ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Ronald Colman is artist and adventurer in Paramount's film of Rudyard Kipling's "The Light That Failed," and Ida Lupino is the model, whose career begins in the gutter and climaxes in an unforgettable vengeance. Walter Huston, Muriel Angelus and Dudley Digges are also in the cast of the film which shows on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26 at the New Lyceum. A large cast performs in the spectacular Sudan battle scenes.

Rudyard Kipling's "The Light That Failed" starring Roland Cólman, comes to the New Lyceum on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26, and it's all that can be expected from a picture boasting its author, its elaborate cast and its direction.

As a result it is thoroughly satisfying romance, well spiced with action, and replete with thrills and drama.

Faithfully following the narrative which made of the famous Kipling novel a best-seller for two generations, "The Light That Failed" recounts the romance of Dick Heldar, artist, and his childhood sweetheart, Maisie, played respectively by Colman and Muriel Angelius, the latter one of Paramount's famous "Golden Circle" girls.

After promising themselves to each other as children, Fate separates them. Dick becomes a newspaper artist attached to the British army in the famous Sudan campaign of the last century. There he saves the life of one Torpenhow, a hard-boiled war correspondent who takes him back to London and makes him the sensation of the art world. At the height of his career he meets Maisie again. She, too, is an artist, but not a successful one.

She resents his success and is cool toward him. This drives him to despair and he decides to show her up by painting a portrait of a woman upon whose face he intends to portray all the woe to which the human animal is heir. For his model he selects a guttersnipe named Bessie. An old wound causes him to go blind just as he completes the picture. Bessie, infuriated at him for breaking up what she believed to be a romance between herself and Torpenhow, destroys the painting.

His friends do not dare to tell him what happened to the painting but he finds out—through Bessie. This brings the picture to its powerful climax, one which will long live in the memories of those who have seen it for its sheer drama and force.

The role of Bessie is played by Ida Lupino and it is the best role this accomplishedl actress ever played. Torpenhow is portrayed by Walter Huston, who handles it with his usual skill and fine feeling. There are more than four hundred soldiers and natives and some two hundred horses used in the picture's two big battle scenes, which are among the most ambitious and finest ever caught by a motion picture camera. "The Light That Failed" was directed by William A. Wellman, to whom much credit is due for bringing to breathing life this greatest of all the Kipling stories.

Wellman megaphoned many high-mark hits including "Wings," "Nothing Sacred," "Men with Wings" and "Beau Geste."

Headed by Clark Gable, and Joan Crawford, who deliver two of the strongest characterizations of their film careers, an "allname" cast of epic proportions makes "Strange Cargo" one of the thrilling experiences of the year. The film shows on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28 at the New Lyceum Theatre.

Gable is seen as Verne Andre, convict who escapes a South American penal colony, and Miss Crawford as Julie, a cynical cafe entertainer who is forced to join him in his flight. With them are a crew of desperadoes consisting of Paul Lukas as the wife-murderer, Hessler; Albert Dekker as the Cockney safe-cracker, Moll; J. Edward Bromberg as the fear-ridden Flaubert; Eduardo Ciannelli as the deluded Telez and John Arledge as the weakling, Dufond. With them also is a mysterious stranger with a bible, Cambreau, played by Ian Hunter, who subtly inflences the lives and deaths of all around him.

In addition to this outstanding cast, all of whom turn in unforgettable performances, Peter Lorre contributes a memorable portrayal as the repulsive libere, Monsieur Pig; Victor Varconi is humbly simple as the fisherman who must aid the survivors of the escape; Frederic Worlock blends justice with understanding as the prison governor, Grideau; and Bernard Nedell scores as Marfeu.

Frank Borzage, directing, has blended thrilling melodrama with a compeling spiritual theme, and Joseph Mankiewicz, producing, has been unsparing in the achievement of richly effective backgrounds and atmosphere. "Strange Cargo" is one of the film industry's unique attainments.

NOW AND THEN

THE MESSAGE OF THE LILIES
Margaret Deland

O quickening life of Easter Day,
O burst of snowy bloom:
"The Lord is risen" lilies say
In gush of sweet perfume!

Oh, lift your heads and face the sky!
Oh, watch the brightening dawn,
For light and life and Hope are nigh,
And Death's dark day has gone!

Up! Up! to the soft shining blue
The freshening wind and sun;
All nature thrills all life is new,
Chirst's victory is won!

Easter is the queen of seasons every flower, every bird song, every growing thing proclaims the glad news, the Lord is risen. Yesterday we watched the buds just beginning to show green and then in a few hours they were bursting into bloom. Never was Spring more welcomed than this year when winter has reigned so relentlessly. And now the blue birds are telling the story. "Loving hearts, He lives again."

The Paschal moon is shining now in the heavens. Every night we see it growing fuller and fuller. On today it will be full for Easter comes the Sunday after the full moon succeeding the 21st of March. It is for that reason that Easter comes at a different time each year. Next Easter will be on the 14th of April. March the 24th is the earliest date that it can come.

Washington has begun a favorite place for royalty to visit. Archduke Otto of Hapsburg has reached Washington on what he terms a "three weeks' tour to study democracy," but which he hopes may help him mount the 700-year-old throne of Austria.

Perhaps because the time isn't ripe for welcoming royalty or perhaps because of all royal families the Hapsburgs would be among the last to find champions in the United States, official Washington has registered an interest in Otto's visit that stands at practically zero. And this lack of interes is equaled only by the lack of likelihood which, in Washington opinion, surrounds Otto's chances of ever ascending the throne vacated by his father Kaiser Karl I.

