

# HARRY LANGDON IN "THE STRONG MAN" AT THE WARFIELD TODAY

## Comedian at His Best in New Picture

### Trials as Weight Lifter Offer Opportunities to Exercise Skill

Harry Langdon is the star of the new picture which opens at the Warfield today, "The Strong Man." Langdon has a wistfulness about his comedy that brews that deep dramatic drink which the critics call pathos-humor.

He is seen as an ex-soldier from Belgium who emigrates to this country in search of a girl, known only to him through her letters. He goes on the stage with a German weight lifter, and their trials offer the comedian many opportunities to exercise his skill at making an audience laugh.

Priscilla Bonner is the shy little girl; Arthur Thalasso is the strong man; Gertrude Astor, Robert McKim and William V. Mong are included in the supporting cast.

"The Strong Man" is Langdon's second full length picture, and reports from the East declare he is so good in it he has made Charlie Chaplin tremble on his throne. This comedian's rise has been spectacular and rapid. He was in vaudeville less than three years ago. He began making two-reel comedies and very soon after the first of them had been released movie fans realized a new personality had struck the screen.

On the Warfield stage Fanchon and Marco will offer "Roman Ideas," in which Gus Reed, bass singer; Stadler and Duffin, Leontine Nolek and the Sunnik Beauties are the performers.

## The Wiles of the Siren



Gertrude Astor and Harry Langdon take a taxi ride in "The Strong Man," shown today at the Warfield Theater.

## Mystery Play Was Written For Griffith

### "You'd Be Surprised" at Granada Filled With Laughable Incidents

"You'd Be Surprised," at the Granada and starring Raymond Griffith, is an adaptation of an original mystery story written for him. Unlike most comedies this picture is dependent on a strong plot and the mystery remains unsolved until the final scene, despite the fact that Griffith exposes every conceivable laugh episode.

He parades as a coroner and detective in the picture. The story tells of the disappearance of a valuable necklace during a houseboat party. Some one of the guests must have taken it. The host announces that he will turn out all the lights and when they are put on again he wants to see the necklace on the floor. He puts out the lights and when they are turned on the host is found dead with a knife in his back. Then Griffith, as the coroner, takes over the case. How he swears in a coroner's jury and ascertains that the man is dead and how he constructs the crime provides enough laughter for two self-respecting comedies.

In the cast besides Griffith are Earle Williams and Dorothy Sebastian in principal roles. The entire action of the story takes place on the houseboat during one evening and all the time Griffith is solving the mystery he tries to leave to attend a theater party he holds the tickets to.

The stage act will be called "Bits of Broadway." It will include numbers from all the current hits in New York. Its cast will include many well-known local artists.

A few hours after a mother and her two children were taken to a hospital at Belfast, Ireland, to be treated for injuries received when knocked down by an automobile, the father entered the same institution because of hurts sustained when knocked down by a horse.

## The Coroner



Raymond Griffith, star of "You'd Be Surprised," which will be seen today and for a week at the Granada Theater.

## New Policy Announced At St. Francis

### House to Be Put on Map Alongside Best in U. S., and Will Be Remodeled

A complete change of policy, announced yesterday by Edward B. Baron, general manager of the Public Theaters here, will make the St. Francis Theater a super-picture house. "Beau Geste," the Paramount mystery story of England, Africa and the Foreign Legion, will be the first big feature to be given under the new arrangement.

Two performances will be given daily—at 2:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.—and seats will be reserved. The programs will be offered with all the elaborateness and beauty that characterize productions at such outstanding American theaters as the Capitol in New York, the Oriental in Chicago and the Egyptian in Los Angeles.

The St. Francis, which is now running the Red Grange picture, "One Minute to Play," will close its doors one week from tomorrow for a brief period, during which workmen and decorators will renovate the building inside and out. It is expected that "Beau Geste" will be shown for the first time within three weeks. Other productions tentatively engaged are "Old Ironsides," "The Rough Riders" and "The Sorrows of Satan."

"With the beginning of our new policy," said Baron, "Public is going to put the St. Francis Theater on the map alongside the greatest theaters of the land. The prodigues we will stage in conjunction with the biggest available pictures will be as large and important as any ever seen in this city."

## Supplanted



Mae Busch, playing the wife whose place in her husband's heart is taken by another woman, in "The Perch of the Devil," beginning today at the California.

## Film From Atherton Novel Billed

### Women Fight for Love of Married Man in Big Scene of Mine Story

Gertrude Atherton's novel "Perch of the Devil" has been adapted for the screen and will have its San Francisco opening at the California Theater on Saturday. The title of the film is taken from the name of a mine near Butte, Mont., and is symbolic of the action of the picture.

Mae Busch has the leading role. The story concerns itself with the difficulties of two women. One is married but allows her affections to stray. The other is single and picks out the husband of the other woman to love. The fight over the husband is not only one of wits, but becomes an actuality when the two women meet in the mine shaft and battle with their fists over who shall possess the man.

## Comedy Delights Crowds at Alcazar

### "Easy Come, Easy Go" Has Funny Episodes

"Easy Come, Easy Go" is delighting large crowds at the Alcazar. Henry Duffy has secured two comedians who are carrying the honors of the play. They are Thomas Mills, new here, and Phil Tead, remembered for his stellar work last season. These two actors keep the tempo of the play at the right pace and their fun making is a revelation.

Tead, as Dick Tain, is the romantic member of the duo and his love making is interesting to watch. Barbara Gurney is both pretty and capable in the part of the young girl who is about to throw herself at the head of the business son of an aristocratic family.

The part of the millionaire is in the hands of William Abram and the large cast includes: William Reid, Dorothy Lamar, Cameron Hudhomme, Joseph De Stephanie, Helen Keers, Charles Edler, Guy D'Enery, Helen Gilmore and Harry Hale.

## Double Headliners At Golden Gate

### Tale of Gold Rush Days to Be Seen on Screen

A double headline vaudeville bill and the first San Francisco screening of the "Flame of the Yukon" open at the Golden Gate Theater today. "The Flame of the Yukon" is an adaptation of Monte Katterjohn's well-known story of the gold rush days in the Canadian Northwest. Starring in the picture are Seena Owen, Arnold Gray and Matthew Betz.

Dividing top-line honors on the vaudeville bill are Marion Wilkins, "the dancing princess," assisted by a company of four in her dance fantasy "Her Highness Steps Out," and Jimmy Savo, pantomime comedian who comes direct from New York to the Golden Gate. He is assisted by Joan Franza.

Richard Vintour's "De Beaux

Arts" revue has Irene Andre and George Winston in the cast. Brooks and Ross are harmony singers. The Neapolitan Four are playing a return engagement with an all new program of song numbers and Gordon's Comedy Canines will provoke laughs in a new manner.

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