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THE FOUR HORSEMEN of the APOCALYPSE

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VICENTE BLASCO IBANEZ

A REX INGRAM PRODUCTION

ADAPTED BY
JUNE MATHIS

DIRECTED BY
REX INGRAM

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
WALTER MAYO

PHOTOGRAPHED BY JOHN SEITZ

CAST

JULIO DESNOYERS				4.		RUDOLPH VALENTINO
MARGUERITE LAURIER . MADARIAGA, THE CENTA						ALICE TERRY
MADARIAGA, THE CENTA	UR					. POMEROY CANNON
MARCELO DESNOYERS .					at te	. JOSEPH SWICKARD
CELENDONIO						. BRINSLEY SHAW
KARL VON HARTROTT .		5.55				ALAN HALE
DONA LUISA		(8)				. BRIDGETTA CLARK
ELENA						. MABLE VAN BUREN
ARGENSOLA					BRODWI	TCH (SMOKE) TURNER
TCHERNOFF						. NIGEL DE BRULIER
LAURIER		9.55		4		. JOHN SAINPOLIS
SENATOR LACOUR						MARK FENTON
CHICHI	9 9	*	·			. VIRGINIA WARWICK
RENE LACOUR	v - v				: :	. DEREK GHENT
CAPT. VON HARTROTT .						STUART HOLMES
PROF. VON HARTROTT .				•		JEAN HERSHOLT
PROF. VON HARTROTT . HEINRICK VON HARTROT	Τ				e 10	HENRY KLAUS
LODGEKEEPER		S (#)				. EDWARD CONNELLY
LODGEKEEPER'S WIFE .		· •			. GI	EORGIA WOODTHORPE
GEORGETTE				3.7		KATHLEEN KEY
LIEUT. COL. VON RICHTH	HOFFEN.					WALLACE BEERY
CAPT. D'AUBREY					1.5	. JACQUES D'AURAY
MAJOR BLUMHARDT .			Α			CURT REHFELD
MADLLE. LUCETTE (THE	MODEL)					. MADLLE. DOLOREZ
MAJOR BLUMHARDT . MADLLE. LUCETTE (THE THE FRENCH BUTCHER .					*	. "BULL" MONTANA
THE GERMAN WOMAN .					e e	ISABEL KEITH
HER HUSBAND				*		. JACQUES LANOE
CONQUEST						NOBLE JOHNSON
THE COUNT					* *	. HARRY NORTHRUP
THE OLD NURSE						MINNEHAHA
LIEUT. SCHNITZ					7 .	ARTHUR HOYT
DAŃCER						BEATRICE DOMINGUEZ

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METRO REALIZES "MILLION DOLLAR PRODUCTION" IN PICTURIZATION OF FAMOUS NOVEL BY IBANEZ

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ALL RECORDS IN MOTION PICTURE-MAKING ECLIPSED BY "THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE," WHICH TOPS EVERY KNOWN WORK OF THE CAMERA IN COST AND NUMBER OF PERSONS AND ACCESSORIES EMPLOYED—125,000 TONS OF BUILDING MATERIAL GOES INTO MILES OF SETTINGS, 12,500 ACTORS APPEAR IN SCENES OF MASSED ACTION AND FOURTEEN ASSISTANTS CO-OPERATE WITH REX INGRAM IN DIRECTION OF EPISODES

500,000 FEET OF RAW FILM EXPOSED DURING HALF YEAR OF LABOR

STATISTICS REVEAL PRODUCTION MAGNITUDE OF

"THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE"

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" realizes the producer's dream of the million dollar picture.

The screen version of Vicente Blasco Ibanez's epochal novel took more than one year to complete.

Upwards of 12,000 persons were engaged in the undertaking.

More than 125,000 tons of masonry, steel, lumber, furniture and shrubbery—in excess of the materials used in the Woolworth Building—were used in constructing the massive settings for the colossal spectacle.

An entire French village, capable of housing 6,000 souls, was put up, and then destroyed before the camera lens.

Every house in this village was finished throughout, instead of being a "front."

A costume factory was erected on the Metro studio grounds for "dressing" the production.

An armory and two machine shops were incidentals of the other building operations.

More than 500,000 feet of raw film was exposed in the taking of the picture, which as shown on the screen does not exceed 12,000 feet.

Fourteen camera men were employed to "shoot" the big scenes from every angle, and Rex Ingram, the director, at times had fourteen directors assisting him.

It required weeks to weed out and assemble the completed scenes from the eighty-five miles of film exposed; the mere running of 500,000 feet of film through a projection machine at the rate of sixty feet a minute, consumed eighteen days of eight working hours each.

