

## Rewritten news items which have appeared within the week in the

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Daily Papers of NEW YORK CHICAGO COAST

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### NEW YORK

New York, July 23.

Lester Rose, advertising solicitor on a theatrical paper, and his partner, charged by Agents Manning and Roder, charged with selling heroin. Ten days ago, said the agents, an acquaintance, telling them of Rose's selling dope to Broadway. He also told, it was said, of many "new parties" and implicated Rose. Last week Manning and Roder secured an introduction to Rose, telling him they were theatrical men and that they wished to "throw a snow party for some sleigh-riding friends." Rose, it is said, agreed to furnish the heroin for \$2,500 and told the agents to meet him in Grand street. At the meeting Rose was being questioned regarding the narcotic, taking the \$2,500 in payment. The agents then placed him under arrest. A note book, containing the names of 40 professionals was found on the alleged dope seller's person. Each of the persons named will be questioned regarding their habits and supposed purchases.

That Evan Burrows Fontaine's breach of promise suit against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney is in the nature of blackmail was the charge of John W. Hackett, attorney for Whitney, before Supreme Court Justice Churchill. The suit, Miss Fontaine's third against her husband, alleges the young millionaire is the father of her son, named Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, Jr., in court on a charge of bigamy, married by Charles Firestone, counsel for Miss Fontaine.

Magistrate Barrett, in West Side Court, postponed the hearing of the case of Mrs. Edith Parker Davis, charged with shooting her husband, Allen Davis, at the request of Detective Maskell, who said that he was unable to locate the wife in court. Davis, fully recovered, had been released from the hospital several days previous.

That Mary Ellis, prima donna of "Rose-Marie," who is ill, will be unable to return to the east is denied by Arthur Hammerstein. Ellis is replaced by Desiree Ellinger until she recovers.

Katherine Ray of the "Vanities" was picked to represent Congo Island in the annual bathing beauty contest to be held at Atlantic City.

R. H. Burnside announces that he is soon to start a state school, but not for teaching. The school will be devoted to teaching the many "butter and eggs" men the fine points of the managerial end of the show business.

Florence Goldenburg, 16, and daughter of William Smith Goldenburg, dramatic writer for the National "Enquirer," will be in "Gay Paree." Mary Ellis is slated for the lead in Arthur Hammerstein's "The Green Peach." "The Love Boat," which Morris Gest is to stage, is being written by the playwright, Neville Fiesole and Armand Vercy. "Jules Eckert Goodman's 'The Night Have Beens' will be seen in the fall.

Mayor Frank Borden of Bradley Beach, N. J., has played a ban on "Charleston" dancing at the municipally owned Beach Casino in that city.

Mrs. Hugh McQuillan has filed suit for separation from her husband, pitcher of the New York Giants. She names Helene Goebels, stating that Hugh was above board while with the Boston Braves, but upon coming to the Giants became addicted to Broadway's night life.

Frans Molner, author and dramatist, has filed suit in Vienna for divorce from Sari Fedak, European actress. Molner reports that his wife is already engaged to marry a Vienna publisher.

Gloria Gould (Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, Jr.), dance instructor and society woman, will be the director of the new Embassy theatre, Broadway and 46th street, when the house opens in August.

A suit for \$1,075.50 was served on Wilda Bennett last week by C. and H. Combs, owners of a riding stable in Des Moines, Iowa, who charged that Miss Bennett boarded a horse for their stable and fled to provide for their upkeep.

Beacon Films Corp., a new motion picture company with headquarters in Los Angeles, has articles of incorporation at Sacramento. The initial stock is \$50,000. George Blais-

dell, Robert A. Dillon, and Lyle W. Stacker, of Los Angeles, are his directors.

Rankin Mansfield, which engaged her to appear in "The Two Orphans," at Binghamton, N. Y., fell and broke his leg.

S. L. Rothafel has been released from his contract as manager of the Capitol theatre by Maj. Edward Bowes, managing director. Rothafel will assume his duties as director of a proposed motion picture theatre chain, while Bowes takes over Rothafel's work at the Capitol.

