

IMPERIAL PICTURE HAS MANY THRILLS

**Killing of a Giant Whale
Among Features of Star
Attraction.**

The smashing blows from the falling flukes of a wounded fifty-ton whale in its death struggle came close to crushing several members of the cast of "All the Brothers Were Valiant," the production for Metro, now presented at the Imperial Theatre. The episode took place during a recent trip to the Farallone Islands off the California coast. Mr. Willard wanted to show the actual hunting and killing of a whale from small boats, and he succeeded, but almost at the cost of many lives.

This was only one instance where members of the crew that manned the twenty-eight foot power launch risked their lives in order to get the "thrill" registered by the camera for this production of Ben Ames Williams' sea story in which Lon Chaney, Billie Dove, Malcolm McGregor, Robert McKim and William Mong have leading roles.

During the morning, a week after the arrival of the whaling party, they sighted a "single," then a "pair," and finally another "single."

"We'll get that or bust," grimly declared Director Willard. The two small power boats were loaded. One had a harpoon rifle mounted in the bow and was manned by Bob Kortman, Vincent Higgins, Jack Graham, John Hanson and Otto Hansen.

Both boats chased the whale for an hour, the cameraman stationed on the "Traveler" cranking now and again. The time the whale came up they were fortunate and one launch was able to reach him in time to hand him two harpoons.

A few minutes later the men in both boats sat scanning the surface of the water for the first sign of the whale's next appearance. The engine of one launch had run out of gasoline and was stalled while the crew was engaged in opening the reserve tank. Suddenly Higgins cried:

"Here he comes! He's right under us!"

Powers to escape, the men had nothing to do but wait. Whales, although they can hear the revolving propeller of a steamer at a distance of twelve miles, are, to all practical purposes, blind. This one did not see the launch until he was almost at the surface.

Finally, weakened through loss of blood, the bull came to the surface and stayed there for perhaps three minutes. "Red" Thompson, in one of the launches, ordered Richter, the first mate of the "Traveler," to guide the small craft alongside. When this was done he leaped to the back of the animal, maintaining a footing by aid of his spiked boots, and scored the death blow, a thrust through the lungs.

Blowing a spray of blood, the whale started on its final dive. Thompson's launch was several rods distant and he was forced, despite his heavy clothing and weight, to leap into the blood-stained sea. Several minutes later he was hauled aboard.

While the main feature of the Imperial programme is in itself a whole money's worth there are other items that make the entertainment additionally interesting. For instance there are more of the Japanese earthquake pictures in the Pathé Weekly and a whole big section of the news reel given over to the arrival of the Prince of Wales aboard the "Empress of France" and of his ranch in Alberta. With the Topics of the Day a splendid bill is rounded out.

Tonight and on Thursday night the concert will be continued. From 8.15 to 9.00 the Orchestra, conducted by Eunice Curry Prescott, contralto, a newcomer to St. John musical circles, will discourse a specially selected programme of standard and popular airs.

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**"Three Wise Fools" at the
Opera House is Capital
Performance.**

"One of the best performances presented this season" seemed to be the general opinion of the large and appreciative audience that flocked out of the Opera House last evening after enjoying "The Three Wise Fools," a bright three-act comedy drama. It is a play of real merit, combining a mint of rich, clean comedy and strong scenes which call for clever acting. The members of the cast acquitted themselves in a manner which added to their popularity, and from all indications the play will be one of the most popular to be presented under the capable management of F. James Carroll.

Three old bachelors appear, sharing the joys and sorrows of life together. All had in their youth been in love with the same girl. A letter is received from their former sweetheart, in which she informs them that she is dying and wills to them her daughter. From that on the even tenor of their lives is rudely shaken, and the arrival of the young lady not only "gets them out of ruts," but makes life for all three well worth living. Their efforts to make her happy are largely responsible for the fun-making, and some of the scenes had the audience convulsed with laughter. Later when she apparently becomes intrigued with a criminal, who has sworn to kill the judge, they practically banish her from their home and are soon back "in their ruts." Largely through the efforts of a nephew of one of the trio her innocence is established and happiness is restored.

The second act, the best of the three, brings out some thrilling dramatic moments and gives the members of the cast good opportunity.

Miss Edna Preston, as Sydney Fairchild, gave an exceptionally clever interpretation. She has many opportunities and her work won the admiration of all.

James J. Coots, as the nephew, also acted well, and his work was highly commented on. Clyde Franklin, James Swift and Owen Coll made up the trio of "The Three Wise Fools," and their acting stamped them as three of the best character men appearing on a local stage for some time. The work of Clyde Franklin stood out more prominently than that of his colleagues, due to the character he portrayed, but all three shared in the honors and well merited the hearty applause given them.

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The motion picture version of "St. Elmo" is now showing at the Queen Square Theatre. "St. Elmo" deals with a happy, prosperous man who loses his faith in humanity—particularly the female of the species—through his misguided love for a faithless woman. His character is changed to an embittered, intolerant, hard-hearted mortal, only to have his soul reborn through the very medium by which it was destroyed—a woman.

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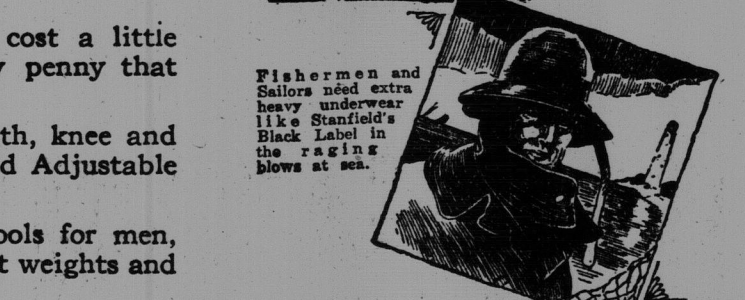
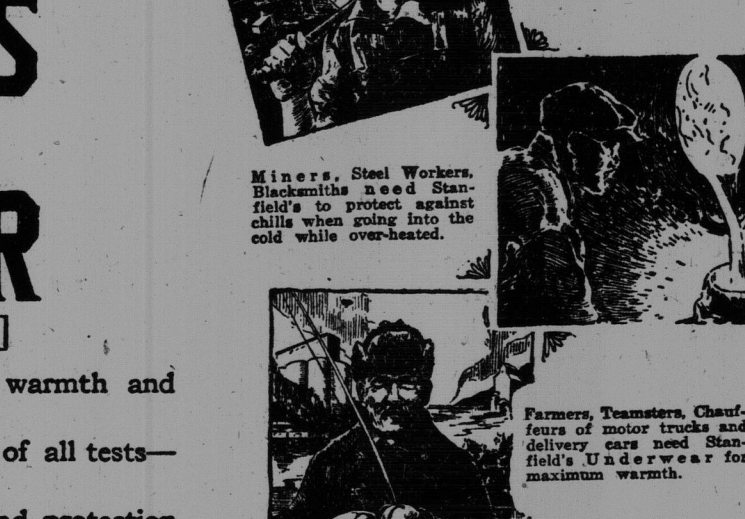
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