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STEALS BICYCLE HERE

ARRESTED NEAR WYE MILLS

Joseph Getgetts, a French-Canadian, formerly of Quebec, Canada, is resting in the Kent County jail after taking a 23 mile bicycle ride down the Shore.

Getgetts, who is 49 years old, was walking down High street at 10 a. m. Monday morning, looking for a way to get to Cambridge. As he passed Stams Drug store he spied the bicycle that is used for delivery by James (Lightening) Chambers, errand boy. Getgetts took the bicycle and started for Cambridge, passing State Officer Shultheis on the way. When the officer arrived in Chestertown and discovered the bicycle missing, he and Sheriff Vickers started in pursuit and overtook Getgetts near Wye Mills. When arrested he started he had bought the bicycle in Centreville for 25 cents. He later admitted stealing it. He was discharged from the Centreville jail on Monday after being held there on a charge of vagrancy.

TRI-STATE FIELD TRIALS HELD

FIRST EVENT HELD IN KENT COUNTY

The first official field trials for bird dogs held in Kent County for many years was held at the Tri-State Yacht Club, on Worton Creek, on Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd and 3rd. The trials ere held under the auspices of the Tri-State Field Trial Association.

A number of local dogs were entered and the setter puppy, Miss Peggy, Jr., owned by Mr. Frank Skirven, of near Chestertown, took first place in the Puppy Stake which was held on Saturday. Mr. Skirven had seven entries in the show and won five places for which he received a silver platter and two silver cups. He placed second in the Derby which was won by the setter, Hilview Betty, owned by E. A. Lanterman, of Harrisburg, N. J., and second in the Bench show which was won by M. D. Darrell, of Wilmington, with his several entries of pointers.

There were 75 dogs entered in the trials, 27 of which were owned by A. A. Bron, of Upper Darby, Pa., who attributed much to the success of the show.

The results of each event were sent to Essington, Pa., by carrier pigeons.

W. D DERRINGER INJURED

Mr. W. Duncan Derringer, of Chestertown, was painfully but not seriously injured on Thursday morning when he was struck by an automobile while working on the State Road in the town of North East.

Mr. Derringer, who is forman of the paint truck in the State Roads force, was laying out the lettering for a school sign when an automobile crashed through a warning sign and hit him in the back, knocking him fifteen feet down the road. Only by rolling quickly when he hit the road did he prevent the automobile from passing over his body.

He is now in Elkton hospital suffering from badly torn knee ligaments and a badly bruised body. The accident was caused by the failure of the breaks to work on the automobile.

TRESPASS NOTICE

All persons are hereby warned against trespassing or hunting with dog, gun or otherwise on the marshes and lands of CODLINGTON MANOR. All offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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QUEEN ANNES COUNTY HORSE SHOW POSTPONED

Although a large number of spectators and entries were on the field for the Annual Quee nAnne's County Horse Show, cotinued rain all the afternoon on Monday, Labor Day, necessitated the postponement of the show until today, Saturday.

A number of Kent County horsemen and women attended this annual affair. On Monday the automobiles that were on the field had to be hauled out of the mud with mules due to the soggy condition of the field.

WINS CHICAGO TRIP

CONTEST ENDED AT BETTERTON MONDAY NIGHT

Mr. John R. King, of Kenedyville, was awarded a free trip to the Chicago Fair at the Betterton Casino Pleasure pier on Monday evening of this week. The final award was the result of a contest which has been underway for a period of five weeks at the Casino dances, bowling alleys and moving pictures on the pier.

Mr. King, the winner of the trip, is a carpenter and secured his winning number at the bowling alley on the first night of the five weeks period, his number being No. 7.

Little Delores O. Hara was designated to draw the winning name and W. B. Usilton, 3rd, and R. H. Collins, Jr., acted as judges.

Considering the economic conditions the Betterton Casino Pleasure Pier has been very popular this summer.

CHESTERTOWN'S CHAMPION HIKERS

Since the advent of the bicycle and then the automobile the public has turned thumbs down on walking and only a few residents of Chestertown, practically all of whom are women, have kept up the sport of hiking.