Field kitchens and a complete commissary organization were required to feed the army of 12,500 persons engaged on the production.

Several new mechanical devices for special photographic effects, for which patents have been issued, were used for the first time in taking the picture.

A complete telephone system was installed for the use of the director while handling some of the great scenes; he was in constant touch with his assistants, scattered on posts over several miles of terrain.

A collection of art treasures from galleries and private sources, valued beyond price, was used in dressing the handsome interior settings. The insurance alone on these art works was \$375,000.

The cast interpreting the roles in the most widely read book of all time, excepting the Bible, contains two dozen principal players who in other productions would be rated as stars.

The Story:

Madariaga

ADARIAGA could gaze from his rancho across limitless stretches of waving grass to the farthest hilltop, gallop the long way to that hilltop and gaze again, and have surveyed only his own estate. He was one of the great landholders of the Argentine, baronial in his power over the many destinies of those who worked his possessions, fabulously wealthy, ruling his domain with a rough kindness and blunt justice.

He gave to Julio, this dashing youngster, all he had missed in his youth: much money and more freedom; and he gave him also to understand that the measureless plantations some day would be Julio's. The grandson took well to it. He became a celebrity in the Argentinian tango places, where adventure may mean the soft caress of a warm cheek or the cold sting of a stiletto. His lithe



Like their father, they were tow-headed, bespectacled, artificially precocious

got him known as the best dancer in

the cafes; his courage and handiness in a fight protected him in the brawls born of jealousy.

What would have been the boy's end had not Madariaga suddenly died is not easily conjectured. It came as abruptly as a blow from behind. The old man, investigation proved, left no will. The money thus was divided between the two families; and like homing pigeons, Desnoyers and his German brotherin-law by marriage, sought their fatherlands.

In France, Julio's father bought a flashy house in Paris and a chateau in the drowsing valley of the Marne, furnished them with a prodigal lavishness: the walls almost literally were papered with art treasures and atrocities.

Once the transmigration was past, Julio settled back into much the same life he had lead in South America. True, he took a studio and played at painting; but his best work was done at night, when he set heartily to painting Paris very red indeed. He was not quite thoughtless, however. His goodness of heart prompted his sharing his luxurious quarters with a penurious Spaniard, Argensola; and his mind was sufficiently mature to entertain with inter-

est, if not with sympathy, the sombre philosophy of Tchernoff, a Russian who lived above him.

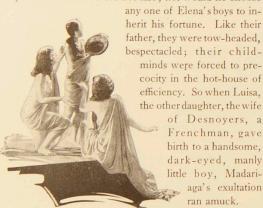
Youth must find love, and Chichi and Julio were no exceptions to this rule. Their discoveries were of different sorts, however: Chichi's a boy-and-girl romance with Rene, a young Frenchman who adored her with an almost pathetic intensity; whereas Julio's was with Marguerite Laurier, the wife of a friend of his father's.





His adventures in the tango places might lead to a caress, or the cold sting of a stiletto

And having wrested from the earth an emperor's riches, Madariaga became consumed with one big and simple longing: for a son to be his heir. But it went unsatisfied. His two children were girls, Luisa and Elena. This adverse stroke was followed a score of years later by another: Elena ran away with a German employed on the estate, a man her father did not like; nor would he choose



the Century's Greatest

Chichi's romance with Rene was a boy-and-girl affair



An unhappy victim of a marriage arranged in the Continental fashion, Marguerite's was no unusual dilemma. She actively disliked her husband; and when a woman is in that situation and there is nearby a younger

man, especially one with the graces and the satyr-like fervor of Julio, the outcome is inevitable. They danced together a great deal in restaurants, for Paris was then tango-mad. She came to his studio many times—one too many in fact, for at last Laurier surprised the two lovers.

WAR, like gigantic shears, snipped both Chichi's and Julio's affairs. Rene was called to his regiment; and Laurier too—the latter demand preventing a duel between him and Julio.

It did more: it removed to the front, to stem the onrushing hordes in field gray all of Julio's irresponsible boulevard companions, except the women, and their hearts somehow had changed. He sat very much alone in his studio, for Marguerite had left Paris for Lourdes, where her husband was wounded. Her duty to him she put before her love for Julio. And so he sat, a spendthrift and rounder without opportunity to practice his revelry, and listened a great deal to Tchernoff, who all the time had been prophesying that the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse soon would ride madly over the earth; the four horsemen: War and Conquest and Famine and Death. Julio shuddered at it, and wished Marguerite would write.

