

The Kidnapped King

UK : 1909 : dir. Percy Stow : Manufacturer's Film Agency
 prod: : scr: C. Douglas Carlile : dir.ph.:

Silent : 14 min

[C. A. Carlile](#)

Carlotta de Yonson; C. Douglas Carlile; Lee Gilbert; J. Duncan; J. Lowe; Fred Lewes

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985
 listing:

“Crime. Tec dons disguises to save boy king
 from kidnap.”

Cast:

Princess ThyraCarlotta de Yonson
 Kit KarsonC. Douglas Carlile
 PatchLee Gilbert
 Prince StephenC. A. Carlile
 ClovisJ. Duncan
 Baron VotmanJ. Lowe
 King Otto of MerslenFred Lewes

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Nice to have a cast list this early. I've assumed that Prince Stephen is the boy king in jeopardy – played by the son (?) of the lead, who also wrote the screenplay and the original play – rather than King Otto of Merslen (!). Many years later, boy monarchs were still getting themselves into various pickles in Hollywood, whether in the shape of Jackie Coogan (“**LONG LIVE THE KING**”, 23), Mickey Rooney (“**MY PAL, THE KING**”, 32) or Freddie Bartholomew (“**PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER**”, 35), while the Brits, having a real live king of their own, charged to the rescue of boy Maharajah Sabu in “**THE DRUM**” (38). The Americans never invented boy presidents, or no doubt someone would have galloped to their rescue also. What an opportunity missed.

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