

FIRST INSTALLMENT OF "THE BROKEN COIN"

Here it is; the most amazing of all the Universal serials; "The Broken Coin." Watch the box office records made on "Lucille Love" fade away when exhibitors begin to play "The Broken Coin." Seldom has the Universal serial been so successful as in the present instance. Here is the synopsis of the first episode of the serial which starts out with a roar and keeps up a regular inferno of exciting action until the last final tremendous climax:

Kitty Gray, an American newspaper reporter, leaves her office for lunch. On her way to the restaurant she sees in an old curiosity shop a coin which she purchases. He is told by the proprietor that the young lady who just left the shop bought it. The foreigner, hiding his disappointment, leaves the shop. Kitty, thinking she has material for a good story, forgets about lunch and goes to her room for an old article she has written regarding the poverty-stricken kingdom of Gretzhothen, and with the aid of a Latin grammar translates the inscription on the coin, which reads: "Underneath flagstone of north corner torture chamber found treasures valuable to the kingd Gretzhothen M." This arouses her imagination to such an extent that she hurries back to her office and asks the editor to give her three months to go to Gretzhothen and locate the other half of the coin.

The editors and other reporters laugh at the coin, saying it is only a fake made by some curio dealer, to make money for them. But Kitty is staunch in her request for the time to go to Gretzhothen and the editor, realizing it will make a good story, even if it is a fake coin, consents to let her go, wagging her a year's salary that she will not find the other half of the coin.

In the meantime the mysterious looking foreigner has followed Kitty to her home, entered her room while she was at the office and ransacked everything in general, looking for the coin which Kitty, at that moment, had in a chamolis bag around her neck. Cursing his bad luck, the intruder leaves the room, going in further search for Kitty and the broken coin.

Everything ready for her departure, Kitty bids good-bye to her many friends at the office and goes aboard the boat. As she is waving good-bye to her friends on the deck after the boat starts on its way, she feels a strange presence near her. Turning, she comes face to face with the leering foreigner who had handed her the

package she dropped when she left the curio shop the day she bought the coin. Passing the strange creature, she goes to her stateroom, trying to brush off the feeling of impending danger.

After dinner, feeling tired from the excitement of the last few days, Kitty falls asleep in her stateroom, after making sure that the little chamolis bag containing the half coin is safely tucked about her neck. She awakens suddenly to glimpse the profile of a man at the porthole of her compartment. He disappears as she sits up. Realizing something is wrong, Kitty, after making sure no one is watching her, takes the coin, her passport and other valuables from the bag and hides them in her stocking. After another cautious survey she returns to bed.

Some time later she is awakened to find a hand holding her chamolis bag disappear through the porthole. Startled, she runs to the porthole just in time to see the form of a man disappear around the bow of the boat. Realizing the bag containing only her handkerchief and an American half dollar, and that the coin is safe in her stocking, Kitty locks the porthole and retires for the night. She sees no more of the strange foreigner, and arrives in Gretzhothen in fine spirits and with the coin safely tucked away.

On investigating, with the help of the American consul, Kitty finds that the kingdom of Gretzhothen is a very poor little principality, ruled by a puppet king, Michael the Second, who is under the power of a supposed friend, Count Frederick, Frederick, in reality, is the pretender to the throne occupied by the puppet, and uses Michael, under the guise of friendship, to further his own plans and to ascend to the throne of Gretzhothen.

The financial straits of the little kingdom are due to the fact that gold scripts and jewels belonging to Michael's father, the old King Michael the First, have been missing since the death of the old king, and the only clue to the missing valuables is half of a broken coin, inscribed in Latin, and given to the present king by an old servant of Michael the First's on his, the servant's, death bed.

Michael, the puppet, has, after a fashion, tried to locate the other half of the coin, which would enable him to find the hidden scripts, not from any love he bears for Gretzhothen, but so he will have more money to spend on his loose living, which, with his extravagant parties, has put the kingdom in its present state of bankruptcy.

Count Frederick, knowing of the coin and its value, procures it through the aid of his valet and accomplice, Grahams, and determines to find the other half, dethrone Michael and ascend the throne, a rich ruler of Gretzhothen.

Kitty learns only part of this, but realizes that this Count Frederick is the one she will have to work against and that he will give her no little trouble. Thanking the consul

for the information, she bids him good-bye and strikes out for the hotel.

In the meantime, Roleau, the foreigner who followed Kitty on her trip, and is, in reality, a hireling of the unscrupulous Frederick, reports to his employer with the bag he has obtained from Kitty on board the liner. Frederick, who has a violent temper, is greatly angered at finding the bag minus the precious half coin and beats the cringing Roleau until great welts rise on his flesh. Roleau, although a brute in strength, takes Frederick's beating like a child, and with a strange expression on his bleeding face, leaves the room. Frederick, quickly forgetting Roleau, sets about to find another way to get the coin.

Kitty, in a taxi on her way home, sees a man stagger from the back door of a fashionable house, trying to cover his blood-stained face with his coat sleeve and, stopping her car near the man, she gets out and tries to help him. Not recognizing him, and pitying him, she takes the stranger to her home and cares for his wounds.

The next day Kitty takes him for a ride. He waits upon her in a bandog way. As they ride down a boulevard, Roleau suddenly becomes consumed with rage, and Kitty, looking in the direction he has his eyes riveted, sees in an open car the face of her old enemy, Hugo Lubeque, the international spy, who, in reality, is Count Frederick.

