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**CHICAGO'S BELL HOLE.** One Detective Killed and Three Others Wounded.

Chicago, July 18.—The coroner's jury which today began its investigation into last night's shooting affray in the former segregated district in which one policeman was killed and three

**WITH THE MOVIES**

**"The Million Dollar Mystery"**

Some Details of the Remarkable Series of Pictures Now Being Shown at the Bijou, First Instalment Making a Great Hit

Representatives of all the important daily newspapers in New York, as well as of the several motion picture trade papers, to the number of almost two score, crowded into the little projection room at the Mutual Film Corporation's offices at Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third street, Tuesday afternoon, June 23rd, to see some of the early releases in the tremendous new serial, "A Million Dollar Mystery," which has been made by the Thanhouser Company and marketed by the specially formed Syndicate Film Corporation in co-operation with the Mutual.

The verdict seemed to be: "Guilty as stated in the indictment"—and the indictment, as represented by the Thanhouser company's extraordinary advance advertising campaign, was that "The Million Dollar Mystery" was the biggest and best serial ever attempted and set of motion pictures that would establish a record for this class of productions.

"The Million Dollar Mystery," the last scenes of which were filmed a few days before the first release was made on Monday, June 22d, after months of work by the Thanhouser players, is to be offered in twenty-six episodes, each episode comprising two reels for release weekly on successive Mondays. The scenario is by Lloyd F. Lonergan from a story by Harold MacGrath. To Howell Hansel was assigned by big task of directing the production.

In a number of respects, "The Million Dollar Mystery" project is a particularly notable one in the motion picture industry. It has been handled in an unusually big way and is a gamble the success or failure of which will be followed with keen interest in the trade.

To begin with, MacGrath and Lonergan are said to have drawn a record price for the story and scenario. Then the pick of the Thanhouser players, including the highest salaried people on the payroll, were cast in the action and the matter of expense was not considered in the making of the production. And finally, a publicity scheme with a \$10,000 prize offer broad enough to embrace every section of the universe in which motion pictures are shown and enjoyed, and expensive enough to dwarf anything which had been attempted before, was devised.

The \$10,000 prize is offered for the best 100-word solution to the mystery which the serial will develop as it progresses. The advertising campaign has been placed in the hands of a national advertising agency in Chicago which is working in conjunction with the Mutual Film Corporation's highly effective publicity department. Page advertisements in a number of the leading daily papers and big painted signs have been used to herald to the New York public the coming of the serial and this expensive advertising is to be supplemented with a national campaign intended to make the serial as big a puller in the small town as it is in the largest city. A quarter of a million dollars is the estimate placed on the advertising which was done for the serial before the release of the first episode.

Eight reels of the total of fifty-two comprising four episodes, were shown at the recent private exhibition. For these it can be said that they will not disappoint even those who have read every line of advance publicity printed about the serial and by it, have been led to expect something far beyond the ordinary. "The Million Dollar Mystery," as a title, and the mention of a \$10,000 prize for the solution of the mystery, gives the proposition a "wealthy" start and it strikes one as particularly fitting—if not vitally necessary—that elegant and expensiveness of production is made to stand out. That each of the episodes in the four already shown in private not only make a complete and logical chapter in the story but has been given one or more big incidents to make its satisfying in itself is also to be commended.

Part I of the first episode is given over to pictured information concerning the serial. A group of Thanhouser people which includes President Hite, of the production company, and Messrs MacGrath and Lonergan, who collaborated on the photoplay production, is interesting. The principals of the action, as follows, are introduced in quite a novel way: Albert Norton, as Stanley Hargreaves, the millionaire; Sydney Bracy, as James Hargreaves's butler; Florence LaBadie, as Florence Gray, Hargreaves's daughter; Marguerite Snow, as Countess Olga, adventuress; James Cruze, as James Norton, a newspaper reporter; Lila Chester, as Susan, Florence

Gray's companion, and Frank Farrington, as Braine, one of the conspirators. The "Million Dollars" of the title and the greed for it which inspires the action of the story is allegorically shown with a clever conceit in which a mass of bank notes in the center of the picture is the bait for scores of darting hands belonging to invisible owners. The certified check for \$10,000, signed by President Hite, of the Thanhouser company, which is to be given as a prize for the solution of the mystery of the picture, is also shown.

The action of the story begins with Millionaire Hargreaves's mysterious leaving his baby daughter at a school for girls with instructions that she be reared to girlhood and given every care, at his expense. Seventeen years later the daughter leaves the school to join her father whom she does not remember. She arrives at his home just after he has been compelled to flee for his life which is threatened by a gang of conspirators known as "The Black Hundred," against whom he has apparently turned traitor. A demand has been made upon Hargreaves for a million dollars which he is known to have concealed in his home and the action of as much of the serial as has yet been shown hinges upon the efforts which are made by the conspirators (of the Black Hundred) to discover what has become of the million dollars after Hargreaves' escape in the first episode of the serial: a pair of hands—and hands only—are shown removing the million dollars in bank notes from the safe. Who owns these hands is one of the early mysteries.

Hargreaves' escape in a balloon which he has arranged to have alight on the top of his house is the big thrill of the first episode—and it is "some thrill." An encounter between two of the conspirators and the newspaper reporter (who is the hero of the story), followed by the daring escape of the conspirators from the pier to whom they dump off a pier into the river, is the climax of the second episode, for release June 29th.

