The Heart of Hollywood

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THE arc lamps circled and the music played and twelve thousand people seethed around. Half an hour still before the picture would begin; thirty minutes more of glare and blare and babble, then another Garnheim's Arabian theatre premiere would be history. I stood on the fringe of the crowd, watching and listening to it all.

Out in front of the forecourt there was suddenly a commotion. Into the hanging microphone the voice of the announcer near me cries:

"Here it is, ladies and gentlemen—the big moment everyone's been waiting for. Miss Sylvia Malvern, the lovely star of tonight's picture, is just arriving. In a minute we'll have her here to say a few words to you."

Up the narrow cleared passage from the curb Sylvia made her glittering way. Jewels, fur, and her flashing smile created a picture of dazzling, if overdone, charm. As she passed a few feet from me I became aware of someone at my elbow, squirming and pushing forward. I glanced sideways with a scowl—and hardly stifled an explosion of mirth at what I saw.

There beside me stood a short, squat man whose face was the most absurd concoction of features I have ever looked upon.

I'd just gotten the full startling impression when, to my further astonishment, he grinned and waved at Sylvia Malvern. Moreover, she returned it with a gracious nod. Then she had passed on and I became aware that the fellow was regarding me, his blissful smirk still active.

"Gosh!" he exclaimed in a gurgling voice. "Ain't she grand?"

"Sure is!" I agreed heartily. "Do you know her?"

He bobbed assent and the pop eyes rolled happily.

"Oh, yeah—she's my best friend, really. 'Course I only met her couple o' weeks ago, but now it seems almost like we'd known each other always."

The perfect satisfaction in his tone decided me. I told him:

"That's certainly fine! I've wished for years I could meet her myself. How did you manage it?"

"Well, guess I was just kinda lucky. But it was awful important to me; maybe that helped. I think y' get 'most anythin' y' want bad enough."

Realizing that he was fully launched now and willing to talk, I suggested that we seat ourselves upon a small stone bench which stood beneath some potted palms near by.

"So you were very anxious to see Miss Malvern, eh?"

"Gee, you bet I was!" he replied with something like a wistful note. "Y' see, she was the first person to ever make me feel real happy. Back when I went to school, all the other kids used to laugh and point at me and holler 'Funny-face!' So I got kinda in the habit of stayin' by myself. Sometimes I was pretty lonesome, too, and—but aw, shucks, that sounds like I was feelin' sorry for myself; I didn't mean it that-a-way.

"I went to movies a lot 'cause it was dark in the theayters and—well, I liked 'em. One day 'bout a year ago I first saw Sylvia—Miss Malvern, that is—and right off I was crazy about her. Her face was so pretty and sweet and—and kind-lookin'. Guess I musta gone back to see that pitcher five or six times, and the same with all of hers after that."

After an instant's pause he went on more eagerly than ever:

"Then 'long some time last winter I got the idea how swell it'd be if I could see her herself, and maybe even talk to her. So I just up and sold some land my folks had left me and come straight out here from Cedar Hollow—that's my home town, in Ioway.

"I didn't have much notion what to do, but I found Zenith studio and hung around the gate. One day the man in uniform there asked me what I wanted and I told him, and he called somebody else. First thing I knowed they was takin' me right into the place. I waited in some office just a few minutes, and then they told me where to find Sylvia.

"Well, it all turned out like I hoped for. We was alone, on the stage where she'd been actin' for this pitcher. I don't remember just what I said; maybe some of it was kinda foolish, on account of I was so nuts about her. But it don't matter now—all I care about is thinkin' how swell she was to me. I ain't never gonna forget that, and I'll never mind no more when other people make fun of me. All a fella needs is one real friend."

Suddenly he noticed many of the throng drifting toward the theatre entrance, and sprang up.

"Golly!" he cried. "I gotta go; I might miss some of it. Well, hope you meet her some time, too. G' bye."

Before I could summon poise to move or speak, he was gone. I was still sitting there, pondering the tale and its strangely touching teller, when a crisp voice came to me from beyond the palms—the announcer signing off. Quite idly I listened.

