

Critical Moments

By GEORGE JOEL

Helen Twelvetrees as a Lady
The Mayfair Theatre, whose gaudy and dancing the walkers on Seventh Avenue and Times Square, is the showing place for Helen Twelvetrees' latest picture, called "She Was A Lady." Fox Film Corp. the guilty producer and the program notes carry the information that the picture is an adaptation of a novel written by Elizabeth Cobb, the daughter of Irvin Cobb, the humorist. Your first impression might well be that Fere Cobb had attempted to infuse a gigantic practical joke on cinema patrons but a further investigation finally convinced me that Fox made the film in deep seriousness.

"She Was A Lady" is one of those silly impossible things that only a film cutter could love. It concerns the weepy tale of pretty Sheila Vane (Helen Twelvetrees), whose father, an Englishman of high birth had married one of the servants in his father's home and had been unceremoniously booted out. America, the land of opportunity, was the asylum he came to with his wife and where his daughter Sheila was born. But even in Democratic America her father's sin lives on and the social elect will have no part of wretched Sheila. For reasons kept carefully hidden Sheila leaves her father's home and arrives in England intact only to be coldly received by her aunt who can't stomach the idea of Sheila living in the same house with her grandfather on her mother's side, who is the better.

Our heroine perturbed but unbowed, returns to America and falls in love with a rich young

American. She is about to marry this lad when his father develops qualms and refuses to accept the lass into his family. By now Sheila is pretty discouraged and gets herself a job as steersman for a gambling house and at this point another film mystery comes into being. The father of the young man suddenly gives in and consents to the marriage. The only reason for this sudden capitulation on the part of the father was that the old man had never been able to find a good gambling house and hoped that his daughter-in-law could keep him informed.

Miss Twelvetrees, a rather than average actress, and Ralph Morgan save the film from becoming sheer rot but at that it will tax your sense of credulity to the breaking point.

Screen and Stage Notes
Here in good news to film fans—British-Dominion Films have acquired the picture rights to "Escape Me Never" the play that has been such a smash hit in London and in which Elizabeth Bergner had been playing all these months. United Artists will release the film in this country. Miss Bergner's husband Dr. Paul Caiman will direct the production—incidentally "Escape Me Never" will be starting today through stage this Fall under the managerial direction of Selwyn and Franklin. . . . Most of the American film companies that had branch offices in Germany are closing them up as they find they cannot do business under the insane restrictions of the Nazi regime. . . . Starting today Charles Pokine's Ballet Russe which caused riots up at the Lewisohn Stadium, will play a week at the Capitol Theatre. Robert Montgomery in "Hide-Out" will be the feature picture. . . .



Helen Twelvetrees in the new film at the Mayfair Theatre.

College Rabbi Quits Post to Head Temple

Braunstein Accepts Call to Wheeling, W. Va., Synagogue

Rabbi Baruch Braunstein, religious counselor to Jewish students at Columbia University for the last six years, is returning to the active Rabbinate at the Eoif Street Temple, Wheeling, W. Va., it was learned yesterday. The Eoif Street Temple is a liberal synagogue. Rabbi Braunstein, who attended Adelbert College and the Ohio State University, is a graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion and studied at Columbia and universities in Europe and the Near East. He has done considerable writing and lecturing.

In New York he was active in Jewish and general youth movements. Last Fall he organized the American University Committee for the Aid of Refugee Students and was a member of the National Committee of the International Students Service Committee. Last year he traveled through Europe and the Levant with Mrs. Braunstein, studying conditions in those parts of the world. At the same time he collected a number of valuable documents in the archives of Spain and Majorca dealing with the Chuetas, who were the descendants of the first converted Jews in Majorca.

Doctor and Publisher Arrive on Aquitania

Samuel I. Newhouse, publisher of the Long Island Press and the Staten Island Advance, and Dr. Nathan Settel, professor at the Polyclinic Post-Graduate Medical School and an authority on diseases of the ear, nose and throat, arrive today on the liner Aquitania. Dr. Settel has been studying methods used in Vienna, Prague, Carlsbad and Innsbruck.

