Stockholm . . . This, the capital city of Sweden, is the best developed city from a telephone standpoint in Europe, being exceeded among the larger cities of the world only by Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, Calif., U. S. A. Stockholm with a population of about 440,000 was served, according to the latest report, by 140,000 telephones or about thirty-two instruments for each 100 people. In Washington the ratio is about thirty-six telephones for each 100 population and in San Francisco about thirty-five for each 100 people. Sweden, according to Basil D. Dahl, U. S. trade commissioner at Stockholm, is now served by more than 600,000 telephones.

Johannesburg . . . Telephone installations in Johannesburg, South Africa, are increasing rapidly. There are now 30,000 instruments in service, which is an increase of about 13,000 in the past three years, according to the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Bangkok . . . In an effort to improve telephone service the Siamese government has conducted an exhaustive survey of modern practices in dial telephone operation with the result that this type of service will be placed in operation in this city as soon as practicable. Provision is being made for the installation of two central offices with an ultimate total of 10,000 telephone lines, together with facilities for direct access to subsequent telephone exchanges. The trunking arrangement, according to the U. S. Department of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, provides for a five-digit number plan to give dial intercommunication between all subscribers, such as is used at Richmond and Roanoke, Va., and at Charleston, W. Va., U. S. A.

Santiago . . . The president of Chile recently inaugurated telephone service between Santiago and Antofagasta, which now brings that port into contact with the international telephone system and with more than sixty countries and geographical locations, according to the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Budapest . . . This city with an estimated population of 1,350,000 is now served by about 92,345 telephones. Los Angeles, Calif., with 1,364,000 people is served by more than 352,000 telephones. Use of the telephone in Budapest is increasing rapidly with about 9,600,000 calls having been made in September of last year as compared with 8,620,000 for the same month the previous year. For Hungary as a whole there were 1,540,000 calls in September, 1935, as compared with 1,365,000 for the same month in 1934, according to a financial statement issued by the Royal Hungarian Minister of Finance.

Canada's Giant 7 Ft. 8 In. Tall, Weighed 560 Pounds

Angus McAskill, known as the Cape Breton giant, was born in the Hebrides of Scotland in 1825 and came to Canada at an early age. He became famous as a strong man and appeared before Queen Victoria at Windsor castle. He was 7 feet 8 inches in height, weighed 560 pounds, had a chest measuring 80 inches, foot 18 inches, hand span 12 inches. He could lift a 100-pound weight with two fingers and hold it at arm's length for ten minutes, or swing a 300-pound barrel of salt pork under each arm and run down the main street. He is said to have set a 40-foot mast into a schooner single-handed, also to have carried a full grown invalid 25 miles through a snowstorm to a doctor. He could hold a pound of bulk tea in his hand. The feat that was held responsible for his death was lifting a 2,750-pound anchor in New York; a fluke of the anchor struck and injured him. He died in 1863 at the age of 38 and was buried in the cemetery of St. Ann, Nova Scotia, where his gravestone has the inscription, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright."

The Christian Era

About the year 533 A. D., a Roman abbot named Dionysius Exiguus introduced into Italy what he called the Christian era, according to which dates are reckoned forward and backward from the birth of Christ. This method came into use in France and England in the Eighth century, and in other countries later. He used the year 754 of the Roman era as the year of Christ's birth; subsequent authorities have placed that event four years previous, or in 4 B. C., instead of in the year 1 A. D. There was, of course, no year 0 A. D., so that from the end of 4 B. C. to the beginning of 4 A. D., six years elapsed (3 B. C., 2 B. C., 1 B. C., 1 A. D., 2 A. D., 3 A. D.). The date of the crucifixion is generally regarded as 29 A. D., when Christ was thirty-two or thirty-three years of age.

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Jerome Cowan, Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne in "Beloved Enemy," a Samuel Goldwyn production, released through United Artists

Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne present Hollywood's newest romantic team in Samuel Goldwyn's production "Beloved Enemy," a vivid drama of love under fire, which comes on Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9 to the New Lyceum Theatre.

The story casts Brian and Merle as a man and woman from two warring worlds who fall madly in love and follows their romance, carried on under fire, with both risking their lives to snatch a few hours together.

Against shifting backgrounds the story proceeds to a thrilling climax.

Karen Morley, Henry Stephenson, Jerome Cowan and David Nivan are featured in the supporting cast which also includes Donald Crisp, Ra Hould, sensational new child actor, Jack Mulhall, Pat O'Malley, David Tornece, Wyndham Standing and Theodore Von Eltz.

"Beloved Enemy" was directed by H. C. Potter from a screenplay by John Balderston, Rose Franken and William Brown Meloney, with additional dialogue by David Hertz. George Haight was associate producer.