CALVE TO SING AT HOLLYWOOD

Emma Calve, once a celebrated Carmen, who has kept much of her opera voice at 81, will leave by Clipper from Lisbon for an engagement in Hollywood. She is taking with her regional costumes of France and will appear in national folksongs. Her aunt, aged 98, who still dances at family reunions, offered to accompany her as chaperone.

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT BEWARE!

A certain senator, not a candidate for the presidency, has calculated that every president elected in a "twentieth" year has died in office. Here they are:

1840—William Henry Harrison.
1860—President Lincoln (after reelection).
1880—James A. Garfield.
1900—William McKinley (after reelection).
1920—Warren G. Harding.
1940—?

In the same chatty vein the Senator asks if the line of "Double-O" presidents may run out this year. He notes WOOdrow Wilson, (Harding an interruption), Calvin COOlidge Herbert HOOver, Franklin D. ROOsevelt. A wag asked: How about DOOey?

THE BARBARA FRIETCHIE MYTH

On September 6, 1862, the insurgent forces of Gen. Robert E. Lee entered the town of Frederick, Md., pursuant to the Conferedate desire to bring Maryland, a "border State", into the Southern fold. And thereby hangs a tale. For in October, 1863, John Greenleaf Whittier had published his famous poem "Barbara Frietchie," in which he extols the courage and patriotism of Frederick's giant old lady:

"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head,
But spare your country's flag," she said.

The truth is that it was not until Sept. 12, 1862, when General McClellan's Union vanguard drove out the Dixiemen, that 96-year-old Barbara waved her bunting; and it was then greeted by Northern, not rebel, shouts.

Whittier received his information, on good faith, but third-hand, from Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, a novelist. Mrs. Southworth's informant apparently confused Barbara Frietchie with another ardent Federalist, Mrs. Mary Quantrille, who stood on the front porch of her Patrick Street home and waved the Stars and Stripes in the faces of the passing Confederates. Several flags were cut from her hands, but her defiance the rebels could not squelch.

As for Stonewall Jackson, who, the poet says, gave the order to fire on Dame Barbara's flag, he barely entered Frederick, and failed to pass within 100 yards of Barbara Frietchie's residence.—Joseph A. Moore.

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"Very well," promised Mr. Edison. "I will go tomorrow."

The next morning he returned to his laboratory.

EASTER

Alice Mathews

Roses, Carnations and Violets too
Always at Easter-time, bring thoughts of you.
Roses our love, remembrance is claiming
While surely carnations, memory is naming
With your true devotion to me o'er the years.
And Violets whisper a message, while tears
Softly are falling—time ne'er will subdue
For lonely is life Dearest heart, without you.

Blossoms at Easter! O how hearts are stirred
By perfume brought sweetly in Love's wafted word.
Easter proclaims the Life without end:
Because Jesus died for us—Savior and Friend.
We know we'll be meeting in Heavenly spaces
For Faith blessed faith, at the Eastertide faces
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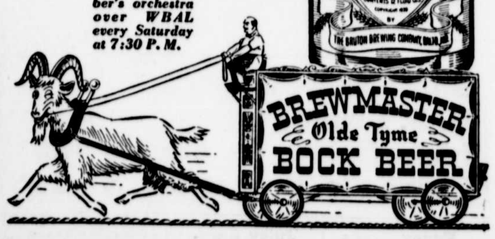

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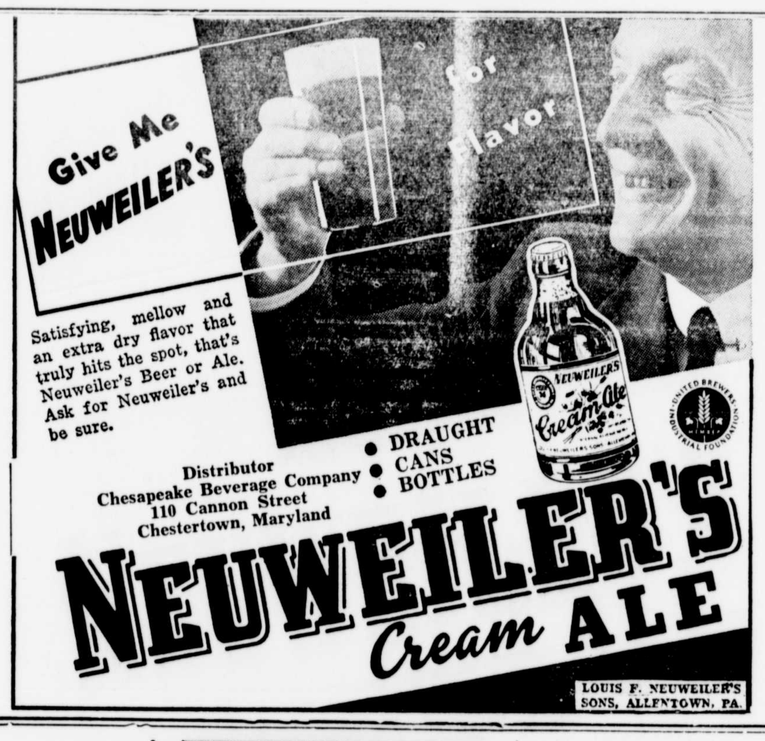

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