The musical version of "39 Steps" is being written by Rachel Crothers. It will be called "Concerning Spring"; John Galwanoff's "The Silver Fox" will be revived next season by Brook Pemberton; Carl Reed will produce "The Passionate Prince," with Lowell Sherman, in Baltimore, Oct. 1; Henry Santner and Herbert Wright are rights in "Musical Eyes"; "The Little Fox Man," produced by Clara Tree Major, will be at the Princess theatre Aug. 4; "Dune" is musical version of Alice Duer Miller's "The Charm School," and currently in Chicago, will open at the Astor theatre Aug. 3; "Emperor Jones," with Paul Robeson, will be produced in London Sept. 1.

Bitten 15 times on hands and arms by an enraged gorilla, James Lewis, circus trainer, was placed under observation for blood poisoning at Syracuse, N. Y.

When two customers protested against being charged 60 cents for drinks which they criticized as being below standard, Charlie Burns, manager of the Park Club, 347 W. 48th St., telephoned for police assistance. About 50 patrons joined with the management in trying to eject the squawkers when the two men displayed badges and described themselves as Max Smith and Izzy Einstein, knights of prohibition. Burns, J. P. McIntyre, an assistant, and Tony Zumanova, porter, were held for Federal arraignment.

Motion for continuance of the suit to break the \$10,000,000 will of the late Lotta Crabtree, denied by Judge Priest in Boston.

### PACIFIC COAST

Los Angeles, July 23.

John Mower, film actor, stopped paying \$100 a week alimony to his former wife, Anna Mower, when she became Mrs. Anne Mower Pones. However, she told Judge Summers that Mower is in arrears \$1,500 and she would like it paid.

Patrolman John R. Hollis was fined \$15 days pay by the police commission on the recommendation of chief Lee Heath, following a complaint by Arthur Hammerstein, brother of Tito Schipa, grand opera singer, that the officer had assaulted him. Schipa told the chief that he and his wife were in a taxi cab when they were stopped in an automobile they were in by Hollis, who informed them he was going to charge the machine for liquor. Schipa protested the officer had no right, whereupon the officer became incensed and struck him in the jaw.

Joseph M. Schenck is to be grand marshal of the Greater Movie Season parade, which was held here July 21. It is expected that 5,000 studio employees and actors and actresses will be in the parade, which will cover a four-mile territory.

Lee Whitney, 47 years old, stage carpenter employed at a Hollywood studio, was committed to the county jail on a charge of transporting a Harne Schneider, 34 years, from Los Angeles to Falls City, Neb., and returning in November, 1922, in violation of the Mann law. Whitney is being held in \$5,000 bail for further examination.

His arrest was brought about when word of Miss Schneider's disappearance was received. Her father claimed that Whitney was the father of a 15 months' child and failed to provide for the support of both the child and its mother.

Miss Schneider also charged that Whitney had taken \$5,000 of her savings and returned her to a \$10,000 home in Venice to a Tina Juana saloonkeeper in exchange for a woman, which he was to turn over, but failed to do. It was said that Whitney used the \$5,000 to pay alimony to a former wife.

Ellish Crommie is a screen comedian who works under the name of Like Conley. He feels that his right name is a character to him, so he applied to Judge Ilfizer in the Su-

perior Court for permission to legalize the name "Like Conley." The court said that Ellish was a biblical name and one to be proud of, but undoubtedly not a proper one to be used in a comical way, so he granted permission.

Lloyd Hughes is en route to New York to be featured in "The Scarlet Saint," which will be made at the Biograph studio for First National.

Burglars have been bothering Helen Ferguson, who recently married William Russell. During the past three weeks they have entered her home on three separate occasions. The first time a lace necktie with 21 beads was stolen, the next time two male neck ties were taken and last week a pearl necklace was taken. Miss Ferguson values her property loss at \$5,000.

M. K. Wilson, assistant film director, was robbed by three bandits in an automobile as he was entering his Hollywood home. His loss was \$40, an unusual amount for anybody to carry around early in the morning in Hollywood.

Dorothy Baskin, dancer, who has been in the city jail for more than a year on a charge of peddling delicious checks, will be placed on trial before Judge Arthur Keetch in the Superior court tomorrow. She was arrested after her husband, Morris Baskin, had passed a bad check. When he was taken into custody he said his wife had made him out. He was released and she was taken into custody.