There are two men, however, in Chestertown who walk approximately 15 miles daily six days in the week, not for the sport of it but in the course of earning a living. These two men are: Messrs. R. Lee Robinson and Julian T. Coleman, city mail carriers. The route covered by these men, which includes climbing steps, up and down hill is approximately 7 1-2 miles. This route is covered twice daily with their load of mail, and neither of them show any signs of losing weight by their labors.

Walking is considered one of the best methods of exercise but "Bosie" and "Pete" disprove the claim that it will take off the avoirdupois.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, being Defenders Day and a Legal Holiday, The Third National Bank will be closed. All notes maturing on that day may be attended to the day following.

W. ROBERT HUEY, Cashier.

TOMATOES

We will be in the market all season buying for the Campbell Soup Co. Highest Cash Price Paid.

METCALFE BROTHERS.

ORPHANS' COURT NOTICE

Next Tuesday, September 12th, being election day, the meeting of the Orphans' Court will be postponed until Thursday, September 14th.

FRANK W. SMITH,
Register of Wills.

WANTED

GOOD TENANT EQUIPPED TO TILL 190 ACRE FARM.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DR. F. A. HOLDEN will be at the Health Center, Chestertown,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1933

Hours from 2 to 5 p. m.

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NOW AND THEN

"The Man Who Thinks He Can"

If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you like to win, but you think you can't,
It's almost a cinch that you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out of the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battle doesn't always go
To the swifter or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man "who thinks he can."

Author unknown.

Stewart Edward White writes amusingly in the Saturday Evening Post of the Chinese Servants he has had and known. There is one piece of advice he gives:

"Thy'll do exactly as you show them," "but be sure you show them the first time correctly; for you can never change them."

Sometimes mistakes are amusing. A neighbor Mrs. Gilchrist decided to teach her Chinese servant, Sing in the etiquette of formal calls.

Therefore, as usual, she demonstrated. She rang her own doorbell, handed Sing her card, showed him what to do with it, and all the rest.

"You sabe?" she concluded as usual.

"I sabe," said Sing confidently.

A day or so later, Mrs. Gilchrist's next-door neighbor ran across on some errand, after the informal fashion of next-door neighbors.

"Good morning, Sing," said she brightly when he opened the door; and made to enter without further inquiry, for she was an intimate of the house. But Sing blocked the doorway.

"You got ticket?" he damanded. "You no got ticket, you no come in."

Have you seen the play Rasputin and the Empress? In reading an article the other day by the tutor of the Czaravitch he dwelt on the intense sadness of the whole family on account of the affliction of the boy, who would have terrible bleeding spells on the least occasion. It was because of this, and feeling that Rasputin did him good that caused the monk to have such influence with the Royal family and which finally led to its overthrow.

NIRA

NIRA, Nira,
Give me your answer do!
Maynt I hear a
Word of O. K. from you?
I've wrestled with costs and wages,
With labor's hours and ages.
Please pass my code
So I'll be in mode
With an NRA bird in blue!

In the sweet buy and buy!
In the sweet buy and buy!
Labor and capital bill and coo,
For wages are higher
And prices are too!
In the sweet buy and buy!
In the sweet buy and buy!
Here's to the day
Of less work and more pay,
In the sweet buy and buy!

—Adelaide W. Neall.

BILL FELT RELIEVED

Bo: "Hello, Bill, I hear you've been sick."

Zo: "Yah, but when the doctor told me it wasn't asthma I breathed a lot easier."

NOTICE OF RESERVATION OF NATURAL OYSTER BARS FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

In pursuance of the authority vested in the undersigned by law, notice is hereby given that from September 1, 1933, to October 31, 1933, both dates inclusive, the following natural oyster bar located in the waters of Queen Annes County is reserved for Conservation purposes, as set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 72, Section 161:

That part of the oyster rock known as "Oldfield" in Chester River near the mouth of Corsica River, comprising approximately fifty acres, more or less, designated by four suitable markers. (See Published Chart No. 30 for Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.)

