

# THE STORY OF JOHN LEE IS TRUE ONE

"The Man They Could Not Hang" is a Gripping Tale.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of December 18, 1907, the iron gates of a prison opened, and out into the light of day stepped two middle-aged men. One was an official in civilian clothes. He bore the hall marks of drill and discipline. The other man, of the other man, there was something strange about him. He looked hunted and cowed, like a creature crushed and broken. He seemed to hang back as if he were afraid of the light of day. He appeared to draw no happy inspiration from God's sunshine. He fumbled at his overcoat's pockets as if the very possession of a pocket was a new sensation. He took gingerly, as if the earth concealed a pitfall. Away they went by cab and rail to Newton Abbot. There the two men walked to the police station, where the official announced that he was a warder from Portland convict prison, in charge of John Lee, convict, on ticket-of-leave.

John Lee handed his ticket to the police officer, who read it. What was it that made the policeman start as he read? What was it that made him look so curiously at the tall, thin, clean-shaven, elderly man before him?

It was this: Certain particulars on the ticket showed that on February 4, 1885, the bearer was sentenced to death at Exeter assizes for murder at Babacombe. The man was "Babacombe" Lee. He was on his way to spend Christmas with his aged mother—John Lee, the man they could not hang, the man under whose feet the grim mechanism of the scaffold three times mysteriously failed in its appointed work.

The story of John Lee's life's ordeal has been adapted for the screen and will be shown for one week at the Queen Square Theatre, commencing Monday. It is an absolutely true story, the story of one who, rightly or wrongly, was doomed in the first flush of manhood to a torture more fearful than the human mind, unaided by the demon of circumstances, could have devised. It is the story of a man, dangled in the jaws of death, and hurried thence to a living tomb whose torments make even death seem merciful. From this terrible ordeal, John Lee emerges with the cry "I am innocent" still on his lips. And who that has suffered will not hear?

In addition to the picture a beautifully designed scenic prologue will be given, the part of Mrs. Lee being taken by Miss Una Worth, the celebrated prima donna, while Gen. Villiers will appear as John Lee. The story will be vividly described during the screening of the picture by Frederick Haldane, an eminent Australian actor. An augmented orchestra will interpret the special music score. When one has seen this wonderful presentation it is easy to understand why "The Man They Could Not Hang" has broken all records in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom, and is now gaining the same success in Canada.

## Broadway Sees Censor Move Near



Katherine Ray as she appears on The Bridle Path.

New York, Oct. 4.—Says John S. Sumner of the Society for the Suppression of Vice:—

"There is much objectionable nudity on the American stage, and there are some managers who should be locked up."

And Katherine Ray, called "the nudest girl on Broadway," replies:— "I am as modest as anyone who attends the theatre. Intellectuals, some of them reformers, stand entranced before nude statues in art galleries. I cannot understand why anyone objects to similar studies, presented even more modestly, on the stage."

"Every day I devote hours to conditioning my body so that my figure will be adaptable to my work. I swim, ride horseback and play tennis."

"Many girls in modern bathing suits and women in low cut, evening clothes should be regulated by police before they start in on the stage."

Miss Ray, wearing only scant golden trunks, appears on the stage for a few months behind a thin curtain. Police and other authorities object. Determined efforts to reform Broadway have hit directly at another show than "Vanities," in which Miss Ray appears. It is "What Price Glory," a

war play in which men wearing uniforms resembling the Marines appear. "Profanity has been cut from 'What Price Glory,' but Marine and navy officers still vigorously oppose the show on the ground that it casts reflection upon men who wear the American uniform."

Rear-Admiral Charles P. Plunkett is one of those who have demanded that the show be closed. He is an accurate picture of war. Twenty veterans are in the cast and one of the authors lost a leg in France.

The attack by police and military authorities upon "Vanities" and "What Price Glory" is declared by many Broadway folks to forecast a movement to demand strict censorship of all Broadway shows.

Is The Homeliest, Says Lillie Long

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 4.—Lillie Long, an actress, made her bid for fame when she joined a circus sideshow in this city, billing herself as the world's homeliest woman. She is seven feet tall and weighs only 130 pounds.

Lillie frankly states that she has no physical charm whatever. She boasts that she is homely enough to stop a clock, longer than a yard of pump water and as slender as a strand of wrapping twine. Lillie said she got that way from reaching for the jam when she was a youngster.

CASTIGLIONI SEEKS FUNDS.

Rome, Oct. 4.—Camillo Castiglioni, former president of the board of directors of the Depositen Bank of Vienna, which failed in May, has asked the Banca Commerciale di Milano for a loan of 125,000,000 lire to meet his liabilities, giving as pledge his entire personal fortune, according to the *Sereno*.