Edna, who had favored a reconciliation with his wife, but she refuses, and says when she gets clear of the charge she will return to the stage and earn a living for herself and two children by a former marriage.

Jacques Jacquot, Hollywood picture director, was arrested after a free-for-all battle during which Jacquot is said by the police to have robbed John McCoskey of \$20. The real cause of the fray according to Jacquot was due to the fact that McCoskey had been out with another male wife and that McCoskey and his friends wanted to "teach him a lesson."

Jack Dempsey and his wife Estelle Taylor delayed their Los Angeles home-coming by leaving a transcontinental train for Los Angeles where they stay in seclusion at the "Big W" ranch. A big reception was planned by his Los Angeles relatives, but it was postponed, and he was appointed in the change of the champion's plans.

Thelma Beatrice Leaneor McDonald, former actress, was granted a divorce from Frank A. McDonald, actor, by Judge Charles C. Carter of cruelty. Mrs. McDonald received a property settlement of \$7,500, the household furniture and an automobile. She also received a copy of the divorce and his charges were dismissed.

Maude George, actress-wife of Harry Tighe, vaudeville and picture actor, saved her valuable mink wrap from being sold at U. S. public sale after the posted bond of \$250. The wrap was purchased originally because no duty had been paid on it. George paid the duty charges were supposed to have been borne by the people from whom the wrap was purchased.

Martina Wentworth Berteling, 23, who states she is a countess of Platin, is suing her husband for his present embarrassment is due to a misunderstanding. She also claimed that she was about to be engaged to a man named the Pasadena Community Players.

Litigation concerning the rights to the novel "The Merry-Go-Round" adapted from Eric Von Stroheim's picture production, is in the process of settlement. Gladys and Sam Lewis were to have written and published the book but friction arose and Von Stroheim instituted an injunction against Gladys Lewis. She asked for a dissolution of partnership and Selma demanded \$10,577 damages on two separate actions against Von Stroheim.

Press Agent Butler, advance man for Bing Crosby, arrived here and announced the actor's next venture, would exhibit his wares at Praeger Park. He continued by saying the circus would spread on both sides of Hill street at Washington street.

The council granted the permit to carry out his suggestion. The dates for the circus are Sept. 13 to 16.

"W. R. Francis," private investigator of Tillamook, Or., arranged a coup which resulted in the capture of seven alleged bootleggers. Francis' posed as "Technical Director and Social Manager of the Leo Film Co., of Hollywood" and had the bootleggers make deliveries to a fake location of a supposed party of which he had received the address. The men were arrested as they appeared at intervals of an hour to supply the liquor.

Construction on a \$1,000,000 hotel will begin within six weeks at Tia Juana according to Henri de Joigny, treasurer of the Lower California Hotel Company. The structure will have accommodations for 350.

Ruth Miehe, sister of Virginia Lee Corbin, film actress, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown due to several mysterious telephone messages which she has received recently. First a feminine voice announcing the speaker as being Zasu Pitts came and asked Miss Miehe to come to an address on Hollywood Boulevard. Miss Pitts denies having phoned the Corbin home. Later a man called and repeated the request.

Mrs. Corbin then dressed in her daughter's clothing and drove to the address. When she stepped out, three men rushed at her but hurried away upon discovering the occupant was Virginia Lee Corbin. She also received a call. The police are investigating.

Anna Shoulis, dancer, and her husband, Arthur Shoulis, were arrested on a charge of arson. It is alleged they set fire to a house and fled. Shoulis bought, paying \$50 down and then insuring it immediately for \$1,500.

"Pepto," also known as Jose Escobar, acrobatic clown, was given judgment in a suit brought against him by Burt Earle, concession owner, who claimed half of "Pepto's" earnings for four years under an alleged contract. Escobar spoke no English and was aided in the suit by his manager, his partner, Escobar and Miss Shorey both speak French and the latter was present when the contract was discussed. Escobar said, "I became dissatisfied with the agreement and Earle was supposed to have destroyed the contract. However, I never saw the contract. His existence after the suit was filed, Escobar declared that Earle had not been able to keep him busy and that he was more successful in securing his own contracts.