Richard Day designed the sets and the costumse are by Omar Kiam. "Beloved Enemy" is released through United Artists.

Something of the mess one can get oneself into by not minding one's own business is revealed in the new comedy "Mind Your Own Business," with Charlie Ruggles and Alice Brady, which comes to the New Lyceum on Wednesday and Thursday, February 10 and 11.

Unassuming Ruggles is perfectly content to mind his own business, which is editing a nature column for a large newspaper, until his wife, played by Miss Brady, decides to mind his business for him. Then Ruggles begins to mind the business of everybody in twon as editor of a scandal column and things begin to happen which come perilously near to not only losing his business for him, but his mind as well.

"Mind Your Own Business" is a gay and swift-moving comedy of birds, bees, policemen, racketeers, politicians, newspapermen and Boy Scouts, which includes in its cast Lyle Talbot, Jack La Rue, Bennie Baker, Frankie Darro, and a host of other feature players. It is from an original story by John Francis Larkin, and was directed in light-hearted manner by Norman McLeod.

On the very day—almost at the same hour—that Judge Joseph A. Moynahan of Detroit passed sentence in the Black Legion case the exact thing was being enacted on a Hollywood stage, with Samuel Hinds, character actor, as the Judge.

The film version of "Black Legion," coming to the New Lyceum on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, is a Warner Bros. production based on the activities of the society of that name, and the big trial scenes are the climax of the story, with Humphrey Bogart as the gulity night rider.

The coincidence of time is heightened by the fact the words of the screen Judge in passing sentence were almost identical wit hthose used in Judge Moynahan's indignant castigation.

Both the real Judge and the actor Judge uttered scathing excoriations of secret societies that stir up racial and religious hatred among American citizens.

"Black Legion" is a daring and thrilling melodrama based upon the actual operations of the secret, hooded, night-riding order which terrorized Michigan recently.

The cast includes, besides Bogart, Dick Foran, Ann Sheridan, Erin O'Brien-Moore, Helen Flint, Joseph Sawyer, Dickie Jones and others.

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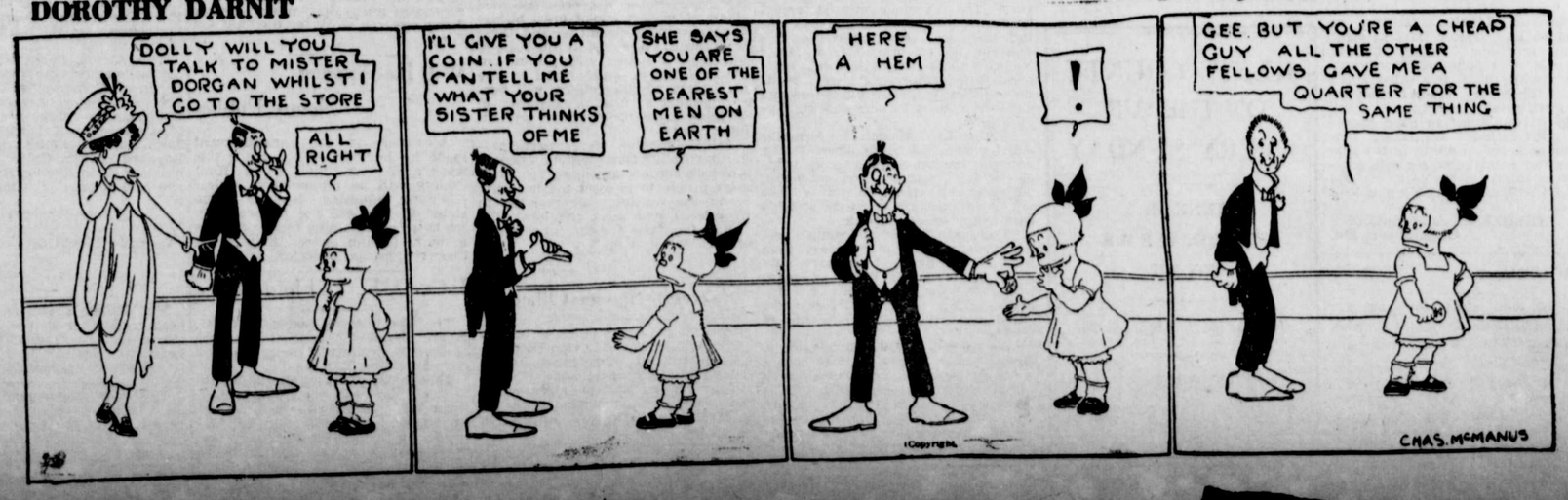
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