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FANTASY FROM CHINA

With Rodgers & Hart's "I Married an Angel" just 300 performances old at N. Y.'s Shubert Theater, the Sin Sow Nin Opera Company, of Canton, China, presented an oriental fantasy, "The Parting of the Angel's Child", with a plot similar to the American musical comedy, at the New China Theater in New York. The story deals with Tin Kay, a lady angel who transgresses a heavenly law and is deported to Earth, where she marries Dong Wing, helping him to attain political distinction. Soon she is summoned back to the celestial regions, but leaves her husband a baby boy to console him. The musical drama opened on January 24th.

"GENERAL MANPOWER"

is the title of the latest science fiction novel. Published by Simon & Schuster at \$2.50, its author is John S. Martin, one of the founding editors of Time, the newsmagazine. The story takes place in the year 1959. FDR has had his third term, Goebbels has succeeded Hitler and heads the Italo-German coalition, Queen Elizabeth rules Britain and James Roosevelt has brought back prosperity after years of Republican presidency. General Manpower is a corporation of workers founded by Orestes Jones, a former Roxy usher, who forms a new country in Lower California. G. M. eventually clears up a far eastern muddle and becomes a world police force.

FANTASTIC COMMENT

See if you can catch the RKO-Pathe newsreel which shows men & women's highly imaginative fashions of the future--the year 2000!... Added to the cast of the Weissmuller-O'Sullivan "Tarzan in Exile": Henry Wilcoxon, Ian Hunter, Frieda Inescourt & Henry Stephenson... To the collection of great masters hanging in the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be added an original Snow White drawing... Anna May, elephant in "Gunga Din", has worked with four screen Tarzans: Elmo Lincoln, Herman Brix, Buster Crabbe & Johnny Weissmuller... H. T. Webster bases him "The Timid Soul" page of Jan. 29 on the memorable "Mars invasion" of last October... David A. Kyle is visiting New Orleans for a few days... Nell News Letter seeks a guest-editor for three weeks in May when ye ed takes his annual vacation. Cost of stencils, paper & postage paid by us... Hurried hand-me-down from Robert G. Thompson: "... Reader's Digest Feb., 1939, got thing from Nature about Medieval Animal trials, including some where animal supposedly possessed devil or devil himself in disguise"... Henceforth the News Letter will accept money of any nation for subscriptions, thus eliminating cost of Int'l Money Orders.

FIVE FAVORITE FANTASCIENCE FILMS

of Bob Tucker, editor D'Journal & Le Zombie, of Bloomington, Ill.: "Things to Come", "Dracula", "Just Imagine", "King Kong" & "Frankenstein".... Send in yours.

ORSON WELLES

appears in coloroto in Sunday News (NY) of Jan. 29.

SCIENTIFICTIONALANGUAGE*

Stfans soon will have the opportunity to hear the artificialan-
guage Esperanto spoken in "Idiots' Delite", wherein War Comes Tomoro.
Actors who deliver dialog in the internationalanguage include Jos.
Schildkraut, Fritz Feld & "Skeets" Gallagher. Bernadene Hayes,
pretty young player in the picture, is studying Esperanto. Erdstelu-
lov, author if Imagination!'s Esperanticolumn, accompanyd Nancy
"Nanjo" Featherstone to the preview at Westwood Village, Calif. 6
endings were shot for the fotoplay, including death-by-bombing on the
part of the hero & heroine. Norma Shearer (costarring with Clark
Gable) has autograft a foto for Fejhak, sekretario de la Los-
Angelesa Klubo, with an appropriate inscription in the Universalan-
guage. "Jan" Rader, actress, eschatologist & Esperantistino, informs
us the "Dizni" Studios r contemplating conducting Esperanto into
"Miki Muso" & the Silly "Simfonicj". Arthur W. Tucker ("Bob") & new-
fan "Gully" Robard r letting down their hair & taking up the tongue.
Edgar Rice Burroughs' "A Princess of Mars" has been publisht in Es-
peranto translation in England & the story of the famous Soviet sci-
entifilm "Aelita", the movie about Mars & the revolt of robots on the
Red Planet, is available in the scientifictionalanguage. "Karolo" D.
Hornig's editorial in the 2d "Science Fikcio" will b entitled "Esper-
anto -- the Tongue of Tomorrow" & run to 1000 words! Orward Esperanto!

*See for example "An Adventure in Time" by Francis Flagg
in SWS '30 Apr. fja

FOLLOW-UP

Movie Story Magazine for March prints a novelization of the MGM
picture of future war, "Idiot's Delight" (from the Pulitzer Prize
play by Robert E. Sherwood, which starred Lunt & Fontanne).... Also
present is the semi-fantasy, "Never Say Die", from the Paramount pic-
ture with Bob Hope & Martha Raye, wherein Hope is convinced that he's
contracted Acidatus Canis--a disease that will cause him to grow
smaller & smaller until he vanishes completely away.

EXTENSION

The Los Angeles SFL's \$5 Prize Contest -- for details see ad in
Well #00 (copies available @ 5¢ from ed.) -- will run another month.
The deadline has been extended to March 1.

WONDER BOY

John Sheffield, chosed to play Tarzan's son in a future MGM ape-
man opus, will portray Pud in the screen version of Lawrence Edward
Watkin's "On Borrowed Time" since Peter Holden, who played that role
on the New York stage, is under contract to RKO.

"SON OF FRANKENSTEIN"

All you readers can go off, now, and take a rest while we amuse
ourselves by quoting from the N. Y. papers' reviews of Universal's latest
thriller. Herald Tribune: "...commits the ultimate sin. It is singu-
larly unfrightening. Boris Karloff goes grunting around the country-
side once more, breaking poeple's skulls with a flick of his hand..."
W-T: "...pretty good in a sort of semi-Golem (first version) manner."
Post: "One suspects that another sequel, let us say, "Frankenstein's
Grandson", will edify us with the spectacle of a monster rehabilita-
ted. For a while in this picture it looked as if the trust of a lit-
tle child, Donnie Dunagan, would perform the miracle. But that seems
to have been rejected, possibly in favor of psychoanalysis or gland
extract injections...It would be interesting to see what a pert blonde
could do towards regenerating him."

RJ