

# Evening World Ten-Second Movie of Big People in Action

## David Belasco, Who Has Just Completed Forty Years' Work for the Stage, Poses for Evening World Camera



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### ALLEGED BANDIT IN JEWEL ROBBERY SHOT BY DETECTIVE

Said to Be Companion of Man Mysteriously Slain in Riverside Drive.

The door of the top floor apartment at No. 108 East 151st Street was smashed by detectives under Inspector Coughlan at 2 o'clock this morning and Samuel Castrelli, the only occupant, plumped into the dumbwaiter shaft, slipped down to the second floor, made his way to the fire escape, jumped eighteen feet and was running across the rear courtyard when a detective's bullet through his arm, grazing his chest, stopped him.

He is alleged to be one of three who figured in a jewel robbery on Nov. 21. Another of the trio is under arrest. The third is dead from a bullet wound. And still another man, who is said to have had nothing to do with the robbery but was implicated, it is believed, in the aftermath, is in a hospital with a bullet wound.

On the morning of Nov. 21, Samuel Richman, No. 619 Lincoln Place, and Frank Cohn, No. 225 66th Street, Brooklyn, both jewelry salesmen, met a man in Times Square whom they have since identified as Castrelli. Castrelli, the police say, represented himself as a chemist from Chicago and said he had \$10,000 worth of platinum which he would sacrifice at a low price for a quick sale. He led the pair to a furnished room at No. 352 Manhattan Avenue, where two other men were waiting, one of them George Carmichael, No. 201 East 115th Street. He is a prisoner now. The other was Arthur Lasandro, No. 315 East 115th Street. He is dead.

Inside the furnished room the salesman said, they were held up by the alleged bandits.

Richman says he lost \$12,000 in jewelry and \$2,000 in money. Cohn gave up \$500 in cash, a diamond ring, diamond pin and his watch. The two were then bound and gagged and thrust into the closet. It took them more than two hours to work loose. Then they notified the police.

On Dec. 4, at 10 o'clock P. M., Lasandro was found staggering from a bullet wound at 186th Street and Riverside Drive. He was taken to Columbus Hospital, where he died a few hours later.

It is believed he was shot while in an automobile and thrown out near the place where he had been found in the Drive.

Carmichael was arrested early this morning at 121st Street and Lexington Avenue and questioned at the West 123d Street Station, where the police say he confessed and gave them the address of the house where Castrelli was afterward captured. Carmichael had a pin and cuff links which Richman identified. Richman also identified both of the prisoners and a photograph of the dead Lasandro.

The police say that Carmichael claims to have got only \$597 in addition to the jewels that were found in his possession. They say Castrelli got about the same share, which would indicate that Lasandro got most of the loot. This, the detectives say, may have a bearing on his murder.

The two prisoners and Lasandro, the police say, had burglary records. Castrelli was free on bail on an automobile theft charge until his capture Sunday. Coughlan also says there

### MEAT STRIKERS BEING REPLACED BY THE HUNDREDS

Packers' Representatives Declare Operations Are Now Almost Normal.

Representatives of New York packing houses affected by the walkout of nearly 4,000 meat cutters and other employees in sympathy with the strikers in the West announced today that they were rapidly replacing the strikers and expect to be operating on a normal basis in a few days.

W. A. Lynde, general manager of Wilson & Co. of No. 816 First Avenue, stated that his plant is operating on a basis 70 per cent of normal.

"We moved fifteen trucks yesterday afternoon and expect to move thirty-five to-day under police protection," he said.

Nearly 300 men were waiting in line at this plant, and 300 more at that of the United Dressed Beef Co. of No. 789 First Avenue, this morning to apply for work, while more than 500 strikers stood watching them from the street.

The United Dressed Beef Company was reported to be operating on a basis of 50 per cent, with twenty-five of its fifty trucks being in operation under police protection.

The large hotels are not affected by the strike, it was stated, since they are all served by distributing companies not associated with the packers. Some of the smaller hotels, restaurants and butcher shops helped relieve the situation brought about by non-delivery in the packers' trucks to-day by sending their own vehicles for meat, and one small butcher shop owner, a woman, came for her supply with a baby carriage.

### PRINCESS RADZWILL HELD FOR BILLS

Arraigned in West Side Court on Charges Preferred by Hotel Embassy.