"And finally, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "let me urge you to attend this truly great picture soon. I saw it in preview just last night, and it has everything: cast, story, songs, comedy—oh, what comedy! There's one skit I'm sure will be the season's biggest laugh. And they tell me it's absolutely novel; a scene in which the chief actor didn't even know he was appearing. Miss Malvern's with him, and makes it a grand stooge. Honestly, it's a panic, and only one of the high spots in a real four-star show. Thank you; good night."

A King Wore Coats

The judge's ermine and the mayor's fur collar are relics of the times when the temperatures of law courts and banqueting halls in England made them not an ornament but a necessity. Even at coronations it was hopeless to try to warm the Abbey, so the king and his august subjects were warmed instead, and modern sovereigns have cause to remember how chilly their ancestors felt when they in turn stifle under the same heavy fur robes. So cold were the homes of England that those who could afford it even slept in fur, and an old account book mentions the purchase of 17 skins to make a nightgown for Queen Elizabeth.

WORTON

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clayville entertained their daughter, Mrs. Viola Conaway and friend, Mr. Jack Kelly, of Dover over the week end.

Mrs. Henrietta Rasin had as her guests last Sunday Mr. McCall Rasin and friend, Mr. Lord, of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Rouse, and daughter, Ann, of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Yearicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Cape May, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed entertained relatives of Chester, Pa., over the week end.

Mr. Lawrence Lee, of Wilmington, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mrs. Stanley Matthews, of Still Pond, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Jr., of Baltimore, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams last week end.

The Epworth League Business Meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Coleman, of Rock Hall, and Mrs. Albert Shaw, of Baltimore, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hopkins, of Sudlersville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Cooper Sunday, Mr. Hopkins rendered a beautiful solo Sunday evening at the Epworth League service.

The Epworth League will hold an Armistice Day Program next Sunday evening the leader will be George Rasin, Jr., Dr. Dole, of Washington College, will be the speaker of the evening. Everyone is especially invited.

Mr. Norman Patrick who received painful injuries from a fall last week is convalescent and able to be around after being confined to his bed several days.

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Official Election Figures For Kent County