Heads Transient Bureau
(Special to The J.D.B.)
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 23.—J. A. Alskey was appointed business manager of the local division of the Texas Transient Bureau.

The Bulletin's Day Book

L'Univers Israelite tells this story about the late King Umberto of Italy:
A few days after the birth of King Victor Emanuel's son the Jewish community of Rome arranged a special service of thanksgiving in honor of Queen Margherita and her new-born baby. The king, wishing to thank the community personally, summoned the chief rabbi to his presence and said:
"Your community was the first in Rome to pray for the young prince. . . . I take it that on this occasion you had a number of minyanim present in your synagogue?"

When the rabbi asked in astonishment how the king was so intimately acquainted with Jewish custom and the Jewish law, the king replied that when he had been a young officer at the Turin garrison he once came unexpectedly upon Giuseppe Otello (later Italian Minister of War), the Jewish general who was Otello's immediate superior at the time.

Finding Otello, who was usually even-tempered, in a rage, Umberto inquired as to his difficulty.
"I am angry at the Jewish community here," Otello replied. "I went to the synagogue but I cannot pray, for there wasn't a minyan!"

"But why didn't you take one along?" Umberto asked.
"Your Highness seems to think this is about a prayer book. But that is not the case. Minyan is the gathering together of ten men at the synagogue. Without them a service may not be held."

"And that is how I discovered what a minyan is," the King continued. "I also learned at the time," he continued, "that as often as the general could, he visited the synagogue. Nor did this prevent him from being one of the best generals in the Italian army."

Which reminds us of another story which may be old but still should be good:

His superior officer, while congratulating him for his bravery, which had resulted in the capture of many enemy machine gun nests, asked a Jewish doughboy how he managed to bring back so many German prisoners.

"Oh," the American soldier replied, "all I had to do was crawl into No Man's Land and whisper, 'Eiden, a minyan!'" That brought 'em out, all right!"—E. D.

N. Y. Women to Meet To Push Ticket Sale For 'Night of Stars'

A committee of prominent New York women are sponsoring the 'Night of Stars' at Yankee Stadium on September 20 in cooperation with the amusement industries of the city, will meet at the Hotel Astor on Monday afternoon to plan an intensive ticket sale.

Mrs. Roger W. Straus, chairman of the women's division of the United Jewish Appeal, which is to receive the complete proceeds from the production, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. Mrs. David E. Goldfarb, associate chairman of the women's division will preside.

BERGSON SHAW TOLSTOY

THE READER'S FORUM

Prosecution of Others

To the Editor, Jewish Daily Bulletin:
I was very much interested in reading the letter by J. Brodsky in your issue of August 20 regarding Bernard S. Deutsch's praise of the Mexican government. I want to thoroughly endorse Mr. Brodsky's attitude and point out that what I have observed Mr. Deutsch, along with other officials of the American Jewish Congress, have not shown very much tact or diplomacy as Jewish leaders. It is all very well for Mr. Deutsch, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and others to issue statements appealing for Christian assistance in fighting discrimination against the Jews, but they seem to forget that there is a quid pro quo in such matters and that it is sometimes incumbent upon Jews to protest against the persecution of Christians wherever such persecution may occur.

Mr. Deutsch's behavior is all the more amazing when it is remembered that a few weeks previous to his sailing for Mexico the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York adopted a resolution protesting against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico and requesting the Mexican government to take steps to such persecution, a resolution which, it is rumored, was inspired by Mr. Deutsch himself.

