



NORMA TALMADGE AND EUGENE O'BRIEN AT THEIR BEST IN A PHOTOPLAY OF SOCIETY LIFE

"By Right of Purchase" Delights Patrons At Popular Theatre—Elliott Dexter and Lila Lee in Special Matinee Feature "A Daughter of the Wolf."

Norma Talmadge and Eugene O'Brien delighted audiences at the Majestic Theatre yesterday in a splendid photoplay, "By Right of Purchase." "By Right of Purchase" is a highly dramatic photoplay of metropolitan society life in which the heroine, Margaret Hughes, married Chadwick Hines solely for his money, despite her infatuation with Dick Werwent, a handsome playmate. Hines loves her passionately, but it takes many months and much suffering before Margaret works out her salvation, and finds that she truly loves the man to whom she thought she loved only by right of purchase. A stirring photoplay with a punch and replete with heart interest.

"By Right of Purchase" deals with the most exclusive fashionable life of New York, and Miss Talmadge portrays the role of a society butterfly who marries a millionaire solely for his money, but later comes to realize his love for her, and to cherish real affection for him too.

Although this popular star is always distinguished for the number and beauty of the gowns worn by her in her screen productions, her costumes and wraps for "By Right of Purchase" surpass even her own high record in this regard. Their cost runs well over the four figure mark.

Eugene O'Brien, who was with Miss Talmadge in "Poppy," "The Moth," and "Ghosts of Yesterday," left the cast of "The Country Cousin," the popular Broadway production, Ida Darling, last seen on the screen with this star in "Ghosts of Yesterday," has had a long career on the stage and screen, and is a noted character actress. William Courtleigh, Jun., is a son of the popular actor; Charles Wellesley will be remembered principally for his excellent performance in "Redemption"; Florence B. Hillings is a talented screen actress of considerable experience.

With such a sterling cast, and with a sumptuous production, Norma Talmadge adds new laurels to her crown of artistic achievement in "By Right of Purchase."

The double matinee program at the Majestic again today and Wednesday includes "By Right of Purchase" and "A Daughter of the Wolf," featuring Elliott Dexter and Lila Lee.

The story, which is filled with thrills and rapid-fire action of the greatest kind, is a story of a woman who is sold into slavery by her father, and who later saves her sweetheart from death at their hands and then witnesses the slaying of her own father in a fight with revenue officers as well as affords the star a remarkable opportunity for emotional acting.

Miss Lee is presented in the role of the motherless daughter of Wolf Ainsworth, leader of the band of smugglers. On her first trip to the city across the border she falls in love with a young man whom her father and his accomplices suspect as being a revenue spy.

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The Royal Bank of Canada Makes Gain of Over Hundred Millions in Its Total Assets

At the End of Golden Jubilee Year Bank Reports Assets of \$533,000,000, An Increase During the Year of Over \$100,000,000—Deposits Show Growth of Over Eighty-Five Millions, and Now Amount to \$419,121,399—Net Profits for Year Are \$3,423,264, a Gain of Approximately \$600,000—Advantages of Complete Organization Reflected in Year's Business—Capital and Reserve Now Both Stand at \$17,000,000.

The Royal Bank of Canada is out with an Annual Statement that will, in many respects, be regarded as the most notable it has ever forwarded to its shareholders.

At a time when all Canadian banks are reporting important readjustments because of special financing undertaken on behalf of the government during the war period, the Royal Bank has not only forged steadily ahead, but is even able to report a gain in assets for the twelve months of well over One Hundred Million Dollars.

With this achievement the Royal is able to announce to its shareholders that at the close of its Golden Jubilee year its assets are away beyond the \$500,000,000 mark.

Under the conditions that have prevailed during the past year, this achievement is nothing short of remarkable and must be attributed to the business producing organization which the Royal Bank has built up with its system of over 600 branches. To shareholders there will come a still more gratifying realization of what may be expected during the next few years.

Growth of Assets.
An examination of the general statement of assets and liabilities shows that total assets now stand at \$533,647,084, being up from \$427,512,982 at the end of the last fiscal year. Of this amount liquid assets total \$273,908,862, against \$224,982,088, while loans and discounts have gained to \$233,834,879, as compared with \$183,748,392 a year ago.

The benefit the Royal Bank's branch system has been in building up a close relationship with the public is reflected by the very large gains in deposits. Total deposits now stand at \$419,121,399, as compared with \$332,591,717. Of this amount deposits bearing interest amount to \$259,465,169, up from \$197,348,439, and deposits not bearing interest \$159,656,229, as compared with \$135,243,278.

A closer study of liquid assets indicates a gain of approximately \$50,000,000, chiefly in the following items: Balances due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada, \$18,101,373, as against \$10,391,516; Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, \$45,323,598, as against \$36,599,976; Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian, \$33,400,542, as against \$23,629,886; Call loans in Canada, \$16,435,614, compared with \$10,067,481; Call Loans elsewhere than in Canada, \$33,812,751, compared with \$24,374,191.

