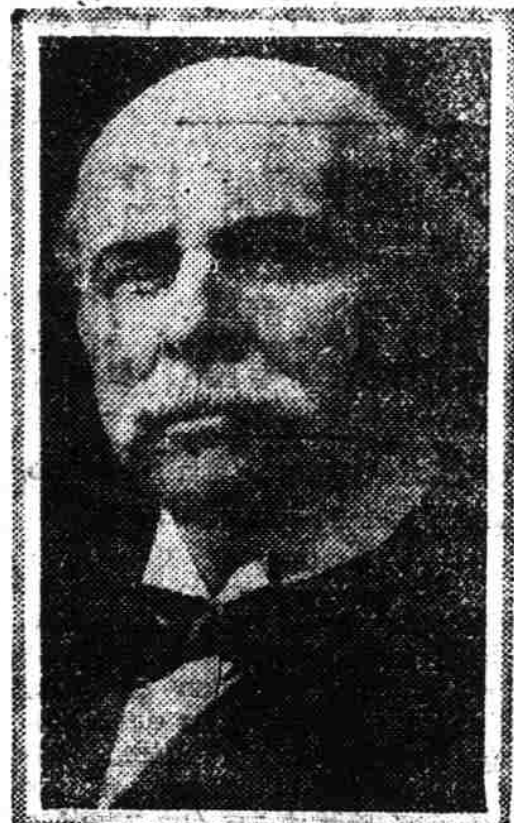
He is now attending a military school and although he only gets home to mother and me during vacations, he means much in my life. I love him, as I always have, for the adventures we've had together.

His letters relating all the secret spreads, military drills, and other fascinating boarding school affairs are a constant enjoyment, and I long for the time when he will be able to return to us for good after having completed his education. Because as the years go by we both feel the strengthening bonds of fraternal affection, than which there is nothing sweeter to expect.

Honor for Ruth Law.

New York, Dec. 18.—Seldom has there been seen in this city a more distinguished company than that which gathered about the festal board at the Hotel Astor tonight in honor of Ruth Law, who holds the record for the longest nonstop flight in America, and the second longest flight in the world. The Aero Club of America has arranged the dinner and Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary has accepted an invitation to preside.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina, for a pardon for Timothy Clemmons, son of New Hanover County, of an assault upon Katie Warren, and sentenced to fifteen years servitude in the State's prison. All persons opposing said application are hereby notified to forward their protest to the Governor of North Carolina. **TIMOTHY CLEMMONS,** Care of North Carolina.



LORD DEVONPORT

London, Dec. 18.—Addressing the House of Lords, Lord Devonport, the new food controller, has made it clear that compulsory abstinence from certain foods at certain times will be put into effect if the English people do not voluntarily abstain from those foods mentioned. Lord Devonport added that steps would be taken to see that food is fairly distributed and that no one procures more than his share. For the present a fair distribution only will be sought, but Lord Devonport stated that if this did not prove effective, compulsory abstinence and rationing of the nation would have to be invoked.

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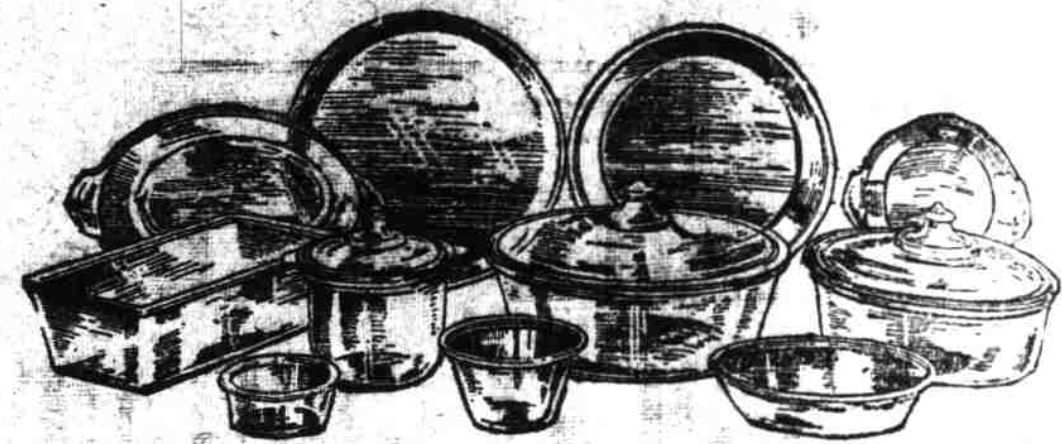
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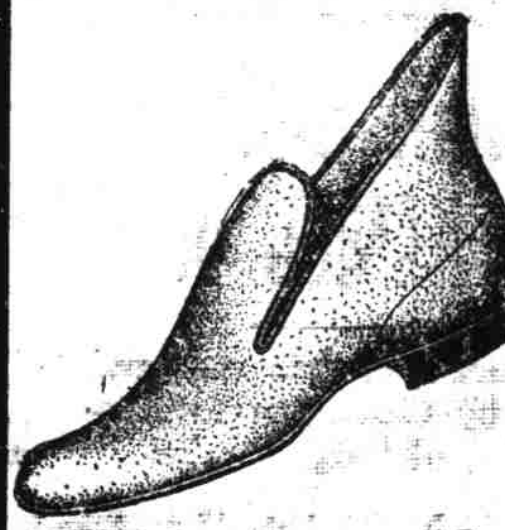
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