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AMAZING'S COMPANION MAGAZINE; WHO IS FARNSWORTH WRIGHT?; SAM SNUBBED; QUADRUMVIRATE QUIT; AND MORE BY FREDERIK POHL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE C.

Amazing Stories, biggest let-down science fiction has ever seen, plans shortly to horrify fans still more with a companion magazine entitled, of all things, Fantastic Adventure Stories. It will be a one-shot publication, with a chance of becoming permanent if the first issue is a success. Policy & make-up will be just what the title indicates. . . . A Mr Erassman, who claims to be the editor of Marvel Science Stories, denies hotly the rumor that Marvel is slated for quick oblivion. "Marvel," says Mr Erassman, "is on the upgrade. We have definitely abandoned our sexy inclinations and are planning to feature stories with human interest. Needless to say, the well-known Paul will continue as heretofore to do our covers, with perhaps an occasional one by Wesso just to relieve monotony." . . . Certain New York fans who have had occasion to visit Weird Tales' new offices in Radio City are reported to have inside information that no such person as Farnsworth Wright exists. At least, say they, he boycotts his office and maintains singularly cold relations with his receptionist, who never seems to know anything about M. Wright. . . . Lowndes, Michel, Wollheim & Pohl are dropping out of science fiction, at least out of activity in sf organizations. The reason? They're getting sick of Moskowitz, Speer & others similar, who have neither anything to say nor the ability to say it, and use reams of paper and dozens of stencils to prove it. . . . The quadrumvirate will resign from office in all science fiction organizations (excepting the Futurians) and confine themselves in future to occasional publications. . . . In consequence, the FAPA will have an almost entirely new executive board (probably to consist of Wiggins, Wilson, Taurasi & Rothman) by appointment, and half a dozen fan magazines will have to find a new author list. . . . Jack Speer, by the way, has lied just once too often, and will receive copy #1 of a new Michel-Wollheim pamphlet listing & refuting his major misstatements in a few weeks. . . . Sam Moskowitz will be banned from all future issues of The Science Fiction Fan. The reason being that Don Wollheim, Fan's largest contributor, declined to appear in the same magazine with the Newark Neanderthal, and so Olen Wiggins took the obvious choice and gave Sammy the gate. . . .

SCIENTIFILM SNAPSHOTS by Forrest J Ackerman

"Son of Frankenstein" to star Peter Lorre in title role, an original sudoscience shocker written by Willis Cooper to be rushed into production wk of Oct 17, ghash-cast of this horrifictional filmélange to feature chill-billy terror-team Karloff & Lugosi. . . . Buck Rogers' Saturnian Adventures will star "Tarzan-Gordon" Crabbe again in New Universal super-serial. . . . An Atlantistory reported purchast by one the Indys! . . . . Onward Scientifilmania!

(Mr Ackerman's information was airmailed from Los Angeles on Oct. 15. The N. Y. Times of Oct. 20 states that the actor to have the title role in "Son of Frankenstein" will be Basil Rathbone. NL)

## HORROR, NO END

"Dracula" & "Frankenstein," Universal pictures, now playing on the same program at the Rialto Theatre on Times Square, will be shown 24 hours a day. This will be the first non-stop movie in New York, ever.

## FRANK READE, JR.'S FANTASTIC ADVENTURES

Have you discovered Frank Reade, Jr.? He was the main character of over 200 novels in the Frank Reade Library which, written in the 1890's by Lu Senariness (or Lou Senarens--authorities differ) under the pseudonym "Noname," appeared weekly and sold for 5¢. The original editions, of course, are as rare as the proverbial hen's teeth (one Frank Tousey, of Brooklyn, who was publisher of the series, refused \$2,000 for his collection of 191 of them) but excellent reprints were marketed by Frank T. Fries, beginning in 1927. He published such novels as "Frank Reade's Steam-Man," "The Steam Horse," "The New Steam Man," "Frank Reade, Jr., at the South Pole; or, The Green Skinned Men," "Frank Reade, Jr.'s New Electric Airship; or, The Peculiar People of the Plateau," "Frank Reade and Jack Wright's Trip to the Sunken Continent" and many others. A few of these saw print as separate editions and some were published in Mr Fries' Midget Story Paper and Frank Reade Library. Not all of these are "Noname"'s original stories, however; some of them were written by Fries himself, telling of the adventures of Frank Reade III.

Copies of these reprint tales may be had from Ralph F. Cummings, of Fisherville, Mass., for as little as 10¢ each.

## EDITORIAL LINEAGE

We don't suppose anyone cares, but we have discovered evidences of voodoo on E. 16th St., N. Y. . . . The London production of "On Borrowed Time," starring Phillips Holmes, closed 6 days after it opened. . . . Walt Disney has purchased the screen rights to J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" . . . Lunt & Fontanne will revive "Amphitryon 38" on Broadway. . . . Stanley G. Weinbaum's "The Black Flame," book-length novel in the first Startling Stories, is the sequel to "Dawn of Flame" in the Weinbaum Memorial Volume . . . Dale Hart & Percy T. Wilkinson announce Lone Star Publications, which will issue hectographically.

## "TWICE TOLD TALES"

"The first 21 paragraphs of 'Out of the Past' in TCW #4 repeat practically word for word the first 2 pgs of The Beast Men, publisht SFD 33 Dec. Eshbach has rewritten his beastale for British sale, considerably lengthening it & altering it to a time-tale from the 'metecrium' metamorphisistroy it originly was. -- Possessors of SFD 33 June may b interested to compare Escape from Antarctica with 'Polar Prison' in the current AMS, which reveals Ray as the mind behind the Mugs Moran character & sudonym Morris J Steele." W. Wright

## RECEIVED

Fantascience Digest, Sept.-Oct.; Fantasy News, Oct. 16. With this issue of Nell is mailed a very sloppy S-F Dividend #4.

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