THE GREAT TRAILS OF HISTORY

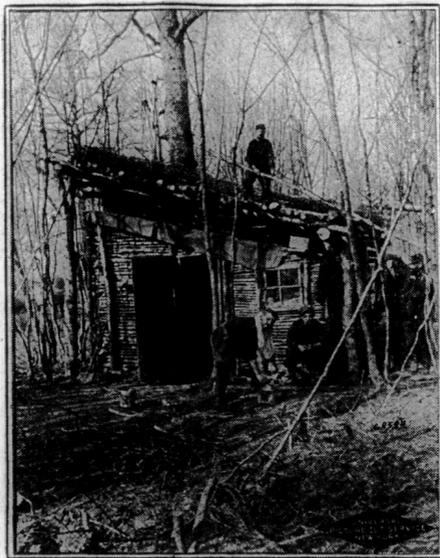
In March, 1771, Maj. John Andre, then only 20 years old, came to America with one of the English regiments. He distinguished himself in the service, and at the time of Benedict Arnold's treachery he was acting adjutant to the English commander, Sir Henry Clinton, in New York city.

It was Andre who was chosen by the English to negotiate with Arnold for the turning over of West Point, the American stronghold. A long correspondence was carried on between them under the feigned names of Gustavus and Anderson; and at length, to facilitate their communications, the English sloop of war Vulture moved up the Hudson and took a station near West Point convenient for the purpose.

The place appointed by Andre to meet Arnold was the house of a Mr. Smith outside the American posts. Both parties repaired thither in the night at the hour agreed upon. Maj. Andre was brought under a pass in the name of John Anderson in a boat dispatched for the purpose from the shore. While the conference was yet unfinished daylight approached, and to avoid the danger of discovery it was proposed that Andre should remain concealed until the succeeding night.

Owing to the fact that the Vulture had moved down the river to escape the American fire, the boatman refus-

FRENCH SOLDIERS BUILDING HUT IN ARGONNE FOREST



Prior to the present great war armies were rapidly moved about, the soldiers using tents for shelter. The use of trenches entailing a large amount of work and slow progress has caused many shelters of a permanent character to be built.

ed to return Andre to the war vessel and he was finally compelled to make the trip on horseback to the British lines. Arnold gave him a permit to pass through the American lines in order to reach White Plains.

He started for New York, as he supposed, in perfect security, but when not far away he was stopped by a scouting party, who seized the reins of his bridle. For some unaccountable reason he forgot himself and declared that he was a British officer on important business and begged that he might not be detained. When he discovered too late his mistake he offered a purse of gold and a valuable watch for his release, but his offers were rejected and the captors proceeded to search him. They found concealed in his boots the exact returns, in Arnold's handwriting, of the state of the forces, ordnance and defence at West Point.

Andre was carried before Lieut.-Col. Jameson, and, regardless of himself and only anxious for the safety of Arnold, he nobly maintained the character he had assumed and requested Jameson to inform his commanding officer that Anderson had been taken.

On receiving this information Arnold comprehended at once the danger with which he was menaced and fled to the

Vulture and afterward proceeded to New York.

When sufficient time for Arnold to make his escape was supposed to have elapsed Andre no longer affected disguise and acknowledged himself to be the adjutant-general of the British army. Measures of security having been taken for the protection of West Point, it remained to determine the fate of the unfortunate Andre. A board of general officers, of which Maj.-Gen. Greene was president and the two foreign generals, Lafayette and Steuben, were members, was called to determine in what character he was to be considered and to what punishment he was liable.

The candor, openness and magnanimity with which Andre had conducted himself from the first made a favorable impression. For this reason he experienced every mark of indulgence and from a sense of justice, as well as of delicacy, he was informed, on the first opening of the examination, that he was at perfect liberty not to answer any interrogation which might embarrass his own feelings.

He, however, ignored this courtesy and confessed everything material to his own condemnation, while he would indulge nothing which might involve others. The board reported the essen-

tial facts which had appeared with their opinion that Maj. Andre was a spy and ought to be hanged as a spy. The execution of this sentence was ordered on the day succeeding that on which it was declared.

Andre requested that he be shot like a soldier and not hanged as a criminal. To obtain a mitigation of his sentence in this respect he addressed a letter to Gen. Washington. But the occasion required that the example should make its full impression and his request could not be granted. He met his fate with composure, dignity and fortitude, and such was his whole conduct as to excite the admiration and interest the feelings of all who witnessed it.

The board that sentenced Andre was made up of fifteen officers nominated by Washington. The deliberations were serious and absolutely without passion or prejudice. At the site of the execution Cyrus Field erected a monument. Andre was buried under the gallows.

TAKES UP FIDDLE STUDY AT 80

Albany, Mo., July 3.—James Glenn of this place, 80 years old and almost blind, who last fall commenced to learn to play the violin, has now mastered some of the old-time pieces such as Arkansas Traveler, Devil's Dream, Fisher's Hornpipe, Turkey in the Straw, etc.

Glenn says he never tried to learn before, and his playing is such a comfort to him that he much regrets not having learned to play sooner.

OLDEST "GRAD" GETS DIPLOMA

St. Clairsville, O., July 3.—John Taggart, whose age is 70, the oldest graduate in any 1915 college class in Ohio, has just received his diploma. President Baxter, of Franklin College at New Athens presented it to him.

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