Big Gain in Earnings.
The Profit and Loss Account this year makes a most interesting exhibit. Following the issue of new capital made the capital of the Bank now stands at \$17,000,000, and the Reserve Fund at \$17,000,000. With the larger resources at its disposal there has been a considerable gain in net profits, and for the twelve months period these amounted to \$3,423,264, equal to 19.87 per cent on the average capital and reserve for the year. This shows a gain of approximately \$600,000 as compared with the previous year, when total profits were reported at \$2,869,846.

With the total profits added to the balance of Profit and Loss brought forward, the amount available for distribution this year is \$3,559,021. Of this amount \$1,566,196 was paid in regular dividends, \$340,000 as a bonus of 2 per cent to shareholders to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Bank, \$100,000 transferred to Officers' Pension Fund, \$400,000 written off Bank Premiums Account, and \$156,406 War Tax on Bank Note Circulation, leaving \$1,092,825 to be carried forward to Profit and Loss at the end of the previous year.

An interesting indication of the tremendous growth the Royal has had during the past few years is afforded by a comparison of some of the principal accounts for 1919 with those of 1918 and 1917.

	1919	1918	1917
Total Assets	\$533,647,084	\$427,512,982	\$392,316,346
Total Liquid Assets	\$273,908,862	\$224,982,088	\$217,235,670
Current Loans and Discounts	\$233,834,879	\$183,748,392	\$159,656,229
Total Deposits	\$419,121,399	\$332,591,717	\$273,908,862
Deposits bearing interest	\$259,465,169	\$197,348,439	\$159,656,229
Deposits not bearing interest	\$159,656,229	\$135,243,278	\$114,250,633
Capital	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Reserve Fund	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Profits for the year	\$3,423,264	\$2,869,846	\$2,345,111
Balance carried forward	\$1,092,825	\$85,757	\$24,220

The Mason & Risch store is Santa's Headquarters for Victor Records. The old gentleman is firmly convinced that Victor Records make fine Christmas gifts for anyone owning a Victrola, and we agree with him. So if you come in and select the Records you want for yourself or your friends, we'll pass the good word to Santa and have 'Im stop around at your house on Christmas eve with the Records of your choice. Mason & Risch, Limited, 248 Dundas Street.

Kiddies Lock 32 Policemen in Station When Refused Tickets to Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Thirty-two New York policemen, including a captain and a lieutenant, were locked up in the East 51st Street Station tonight by a small boy, who refused to give a ticket to a Christmas celebration at the precinct allotment had been exchanged. The boy, who brought his "gang" to get tickets, refused to leave until curfew ordered to "get out."

"All right, we'll get out, but you won't," yelled the boy, who was last to leave. He swung the door to and bolted it from the outside. The policeman was summoned by telephone, and after laboring an hour finally cut down the door and found a crowd of a 100 children sang and danced in glee over the discomfiture of their prisoners.

Hope To Release M.S. Offenders by Christmas

But Some Doubt Expressed As To Possibility of Notifying Officials.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—It is the desire of the authorities to release offenders under the military service act, at present in confinement, who have been pardoned by virtue of the proclamation issued today, should be released before Christmas. An official of the state department expressed some doubts as to whether it would be possible to the country in time to reach all officers of the law who would have authority to release prisoners pardoned by the proclamation. He expressed the hope that if this should not be done, sheriffs and police officers would be empowered to carry out the proclamation would do so.

The proclamation which was issued today provides that offenders undergoing imprisonment for offences against the military service act, against the Canada punishment for desertion, or for service or for offences committed in connection with the military service, may be released in sections four to forty of the act, may be discharged, that pending prosecutions for such offences may be stayed and that all offences heretofore committed shall be generally pardoned.

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VISCOUNT FRENCH'S ESCAPE WAS DUE TO SPEED OF MOTOR CAR

Bombs Hurlled At Auto Hit Next Behind It.

INQUEST IS CONCLUDED

Jury Finds Lord-Lieutenant's Assailant Killed by Military Escort.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—The state's attorney gave details of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, when the inquest over the body of Savage, the young grocer's clerk who was shot and killed while running from the scene of the attempt, was resumed here today.

The first car, carrying Viscount French, pushed quickly by the spot from which the shots were fired, the testimony developed, two bombs being hurled in quick succession. Both of them struck a second car which was empty, the second bomb exploding inside the vehicle. Sergeant Rumble, who was a member of the escorting party, was said by the state's attorney to have fired and killed Savage while the latter was in the act of throwing a bomb. Neither of the automobiles was armored, the testimony showed.

The state's attorney said that Savage had participated in the rebellion of Easter Sunday, 1916, in Ireland, and that later he was removed to England.

The jury rendered a verdict late this afternoon in which it said that Savage met his death by a bullet fired by the military escort.