Marshall Nellan entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving in Santa Monica and was fined \$100. The original charge against Nellan was driving an automobile while intoxicated, having been made when Nellan was arrested on traffic post. Prior to the hearing a reference was held and the charges were dropped. The result that Nellan entered his plea of guilty.

A transcript of divorce proceedings started by Frank Mayo against his wife, Joyce Eleonore Mayo, was filed in the State Supreme Court in the first step of the appeal in which Mayo obtained an interlocutory decree in the Superior Court and also secured a restraining order, property settlement with Mrs. Mayo. On court refusal to set aside these orders on her motion, Mrs. Mayo appealed.

Mayo brought the case against his wife, charging cruelty and asserting that he was being harassed by her becoming intimate with other men. The interlocutory decree was granted in October, 1921.

Louise Fazenda, while walking across a bridge at the Warner Bros. studio, slipped and sprained her back. She was taken to the Fremont Hospital, where she was given treatment and her back placed in a plaster cast and continued her work. The injury is said to be slight.

not seek injunction against the use of the title of Mrs. Valentino's picture, "What Price Beauty?" Ullman says Hopkins has admitted that the phrase, "What Price," comes from a line imported from the battles of France, and that the use of the English language, and as such is common property.

Jeannie Warring, film actress, and R. W. Lockhart, said to be a brother of Frank Lockhart, auto racer, were arrested at a beach north of Venice after having engaged in a nude swimming party. Lockhart was later released on \$50 bail furnished by friends, who also brought clothing to the couple.

Jacques Jacquot, Hollywood film writer and director, was exonerated of a charge of suspicion of burglary after having spent a day at a police station. Charlie Thomas caused the director's release when he admitted that both he and John McCoskey, who originally preferred charges against Jacquot, were intoxicated, and that the money supposed to have been stolen was not even in their possession.

Hollywood police arrested Fred P. Summers, under a property man, on suspicion of grand larceny when the loss of a \$300 diamond ring was discovered by Tui Lorraine, film actress.

John W. Hackett will build a \$100,000 hotel, property man, on Gage street. Plans for erection are being prepared by Joseph R. Friend.

### CHICAGO

Chicago, July 23.

Three young men escaped with \$7,500 in cash receipts at the Stratford theatre last week. The hold-up was pulled while manager Joseph McKewen and Elizabeth Kelly, cashier, were transferring the money from the box office to the house safe.

Oliver White, now in the chorus at the Grand Northern, will have a part in "The Soldier's Girl" goes on the road in the fall. She was formerly in stock in Oak Park and on Broadway.

"June Days" will leave the Garrick Aug. 1, with New York matinee as its destination. The show is one of the darkest the Garrick will relight with another musical "Moranary Mary."

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey went through town last week en route to the Coast. They were accompanied by former Estelle Taylor went shopping on Michigan Boulevard and bought some nice bargain neckties at \$1.39 each.

Lucille Angebeck, five-year-old girl, was burned to death last week when her dress caught fire from improvised footlights in an amateur show.

The Mandarin Inn, just south of the loop, a contest is now being conducted by the first ordered and a sumptuous meal. They escaped in an automobile with \$400 in cash after knocking a man unconscious.

The Civic theatre, long an ambition of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, seems to have flopped again so far as the coming season is concerned. The endeavor would be on the order of the New York Theatre Guild, only more high-brow.

Olga Cook, prima donna with "The Student Prince," is wearing a diamond necklace. The endeavor would be on the order of the New York Theatre Guild, only more high-brow.

Chicago's Greater Movie Season will be ushered in Aug. 1 with a parade. A contest is now being conducted by the "Herald-Examiner" to choose a king and queen for the season. Will Hays is trying to get Vice-President Dawes to lead the parade.

Katherine Cornell, star of "The Green Hat," has bought a car and gone motoring in Canada pending the reopening of the piece in early September.

The Dyckman theatre, just west of the 20th street circus, says it plans a combination vaudeville policy next fall. Built by B. S. Moss, but now under new management, the house will inaugurate its new routine Sept. 17.