JACQUES BRUNOLS as Kress, one of the unscrupulous rivals of the archaeology expedition of which Van Heflin (Nicholas Chapman) is a member, takes the American by surprise on the lonely desert as the caravan rests and forces him to divulge the secret of the Mask of Gold buried for centuries in the desert ruins. This is one of the hair-raising scenes in the United Artists release, "The Golden Mask" starting Sat. at the Met Theatre.

'First Run' Films of The Week in Review

"RAILS INTO LARAMIE STARS PAYNE AT HARLEM

The turbulent days of the Iron Horse provide a brawling boom town background for "Rails Into Laramie," the Universal-International Technicolor adventure, with John Payne, Mari Blanchard and Dan Duryea in co-starring roles. And the picture's strong element of conflict and powerful pattern of action more than match the vigor of the background.

Big, virile, John Payne is a commanding figure in the story and in every scene in which he appears. As the often-in-trouble, Cheyenne, he is sent by the Army to help clean out a nest of dangermen who are trying, for their own gain, to prevent the railroad from getting beyond Laramie—and from taking the easily-spent payroll money with it.

Dan Duryea, gambler and saloon-keeper who is an old enemy-pal of Payne, is the ringleader of these parasites.

As a result the plot of "Rails Into Laramie" develops a strong character clash from the opening; more so, since Joyce MacKenzie, Duryea's wife; is Payne's ex-sweetheart.

And, more immediately, to the point, beautiful, blonde Mari Blanchard is now Duryea's partner and soon the object of Payne's amorous interest.

DESERT ADVENTURE STORY COMING TO MET

French North Africa, the Sahara desert, the exotic coast cities, and the ancient tombs and ruins of a forgotten civilization—all these form the actual as well as the fictional background of "The Golden Mask." Technicolor which opens on Saturday at the Met Theatre.

A dramatic action story, "The Golden Mask" is principally concerned with an archaeological expedition and a gang of international cut-throats, both, for different motives, on the trail of a priceless relic of antiquity buried in the sinister tombs of the desert.

Van Heflin, Wanda Hendix and Eric Portman share starring honors in "The Golden Mask," and the supporting cast is headed by Charles Goldner, Jacques Francois, Jacques Brunius and Alec Mango. Aubrey Baring and Maxwell Setton produced the film, which was directed by Jack Lee from a script by Robert Westerby.

"The Golden Mask" was shot on actual location in French North Africa.

NEW ALBERT FEATURES "OUTLAW TERRITORY"

The wide open spaces are going to stretch wider for fans viewing "Outlaw Territory," now playing at the New Albert Theatre. Co-starring MacDonald Carey, Joanne Dru and John Ireland, the film is a rough-and-tumble western filmed in the new wide screen process and Path color to assure audiences outdoor action as it has never been encompassed on the standard screen size.

Based on the novel "Wicked Water" by MacKinlay Kantor who won the Academy Award for writing "Best Years Of Our Lives," the story describes the furious battles which broke out in even wealthy ranchowners on the frontier and the settlers who attempted to claim homestead rights in the territory.

"KEYS OF THE KINGDOM" CURRENTLY AT REGENT

How does a missionary greet a Chinese mandarin?

What does a Chinese peasant village market place look like?

What type of clothing does the populace wear and what dialects are spoken?

These and a hundred other details had to be ascertained by Twentieth Century-Fox for its picturization of A. J. Cronin's famous novel, "The Keys of The Kingdom." The encore triumph is now at the Regent Theatre.

And it was to Father Albert O'Hara, S.J., that the studio turned for advice. Here was a man who really knew China.

Ordained in Shanghai, Father O'Hara had been stationed variously at Nankin, Wuhu and Hai Chow and had lived in occupied territory prior to this return to his native United States just before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Assigned as technical adviser for the film, he drew heavily on his experience and knowledge of Chinese life, customs and countryside, settling many of the detailed problems that arose from day to day during the filming of "The Keys of the Kingdom."

The featured cast appearing in Gregory Peck as Father Francis Chisholm, Thomas Mitchell, Vincent Price, Rosa Stradner, Roddy McDowall, Edmund Gwenn, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Peggy Ann Garner.

THE SHOWDOWN at Laramie takes place when marshal John Payne and his aide, James Griffith, accuse Dan Duryea and Charles Horvath of inciting the railroad workers to riot, in this scene from Universal-International's Technicolor adventure "Rails Into Laramie," which co-stars Mari Blanchard with Payne and Duryea. Joyce MacKenzie and Barton MacLane are featured, now playing at the Harlem Theatre.

Wife drops charge against Jimmy M'Phail

WASHINGTON

"I will not prosecute my husband!"

With these words, Mrs. Catherine G. McPhail, 24, dropped an assault charge against singer James (Jimmy) McPhail, 26, in Municipal Court, Wednesday.

