

“GREEN PASTURES” FILM  
IS PRAISED BY IRISH  
PICTURE CRITIC

An Earthly Paradise of Spiritual Things

(By Iris Conlay, ‘Catholic Herald’ Film Critic).

At last this much discussed film version of Marc Connelly’s play, Green Pastures, is present in the celluloid, so that discussions have a chance now of proceeding at least between the informed and the uninformed instead of, as heretofore, between the uninformed and the uninformed.

All preliminary talks were about as valuable as the thin air into which they evaporated; it is fatuous to extol, and unfair to condemn, that with which you have made no acquaintance, and yet great campaigns have been set on foot against this innocent film long before even the censor had taken his private peep. Newspaper columns headed Personal Advertisements contained public announcements warning readers against the production, and on the eve of its press show public protest meetings were held.

It now remains to see what these gentlemen of protest will have to say when their imagination is reinforced by reality. If they can get a seat between them at the New Gallery they should look upon such a visit as part of their overdue education. If, after seeing the film, they still feel unhappy about it, we shall willingly grant them their private opinion, but we cannot so generously accord their ignorance.

Profound Faith

For myself, I had read and felt the profound faith that was put into the book of the play, and I was just keeping my head above the flood-waters of controversy until I actually saw the reels. I knew that nothing but sincerity prompted the written words, but such is the nature of the dialogue that interpretation by the cast could have wrought any havoc.

So I bided a wee, and thought much but said little. Now that I have seen, I can only say there is no other possible inference to draw from the production than that it is conceived in the deepest faith and carried out in an equal spirit of reverence.

It may be funny to our sophistication to imagine the Almighty interested in a ten cents “see-gar”; spending his mornings in an untidy office (reminiscent of The Daily Mail editorial) with the Archangel Gabriel as an efficient but uncheerful secretary; holding Board meetings with the Blessed and even conversing about the ‘doing of the chores’ with dust-shrouded winged hosts of Paradise.

Humour in Heaven

It may not be an orthodox view that the firmament was created through an evident shortage in the culinary department of this ingredient; that Noah was a shrewd, if very holy man, and that Babylon was somehow reminiscent of Fifth Avenue, yet the humour is never misplaced, being always directed away from the spiritual reality and towards the material conception.

And the material conception, one must never forget, is necessarily the Southern negro—a character capable of profound depths of spirituality but

not capable of any high flights of the imagination.

Heaven, to the negro, is earth glorified. God is Man on the grandest scale. Hence his interpretations of an earthly paradise in which fish fries exist in one long and perfect feast, in which De Lawd directs the business of the paradise in the most right-minded fashion (and how can He direct without a top-hat and a frock coat?) in which even ‘chores’ can be a task of utter enjoyment if done in that joyful spirit of which Paradise is impregnated.

And even such a material conception of Heaven has right principles behind it, its crudity may affect our aesthetics, but it need not offend our sense of morals.

Development of Ideas

Nor even is crudity prolonged throughout the performance. Green Pastures is more important than a mere tableau of static negro beliefs. Besides, the outward events of the Bible story from the creation of the world to the fall of Jerusalem, it chronicles the gradual drawing of the full idea of God in the minds of the people who have so lately been introduced to Him.

In the beginning, De Lawd is just a grand gentleman—a benevolent one, perhaps, but nevertheless very unscrutable and even more unapproachable. With the creation of the world when De Lawd converses with his people, the gradual comprehension of the Godhead develops.

An early conception of the Israelite God of Wrath is given by the extermination of the wicked inhabitants by the Flood. Later, “Put them thund’r-bolts back into they boxes, Gab,” says De Lawd, preparing his people’s minds for a wider interpretation still of a God Who is not only just, but kind—one capable not only of the destruction of humanity but of the building up of it.

Negro Players

Rex Ingram plays the key-character of De Lawd in flawless taste. He has dignity and power and understanding, and he is reported to have said, when playing his part, “I felt good, and full of years, and safer than when I was myself.” He also plays two other parts, those of Adam and Hezrel. The rest of the cast all negro players, and a superb negro chorus, interspaces the dialogue with renderings of spirituals.

After leaving the cinema, feeling that I had witnessed what would probably be counted for the general public, the most significant film of the year. I was most interested to have the opportunity of discussing Green Pastures with our censor, Lord Tyrrell, whose opinions I have recorded elsewhere. We are both enthusiasts.

EXPORT OF GOLD

The export of raw gold amounted to 14,670 ounces valued at \$492,462 in November compared with 10,603 at \$365,562 a year ago. Gold bullion, other than monetary, was exported to the amount of 372,981 ounces valued at \$13,062,955 entirely to the United States.

RED SEA  
CROSSING CALLED  
NO MIRACLE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—That the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites was no miracle was the submission made by Major C. S. Jarvis, Governor of Sinai for 14 years, when addressing the Ethnic Study Group here. Major Jarvis is known to every Arab in the Middle East as Jarvis Bey.

“The Pillar of Fire, described in Exodus,” said Major Jarvis, “would probably be caused by one of the squalls which still occur in Sinai and cause a column of cloud from which lightning flashes at night. A narrow strip of sand separates the Mediterranean from Lake Pardawil, a vast lagoon, and my theory is that the Israelites marched along this strip.

“A squall and rain followed and as still happens today, the sea broke over the sand into the lagoon. I have seen it happen in 12 hours. The whole army of Egyptians was caught.

