

# AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

## Bogart and Mary Astor Score in Hit Mystery Picture

Fast Moving and Packed with Suspense is "The Maltese Falcon."

A fast-moving, suspense-packed mystery, "The Maltese Falcon" which will be at the Broadway theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th, 19th and 20th, brings together one of the season's most able casts in one of the season's most entertaining pictures. Based on a novel by Dashiell Hammett, whose "Thin Man" stories are well known to screen patrons, "The Maltese Falcon" is interlarded with comedy and romance in that author's inimitable fashion. As for the mystery, even the most able armchair detectives will have a hard time putting the finger on the murderer before the screen detective does.

In the role of the detective, Humphrey Bogart comes over to the side of law and order with commendable grace, and his performance as a hard-boiled private investigator with a weakness for women is one of the best of his career. It is a characterization which required the deftest of handling, because it hits a middle road between hero and heel, and Bogart has done the job to perfection. Able assistance is given him by Mary Astor, as the lady in the case.

Bogart has bucked some pretty tough guys in his career, but in Peter Lorre, that small but wily merchant of menace, he meets his ablest adversary. When these two clash, the resulting excitement is well worth watching. Others in the cast of the picture include Gladys George, as a blonde widow with a roving eye for the males, Lee Patrick as Bogart's all-knowing secretary, Sydney Greenstreet and Elisha Cook, Jr., as highly plaus-

ible villains, and various other well-known players. "The Maltese Falcon" of the title is a small black porcelain statuette, of fabulous worth, and the story centres about the various attempts that are made to get possession of it, and the murder and intrigue involved. The intricate plot is masterfully woven to maintain suspense up to the very end. John Huston who adapted Hammett's novel for the screen and also directed the production, has done extremely well at both jobs, with the result that "The Maltese Falcon" emerges as well entertainment for the whole family.

## Ann Sheridan Rode a Horse to Fame at Hollywood

Starring Now in "Navy Blues," at the Palace.

Ann Sheridan, Warner Bros. 'oomph' girl like Lady Godiva, rode to fame on a horse! Ann rode the spectacular avenues of Burbank, Calif., clothed in glamour. Ann had ambition to be a movie star. Her horse carried her along the path which eventually led to fame and fortune.

Ann Sheridan, who appears in Warner Bros. new comedy feature, "Navy Blues," at the Palace Theatre, Dec. 18 to 20th, was born and bred in Denton, Texas. Her name then was Clara Lou. Typical of so many Texas girls she was big boned, broad shouldered and husky voiced. She excelled in swimming, basketball, tennis and all things—football.

Riding isn't mentioned as one of her favourite pastimes because riding was one of those natural things to her. She was almost born in the saddle, she said. Little did she dream that in the saddle she would find the key to the



gates of fame and fortune. It all happened this way: While a student at North Texas State Teachers' College in Denton she won a trip to Hollywood and a movie screen dialogue and singing, and then she fought for recognition until Warner Bros. took notice of her possibilities. Her leap to the pot of gold at the end of the movie rainbow happened after Warner Bros. tagged her its

"oomph" girl. She didn't like the name at all, but admitted that it had the Midas touch and flung her into the Milky Way along with the other stars. In "Navy Blues" Ann joins the Navy. Her new uniform is a delight to all who see it. That some will hardly note the uniform on account of watching the wearer is a fact all right, but will not detract from the happiness of "Navy Blues." This new comedy of Warner Bros. "Navy Blues," will be at the Palace Theatre Thursday, Thursday midnight, Friday and Saturday, 18th, 19th and 20th.

## Algonquins Make Appeal for More Recruits at Once

Company to be Raised to Full Wartime Strength. Men Between 18 and 50 Taken.

Lt.-Col. K. A. Mahaffy, commanding officer of the Second (Reserve) Battalion of the Algonquin Regiment, issued an appeal for recruits, last week, to bring the regiment up to their full wartime strength. The commanding officer asked for every able-bodied man available, asserting that the day when "it can't happen here" is past and that at this time it is important that every able-bodied man should learn the elements of self-defence.

It was pointed out that every able-bodied man, between the ages of 18 and 50 years, should start now to prepare himself to defend his home and

country and added that there is a place in the reserve army for every man not on active service. With the battalion now on a war establishment, there is pay provided for its full wartime strength of 700 officers and men, and there is room for about half of that strength at the present time. There is no reason why more than that amount of men couldn't be trained if they are available.

The appeal was particularly addressed to Northern Ontario men as the Algonquin Regiment is the only Northern Ontario regiment in the army. The headquarters company of the regiment is at Kirkland Lake and the other four companies are at Halleybury, North Bay, Huntsville and Timmins. More equipment has been distributed to the regiment steadily, the latest being the addition of two new Bren Guns. Training will be stepped up to two nights each week after Christmas and in the summer each recruit will be required to spend two weeks at a military camp in Southern Ontario.

