

Jack Clifford's Ill-Fated Party Takes Toll; Tony Marsh Fatherless



New York, Jan. 16.—Jack Clifford's ill-fated party at his Adirondacks camp last September—attended by Clifford and his wife, Evelyn Nesbit, and Peggy Marsh and her husband, Albert L. "Bud" Johnson—seems to have been a more sinister affair even than anyone suspected.

Nothing but grief, disaster and death have come out of it so far.

"Bud" Johnson lies dead of pneumonia complicated by the after-effects of a mysterious bullet wound he received at the party.

Young "Tony" Marsh, for whom his mother claimed a share of the estate of the late Henry Field—declared by her to be the boy's father—is thus again made fatherless, deprived of the "step-daddy" who legally adopted the boy when he married Peggy Marsh.

Peggy Marsh became estranged from Johnson at the time of the Adirondacks party, and now that he is dead is hurrying back from London, where she was filling a dancing engagement during a "trial separation" from him.

"I had no idea he was so ill," she

told reporters hurriedly as she went aboard the boat.

And Evelyn Nesbit recently tried suicide after various ups and downs as a restaurant proprietor in Greenwich Village and at Atlantic City. She failed both as a restaurateur and as a suicide, and now she, too, has pneumonia and lies at death's door in an Atlantic City hospital.

Only Jack Clifford, the host, escaped the "jinx" of his unfortunate house party.

"JACKIE" OFFERED HALF MILLION FOR FOUR PRODUCTIONS

Doug. Fairbanks and Mary Pickford Want Young Coogan for Feature Films
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Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, his wife, as the first step of a project to enter independent production and distribution of cinema features made by other leading actors of the screen, have offered \$500,000 advance to Jackie Coogan, child film actor, if he will sign a contract for four pictures.

The offer is part of the arrangements for an expansion of the United Artists' Organization, which contemplates the production, under the supervision of Mr. Fairbanks and Miss Pickford, of feature films by eight or nine of the most popular screen artists.

At present the United Artists' Organization consists of Miss Pickford, Mr. Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, David Wark Griffith and Charles Ray. The new arrangements involve closing the Griffith studios on Long Island, N. Y., and the return of his organization to Los Angeles.

"Freedom from machine-made pictures" will be the slogan of the United Artists. It was a cash advance of \$500,000 on a guaranty of 60 per cent of the profits of the first four pictures he would make in the Fairbanks-Pickford studio.

Four years ago, Jackie received \$75 a week, and then only after his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coogan, had refused to sign a contract for his services at \$40 a week. His earnings are to be impounded in a trust fund, it became known yesterday when Mrs. Coogan received permission of the superior court to be relieved of his guardianship, a duty she sought and obtained in the same court last July.

BUSTER KEATON.

In New Film Contract—Appears With British Beauty

New York, Jan. 16.—Announcement of the signing up of Jackie Coogan by Metro on a three-year contract, by the payment of a cash bonus, of \$500,000 and a lion's share of the moving picture profits from the youngster's films, was followed by the declaration that the Metro office, of the signing up of Buster Keaton by the same organization on a long-term contract.

These two deals, it was said, were the most important that had been made in the moving picture world in many months. J. E. D. Menter, speaking for Marcus Loew, said that Keaton would hereafter make only five reel comedies, and that his leading woman would be Margaret Leahy, the winner of the British beauty contest, who was brought to this country recently by the Talmadge sisters. Joseph Schenck will make the Keaton productions, but they will be released by Metro.

"FATTY" AND COMPANY TO
FILM A \$75,000 2-REELER

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, recently reinstated by Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture industry, is expected to start on his "come-back" soon.

With Molly Malone as his leading woman, and backed by a group of San Francisco financiers, headed by Gavin McNab, the San Francisco attorney who defended him in his three trials for manslaughter growing out of the death in that city of Miss Virginia Rappe, actress, the fat comedian planned to begin filming a two-reeler to cost \$75,000 and to be finished in six weeks.

The great steamer Majestic has nine locks.

SELECT HALL FOR SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

St. Malachi's Hall Chosen
and Preparations Ordered
—Other Arrangements for
Carnival Week.

L. A. Gagnon, chief game commissioner; G. H. Prince and Harry Allen were in the city yesterday inspecting several buildings with a view to selecting one for the Sportsmen's Show to be held Carnival Week. It was finally decided that St. Malachi's Hall was the most suitable and a meeting was held to arrange for heating and seating accommodations. It was decided to leave arrangements in the hands of Frederick W. Kelly.

The military ball which was to have been held on Thursday of Carnival Week, will be held on Tuesday, instead; this change was made because of Wednesday being Ash Wednesday it was thought that it would be better to hold the ball on Shrove Tuesday and have the Fancy Dress Carnival, which is being given by the Health Centre, on Thursday.

H. Mont Jones, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, reported that the association was going ahead with the preparations for the torchlight procession, and invitations will be sent to all organizations interesting in asking them to send representatives to a meeting which is being held next Tuesday evening.

Edward Parren met the committee to discuss the boxing exhibition which is scheduled for Wednesday night. Nothing definite was decided upon.

The Y. W. C. A. reported that they were contemplating putting on a show, "The Pair of Nations."

The dog show is planned for Tuesday and Friday nights and will take place in the Furlong building.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the skating meet will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

THE CRAZE FOR GOLF

(Quebec Telegraph)

The craze for golf continues to stick

and grow wherever it is introduced. It fascinates young and old without a competitor in the sporting age. It is called "the rich man's game," and yet it is the cheapest of all sports. Young men prefer to spend their vacation on the local course rather than go out into the country. By this they save considerable expense. Until one has mastered the game the loss of balls is fairly expensive, but most courses return these balls at small cost. Rec-

made balls are also sold at one-third the original cost. An old member of one of the local fishing and hunting clubs from New York informed the writer the other day that it was becoming more difficult every year to interest the rising generation in our fishing and hunting recreations, as they had gone completely crazy over golf. Our French speaking Canadian friends who have their own sporting games, have suddenly taken to golf and courses are springing up in Lorette, Lake St. Joseph and other local summer places, while on the local links they are much interested in the ancient game as any of the English-speaking element.

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The management inaugurated a novelty in placing a musical vaudeville act in the centre of the show as an added attraction, and it gave the whole performance a good deal of tone. Their duets on the saxophone and baby saxophone were well done, and the numbers on the harp and the flute made excellent music.

The prima donna's singing of Tosti's Good-Bye was one of the outstanding hits of the show. At the next change on Thursday a new specialty vaudeville act will be added, and at each succeeding change it is hoped to be able to give St. John a novelty feature in addition to a well-balanced musical show.

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HORSE RACING ON ICE.

Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 16.—

Three exciting races ushered in the opening yesterday of the annual winter harness meet here. A soft surface on the ice interfered with speed, but hard drives featured all the events.

Lucy Peter, driven by the owner, "Hump" Morrison, won the 230 pace; Billy Brook took the 220 trot, and the 217 pace, in which Peter Hall, entered by Mayor Shank of Indianapolis, was the favorite, went to Don McGregor.

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