All persons are hereby warned not to catch or disturb oysters on such reserved area between the dates above mentioned under penalty provided for in Section 156 of said article 72.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

SWEPSON EARLE, Commissioner.

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TO REPLACE ROCK HALL WHARF

The County Commissioners on Tuesday of this week accepted the bid of Mr. Herman Berg, of Piney Neck, for replacing the public wharf at Rock Hall.

The entire decking and wharf house was lifted from the piling and carried 500 feet by the storm two weeks ago. Mr. Berg was instructed to start work immediately.

Mr. Berg was also awarded the contract to repair the wharf at Long Cove. The piling on the shore end of the wharf were lifted by the storm.

The county road force has been busy since the storm repairing damage to the county roads In some places culverts and portions of the roads were washed out.

EXPLAINS MILK AGREEMENT

NEW MARKETING AGREEMENT BROADCASTED THIS WEEK

"The attack on the Philadelphia Milk Marketing Agreement is destructive, purely and simply," declared Mr. H. D. Alelbach, President of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association this morning. "Most of these opponents who are getting their names into print are parties with little direct interest in milk checks from Philadelphia. We are going to find out just why they are interested in breaking down this agreement and who is behind them. The public should have the facts."

Facts about the new milk marketing agreement, how it affects both producer and consumer, and its features which protect the interests of both, was put on the air by Mr. Allebach from radio station W. C. A. U. at 12.30 to 12.45 p. m., standard Time, Thursday and Friday of this week, and will also be broadcasted again today, Saturday at 11.45 to 12.00 a. m., standard time. These broadcasts will correct the erroneous reports which have been circulated at meetings and in the press, giving facts about the market situation that confronts the Philadelphia Milk Shed.

Mr. Allebach further explained that this is the first time a milk marketing agrement has ever been prepared. "It has ben designed," he says, "to guarantee a fair return to the producer without stimulating production or adding to the surplus, and to give consumers a safe and constant supply of milk at fair prices. This agreement contains machinery providing for changes when conditions warrant. Such changes must be made promptly for the interests of milk producers when aired by hearings called by the Agricutural Administration. Constructive changes are welcomed by the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association.

KENT'S SHARE IN THE N. R. A.

The N. R. A. plan is designed to put five million men back on payrolls in a short time. When this is done, 20,000,000 people (assuming four to each wage earner's family) will suddenly be placed in position to buy the normal necessities of life. That means that the total trade volume of the nation will, upon the acceptance of this plan, be lifted by from 10 to 20 percent.

Kent County will have a definite share in this increased prosperity to the extent that it participates in the plan, so there is a responsibility on every citizen here to cooperate to the utmost to make this gigantic national plan a complete success. Every Employer and every Consumer has a definite responsibility to assume.

N. R. A. calls upon every employer to shorten hours of labor, so as to make room for more employees.

Each industry will before long adopt its own code which will fix the increased labor obligations to be assumed by all firms associated with that particular industry. Until that time all employers are asked to sign the President's Agreement and to meet the hours and wages established in that Agreement. This Agreement is sometimes referred to as the Blanket Code.

The success of N. R. A. therefore calls for the cooperation of every employer.

The duty of every citizen of Kent County is therefore plain. The President has said:

"On the basis of this simple principle of everybody doing things together, a start is made on this Nation-wide attack on unemployment. It will succeed if the people understood it, in the big industries, in the little shops, in the great cities and in the small villages. There is nothing complicated about it and there is nothing particularly new in the principle. It goes back to the basic idea of society and of the Nation itself that people acting in a group can accomplish things which no individual acting alone could even hope to bring about."

"Make the best of it"—a common sense suggestion.