The popular blues singer was arrested on a warrant signed by his wife, on July 28, in which she accused him of choking her and knocking her head against a wall.

Denying the charges, "Jimmy" told police he slapped his mate, and she fell against the wall striking her head.

THE CASE was dismissed before Judge Milton S. Kronheim, after Mrs. McPhail refused to press charges.

The McPhails had been living in the 1800 block N Place, NE. Mrs. McPhail's address was listed by police as her parents' home in the 100 block V St., NW.

Arena Players ready 'Madwoman'

Excellent progress was reported this week in the Arena Players' preparations for "Madwoman of Chaillot," to be presented September 22-26 at 1908 Warwick Ave.

Jean Giraudoux's play is the first of a series being planned by the Arena group for the Warwick Ave., address.

Park Theatre gets new giant screen

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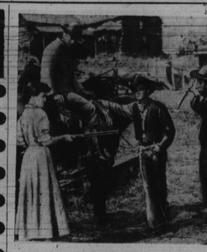

OUTLAWS AT BAY — Pretty Joanne Dru shows a bunch of outlaws she knows how to use a shotgun in "Outlaw Territory" now playing at the New Albert.

JACK WEBB, as Sgt. Friday, Ann Robinson as officer Grace Downey and Ben Alexander as Frank Smith, in an exciting scene from the Royal's feature-length thriller "Dragnet," bringing the celebrated T.V. stars to the Giant Theatre screen for the first time. "Untamed Breed" is the added attraction and they both play thru next Thursday, Sept. 9.

'Dragnet' film on Royal Screen

"Dragnet," in WarnerColor and wide screen now plays the Royal through next Thursday. The first full-length feature "Dragnet" stars Jack Webb as Sgt. Joe Friday, Ben Alexander portrays Officer Frank Smith.

Reportedly the first story ever released by the Los Angeles Police Department's Intelligence Division for motion picture filming, "Dragnet" is said to be based on the super-secret files of that department's crime records. Webb and screenwriter Richard L. Breen are said to have used the case history of the "Red Spot" gang for the feature-length "Dragnet." Innovations are promised in the presentation of this case as Sgt. Friday and Officer Smith introduce, for what is reportedly the first time on "Dragnet," a policewoman who helps them in the solution of the crime. Ann Robinson portrays one of Los Angeles' fairest. Richard Boone is seen in the role of Captain Hamilton, Sgt. Friday's boss. Added feature is "Untamed Breed."

Reading Fair opens Sept. 12

READING, Pa. — The Reading Fair opens one week from this coming Sunday, and fair officials are now confronted with the customary "thousand and one" details that always crop up at this time of year.

The fair, one of Pennsylvania's largest, operates Sunday, Sept. 12 through Sunday, Sept. 19, eight days and nights.

New season starts for blind group

The Colored Blind Association of Baltimore is beginning its fall session with a musical concert Sunday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. at Trinity AME Church, Biddle and Linden, sponsored by the Class Leader Association.

On Sept. 12, the Three Keys, blind radio artists will be in recital at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 23rd & near Greenmount. The Rev. Marietta Stewart is pastor.

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NEW ALBERT—Now playing, MacDonald Carey in "OUTLAW TERRITORY."

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Credit buyer called key to Md. economy

NEW YORK—Those who tend to picture the Maryland instalment buyer as a hapless individual with his future mortgaged and his present buying power drained away by past purchases are far from the actual facts, according to Arthur O. Dietz, president of C. I. T. Financial Corporation.

Actually, the instalment buyer is the backbone of the state's economy and provides a vital prop to Maryland's employment and well-being, Mr. Dietz declared.

Mr. Dietz, whose firm is the nation's largest independent financing institution, with several offices in the state, said a recent study indicated that of the Maryland families who started 1954 without debt, only about one in four will buy durable goods during the year.

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BUT OF THE families who started the year with instalment debt, he explained, almost half will make additional purchases before the year is out.

Mr. Dietz based his estimates for the state on a national study of consumer buying habits, conducted for C. I. T. by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan.

"Instalment buyers are middle-income families with new homes, growing families, expanding needs and aspirations for a better life," Mr. Dietz pointed out.

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"THEY ARE THE real support of the durable goods industries — automobiles, refrigerators, washers—on which such a large share of the national prosperity depends."

The proportion of middle-income families—those earning between $3,000 and $7,500 a year—more than doubled between 1935 and 1953, Mr. Dietz said. Half the nation's families are in that bracket now, he pointed out.

BACK FROM SHORE

RALEIGH, N.C.—Miss Gladys Hunter, a recent graduate of Shaw University who will begin teaching this fall in Goldsboro, returned from a visit to Atlantic City.