Of the players who appear in "The Million Dollar Mystery," judging from the early releases, it seems evident that Miss Marguerite ("Peggy") Snow is destined to score a great personal triumph. Miss Snow is the adventuress of the story and her work is particularly convincing. Miss Florence LaBadie, as Hargreaves' daughter, is giving a good performance and James Cruze, as a newspaper reporter, who is no stranger to dress suits, frock coats, and roses for his lady love, makes splendid use of "fat" opportunities. Sidney Bracy has a lot more than the "bit" which is common to the butler in most dramatic or photoplay productions, and shows himself a fine actor in the way he carries off the big scenes in which he is a principal. Mr. Farrington, Mr. Norton, and Miss Chester give performances which warrant the statement that the cast is splendidly balanced.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**BOOKS OF REGISTRATION**

For the convenience of the voters of Anderson County the board of registration will meet the following appointments, to register and renew or transfer certificates:

Anderson court house, Monday, August 3.

Honea Path, Wednesday, August 5.

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Bolton, Wednesday, August 5.

Williamston, Thursday, August 6.

Felzer, Friday, August 7.

Gluck Mill, Saturday, August 8, from 9 a. m., to 12 m.

Orr Mill, Saturday, August 8, from 1 p. m., to 4 p. m.

Piedmont, Monday, August 10.

Piedleton, Tuesday, August 11.

Townville, Wednesday, August 12.

Starr, Thursday, August 13.

Iva, Friday, August 14.

Toxaway, August 15, from 9 a. m., to 12 m.

Anderson Cotton Mill, August 15, from 1 p. m., to 4 p. m.

Anderson court house, Tuesday, August 18.

Anderson court house, Wednesday, August 19.

W. L. ANDERSON,  
W. C. BURRIS,  
P. N. LINDSAY,  
Board of Registration of Anderson County.

**Program Bijou Theatre**  
For the Week Beginning Monday, July 20

**MONDAY**

"SNOW DRIFT" ..... Eclair  
This is a two-part delectable production and contains a heap of heart interest.

"UNIVERSAL IKE, JR., AND THE VAMPIRE" ..... Universal Ike  
Zingara is the vampire and locoes the whole bunch of cowboys. The outcome is very humorous.

**FOURTH REEL TO BE SELECTED**

**TUESDAY**

"LUCILLE LOVE," No. 12 ..... Gold Seal  
There is some gun fighting and a large amount of suspense is involved. The scene ends with an auto chase.

"BESSIE, THE DETECTRESS" ..... Joker  
Bess Meredith is featured in a bulesque detective story.

**FOURTH REEL TO BE SELECTED**

**WEDNESDAY**

"THE HOUSE DISCORDANT" ..... Rex  
A two reel number with Robert Leonard and Hazel Buckham in the leading parts. This shows how easy it was for a young wife to make the wrong impression on her husband.

"THE CRASH" ..... Sterling  
The last third of this comic picture is unusually speedy. Full of startling incident.

**FOURTH REEL TO BE SELECTED**

**THURSDAY**

**THE MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY**

"HER RAGGED KNIGHT" ..... Victor  
"COLLEGE DAYS" ..... Nestor  
A co-educational institution. The boys and girls go in bathing. The boys get the girls clothes and the girls get the boys clothes and—

**FOURTH REEL TO BE SELECTED**

**FRIDAY**

"THE HOPES OF BLIND ALLEY" ..... Bison  
An intimate and convincing picture of tenement life. Three strong reels.

**FOURTH REEL TO BE SELECTED**

**SATURDAY**

"THE LADY OF THE ISLAND" ..... IMP  
"BILLY'S VACATION" ..... Sterling  
Juvenile Comedy.

Cape Charles, Va., post office site, \$3,700.

Clinton, S. C., site and commencement of postoffice \$5,500.

Manassas, Va., postoffice site, \$3,750.

Mount Airy, N. C., postoffice site, \$5,000.

Mount Olive, N. C., postoffice site, \$2,000.

Woodstock, Va., postoffice site, \$4,250.

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**THE DAY IN CONGRESS**

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Washington, July 18.—  
**SENATE:**  
Met at 11 a. m.  
Statute of Governor Glick, of Kansas, was unveiled in statutory hall.  
Committees continued work on truck bills.  
Proposals for Democratic conference to consider nomination of Thomas D. Jones to Federal reserve board aroused opposition in Democratic ranks.  
A \$75,000 appropriation for monument to Francis Scott Key at Fort McHenry, was inserted in deficiency bill.  
General deficiency bill passed.  
Adjourned at 2:27 p. m. to noon Monday.  
**HOUSE:**  
Met at noon.  
Debate resumed on general dam bill.  
Adjourned at 4:26 p. m. to noon Monday.

Washington, July 18.—The Senate today incorporated into the general deficiency bill 236 additional items for public buildings in Southern cities;

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**The Million Dollar Mystery**

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**BIJOU, NEXT THURSDAY**

Zapata Getting Cheaty.  
Mexico City, July 18.—According to report Emiliano Zapata and other revolutionary leaders in the south have decided not to recognize Carranza as the president.