OUR BROADCAST

—An inspector from the Post office Department in Washington is in Chestertown working out a schedule for the consolidation of Chestertown's four rural routes into three routes. Within the past six months the number of routes out of Chestertown h sabeen reed from six to four, and this new regulation will reduce it to three.—Miss Elizabeth Baker, of Chestertown, was taken to be Easton Hospital on Thursday night of this week. She was operated on Thursday night and is reported to be much better—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowler had minor accidents this week. Mrs. Fowler fell coming out of the cake booth at the Carnival Thursday night and cut her face. Mr. Fowler was z bsurendadioo|4MtokCDC..T ler was bruised and shaken up Friday morning at the Adkins Lumber yard when the truck crashed into the gas tank.—Thursday night the freight engine towing twenty-two freight cars broke down near Lynch station. The passener train unable to get by was forced to push the freight train on in the Chestertown. It took a half hour to make the trip from Worton to Chesterown.—Metcalfe Brothers purchasing for the Campbell Soup Co., bought 22,000 baskets of tomatoes on Wednesday of this week. These tomatoes were shipped by truck and boat to the Campbell plant in New Jersey. The price paid was 30 cents per basket. Tomato canniers in the County have been busy this week and shipments to other canniers have been heavy.—Surveys started Friday for the building of the new Radcliffe Creek Bridge. The Creek is to be dammed with the new bridge and causeway and this will make a lake out of the present unsightly marsh.—The Reese Corner farm containing 346 acres was bought at mortgagee sale this week by Messrs. Louis E. and Eugene R. Smith for $7,000. —The Mary Turner property on Cannon street was bought at public sale by Mr. James Thompson, of Church Hill for $375.—A lot at Davis Hill was purchased at public sale this week by Mr. Dudley Orem for $25.—Mr. James Kreeger, Jr., was both the net and gross medalist in the handical medal tournament held at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club over the past week end —What's what in the new fall coat styles will be shown at the shop of Margaret E. Jefferson, Chestertown, on Wednesday and Thursday of next week at a specially arranged coat show. The coats on display will be direct from New York and of the latest fall styles.—

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The Shot Tower, one of the most conspicuous land marks of Baltimore is the only shot tower in the United States. It was built in 1828, is 234 feet high, and the corner stone was laid by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Molten lead was dropped through seives from the top into water at the base, rounding into shot as it fell. The Tower is preserved by the city as a monument.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Historic Fort McHenry, the birth place of the Star Spangled banner was originally known as Whetstone Point, and was built in 1794, the property having been ceded to the United States, and received its name from James McHenry, who had been secretary of war in 1798.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Baltimore Town was protected against the Indians by a stockade, and had two exits and points of exit, one at the west end of Baltimore St., near McClellan Alley, and one at Gay St. near the present Jones Falls Bridge. There was also a small gate for footmen near the intersection of Charles and Saratogo streets.

In the year 1776 a boom extended between Whetstone Point (the present Fort McHenry, and the Lazaretto, on the opposite side of the harbor, consisting of twenty one small sunken vessels chained together protected the water approach to the city.

HOW TO VOTE TUESDAY

Those who have not made a thorought study of the ballot to be voted on next Tuesday, will find it very confusing and their vote may be cast just opposite to the cause for which they think they are voting.

The ballot calls for a vote for the against the amendment which would repeal the Eighteenth Amendment and is not a vote directly for or against the Eighteenth Amendment which a glance at the ballot would indicate.

There are three simple rules to be followed in order to vote the way desired. To vote wet vote for the nine candidates in the column on the left side of the ballot. To vote dry vote for the nine candidates in the center of the ballot. To vote for unpledged candidates, that is if you do not know how you want to vote, vote for the nine candidates in the right column of the ballot.

It is the duty of every citizen of the county to vote.

KENT COUNTY THIRD ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW TODAY

Being Held at Washington College Gymnasium ---Committees Appointed

The following committees have charge of the exhibits at the Kent County Flower Show which is being held in the Washington College Gymnasium on Friday and Saturday of this week. Mrs. T. H. M. Bramble is general chairman of exhibits. Only those who are on the committee realize what a tremendous task she has had. Much credit and appreciation are due her and her committees for the success of the show and the fine showing of flowers Mrs. Bramble has been working since last April to complete her plans.

