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COMPULSION

(20th Century-Fox)

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APPROXIMATELY 24 hours after I saw *Compulsion*, Nathan Leopold — paroled 18 months ago on serving 33 years of a life-plus-99 years sentence for kidnapping and murder — filed suit for 1,500,000 dollars against Meyer Levin, author of the book and play from which this film was adapted, and 56 other assorted defendants among whom the makers of the film were reported to be joined.

Since any resemblance which the film may have to a portrayal of actual people and events is now (you might say) technically *sub judice*, comment on its provenance would

lie outside the bounds of privilege. But one can—at this distance at least—discuss without prejudice the quality of the production as a piece of screen drama.

I should say right away that I did not find it quite so compulsive as I imagined it might be, nor as cathartic as it should have been. This deficiency is not to be attributed to the casting, which by and large is as effective and apposite as the painstaking reproductions of the mid-Twenties achieved by the property and wardrobe sections. Nor can one quarrel with the acting, which is never less than competent and more often excellent.



DEAN STOCKWELL

But certain weaknesses in the script of the opening half of the production—among them an

"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 971)

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Clues Across

- Just for a scrap of it, a world scrap started (5).
- It's so often made into a wreath (7).
- One isn't composed, to display this (7).
- Her mate sounds rough (5).
- They are popularly supposed to be wise, but they could be slow (4).
- I'm right in the middle of the property, making an approximate judgment of its value (8).
- Please to pass away! (6).
- Such a work, paradoxically, is mostly spoken (6).
- Incite signed acknowledgments of debt, faked, at that (8).
- Take a note back to school (4).
- "And mistress of herself, though — fall" (Pope) (5).
- A priest arranged to go for a tramp (7).

- If you're feeling bitter, take a wee rest, and it will make you less so (7).
- Peers (5).

Clues Down

- What makes the pool in the road? (3, 4).
- Resounding outburst about a short direction involving punishment (5).
- "But methought it lessened my esteem of a king, that he should not be able to command the —" (Pepys) (4).
- Angle about in the end (6).
- Upright, physically and morally (8).
- Start the tune, out-of-doors (4, 3).
- Without a heart, she's nice! (5).
- Candidate seen to tear back, as before, followed by a little busybody (8).
- Following a public conveyance, I've become calumnious (7).
- Dance for a cavalry regiment (7).
- A thousand give tongue, but apparently in low tones (6).
- Half-hose (5).
- He is given to bending his elbow (5).
- Dead, but not on time (4).

No. 972 (Constructed by R.W.H.)

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