OFFICIAL FIGURES RELEASED BY THE SUPERVISORS ON THURSDAY EVENING SHOW SLIGHT CHANGES, BUT DO NOT CHANGE RESULTS

	1st Dist. 1st Prec.	1st Dist 2nd Prec.	2nd Dist. 1st Prec.	2nd Dist. 2nd Prec.	3rd Dist. 1st Prec.	3rd Dist. 2nd Prec.	4th Dist. 1st Prec.	4th Dist. Prec. N	4th Dist. 2nd Prec.	5th Dist. 1st Prec.	5th Dist. Prec. N	5th Dist. 2nd Prec.	6th Dist.	7th Dist.	Total
FOR CONGRESSMAN															
T. A. GOLDSBOROUGH, Democrat	245	272	223	239	234	193	297	200	360	227	157	209	256	186	3298
H. B. MESSENGER, Republican	159	153	132	161	130	200	167	80	143	166	88	189	174	196	2138
FOR UNITED STATES SENATE															
JOSEPH I. FRANCE, Republican	166	154	128	153	130	192	150	81	130	186	106	192	179	187	2134
GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE, Democratic	204	245	200	208	207	181	291	182	322	142	111	151	225	162	2831
FOR GOVERNOR															
HARRY W. NICE, Republican	228	196	152	178	164	228	190	104	184	312	173	279	230	227	2845
ALBERT C. RITCHIE, Democratic	163	207	189	203	191	155	271	172	299	102	89	137	186	146	2510
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL															
GEORGE HENDERSON, Republican	153	147	124	152	126	189	133	75	119	179	97	180	166	187	2027
HERBERT R. O'CONOR, Democratic	200	245	201	209	204	179	299	186	332	150	110	154	235	157	2861
FOR COMPTROLLER															
FREDERIC P. ADKINS, Republican	162	150	126	152	133	188	155	85	147	183	105	188	170	189	2133
WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR., Democratic	211	248	202	213	208	184	285	183	313	142	105	153	230	156	2833
CLERK OF COURT OF APPEALS															
W. E. QUENSTEDT, Republican	154	142	119	151	131	191	135	74	121	169	97	172	157	180	1993
JAMES A. YOUNG, Democratic	205	260	214	206	212	180	292	183	336	154	114	153	230	159	2898
FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE															
J. OWEN KNOTTS, Democratic	211	271	204	213	223	186	335	198	359	169	122	163	239	170	3063
For Baltmore City Amendment	17	18	23	20	25	21	68	31	53	23	24	17	29	11	380
Against Baltimore City Amendment	49	68	37	37	38	49	42	23	41	58	27	35	37	38	580
For Legislature Pay Increase	10	30	20	32	22	26	48	23	51	23	29	20	24	13	371
Against Legislature Pay Increase	80	73	44	57	59	82	96	63	75	71	42	45	58	49	894
FOR STATE SENATE															
ARTHUR H. BRICE, Democratic	231	256	224	254	218	214	292	192	328	114	97	171	243	167	3001
HERBERT A. URIE, Republican	182	173	144	160	158	190	187	94	192	317	174	252	191	229	2643
FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES															
T. FRANK DAVIS, Republican	164	159	130	154	134	207	149	82	130	238	131	208	163	188	2237
WILBUR R. HUBBARD, Democratic	225	254	220	235	233	170	306	195	363	151	116	166	255	190	3079
JOHN S. OWENS, Republican	161	165	140	156	136	245	153	87	129	166	86	177	172	186	2159
ROY T. STRONG, Democratic	215	250	213	213	212	157	280	174	331	199	154	200	241	159	2998
FOR CLERK OF KENT COUNTY															
JOSEPH DOWNEY, JR., Republican	187	144	121	146	135	195	150	85	117	168	95	194	177	190	2104
ROB. A. SHALLCROSS, Democratic	207	285	240	256	240	199	320	198	391	257	172	225	256	192	3438
FOR REGISTER OF WILLS															
T. RINGGOLD JONES, Democratic	220	252	211	237	179	190	263	169	312	176	128	211	183	142	2873
FRANK W. SMITH, Republican	175	169	138	165	193	203	207	110	194	232	135	207	255	237	2620
FOR TREASURER															
W. T. MORRIS, JR., Democratic	208	242	182	189	194	188	278	198	338	173	119	168	231	162	2870
JAMES W. URIE, Republican	170	162	161	202	160	196	175	73	151	172	103	171	170	188	2254
FOR SHERIFF															
JOHN N. BENNETT, Republican	202	178	157	176	178	215	263	122	275	211	108	188	218	216	2707
J. THOMAS HADAWAY, Democratic	191	230	191	214	187	177	201	163	238	181	146	203	202	158	2682
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS															
G. ELLSWORTH LEARY, Democratic	174	236	193	195	203	177	286	186	328	248	158	228	250	171	3033
SAMUEL C. LOLLER, Democratic	186	245	195	228	208	177	288	179	329	200	137	178	230	168	2948
PAUL C. PRICE, Republican	256	164	126	143	131	197	150	76	127	148	80	155	160	169	2082
GEORGE T. WILLIAMS, Republican	145	148	141	153	214	201	174	93	147	154	78	142	164	162	2116
MERRITT WILLIS, Republican	151	147	179	208	137	217	142	70	135	132	71	147	157	187	2080
ANDREW W. WILSON, Democratic	194	255	189	213	182	177	274	184	325	192	128	189	239	161	2902
FOR JUDGES ORPHANS' COURT															
F. BAYNARD HARPER, Republican	151	144	137	194	145	222	174	84	147	155	94	161	147	177	2144
H. THEODORE JEWELL, Republican	146	145	123	158	152	200	169	83	160	151	94	158	155	184	2078
GEORGE R. RASIN, Democratic	219	250	214	231	227	182	291	181	329	172	125	148	229	148	2946
EDWARD A. SCOTT, Democratic	225	273	211	218	198	171	286	174	305	158	114	156	228	165	2882
HARRY N. STAVELY, Democratic	198	222	201	212	219	173	268	188	314	169	118	161	258	168	2769
ROGER WILLIAMS, Republican	160	187	122	151	129	199	148	75	134	179	91	177	160	180	2092
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY															
STEPHEN R. COLLINS, Democratic	220	261	211	221	218	186	320	207	346	194	132	167	249	176	3108
FOR CHIEF JUDGE															
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Democratic	203	267	200	218	215	165	307	181	316	206	138	151	219	161	2947

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Supt. of Public Safety,
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