

THEATERS

MANY APPROVE NEW VITAPHONE, DOYLE REPORTS

Record crowds are reported at the Kursky Birmingham theater since the installation of the new Vitaphone a week ago and Manager Harry Doyle says patrons have been pleased with the effect of the apparatus.

"Sportsmanship of the people of Birmingham was very well shown Friday night when trouble with the new machine prevented its operation. The patrons were offered the return of their money and all the 1400 hundred persons present declined to accept the offer," said Mr. Doyle.

The trouble was immediately overcome and the Vitaphone was in operation again Saturday.

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CIVIC

The Detroit Civic Theater continues "The Ghost Train," a mystery play by Arnold Ridley, in the leading role and Vera Allen, Gertrude James and Walter Brown in important roles. This play was in London a solid season. It was brought to New York by A. H. Woods.

The scene is laid in the waiting room of a village railway station, where a party of sighted travelers have taken refuge. The story is complicated by the local superstition of a ghost-train that rushes through the night, bringing death to everyone who sees it.

"The Name is Woman," the German drama by Karl Schoenherr, continues for two more performances, Wednesday matinee and evening, Dec. 19, with Clara Clemens, Craige Ward, Walter Brown and Arthur Davison. This is romance of smugglers and is tense with drama. This is only its second performance in Detroit in English.

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MOVIE GOSSIP

The Brooklyn-Paramount Theater, opening Nov. 24, is said to be "the first theater designed to meet the needs in talking pictures." "The color-organ that plays melody you see but don't hear paints mienmuerals." "Maybe you can make something out of these high-sounding phrases."

Nick Stuart has returned from Europe after five months shooting scenes on the continent and in Africa for "Chasing Through Europe."

Press agent sends in a story to boost "Marriage by Contract" that Patry Ruth Miller will marry for love only. "Somewhere in this world my man is thinking the same as I do," is the tosh the p. a. puts into her mouth.

HUNT REPORTS MONTH'S FINES

Fines paid in the justice court of Malcolm Hunt for November surpass the total for October by \$38.50. It is shown today in the four weeks report.

Fines in 25 cases amounted to \$633.50. Twelve disorderly arrests topped the column. In October 24 cases brought \$595. In the previous month speeders were high with 18. These violations included merely guessing what number will appear next.

Other arrests include three for driving while drunk, one for reckless driving and one for discharging firearms within the village limits.

COMPLETE WORK ON 'PHONE EXCHANGE'

Linenmen are completing construction work today on 75 additional telephone subscribers to the Big Beaver exchange of the Michigan Bell Telephone company.

According to H. A. Brown, manager, 99 stations on the Big Beaver exchange are already in use and a total of 165 will be connected when the present changes have been made.

Almost all of the telephones in that district, Mr. Brown said, are now on the Big Beaver switch board. This includes the rural connections which were made with both Birmingham and Pontiac. The territory which the exchange covers is between the Utica and Maple roads, bounded on the east by the DeQuindre road and on the west by the Crooks road.

STAR GAZING

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric

New York—"The Red Dance" has two good qualities—Dolores del Rio and its silence. Otherwise it's an expensive outlay of much on the Russian revolution. It's so absurd that one becomes interested merely guessing what new absurdity will appear next.

If it hadn't been for the charming acting of Dolores and her love scenes (standardized movie scenes, it's true) with Charles Farrell, I should have thought my admission fee wasted.

The prison scene was masterly—as was the conception of the czar and his daughters, but both may be classed as belonging to movieland and not to authentic history.

Poor Dolores!

Lilla Hyams, playing opposite Williams Haines in "Alias Jimmy Valentine," is to go into Buster Keaton's "Spite Marriage" . . . Late additions to talkie acts: Trixie Friganza, stage comedienne; Miss Juliet ("The One Girl Revue"); Robert Emmett Keene and Claire Whitney, musical comedy folk; Wilbur Mack and Gertrude Purdy, vaudevillians, and Lieutenant Clifford Garling, veteran officer of colored troops . . . "The Barker." First National's first talkie, starring Milton Sills, opens in New York Dec. 13 . . .

THE PRISONER

Mr. Hodge, has set the scene of his mystery, not in the sombre library of a Fifth Avenue mansion where trap doors and creaking bookshelves operate obviously to the distraction of the audience, but in the unfinished drawing room of a country estate. Here on a beautiful summer day a crime occurs, a crime that brings in its train baffling elements of the mystery tale, yet there is not a situation in it that has been placed there for the purpose of merely chilling Christmas and New Year's weeks brings to the Lafayette the Command to Love, the sophisticated comedy which was New York's biggest hit last season. Five well-known stars head the cast: Mary Nash, Tillio Carminali, Violet Kemble Cooper, Henry Stephenson and Ferdinand Gottschalk.

A entertaining comedy in Arthur Hopkins' "Burlesque," the current attraction at the Cass Theater. The two stars, Hal Skelly and Barbara Stanwyck, confess to having played burlesque themselves with some apparent success from the convincing way they enact the principal roles.

Mr. Skelly as the comic, "Skid," has at his finger tips the tricks of the veteran "trouper." He gives a portrait of the party-nosed, baggy-trousered comedian who aspires to appear on Broadway.

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Czecho Slovakian Bon Bon Dish	\$1.70	India Lamp and Shade	\$14.00
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Dresden China Box	\$2.90	Chinese Pedestal	\$20.00
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