ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Ruth Hussey, Bobs Watson, Edward G. Robinson in "Blackmail."

For twenty-five years the name of John M. Stahl has been associated with great pictures—"Magnificent Obsession," "Only Yesterday," "Back Street"—and now he adds another triumph to the already long list. The picture is "When Tomorrow Comes," coming on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 2 and 3 to the New Lyceum Theatre.

As a vehicle for his stars, Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer, Stahl has selected an unusual problem story in "When Tomorrow Comes." The adaptation provides a rich field for his directorial abilities and the acting genius of Miss Dunne and Mr. Boyer. The result is one of the most powerfully dramatic offerings of the season.

Colorful Portrayal

Miss Dunne is seen as Helen, a waitress, who because her restaurant is closed by a strike, accepts the invitation of a stranger, Phillip, played by Bower, to spend a day in the country with him. He is leaving for France in three days, he tells her.

Trapped by a hurricane and each believing they are to die, they confess their love for each other. Then Helen discovers her companion to be a married man.

The powerful climax of the story, which begins as a tale of a light summer flirtation, is startling in its emotional force. It is an outstanding example of superlative direction and acting.

Cinema Favorites

In the supporting roles are Barbara O'Neil as Boyer's wife; Nella Walker as his mother-in-law; Nydia Westman as Miss Dunne's roommate; Onslow Stevens as a labor leader; Fritz Feld as Boyer's valet and Greta Meyer as a nurse.

Especailly effective are the hurricane sequences, as photographed by John Mescall, A. S. C.

Something new in screen thrills is presented in the spectacular oil well fire requence of "Blackmail," thrill-packed drama of a man's revenge, which shows on Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5 at the New Lyceum Theatre with Edward G. Robinson starred.

Declared to be the first time an oil well fire has ever been used to supply background thrills for a dramatic screen climax, the sequence in "Blackmail" presented such a spectacular sight at night that hundreds watched it from their homes and from the fields and hills back of the studio property. Many rushed up in motorcars in the belief that one of the three hundred working wells in a nearby oil field had caught fire.

Four "wells" were constructed for the first fire, with some three hundred Baldwin Hills oilfield derricks serving as "extras" in the background. The second fire was to be a "wildcat" oil well, so no oilfield background was required and construction took place several hundred yards away with the cameras this time pointing in the opposite direction.

In each instance gasoline was piped from compression tanks five hundred feet underground to the huge pit that was to be the oil well fire. Here it was controlled by a valve, and a pilot light was used to ignite the gasoline whenever Director H. C. Potter was ready to shoot. It worked just lige a gas stove at home.

With a roar the fire would leap skyward, one hundred and fifty feet into the air. It could be seen for miles around. Devouring gasoline at the rate of three hundred gallons a minute, the two oil well fires in "Blackmail" used a total of more than 12,000 gallons.

More than five hundred explosions sent gushers of dirt, rock and dense black smoke into the air, while within the glow of the fire the experienced oil well shooters from Santa Fe Springs worked with Edward G. Robinson and Guinn Williams in asbestos suits, special helmets and shoes in their perilous work of dynamiting the fire. A little farther away two engine companies from the Los Angeles and Culver City fire departments played six treams of water over the "fire eaters."

MILLINGTON

Fred C. Numbers and daughter, Miss Helen, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. James DeFord on Lankford Bay, in Lower Kent.

Mrs. William Burris has returned home after a visit of two weeks with friends in Cecilton, Md.

Mrs. Mollie Boggs, of Smyrna, Del., is spending some time with her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevens.

Harry Price, of Rock Hall, is the new manager at the American Stores Co.'s Store in Millington following Frank Carmine who has secured a position with Julian Leager, Agricultural Implements, Coal, Gas Service Station, on Sassafras St.

J. Sidney Godwin and two daughters, Misses Kathryn and Blanche and Maid, Miss Jane Fletcher, of Philadelphia were callers on Saturday at the home of Fred C. Numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Myers visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nickerson of Barclay, Md., on last Sunday.

James Booth Higman left on Tuesday morning for Westminster, Md., where he has enrolled as a student at the Western Maryland College. He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Higman and aunt, Miss Mollie Higman.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldy Schelts and family were visitors on Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schelts, near Lambson's station.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maul two daughters, Misses Pauline and Betty and son, Clifton, of near Sudlersville, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Smith.

Miss Jean Phillips was so unfortunate as to injure her limb while at play on the school yard last week, now she is using crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Porter have been spending some time in Washington, D. C., recently. Mr. Porter attended the boat races there and Mrs. Porter is remaining for a few days.

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