Receiving of Entries

Miss Grace Wilkins, Chairman; Mrs. Frank Simpers, Mrs. Charles Satterfield, Mrs. Thomas Kibler, Mrs. Norman Lee, Mrs. Hilda Anthony, Miss Mary Nicholson.

Artistic Arrangement

Mrs. Martha Moyer, Chairman; Mrs. Emma Beilharz, Mrs. Rebecca Speicher, Mrs. Margaret Dukes, Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

Snapdragons

Mrs. Frederick Usilton, Chairman; Mrs. Frederick G. Livingood, Mrs. H. Trumbull Dana, Mrs. Clinton Jones, Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., Mrs. W. Clark Grieb, Mrs. H. Benge Simmons, Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. Belt Townshend, Miss Ida Crow.

Marigolds

Mrs. Thomas Cruikshank, Chairman; Mrs. Alice rawford, Mrs. C. E. Cornelius, Mrs. Julian Cochran, Mrs. Herbert Ford, Mrs. Irving Spry, Mrs. Herman McCauley, Mrs. Louis Miller, Mrs. John Moffett, Mrs. Holt Woodall.

Petusias

Mrs. Sadie Wheeler, Chairman; Mrs. George Brice, Miss Lillian Cornelius, Mrs. Archie Crew, Mrs. Harry Crew, Mrs. Joseph Crew, Mrs. Lillie Crew, Mrs. Henry Clarke, Mrs. W. Clarke, Mrs. Laurie Hackett, Mrs. Ernest Horsey, Mrs. C. Luike, Mrs. W. Stone, Mrs. Franklin Storke.

Asters

Mrs. Howard Strong, Chairman; Mrs. Claude Truslow, Mrs. Simon Westcott, Mrs. Catherine Beck Jones, Mrs. Richard Collins, Jr., Miss Mary Woodland Westcott, Miss Gladys Rebecca Aldridge, Miss Elizabeth Westcott.

Roses

Mrs. Hillery Akers, Chairman! Mrs. Elwood Burgess, Mrs. Allan Urie, Mrs. Herbert Bass, Mrs. Orin Downey, Mrs. Ada Wirts, Mrs. Eva Taylor, Mrs. Annie Moffett, Miss Elizabeth Wood, Miss Mary Leary.

Zinnias

Mrs. Samuel Loller, Chairman; Mrs. Elwood Fowler, Miss Sarah Morris, Mrs. Wm. *Legg, Mrs. Julian Jones, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Irving Cornell, Mrs. John Redding, Mrs. Francis Willson, Mrs. Harry Williams, MMrs. Roger Harris, Mrs. Blanche Loller, Miss Elizabeth Morris.

Cosmos

Mrs. Barber Bartley, Chairman; Mrs. Holden Kaufman, Mrs. Spencer Smith, Mrs. Edgar Pyle, Mrs. John K. Fitch, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Harry Fallowfield, Mrs. Jack Bedwell, Mrs. Roland Fisher, Mrs. Franklin Smith.

Gladiolus

Mrs. Gerald Meyers, Chairmas; Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Dukes, Miss Pennington, Miss Emma Shafer, Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Nickerson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. White.

Nasturtiums

Mrs. Henry Chaires, Chairman;

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CARNIVAL ENDS MONDAY

FEATURE ATTRACTIONS HELD THIS WEEK

One of the features of the Carnival of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, which started on Friday of last week and will continue through Monday of next week, was the baby show held Tuesday night.

Out of the thirty-seven entries from all parts of the county, Rebecca May Boyd, 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Boyd, of Galena, was judged the healthiest and Margaret Louise Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Adams of Chestertown, the cutest. Fifteen of the entries were given excellent health ratings. Dr. Catherine Goodson, of Cecilton, was the examining physician and six Chestertown ladies acted as judges.