But she did not and so Julio went to her. What he saw of war there and the impassioned patriotism of his father, whose estates had been ravaged, led him to enlist, though

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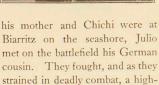


henced not have, for he was not French. Herose rapidly from common soldier to lieutenant; his dashing disregard of danger won him, too, the Croix de Guerre. He seemed immune to injury. In the second battle of the Marne, when



A loveless marriage, another man to dance with her and sympathize—and then discovery





explosive shell plunged near and puffed out their lives. To Desnoyers and to Marguerite the disappearance of Julio never was explained, other than by conjecture.

YET in Marguerite the spirit of Julio's love persisted. It steeled her to go through with her loveless life as Laurier's wife. He was blind from his wounds; and for Marguerite it was better so. He could not see the look in her eyes.

She felt that it was her share to carry on with the burden of duty to a husband she could never love, as Julio had gone forth to battle for a country that never, in spite of its tragic plight, could be so near to him as his own.

After peace came Desnoyers and Tchernoff visited the spot where Julio had given up his life. It was desolate, but there was no fighting now.

"The angel of peace," said Desnoyers, "has driven off the Four Horsemen."

Tchernoff shook his head. "For a time," he admitted,

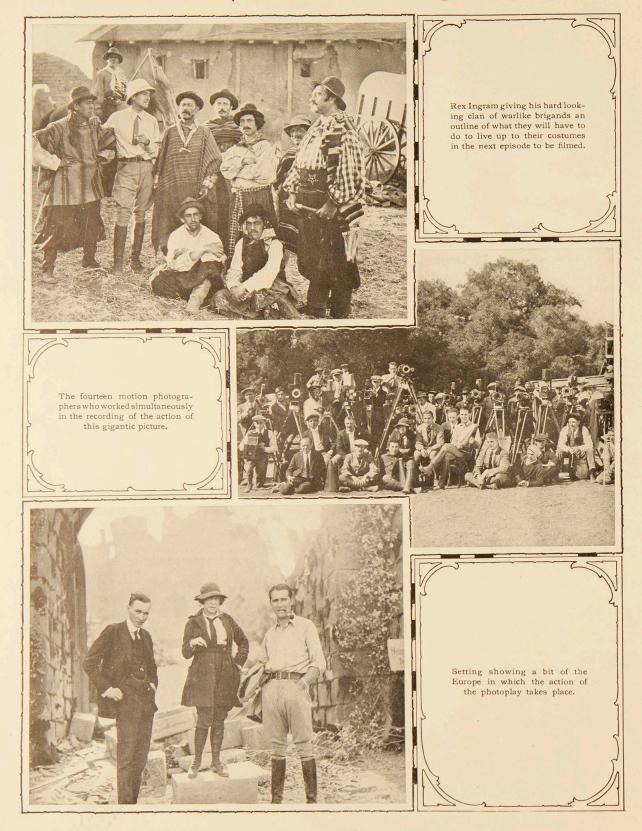
"but they will ride again." And he quoted:

