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Dear Mr Peart,

Seeing your "S-O-S" in the Evening News, re "Antient Films" I could not resist in temptation of writing you. I had already phoned to a previous advertisement, not knowing it was GLASGOW, (which I expect will cost me a bomb!) ?-?- to a charming lady, about the said 1920 etc FILMS...

Just thinking about them bring many pleasant memories, hardly knowing where to start first, but the Ramon Navarro film of BEN HUR with the famous chariot race, has always been my fancy ... With Conan Doyles LOST WORLD coming second ... The story and illustrations being in the book "THE BOYS CINEMA ".... Andin 1926, Yarmouth had its own film, The Rolling Road, from book by Boyd Cable ..which at vario-us tomes I have mentioned and written about in magazines, books and newspaper.

Amongst the “ Big Uns “ are D. W. Griffiths WAY DOWN EAST with Lillian Gish and Richard Bartholomew .. (the ice floe scenes) Rudolph Valentino in “The Four HORSEMEN of the APOCALYPSE “ Douglas Fairbanks in The Mark of Zorro ... the Three MusketeersAnna May Wong in the Thief of Bagdad ... (she was very popular at the time) then there was the famous Nanook of the North showing at the Empire at Yarmouth .. Charlie Chaplin in THE KID ... SHOULDER ARMS, (latter, the BEST) Shirley Temple, the ever popular child star ..(even adding her name to my then young daughter) ... Fatty Arbuckle ... Chester Conklin, Harold Lloyd, Wallace Reid, Greta Garbo .. in Quo Vadis ... Lon Chaney as Quasimodo in Hunchback of Notre Dame .. One must not leave out the famous dog (or- MANY dogs called RIN TIN TIN!..) Mable Normand in the MOON Child .. PEARL WHITE in Exploits of Ellen ... (tied to the railway linexs) Not forgetting the Mack Sennett comedies with the old FORD car etc. An epic was H B Warner, as CHRIST, in the KING of KINGS .. which filled the cinemas ...

Yes, it is the worst of these ‘old uns’ like me.. who can go on, for ever and ever, about years gone by, but cannot remember what we saw on television, the night before!

REmembering the old cinemas of Norwich. Regent, Haymarket, Electric, T. D. L. Carlton, Mayfair, Capitol, Regal, Thatched and the Regent Gem, Empire, Which got damaged by shell fire from German Warships on 25-4-16 Regal, Plaza (formally CENTRAL) in Market Place ...

So trusting these memories will help you

Yours sincerely

C. R. Temple

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I ALMOST FORGOT TOM MIX THE TRUE BOWBOY AND ELMO LINCOLN AS THE 1ST TARZAN - 1915