

# A Great Film Star Passes

**M**arie Dressler, favorite actress of stage and screen for more than forty years, died last Saturday at Santa Barbara, California, after a prolonged illness.

Beloved by old and young of American and English audiences, Marie Dressler became a film star at sixty-one. Following her departure from the management of Ziegfeld and Dillingham, in 1916, she



**Marie Dressler**

went into retirement after twenty years of stage successes. During the war she entertained soldiers and spoke in Liberty Loan drives. After 1919 she bought a home, but planned a return to the stage. With managers unreceptive, her savings dwindled and she was forced to sell her home. In 1926, Allen Dwan offered her a part in a film made in Florida. Parts came her way until favorable notices brought her under the eye of producers. Her opportunity came in 1930 when, cast as the wharf-derelict, Old Marthy, she stole the picture, "Anna Christie," from the highly popular Garbo. Her work in "Min and Bill" won her the "best screen actress" title in 1931, which she won again in 1932.

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