## IN THE FRONT ROW

**HEADLINERS TONIGHT.**
**Musical Comedy.**
Hippodrome.....Roseland Maids
**Photoplays.**
Nelson.....The Finish
Grand.....On Dangerous Grounds
Princess.....One of Many
Dixie.....The Secret Kingdom

ZARROW'S American Beauty Company is booked for the Hippodrome next week. This makes the fourth from Mr. Zarrow's string of high class musical comedies to visit Fairmont this season. All have given the best satisfaction and it is claimed that the "American Beauty" organization is even better than its predecessors. For all the good things H. D. has done for the Fairmont amusement seeking public we are duly thankful and are glad that he is sending us more.

Although the plot of "On Dangerous Ground," the Grand's feature for today, deals with the European war, it is writtten in lighter vein than most dramas with that tragic setting. It pictures the adventures of a young American doctor, caught in the maelstrom of the war, who is overwhelmed at having a beautiful stranger cast herself into his arms at a German hotel and insist that she is his wife. When they are alone, she explains that she is an Alsatian with valuable papers for the French government and she pleads with him to get her out of Germany under his passport. The young American has fallen in love at first sight and readily consents to help her in her mission for her country; this promise leads him through a series of narrow escapes which are enlivened by comedy in the form of the complications arising through his ambiguous position as the lady's husband. The girl is finally taken prisoner by the Germans, but is released by an obliging and sentimental officer to be rounited in a hospital scene with her pseudo husband but very real lover.

Gail Kane plays the part of the girl spy and was none the less efficient and determined for looking exceedingly charming.

Carlyle Blackwell is the handsome though rather bewildered young American who protects his little comrade through her wild adventure with the energy that is characteristic of such young Americans abroad. The local color of the warring countries is fairly well suggested in the sets, although the oficers of both sides wear a curious assortment of uniforms that are apparently struggling to be neutral.

Every magazine reader knows the wonderful stories published for years in the widely-known monthly, "The Black Cat." H. B. Umbstaetter, the editor who made "The Black Cat" famous, was a wonderful genius. His judgment of queer, mysterious stories — fascinating thought — provoking, stimulating — was unerring. Every story chosen by Mr. Umbstaetter was absolutely unusual in plot, teemed with genuine interest, bubbled over with life, humor, romance and action. The author received as high as a dollar a word for these stories.

Mr. Spoor selected one hundred of the very best, the cream of the entire collection and is making them into features that are wonders.

These are now a part of the Nelson's program one day a week, "The Finish," being the title of the one shown today. It is in two reels and Ernest Maupin and Mabel Bardine are cast in the leading roles.

The Roseland Maids will put on a new bill at the Hippodrome today. There will be plenty of comedy in it and the chorus will appear in entirely different singing and dancing numbers. Several specialty acts are on the program.

Sol Burka went to Pittsburgh yesterday to lend his valuable assistance to Bob McCoy, who preceded him to the Smoky town. These live amusement managers are pulling off some big stuff in the interest of the Mountain City Amusement Company, the result of which will be shared by patrons of the Grand, the Hippodrome, and the Dixie at Mannington.

In a very brief period Charles Fang, the Chinese actor who plays the part of Wee See in Metro's serial, "The Great Secret," a weekly feature at the Princess, in which Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne are co-stars, has become recognized as the very best exponent of real Chinese characters on the American stage.

Fang became an actor by accident. He was born in Canton, China, and comes of a well-to-do Chinese family. He was taken to San Francisco when a child, and remained there until he shipped aboard the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship. It was while on this warship that Fang's talent was discovered.

Amateur playlets were frequently given on board to while away the tedious hours. Young Fang was chosen for one of them and amazed all by his natural ability. After his return to 'Frisco, he, like all Orientals, became enamored of motion pictures. The rest of the story is easy. He visited the Griffith studio and was engaged for the part of a Chinese valet.

The Princess has a two-day engagement starting today, of "One of Many," which has been written and directed by William Christy Cabanne, and lays bare the pitfalls that beset the path of young girls who go out into the world to grapple with modern conditions. Especially it flays those who take the attitude that a rich man can do no wrong, that youth, beauty and innocence are fit commodities to be sold over a counter—or across a manicure table. It is unsparing in its denunciation of those parents, who, secretly walking in forbidden ways themselves, display hypocritical anger at the shortcomings of their children. Frances Nelson is taking the leading part.