A rider to the verdict expressed sympathy with the relatives of the dead man.

The state's attorney said that seven bomb holes were found in the road. Bullets hailed around the men on the cars, and they had wonderful escapes. The vicerey's escape, the attorney declared, could be attributed to the presence of Constable Loughlin and the great speed of the motor car, which was not anticipated by Viscount French's assailants. The attorney suggested that the jury find Sergeant Rumble committed justifiable homicide.

An Open Letter to Those Citizens Whose Property We Require:

In asking the ratepayers of the city of London to grant the sum of \$300,000 in thirty-year debentures for the extension of the fair grounds, we realize that you, the people now occupying houses as owners or tenants on the property required, are deserving of every consideration, and that first of all a frank explanation is coming to you.

Let it be known at once that the movement to acquire the property to the east of the present grounds is no high-handed attempt at land-snatching and in no sense an arbitrary piece of business. It is a carefully-considered plan to save the present great opportunity to build up the Western Fair. You are aware that in the last few years the exhibition has grown beyond the hopes and dreams of those citizens who devote their time and energy to its affairs without remuneration or reward. Because of these favorable, and in another respect, serious developments, the exhibition has found its capacity to care for visitors and exhibitors strained to such a point that the fences almost bulge out during the big September rush.

Our attendance for the 1919 exhibition was 175,000 persons, and in the centre of the racetrack alone more than 2,300 motor cars were parked. You who live in the eastern section of the city are well aware of the congestion existing and must realize that it is necessary to secure more ground space at the earliest possible moment.

Scores of exhibitors were turned away last year. Carloads of machinery, valuable horses, agricultural displays, booths and amusement attractions could not be accommodated in the grounds, and hundreds of people who came to the fair under heavy expense went away disappointed if not disgruntled. We have the alternative of expanding at once or losing more exhibitors year by year, with the prospect of little enjoyment for the thousands who come to the city each year. In a few years our directors believe we would be forced to close up the exhibition in the face of competition that would quickly spring up in nearby places. There are ambitious cities all about us, and we have heard that more than one of them has big fair plans in its town-building program.

We cannot load up our buildings and equipment like a circus and move away overnight to some other site. We are here to stay, and until citizens are willing to undertake exhibition expenditures on a large scale, running up to and beyond a million dollars, we cannot move to another location, although there is not one director who would not welcome the opportunity to do his part in rebuilding the Fair on a new and bigger plan. It is a case of enormous outlay or expansion on the present site.

Please consider our position as to possible expansion:

(1) We cannot move to new grounds because of the state of the city's finances and the large cost involved. As a matter of fact, we could not wait for new grounds for four or five years when the demand for immediate expansion is so urgent as to create a crisis in the history of the exhibition. Immediate action is urgently necessary.

(2) We cannot move to the west of the present grounds because of the enormous value of the block that has virtually become East London business property. Even if expropriation proceedings were necessary, the cost of this property would approach three-quarters of a million dollars.

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(4) We cannot move to the north and pre-empt another long Dundas street frontage.

(5) We can move to the east if YOU, the property-owner, will accept a fair valuation on your property and submit to the inconvenience, if such you consider it, of moving to a new lot for the common welfare of all citizens and the upbuilding of a greater Western Fair. We want you to help us, not to hinder us.

We want your co-operation. We do not wish to inflict any hardship on any one. We hope you will profit by striking a bargain with your own city, and, if you occupy a home that is movable, we will sell you back the house at a most reasonable figure, as we do not require the buildings after having paid you a good price. If your house is of brick construction you will be able to secure the material and labor anew at a small cost. We feel that we owe that to you, and it is fair. We will endeavor to adjust our expansion, so that you will have no cause for complaint.

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If a railway corporation or an industrial concern wished to secure your property, would you sell?

Then give your own city and your own exhibition a chance to work harmoniously together to build up the Greater Western Fair and create a greater London in every respect.

Yours for civic teamwork,

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Expect Decline in Food Prices in U. S. Soon

Attorney-General Looks For Drop Between January 1 and March 1.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 22.—Expectation of a decline in retail food prices beginning between January 1 and March 1 was expressed tonight by Attorney-General Palmer in a statement summing up the efforts of the Government to date in forcing down the cost of living.

Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of the year, Mr. Palmer said it was the hope of the Government "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the Government, which is just now getting under way."

Although in previous years retail food prices increased during the fall months, Mr. Palmer said that since August this year such prices had been maintained practically stationary.

Since October 22, when the Lever food control act was passed, 179 prosecutions had been instituted, and prosecutions and seizures had covered 18 states, it was added.

The statement was considered in some quarters as a summary of the Government's position in the face of the recently renewed demands of railroad workers for an increase in pay. The railroad shippers publicly tacitly agreed in August, at the suggestion of President Wilson, to postpone their demands for increased pay for 90 days to await efforts of the Government to bring down prices.

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