"And power was given to them over the fourth part

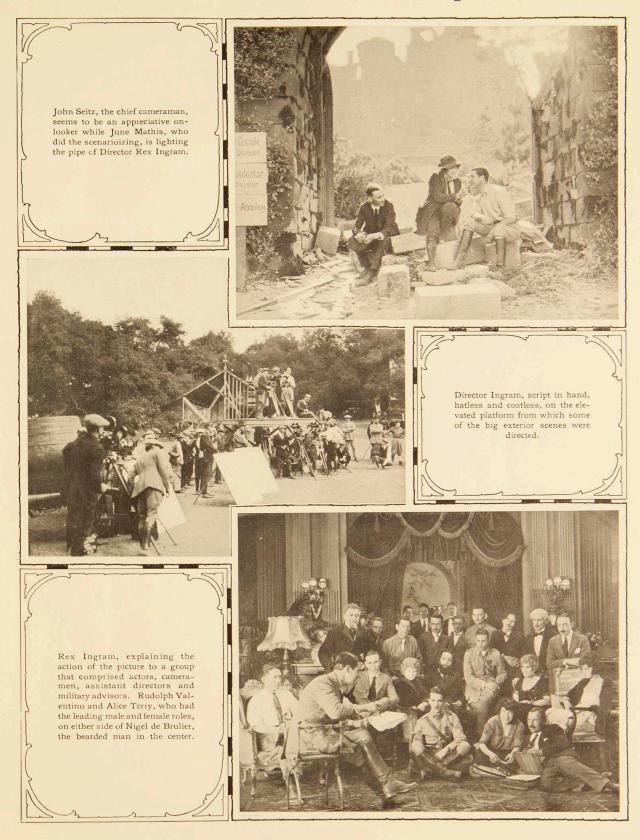


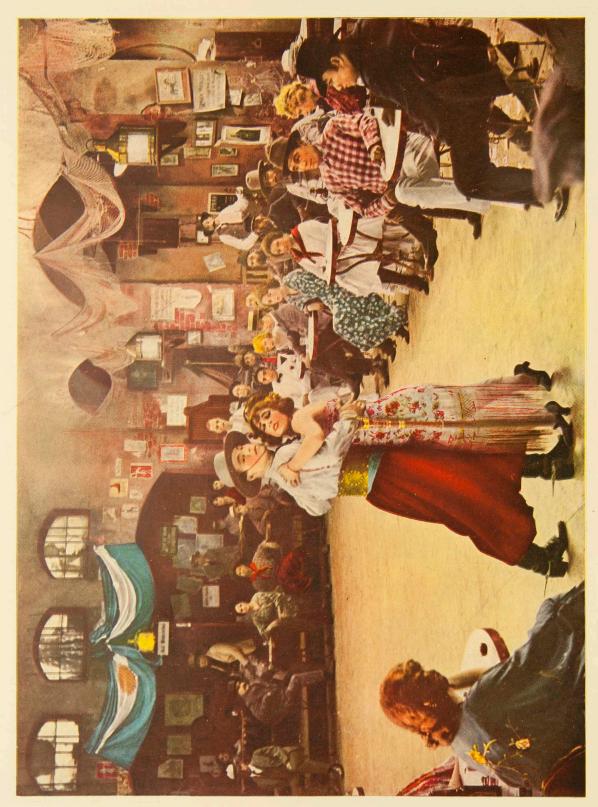
earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with the beasts of the earth."

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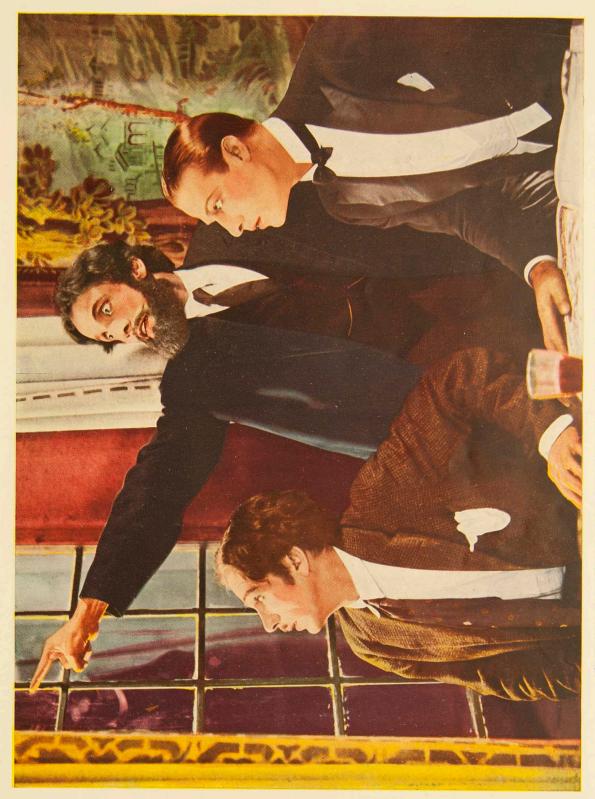


The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse





His ability to do the tango made Julio a welcome celebrity in the dance places of the city.



On the night of the declaration of war, Tchernoff, the unknown stranger, who lived above Julio's studio in Paris, paid the wealthy young Argentinian a visit and as the troops marched by below the window, Tchernoff points to the sky and the vision of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" riding again over the world to spread devastation.





Notable Scenes



Notable Scenes The visit of the German cousins at the house of Julio's father. In the riding habit is Julio; and at the right, Otto Von Hartrott, captain of the German army. When Madariaga heard that a grand-son had been born, he ordered a great celebration, bringing out wine in huge casks, for his workers. Chichi dances for her grandfather, Madariaga, after he has grown too feeble to go the rounds of the cafes with Julio, his dashing grandson. There were many children born among theworkers on Madariaga's ranch, which bore a marked resemblance to the owner. Marguerite, after the death of Julio, the man she loves, reconciles herself to a life devoted to the happiness of her blind husband.

Laurier speaks rather sharply to his wife on the occasion of her first meeting with Julio.

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JULIO DESNOYERS
as he appeared in the cafes of his native Argentinian city

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