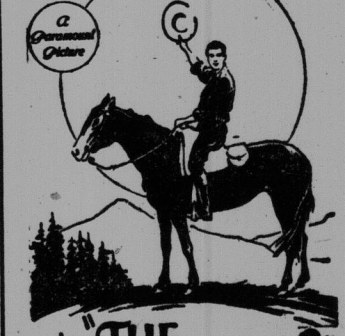
The newspapers here declare that Castiglioni went to Milan to discuss with banks these important financial negotiations which, if successful, would have averted his subsequent difficulties.

On hearing of the measures taken by the Austrian Government against Herr Goldstein, who succeeded Castiglioni as head of the Depositen Bank, and Herr Neuman, also a director of that institution, Castiglioni went to Vienna.

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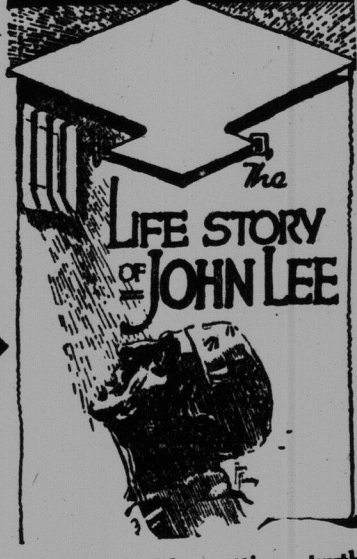
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THE LIFE STORY OF JOHN LEE

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Baltimore, Md., Oct. 4.—Flapper styles and ways must be abandoned by young women who hope to retain their positions in Johns Hopkins University or hospital.

The forty clinical secretaries in the dispensaries at the hospital are to be put into pearl gray uniforms. They are going to stop using paint and powder to any noticeable extent, and they must wear a net if their hair is bobbed.

Dr. Winford H. Smith, director of the hospital, has issued the order, the cause of which, it is said, is that the girls have achieved an effect so striking that efficiency is threatened.

"Who cares?" exclaimed one brunette. "I have seen uniforms and they are just as attractive as they can be."

### GOOD SCOTCH TAKEN BACK TO BRITAIN

FROM UNITED STATES

The liner Adriatic on her last trip from New York for England, carried 2,900 cases of Scotch whiskey that had been in warehouses in the U. S. for 10 years. Agents of E. J. Burke of Dublin, who bought the whiskey, said it was being taken back to Great Britain because the value of old whiskeys was increasing. The liquor was said to be of higher proof than post-war whiskeys abroad. It is valued at more than \$175,000.

### HAS SMALL BOOK.

M. J. Gavin, 41 Flint street, Somerville, Mass., claims to have in his possession the smallest book in the English language in New England. It is an inch long, three-quarters of an inch wide and a quarter of an inch thick. Composed within these small dimensions is a dictionary of the English language containing 15,080 words with their meanings, printed on 377 pages. A reading glass is necessary to enable the reader to discern the text.

### PERSIA PAYS U. S. \$40,000.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The Persian Government has delivered to the American Charge d'Affaires in Teheran a check for \$40,000. This amount is the reparation fixed by the United States Government to Mrs. Robert W. Imbrie for the loss recently sustained by the death of her husband, Vice Counsel Imbrie, at the hands of a fanatical mob there.

### SKIRT MAKES 2 DRESSES.

London, Oct. 4.—An 84-years-old crinoline skirt, part of a bridal frock,

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One of Cecil B. DeMille's Big Productions.

## Imperial Theatre Monday



### "FEET OF CLAY"

JUST READ THIS THROUGH:

MOST EVERYONE HAS EITHER READ OR HEARD of Margaretta Tuttle's immensely popular story, "Feet of Clay," which ran as a featured serial in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and which is now one of the best sellers of modern novels. Rod La Rocque, Vera Reynolds, Victor Varconi, Ricardo Cortez, Julia Faye, Theodore Kosloff and Robert Edeson are featured in this picture to be shown at the Imperial next Monday and Tuesday.

THE STORY IS OF THE BRILLIANT, SOPHISTICATED SORT in which DeMille has scored his greatest successes. "Feet of Clay" is an eminently logical tale, with all the brilliance of "Man- slaughter" and an absorbing theme. It centers around a most interesting type, a girl who goes from parties and petting at seventeen to marriage and responsibilities at twenty-one.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON VERA REYNOLDS. This girl, picked overnight to play the leading feminine role in the production, DeMille considers the greatest real star material since the days when Gloria Swanson rose from the ranks.

THE STORY IS AN INTERESTING REVERSE of the old laborer coming home to find millionaire-coveting his wife stuff. DeMille, supreme master of contrast, swings from a gay, care-free millionaire's resort and the world's largest yacht to scenes in a cheap New York apartment, to a marvellous ball in a marvellous home.

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