OLD STAGER.

**Fig Tree Common.**

The fig tree is common in Palestine. Mount Olivet was famous for its fig trees in ancient times, and they are still found there. "To sit under one's own vine and one's own fig tree" was an expression among the Jews to denote peace and prosperity.

## OHIO CITY CLAIMS THE RECORD AS MOTHER OF NOTED ENTERTAINERS

MARILYN MILLER

FINDLAY, O., April 26.—This city claims the record for producing entertainers in theatricals and athletics.

Marie Dressler, Elizabeth Brice, comediennes, and Marilyn Miller, dancer, are its daughters; Tad Taylor, song writer, Johnny and Lester Reiff, jockeys, and other athletes its sons.

Others born in Fidlay: Ray Hauaron who won the first Indianapolis speedway event; Grant Johnston Cuban Giant ballplayer; Titania, famous toe dancer of the '90's; the late Jack Carmer; Cora Nielson, actress, the Will A. Willet, baritone, who gave Geraldine Farrar her first music lesson; Clarence L. Preston, playwrite, and many others.

Marilyn Miller, who stars as an Oriential dancer in the New York "Show of Wonders," is the daughter of Guy Miller, a Findlay letter carrier.

Marie Dressler is known to Findlayites as Leola Kerber,daughter of the late Prof. Kerber, a music teacher. Bessie Shaler is the name by which Elizabeth Brice is known.

## WASHINGTON NEWS -:- GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—In an effort to secure the government's sanction and recognition of a school of aviation at Wheeling, Johnson Camden McKinley, of that city, is staying on in Washington. The plan is to have a school for West Virginia birdmen strictly. Mr. McKinley has had a number of conferences with government officials, at some of which Senator Howard Sutherland, who is earnestly backing the project, was present. Louis Bennett, Jr., a brother-in-law of Mr. McKinley, is the practical flyer interested. He is an expert and a graduate of the Yale aviation school. A number of leading citizens of Wheeling are associated with them. Birdman Bennett is a son of Hon. Louis Bennett, of Weston. Both Mr. McKinley and Senator Sutherland believe that they will secure the co-operation of the government in due time.

The Pension Bureau has notified Congressman H. C. Woodyard that an increased pension of $20 a month had been granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, of St. Marys.

Dr. Frederick Russell Stathers, of Clarksburg, will sail from New York this week for Buenos Aires, where he will join his brother in the practice of dentistry. Senator Sutherland secured passports for him.

The commission of Giles J. Fink as postmaster at Oxley has been issued to him.

Hon and Mrs. Jesse L. Block, of Wheeling, are visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Crawford, of Bluefield, a recently married couple, are spending their honeymoon here.

Senator Sutherland has filed at the Pension Bureau an application for Mary E. Kelley, of Lead Mine, W. Va.; taken up the claims there of George Caton, of Clifton Mills, Anna R. Bohan, of Rowlesburg, and Mary E. Owens, of Huntington; been notified of the granting of a pension of $12 a month to Mary H. Moore, of Clarksburg, and an increase to $30 a month for Robert W. Coon, of Harrison. Senator Sutherland has recommended Clyde E. Warden, a veterinary surgeon at Thacker Mines as suitable to receive a commission in the army.

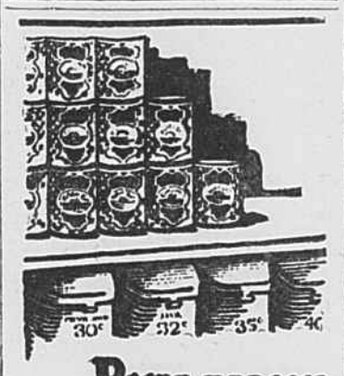
If Representative Adam B. Littlepage, of the Charleston, W. Va., district can secure the privilege of ten minutes on the floor of the House, or if he can secure the privilege, which is rarely refused, but was to him, to extend his remarks in the Record upon the subject of the location of the armor plant at Charleston, his friends say that he will have some tart observations to make about the manner he has been deprived of his fair share of the credit in locating the plant at Charleston. But so far he has been flatly denied the privilege of the floor as well as the privilege to extend his remarks in the Record upon the subject referred to. So rare is a case that a member is denied this latter privilege, which is purely perfunctory and almost invariably granted, that there is a suspicion that somebody has "tipped off" his friends in the House to deny Mr. Littlepage free speech on this particular subject.