Mr. Deutsch has seemingly placed himself in the position where he has committed the American Jewish Congress to a tacit approval of the anti-religious policy of the Mexican government. This is no light matter to be pooled by some of our very self-centered leaders in the American Jewish Congress, but each day, and it may not be very far off, American Catholics will remember this incident when the Con-

gress arranges another monster mass-meeting in protest against anti-Semitism.
We Jews come of us, in any case, must rid ourselves of the dangerous notion that we are the only people in the world, at least the only people that are being persecuted, and that there are counts so long as we can get Protestants and Catholics to give a ready ear to our woes. Let us also not forget that Catholics are far from happy in Mexico, Spain and Russia and that Jews ought to lend a ready ear to these Catholic woes in the same way that they respect Catholics to listen to their own tribulations.

Brooklyn, N. Y. MAX EPSTEIN.

Leave for Palestine
BALEMORE, Aug. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Eriks were feted at the Zionist Labor Center here last night on the occasion of their departure for Palestine. J. Edgar Steinberg, honorary chairman of the Seaboard Zionist Region Jewish National Fund, gave them a certificate attesting to the fact that their names had been inscribed in the J. N. F. Golden Book.

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SLANTS ON SPORTS

By MORRIS WEINER

Let 'Em Eat Dirt!

The 500 mile classic at the Indianapolis speedway that is held every Memorial Day is considered the most grueling test in the whirlwind sported world. Notwithstanding, the drivers of the Indianapolis 500 are juggling juggernauts spent all year grooming their racing chariots and their super-special gas buggies so that they may have the dough that is needed to roll their stock that little Indiana town. For, besides being the most risky race of the year, it is by far the richest. That is why the Indianapolis 500 mile speedway is the Broadway main stem of the men who live with gears, pistons, drive shafts and speed all year long.

Morris Weiner

As a result these men can be found on any dirt track in the country during the year where a century note, five hundred or a grand may be picked up as first-prize money. Especially around Indy, IN, where almost every country in the land holds special speed races as added attractions to annual fairs. But what is not so widely known is the fact that the dirt saucers are the most dangerous because once a car gets behind, the lagging driver has to cut dust and like it. He can do anything to help himself but trust to luck and pray that the guy in front goes through the rail. The Indianapolis 500 is a test of courage, stamina, a car that will stand the strain and superb driving ability. The ordinary dirt track races need these same qualifications, perhaps in a greater degree because added to the necessary prerequisites is the ability to drive blind through dust, dirt and debris.

Thrills in Sports

The 150,000 huggle fans who annually plunk their eight bits on the line as they click through the turnstiles are not the only thrill-seekers because people throughout this country are willing to part with a goodly number of shekels in order to watch the dizzy pace of the drivers on the turns. They come not so much to see men whiz!

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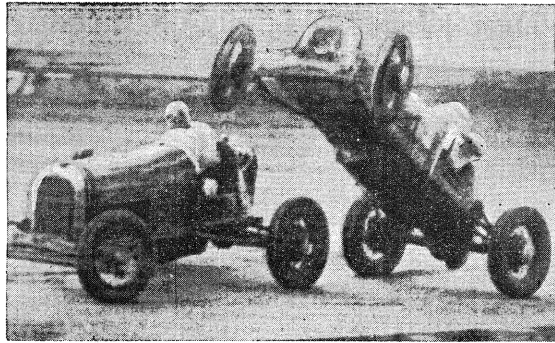
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A Second Before the Smashup



"Ulesky's machine skidded and almost stood stock still for a fraction of a second. But, even split seconds count when the pace is one hundred miles an hour." Read in today's Slants on Sports, how Harry Dantowitz, veteran Jewish dirt-track speed demon, escaped almost certain death in the Woodbridge, New Jersey, races.

around a saucer track at fantastic and monotonous speed, but to seek new thrills, escapes and flirtations with death. At times they witness death itself. They are a happy lot, but a world lot too.

The other day we drove our anti-Nazi flivver (it balks every time it passes a German beer garden) over to Woodbridge, N. J. A 100-mile grind was on the bill as the main event and a pal of this department had invited us over for the fireworks. This chap is one of the few Jewish speed drivers in the dirt-track business and drives under the name of Harry Dunn.

