

# Famous Soldier Of Fortune To Be Bob Ripley's Guest

## Bert Hall To Tell Of His Exploits With 14 Different Armies; Other Interesting Stories Scheduled

Bob Ripley's CBS "Believe It Or Not" program Friday night brings Bert Hall, the world's greatest soldier-of-fortune to the WABC microphone at 10:30 p. m.

Hall, sole surviving member of the original Lafayette Escadrille, who has fought in 14 different armies, both for and against each, will tell of his fabulous exploits. Hall's appearance is particularly timely because he is credited with being the first man to use an airplane for military purposes.

Other guests will be Mrs. Edith Druce, who was the first woman to fly and whose husband was the financier of the Wright Brothers' successful flights in France, and Mrs. Ada deLauchau, composer of "Liza Jane," who will tell how she came to write the song in San Francisco in 1914 when Ruth Chatterton asked her if she knew an old Southern melody that would be good for the second act of "Come Out of the Kitchen."

The dramatization will reveal one of the strangest cases in English jurisprudence, in which a judge dismissed charges against a man whose theft of a 10-pound note had saved the judge's own mother from a death sentence in the same court many years before.

A Fall River, Mass., girl whose fiance was drowned while attempting to rescue a boating comrade will be Lanny Ross' leading lady for an evening Friday, 7:15 p. m., over WABC, when Lanny sings "Deep Purple" for Miss Rose Jennings, of 107 Danforth-st, that city. The accident occurred just two months before Miss Jennings' wedding date. "Deep Purple" is the tune the orchestra was playing the night the couple met.

"Ladies in Retirement," Broadway's latest and most thrilling smash hit, with Flora Robson in the starring role, will be brought to the Kate Smith Hour over WABC Friday, at 8:00 p. m. Ted Collins, the Ted Straeter Chorus, Abbott and Costello and Jack Miller's band will be heard as usual with "The Songbird of The South."

The drama is a spine-shivering mystery play by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham. The scene is laid in an old 19th Century English farmhouse on the marshes of the Thames Estuary, ten miles east of Gravesend, and concerns the companion-housekeeper of an eccentric old woman. The play is described as an old-fashioned, hard-hitting melodrama with a decided British flavor.

A rolling Mark Hellinger comedy is scheduled for the Don Ameche program Friday at 10 p. m. on WEA. Title is "Reformation" and the story deals with the efforts of a long-suffering wife (played by Claire Trevor) to curb the gambling instincts of a fellow who just can't refrain from betting on horses. Ameche, Pat Friday and Victor Young's orchestra take care of the musical portions of this variety show.

An exciting crime drama will be featured as the high spot on forthcoming "Johnny Presents" program over WABC. Both are authored by Max Marcin, famous playwright. On Friday, at 8:30 p. m., "The Lineup Showdown," a case in which the culprit comes a cropper on his "perfect crime" when he makes a mistake in the police lineup at Central Station will be presented.

Professor Quiz' popular "Battle of Wits" program will emanate from CBS' New York studios Friday, 7:30 p. m. EST, CBS, for the first time since the Professor started his highly successful nationwide tour.

The Amsterdam chorus, vocal group, will take the spotlight in a presentation of the ballad, "From Another World" on the Waltz Time program Friday at 9:00 p. m. over WEA. Abe Lyman's orchestra will play "Evening Star," the "Sanitago Waltz" and "Danube Waves," while Frank

## BEST BETS FRIDAY

P. M.

- 8:00—Kate Smith Hour, WJR.
- 9:00—Johnny Presents, WJR.
- 9:30 — "Plantation Party," WOWO.
- 9:30 — "What's My Name," WLW.
- 9:30—First Nighter, WJR.
- 10:00—Don Ameche, WLW.

Munn, tenor, will sing "You, You Darling" and "It Happened in Kaloha."

Whitey (Duke of Paducah) Ford, who says modern dance is going forward by leaps and bounds, will lecture on the art during the Plantation Party Friday at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ. Louise Massey; Tom, Dick and Harry, and Larry Wellington will supply the vocals.

The Intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" will be sung by Lucille Manners, soprano star, during the broadcast Friday at 8:00 p. m., over WEA. Other songs by Miss Manners will be Strauss' "Blue Danube," "If Love Were All" by Axt, and a duet with Ross Graham, baritone, whose solo will be "Tommy Lad" by Margetson. Dr. Frank Black will conduct the orchestra in Elie's "Dance to the Sun God," Intermezzo from Granados' "Goyescas," and "Witches' Dance" by MacDowell. The ensemble will close with Sibelius' "Finlandia."

Ezra Stone, carrot-topped prodigy of the entertainment world who, tho only 22, has distinguished himself as a stage comedian and director as well as a radio star, will be guest performer on the new Lincoln Highway program Saturday at 10:00 a. m. over WEA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hr. for CST., 2 Hrs. for MT.

(Changes in programs as listed due to last minute network corrections)

- 6:00—The Spanish Revue — nbc-weaf
- News: Earl Wild, Pianist—nbc-wjz
- News Broadcasting Period—cbs-wabc
- Billy and Betty repeat—cbs-midwest
- Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-chain
- 6:05—Alma Kitchell's Prog.—nbc-wjz
- Edwin C Hill's Talk—cbs-wabc-basic
- 6:15—News and Ed East—weaf-only
- Malcolm Claire and News — nbc-red
- Bill Stern Sports, Ed East—wjz-only
- Dancing Music Orchestra — nbc-blue
- Hedda Hopper on Movies—cbs-wabc
- Reveries at the Console — cbs-Dixie
- 6:30—Capt. Healy Stamps—weaf-only
- Three Cheers, Song — nbc-red-chain
- The Serenaders Plog.—nbc-wjz-east
- Bud Barton's repeat—nbc-blue-west
- Elmer Davis' Comment — wabc-only
- H. V. Kaltenborn Talks — cbs-chain
- Dancing Music Orchest. — mbs-chain
- 6:45—Rocky Gordon, Serial—nbc-weaf
- Lowell Thomas, News—nbc-wjz-basic
- Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-blue-west
- European War Broadcast—cbs-wabc
- Orphan Annie In Repeat—mbs-west
- 7:00—F Waring Time—nbc-weaf-east
- Josef Marins & His Song — nbc-wjz
- Amos & Andy, Skit — cbs-wabc-east
- Patterns in Swing — cbs-chain-west
- Fulton Lewis, Jr., Talk—mbs-chain
- 7:15—Lil' Abner's Sketch — nbc-weaf
- Lanny Ross in Song—cbs-wabc-basic
- Wythe Williams Talk — mbs-chain
- 7:30—Revelers — weaf-kyw-wbz-wmal
- Dancing Music Orchest.—nbc-red-chain
- Yesterday's Children, Play—nbc-wjz
- Prof. Quiz With His Quiz—cbs-wabc
- Lone Ranger, Drama—mbs-wor-east
- 7:45—Ted Steele's Swing — weaf-only
- Dancing Music Orchest.—nbc-red-chain
- Sam Balter on Sports—wgn-wjw-kwk
- 8:00—Lucille Manners Con —nbc-weaf
- "Amazing America" Quiz — nbc-wjz
- Kate Smith's Variety Hr.—cbs-wabc
- Fifth Row Center, Variety—mbs-wgn
- 8:30—M. Spitalny Orchest. — nbc-wjz
- A. Wallenstein Sinfonietta—mbs-wor