The babies entered in the show were as follows:

Robert Weldon Kelly, Helen Lucille Glenn and Delores Yvonne Bryden, of Rock Hall; Ann Dyre Hopkins, Kennedyville; Edith Keyser, Fairlee; Margaret Ann Skinner, Sudlersville; Felicia Ann Briscoe, Betterton; Mary Catherine Plummer and Calvarin Austan Pardee, Worton; Rebecca May Boyd, Galena; Joan Curlett and Phillip Kelly, Millington.

Chestertown babies in the show were: Marylyn Fletcher, Morgan K. Bennett, Jr., Phyllis Ann Newnam, Leon Walter LeCompte, Leon Edwards, Dorothy Louise Jones, Mable Louise Gears, Keith Alden Long, Doris Schauber, Doris McClary, Wilbur Rodney, Jr., Dorothy Ann Leverage, Janet Elizabeth Vinyard, Margaret Louise Adams, Phyllis Irene Mulford, Peggy Viola Miller, Mary Lou Hill, Eva Frances Meekins, Ann Jean Jarrell, Ida Elizabeth Knox, David H. Baker, Norman Bartz, Howard Jackson Reed, and Donald Cecil.

The carnival opened on Friday with a band concert by the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company band and Dr. Gilbert Meade made a talk on the N. R. A.

Monday night, in the comic parade Mrs. Don T. Falls and Harry Seigenfuse were awarded the prize for the most comical and little Gene Wessel, costumed as the blue eagle, won the prize for the most original and the group prize went to the 4-H Club.

On Wednesday night a mass band concert by elementary school bands of Chestertown, Rock Hall, Cambridge and Crisfield was well received.

Six fire companies, besides Chestertown were in line of march Thursday night, Firemen's night, as follows: Rock Hall, Millington, Sudlersville, Easton, Church Hill and Centreville. Sudlersville was awarded the prizes for the best band best appearance and most men in line. Easton was awarded the prize for coming the longest distance.

At the time of going to press on Friday a number of American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps were scheduled to compete for valuable prizes. This exhibit has always proven to be a great attraction at the carnival.

The carnival will close Monday night at which time the various prizes will be given away.

"VOLTAIRE"

Believing that "Voltaire," which shows at the New Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, September 13 and 14, is his greatest contribution to the screen, George Arliss is convinced that most really worthwhile things are born of stress and troublesome times.

"Voltaire," by Warner Bros. was planned and rehearsed and filmed during the most hectic period in Hollywood's history. War talk was heard on all sides. Banks were closed. A disastrous earthquake had done millions of dollars in damage to several of Hollywood's neighboring towns and had shaken some of the self confidence out of that scintillating city. Studios were struggling through a lean period.

Out of this welter of bad fortune "Voltaire" emerged as a product of strenuous days and nights of work and worry. Despite the difficulties encountered by the world during its making, it progressed satisfactorily and on schedule. It appeared to be a "natural." It seemed to have qualifications that marked it as exceptional even in the list of Arliss pictures.

There is precedence for Mr. Arliss' belief that difficulties sometimes bring forth good results. The original stage version of "Disraeli" which eventually ran for five years and made Mr. Arliss the most important stage star of his time, came out in a period of financial difficulty and stress which almost threatened to stop it before it started.

"Alexander Hamilton," his own play, later made into a picture, was offered to the public during the World War and an epidemic of influenza, which made heavy going for all stage productions.

In fact most of the great successes enjoyed by Mr. Arliss are plays which emerged from obscuring clouds of hardships and difficulties. "Voltaire" is like those and even Mr. Arliss, who would never admit to being superstitious about it, seems convinced it is his greatest screen success.

"Voltaire" also deals with troublous times for it is laid in the exciting days just prior to the French revolution when King Louis XV was oppressing the people with confiscatory taxes in order to keep up the gaiety of his court. Arliss, as the poet and philosopher Voltaire, clashes with the King over his propaganda for the people and is only saved from the Bastille by Mme. Pompadour.

Mr. Arliss is supported in this spectacular and highly dramatic picture by Doris Kenyon, Margaret Lindsay, Theodore Newton, Reginald Owen, Alan Mowbray and others. John Adolfi directed.

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