His real name is Harry Dantowitz. **Driving to Death**

"Our business," said Harry, "is pretty risky. However, it is not nearly as risky as some of the folks who pay to see us would have it. We have the same chances in a race of coming out unscathed as regular mail pilots and transport mechanics."

"Don't you," we interpolated, "ever feel at the beginning of a race that you're heading for certain disaster? Don't you feel as if you're driving to death on an express car?"

"Don't make me laugh," says Harry. "Keep your eyes peeled on me in this race. I'll be back here in one hour, safe and sound."

Old Man Fate Asleep At the Switch

There were nine drivers with as many different types of cars entered in this tame little hundred-mile dash down the old dirt road. They were signalled to start, after having warmed and tuned their motors, and John Ulesky, of Newark, N. J., was away first and with a fast start. Our pal Harry Dantowitz—Dunn to you—was next in line. Before the race was ten minutes gone the stands knew for a certainty that the race was to be decided between Ulesky and Dantowitz. They were sitting a pace that left the rest of the field far behind. Ulesky was burning up the road and Dantowitz was forced to drive through his opponent's dust. Twice his car skidded sickeningly as the machine took the turn at the far corner of the field at a terrific pace. However, when the race was nearly three-quarters gone—the lap man had signalled that Ulesky's car had covered sixty-nine laps—something happened that brought the spectators to their feet, a shiver in every spine, and a lump in every throat.

The two dust-belching juggernauts were roaring along at the rate of one hundred miles an hour. Ulesky was still leading Dantowitz, by about ten yards. However, as the two cars neared the far turn of the field, Ulesky's machine skidded and almost stood stock still for a fraction of a second. But even split seconds count when the pace is a hundred miles an

hour. Harry Dantowitz, needing all the years of skill and experience at his command in this perilous moment, jammed on the brakes. The car responded for a moment but the rubber lining burnt itself out soon after. Then rearing itself on its hind wheels due to the force of the sudden stop, Dantowitz's car seemed to leap bodily upon the machine of Ulesky. A deathly silence pervaded the field for an instant, broken only by the roar of the other cars at the end of the track and by the shrill shriek of an ambulance siren. Immediately after the rest of the field had whisked by, the ambulance surgeon rushed to the two

wrecked cars. By some peculiar whim of fate the two drivers were only slightly injured. Harry Dantowitz is entered in another race at Hoboken, N. J., this Sunday and is driving in a borrowed car.

THE SPORTING CALENDAR

Coney Island Arena—

Wrestling Tonight

Gino Garibaldi and Dick Shikat have been billed as the feature attraction for tonight's card at the Velodrome. If Shikat beats Garibaldi, and we think he will, the former champion will insist on a match with Jim Browning and Jim London, in that order.

The Shikat-Garibaldi feature

Announce Resolution By Rabbinical Assembly Lauding Palestine Work

The League for Labor Palestine makes public today the resolution adopted at the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary held in Tannersville, N. Y., recently, in which the assembly praised the work of the Palestine labor movement.

The resolution reads as follows: "We express our hearty appreciation of the contribution of the Labor movement, led by the Histadruth, to the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine and the advancement of the ideal of a cooperative commonwealth."

We furthermore, urge a deeper consciousness of, and more sympathetic attitude towards, the rich tradition and religious heritage of Israel, which is basic to the social idealism of the Labor movement."

A copy of the resolution has been forwarded by the national office of the League to the executive committee of the Histadruth Haavdim, the Labor Federation in Palestine.

tops an interesting array of engagements. In a special forty-minute bout Sander Szabo, Hungarian champion, goes against Wee Willie Davis of Virginia. Also on the bill are Abe Kashey, who takes on Mike Romano, and Hans Steinko, who meets Jack Washburn. Dr. Harry Fields, the Jewish medico, meets Bobby Stewart of Tennessee.

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rooms in the Kurrurstendam where they scrutinize foreign newspapers in order to find anti German attacks."

Another group of Jews were arrested and charged with having formed an organization to vote "No" in the plebiscite of last Sunday.

Led by Der Angriff, numerous