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

### Comedian at His Best in New Picture

Tirals as Weight Lifter Offer Opportunities to Exercise Skill

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.

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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 litter, 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 Mc-Kim and William V. Mong are included in the supporting cast.

"The Strong Man" is Langdon's second full length picture, and report from the East declares 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 Noiet and the Sunkist Beauties are the performers.

# **Comedy Delights**

"Easy Come, Easy Go" Has Funny Episodes

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"Easy Come, Easy Go" is delighting large crowds at the Alcazar. Henry Duffy has secured two comedians for the central characterizations 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 brainless 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 Frudhomme, Joseph De Stephanie, Helen Keers, Charles Edler, Guy D'Ennery, Helen Gilmore and Harry Hale.

The Wiles of the Siren



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

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#### Mystery Play Was Written For Griffith

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

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brightal 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 determines that the man is dead and how he reconstructs 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 numbers from all the current hits in New York. Its cast will include many well-known local artists.

The Coroner



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

#### New Roosevelt to Show Circus Film

The new Roosevelt Theater, which opened last Wednesday will feature Carol Dempster today in "Sally of the Sawdust," a comedy romance of the circus ring. On the attraction will be a double bill with both "The Fighting a newspaper thriller, and

#### New Policy Announced At St. Francis

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

counced yesterday by Edward B Baron, general manager of the Publix Theaters here, will make the St. Francis Theater a super-pic-ture 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 "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, "Publix is going to put the St. Francis Theater on the map alongside the greatest expected.

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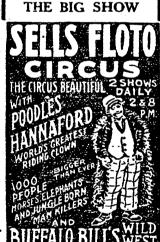
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