Mrs. Catherine Danzin, also known as Princess Catherine Radzwill, who came to the United States in 1917 to lecture in behalf of the allies, was held to-day in the West Side Court by Magistrate Levine in \$1,000 bail for trial in General Sessions on the charge of defrauding the Hotel Embassy of \$1,237.57, representing the costs of rent, food and service from June 1 to August.

Mrs. Danzin, who was represented by Attorney Maurice H. Madzain of No. 44 Court Street, had nothing to say. Her attorney charged that the hotel had refused payment offered by her friends because it desired to obtain possession of valuable antiques she had in her apartment, J. C. Levine, President of the Hotel Embassy Corporation, replied that Mrs. Danzin's antiques were "junk."

Assistant District Attorney Gibbs interrupted Mr. Madzain's statement by declaring that Princess Radzwill was sentenced to 16 months in a South African penitentiary for defrauding Cecil Rhodes of \$29,000. Madzain declared another Princess Radzwill had been sentenced for this offense.

### David Belasco Suggests 10 Year Theatrical Holiday From Sordid Productions

Playwright who has Completed Forty Years of Service to Stage Says:

"Time may have dusted my hair, but I have never been over 25." "I want the theatre to get away from the sordid and degenerate." "We do not spend our lives walking through hospitals or studying cancer." "I believe God made us to love our work so we might play at it."

Marguerite Mooers Marshall. "We are going to enter on a ten-year holiday from war. Why should not the theatre take a ten-year holiday from the plays that are sordid, cancerous, degenerate?"

That is the form of "disarmament" proposed by David Belasco, at the end of forty years of splendid service to the American theatre, and at the beginning—so he hopes and believes—of other years of devotion to and development of the art he loves. "I shall name no date in this anniversary," he told the Society of Arts and Letters at its dinner in his honor, the other night. "I am entirely indifferent to the flight of time—because I hold with those who perceive that time is an illusion. Time may have dusted my hair, but I have never been over twenty-five."

And when I talked at the Belasco studio with this famous man of the theatre, I realized that those brown, burning, youthful eyes under their heavy dark brows still look into the future, even if, at the request of another, they sometimes scan the pages of the theatrical past. It would take more than the thick, white, unruly locks which hang over Belasco's fine forehead, and which—like the helmet of Navarre—have become an oriflamme these many years by his loyal followers, to destroy the youthfulness of eyes and smile and enthusiasm.

Thank heaven, Mr. Belasco does not belong to the "nothing is as good as it used to be" club! Until he joins that organization, nobody is ever really old. Mr. Belasco proved that he can't even qualify for membership when he answered one of my first questions: "Speaking from your years of perspective, do you consider that the theatre of to-day is progressing or retreating?"

"The theatre is progressing all the time," he answered quickly and earnestly. "It will continue to advance in exact proportion to its devotion to truth and beauty, to its avoidance of fads and fancies. The theatre of the future must show us the beauty of the world, must inspire us to live in it. What I want the theatre to get away from is any tendency to concentrate on the depiction of that very small part of life, the sordid and the degenerate. To show the degenerate is the easiest thing on earth and it is often done with the excuse of the most abused phrase in the world—'for the sake of art.'"

"We do not spend our lives walking through hospitals or studying cancer. Why should the theatre do that? Certain sex plays shown on the stage merely open a wound and allow the pus to run out."

"Why are these plays presented?" I asked.

"To enjoy the limelight of the moment and to make a superficial appeal to a small section of the peo-

ple," answered the man, who has been called "the wise old idealistic bird of the theatre." "And, as I said, the name of 'art' often is invoked to support them; also, the quality of 'difference.'"

### MODERN MOTHERS GIVING BABIES SOME ODD NAMES

Jane, Ann and Martha Now Supplanted by Elsa, Larissa, Ethelyne and Bernice.

Modern young mothers here are turning from tradition and the family records to new fields in seeking names for their girl babies.

This state of affairs was revealed to-day by the City Registrar's official birth record, which contains names that a generation ago were practically unknown.

Such good old fashioned names as Jane, Martha, Ann, Ada, Agnes, Julia and Grace or Alice are being supplanted by Bernice, Elsa, Ethelyne, Larissa and Ernestine.

In several instances Grace had been changed to Grayce. The name Catherine appeared in several variations, among them being Catharine, Katherine, Kathrynne and Cathryn.