“I have arrived at my theory by studying the two books of the Bible, Exodus and Numbers, and from investigations during the time I was in Sinai. There is no record in Egyptian history of the flight, so one may believe it was not such an epoch-making event as the Israelites would like us to believe.”

Embarrassing Appeal

The appeal of Premier Francisco Largo Caballero of Spain to the League of Nations for action against what is called “the armed intervention of Germany and Italy” in the Spanish civil war has created an embarrassing situation for the anti-Fascist powers. As a member of the League, Spain has the right of appeal to that body for protection against aggression, but in view of the complicated situation in Europe just now the appeal is almost certain to affect adversely the plans of one or more of the leading European powers.

Italy, of course, has taken no part in League proceedings since the Ethiopian appeal was decided against her and in the present case she is careful to preserve the appearance of non-interest in the whole affair; but Italian recognition of the rebel “government” in Spain makes it virtually impossible for the League to decide in favor of the duly elected Spanish government without increasing the annoyance in Rome occasioned by the adverse stand of the League in relation to the Italian position regarding Ethiopia. Further, the League powers, especially Britain hope to persuade Italy to resume full participation in League affairs, the more so since the new Italo-German accord might lead Germany also back to the League. Favorable action on Premier Caballero’s appeal doubtless would destroy this hope.

The difficulty confronting the League is increased by the inaction of the International Non-intervention committee regarding violations of the non-intervention agreement reached by 26 nations, most of which are members of the League. If the League should decide in favor of the Spanish government, it would be in the position of recognizing, an “armed intervention,” which the Non-intervention committee has tacitly declared does not exist.

By the obligations of its covenant the League cannot fairly reject the appeal in favor of the Spanish rebel junta, since the Spanish government is a League member while the rebel ‘government’ has not been recognized by any League power except Italy. Under such circumstances the League may resort to the parliamentary expedient of tabling the appeal until such time as the deadlock in Spain is broken and a definite course of action is more clearly indicated.

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FUR PRICES TRACED  
TO SALMON CATCH

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Twenty-five thousand furs, mostly from Alaska, were offered for auction here at the highest prices since 1929. Trappers and dealers explained higher prices were due to fatter pocket-books, early winter and the big business done by salmon canneries in Alaska this season.

Charles Goldstein, an Alaskan sourdough, who flew more than 5,000 miles over the Far North to gather his furs explained the salmon angles thusly: “We didn’t catch many dark mink this year, because salmon canneries at the mouth of Yukon ran full blast. This season good mink furs were hard to find because their salmon diet was small. But the ones we did get are the finest in many years.”

More than 2,500 silver fox skins were offered at prices ranging from \$50 to \$300 each. The silver fox skin, once so extremely rare as to bring \$3,000 a pelt, now is the backbone of the fur farming industry in the Pacific Northwest.

One thousand sable, the last word in fur luxury, and more than 10,000 mink were offered. Other pelts for auction included 10,000 muskrat, 2,500 wolf, and various lots of beaver, fox and wolverine. Average prices will be posted after the auction ends.

RECALLING  
THE HORSE

Has the horse more sense than is possessed by other members of the animal kingdom, including man? Here is a challenge to dog lovers, to observers of the elephant and to admirers of the owl, assuming that the wisdom traditionally ascribed to owls is based on sense and not on a mysterious gift of nature. An instructor of instructors the other day told his auditors that there is need in teaching for horse sense. More than half a century ago Charles Dudley Warner took occasion in his Backlog Studies to speak of horse sense in characterizing a certain individual. “He was a plain man,” wrote Mr. Warner. “His sympathies were with the people. He had what is roughly known as horse sense.”

This distinctly implies common sense. Yet there is more to it than that. Common sense is sound practical judgment realistically applied. It is supposed to have some relation to the general experience of mankind. Horse sense, on the other hand, can boast of an element of divination. Learned analysis are on record as saying that horse sense is a sort of crude instinct quite independent of instruction and experience—a form of shrewdness, coarse and robust at times, often found among the unlettered and rude. But such experts hasten to add, by way of definition, that horse sense can be understood to mean good sense.

It is pleasant to think that the term horse sense might have had its origin in a notable exploit of a horse which knew a lot more than its rider. That gifted beast, for example, that on a dark and stormy night carried his master safely over the sole surviving stringer of a washed out bridge. Horse sense, at any rate, calls up innumerable instances of faithful and efficient service to man, of real friendship between man and mount. Perhaps the suggestion of getting down to essentials is intended to be conveyed; it is just possible that in the recent mention of horse sense there is a sly reference to horse and buggy days.—New York Sun.

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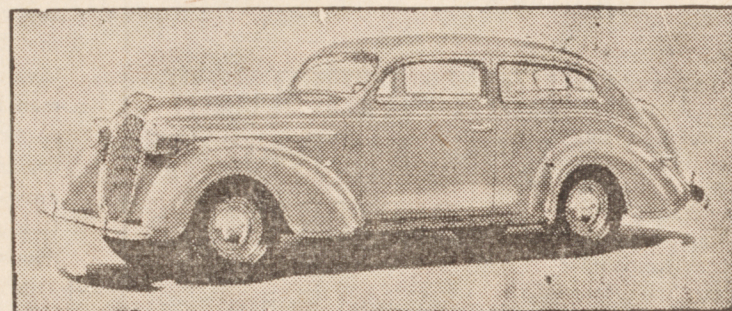
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