As stated heretofore in these dispatches, Mr. Littlepage has been denied credit in influencing Charleston's good fortune. The denial came from his own party friends and those party papers which are dominated by another Democratic leader in West Virginia and professed friend of Mr. Littlepage. Former Senator W. E. Chilton has taken all the credit of the achievement for himself, and his followers have smothered him with adulation. He has had himself press-agented or those close to him have done it for him, in connection with the location of the armor plant, as to leave not so much as a spray of laurel from his gorgeous and resplendent wreath of it for any other claimant, however so humble. In the list of those who believe that they rendered service which entitle them to some credit is Representative Littlepage. But he hasn't received any, his friends declare, but has received "a raw deal."

It is a pretty family quarrel; a first-rate party row. This is evidenced by the fact that the House just missed hearing about it from one of the aggrieved parties, the same being Mr. Littlepage. It is, by no means settled, however, that it will not hear about it. Mr. Littlepage is said to be deeply wounded by the way he has been treated and intends to get his side of the affair straight in the Record if it takes the rest of the session. If he cannot be dissuaded from this intention, it is not very clear how he can be prevented from getting his way in the end.

**Drawing the Line.**

A Wichita man has sued his wife for divorce because she cursed him, smoked cigarettes and kicked his shins. No lady will kick a gentleman's shins.—Emporia Gazette.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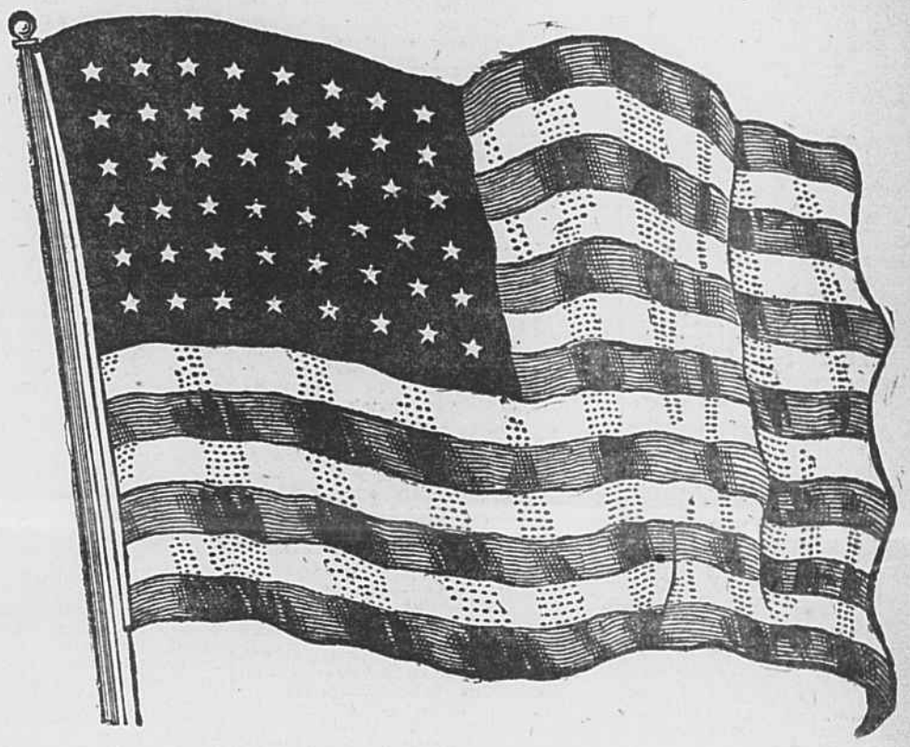

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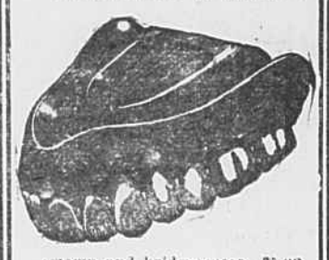

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