### Sh-h-h! a Fire, Little Tot Said To Nun in School

Then 1,200 Pupils Were Marched to Safety—Boy Smoker Suspect.

A little girl with an anxious look (piped up to a sister in the Parochial School of Our Lady of Mercy, Fordham Road and Marion Avenue, a few minutes before noon to-day and whispered to her that there was a fire in one of the coal rooms.

The alarm which brings the children out for a fire drill was sounded while a still alarm was sent to the Fire Department. The 1,200 children in the building were out of the building in a few minutes without disorder.

The sister to whom the information had been communicated went at once to the wardrobe where a boys' jacket was found afire. With her hands and feet she beat out the blaze. There was nothing for the firemen to do.

Father Brennan said it looked to him as though one of the boys had been taking a surreptitious smoke and had put a lighted cigarette in his jacket pocket.

When the boy that owned the jacket was located it was pretty hot going for a few strokes.

Lucy Spelman Estate Is Valued at \$197,350

### MRS. NICOLL STILL USING CRUTCHES

Has Not Sufficiently Recovered From London Accident for Social Activity.

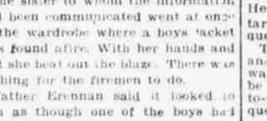
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### Jesse, 15, Has Arms Parley With Police

He Got Rifle Before Treaty Could Prevent, and That Explains All the Shooting.

Jesse Fisher, fifteen, of No. 550 Riverside Drive, was his own Santa Claus this year. With disarmament proceedings in the air, he believed that if he didn't get that .22-calibre repeating rifle this Christmas he wouldn't get it at all. So he got it while the getting was possible.

Possessed of this information no one will have as much trouble as the police did last evening trying to find out what all the shooting was about. On Sunday night, a couple of auto windshields and a few lamps were found broken by persons dining at the Claremont Restaurant on the Drive. Last night about 8 o'clock there was a "ping" then a gentle rapping of glass about the desk of Otto Kubel, the clerk of the Claremont. Six times, six "pings" brought down a window and six times Kubel went out and gave the command to cease firing. Then he telephoned to the police.

Patrolmen Lelda and Gordon, one of whom used to be a surveyor, were sent around. They looked at the holes in the windows and the wall where the bullets struck and had Kubel describe in just what ear he felt the sound went. Then they decided the "machine gun nest" was in the direction of No. 560 Riverside Drive.

On the roof they found empty .22-calibre shells, but the position had been abandoned. They followed the stairs down into the building and ran into Fisher senior. He was absolutely certain there was no such thing as a firearm in his house and that his son owned none, but he would call him. He did and the boy confessed he owned the best long range .22-calibre repeating rifle in the universe. It was then reposing under his bed. He said he had been shooting at a target and admitted he missed it frequently.

The police made a prisoner of him and took the rifle for evidence. He was bailed out by his father and will be arraigned in the Children's Court to-day, charged with juvenile delinquency.

### METER PROBE WITNESS SUDDENLY QUILTS JOB

Was Ordered to Bring Company's Check Book to Inquiry.

Commissioner of Accounts, David Hinchfield, who is after persons accused of tampering with water meters, to-day called as a witness, Albert H. Ferguson, bookkeeper of the Yale Laundry Company, No. 510 West 85th Street, who was served yesterday with a subpoena to produce the check book and other records of the concern in connection with the arrest of John Klapp, a city water meter inspector, on a charge of tampering with the meter in the laundry.

Klapp is accused of accepting a check for \$125 made out by Ferguson to "Cash" and charged on the books to "irregularity."

Ferguson appeared but did not produce the records, saying he was in outer contact with the Yale Laundry Company. He explained he had resigned yesterday after serving as co-senator William M. Bourne and George Thomas counsel to the Armington Corporation, which operates the Yale Laundry. He said neither of them had instructed him as to what he should do.

### National League Appoints New Board of Directors

Appointment of a new board of directors was announced following a National League Board meeting to-day, Charles V. Stoneham, New York City; George Washington Grant, Boston; William Veck, Chicago; and Harry Fogarty, Pittsburgh, were named as the members. Nothing further was reported as done.

### CALL TREMONT 6900 NOW.

The following notice was posted at Police Headquarters last night: "On and after 4 P. M. to-day the public telephone call number of Borough Headquarters, P. O., located at No. 1255 Bathgate Avenue, will be changed from 1800 Tremont to 6900 Tremont."

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