

The Film World

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"BOXING DAY" will see the premiere of 'Rangle River' in New Zealand—and I think you'll be a little surprised," said Mr. Cecil Mason, general manager of Columbia Pictures, at present in Wellington, when discussing with me his firm's first Australian talkie venture. "The film is shaping splendidly, and, with Clarence Badger at the helm—he's made more than a dozen Zane Grey films in America—there's no reason why it shouldn't gain world recognition. And, incidentally, it's one of the first Australian pictures to be guaranteed a world market. With Zane Grey as the author, Clarence Badger as the director, and Victory Jory as the star, it has a definite entertainment value likely to appeal to all classes and all countries."

Wellington Girl

TWO New Zealanders are getting a lot of publicity out of "Rangle River"—Georgina Stirling, a Wellington girl, daughter of H. H. Stirling, once famous as general manager of New Zealand Railways and the highest-salaried Government officer in the country, and Hori Thomas, of Pahiatua, who acts as a "stand in" for Victor Jory. Miss Stirling plays second lead in the film. The leading lady is Margaret Dare, an Australian, who is regarded by Clarence Badger as a definite "find." This girl should go a long way and, if Columbia's

Two New Zealanders, And A Big And Well- Known Cast, In "Rangle River," Australian Film



"Rangle River" cast (left to right): Victor Jory, Margaret Dare, George Bryant, Georgina Stirling and Hori Thomas. (See letter-press).

American principals approve of the performance put up by the two girls in "Rangle River" there's a possibility that Georgie Stirling and Margaret Dare may find themselves with their feet firmly planted on the Hollywood ladder.

Interesting Cast

"RANGLE RIVER" has a cast full of interest. It includes, too, Robert Coote, son of Bert Coote, famous English comedian. Robert Coote was brought to Australia by J. C. Williamson, Limited, earlier in the year to play one of the leading roles in "Anything Goes" the Cole Porter musical comedy. George Bryant, veteran of a hundred musical shows in Australia, is also prominently cast. The villain is Cecil Perry—another well-known name. Rita Pouncefort, whose name is not unknown to New Zealand theatre-goers, has a good part. Rita, by the way, has the distinction of having appeared before the present King in a command performance of "Sally" in Johannesburg.

Columbia Week

"COLUMBIA Week, which starts on Boxing Day, will be outstanding for two reasons," continued Mr. Mason. "It will make the premiere, as I have already said, of 'Rangle River,' and it will also see the New Zealand release of 'Lost Horizon,' the film on which Columbia has spent twice as much as on any other production. Ronald Colman is the star, and the picture has so far cost £400,000. At the moment we're feeling rather happy. 'Mr. Deeds Goes to Town' has won several awards in America. Grace Moore's latest, 'The King Steps Out,' is doing phenomenal business everywhere. Irene Dunne is making a film for us. 'Theodora Goes Wild,' and Grace Moore is to