In "D" Company of the Regiment, which is located in Timmins, there is room for about fifty recruits to bring the regiment up to its full strength.

### SWEET TONGS

Mr. McPherson gave some advice to his wife when they were expecting friends to tea. "Just mind, Jeannie," he said, "to put the sugar-tongs in the basin, an' not a spoon." "But we have no lump sugar in the house," she expostulated. "We have only granulated." "I was mindin' that!" said McPherson. —Edinburgh Scotsman

## London in the Blackout Amazingly Black, Quiet!

Canadian Weekly Newspaperman Tells of His Impressions of the Nazi Bombing. Furious at the Wanton Destruction of Homes and Churches. Little Damage Done to Military Objectives.

This is the fourth of a series of articles about conditions in Great Britain and other countries visited by a group of Canadian newspaper editors. It was written for the weekly newspapers of Canada by their own representative on the tour, Hugh Templin, of the Fergus News-Record.

London in the Blackout. The train was about half-way to London when blackout time arrived at about half-past six. The guard came in and pulled down the heavy blinds over all the windows and doors. Even the door out into the corridor had a blind on it. It was the first hint that there is nothing half-hearted about the British blackout. It's black.

First Impressions may not be accurate, but they are always interesting. The first thing that any visitor to England wants to see is the damage done by the bombs. I was no exception. The airport where our plane had dropped us down on British soil was interesting in its way, but much like a dozen others I had visited in Canada. There were only two apparent differences: the planes were of different types, though there were a few familiar Avro Ansons, and the buildings were protected against the blasts from bombs dropping nearby.

Inside the railway carriage, two dim lights kept the compartment in a state of semi-darkness. One was a white light, set high up in a deep funnel in the roof. The other light, more exposed, was blue and did not give enough light to make it possible to read a newspaper.

The customs examination was brief, though the examiner did show some interest in the things I had thought it necessary to take to England with me. I had a short brush with the lady censor. She took away all the letters I had carried from Canada and appeared to be horrified that I had taken along a map of the British Isles. Apparently, I had unwittingly committed a grave crime and she said she must confiscate it.

Of all the first impressions, none is more vivid than that of my arrival in London in the blackout. There was some doubt about whether the train had reached Paddington station or not but everybody seemed to be getting out. One of the editors opened a door. There wasn't a thing to be seen except three scattered blue bulbs in a ceiling high overhead. Moving shapes came past the door and one of them answered the question: "Is this Paddington?" with a short, "Yes, sir."

Friday and Saturday, December 19th and 20th. "SHE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS" Starring—JOAN BENNETT and FRANCOIS TONE. 2nd Hit—"CHEROKEE STRIP" Starring—RICHARD DIX and VICTOR JORY. SHORT: The Lone Mountie.

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Monday and Tuesday, December 22nd and 23rd. "TIME OUT FOR RHYTHM" Starring—ANN MILLER and RUDY VALLEE and ORCHESTRA. 2nd Hit—"PHANTOM SUBMARINE" Starring—ANITA LOUISE and BRUCE BENNETT. SHORT—"Jai Alai"

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Sunday Midnight, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. JEFFREY LYNN and CONSTANCE BENNETT in "LAW OF THE TROPICS" SHORTS

Thursday, Thursday, Midnight, Friday and Saturday, December 25th, 26th and 27th. YOUR CHRISTMAS DAY ATTRACTION EDGAR BERGAN, CHARLIE MCCARTHY, FIBBER MCGEE and MOLLY in "LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING" SHORTS

There will be Continuous shows on CHRISTMAS DAY ONLY with doors opening at 2:00 p.m. and shows starting at 2:35, 4:38, 6:40 and 8:42 p.m.

# Palace

TELEPHONE 560 THREE SHOWS DAILY at 2.30, 7.00 and 9.00 p.m.

To-Night, Midnight To-night, Friday and Saturday, December 18th, 19th and 20th. ANN SHERIDAN and JACK OAKIE in "NAVY BLUES" SHORT—Coloured Cartoon

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Tuesday and Wednesday, December 23rd and 24th. DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAMME SHOWING TWO FIRST RUN PICTURES LLOYD NOLAN AND ALEXIS SMITH in "STEEL AGAINST THE SKY" SECOND HIT RAIMU in "THE BAKER'S WIFE" SHORT—"Explosive Space"

Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th. DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAMME SHOWING TWO FIRST RUN PICTURES ROBERT PRESTON, ELLEN DREW, NILS ASTHER in "THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 15TH" SECOND HIT HINNY LYDON, JUNE PREISSER in "HENRY ALDRICH FOR PRESIDENT" SHORTS—"Frozen North"—a Cartoon

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