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way" Miss Suratt changes her garments with every forty feet of film. Many of them are designed to match the "sets" of "The Soul of Broadway" which latter in themselves are quite unlike anything yet seen in a motion picture, and were especially designed for William Fox by a celebrated artist of the ultra-modern school.—At Sherry's today only.—Adv.

AVOID PANAMA CANAL.

Goethals Reports That Conditions Are Unfavorable.

Washington, Dec. 30.—To head off a rush of vessels to the partly reopened Panama Canal the War Department issued tonight this statement:

"There have been several reports recently in the newspapers regarding the passage of vessels through the Panama Canal. A cablegram asking for information was sent to the Governor on the Isthmus and a reply, dated Dec. 21, has been received, from which it would seem that a temporary opportunity to pass small craft drawing about fifteen and a half feet or less was taken advantage of and certain vessels which had been held since the canal was closed were allowed to pass the slide on Dec. 20.

"If a similar opportunity offers a few additional vessels of a greater draft, which have also been held since the closure of the canal, will probably be passed through, but the Governor warns that conditions are very unstable and it is impossible to estimate in advance what the probable available channel will be at any succeeding date.

"The Governor still states that no prediction can be made of the probable date of opening and he is extremely anxious to prevent a premature resumption of the routing of ships via the canal, which would result in the delay of the final opening of a stable channel. He also calls attention to the fact that such a premature resumption would be expensive to shipping interests on account of unavoidable delays to ships that might have to be held for an indefinite period.

"When conditions are such as will permit an accurate prediction relative to the opening of the canal, all interests will be promptly notified."

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La Grande Volunteer Fire Department is to take a hand in the social events of this winter, and accordingly announced today a Firemen's dance for the evening of January 5th, 1916. All the firemen are taking a deep interest in this occasion and nothing will be spared to make it a great success.

This is an opportunity for all who hold a soft place in their hearts for the volunteers who turn out in the middle of the night to protect property from fire, to go and patronize the boys. It is not often they ask for patronage and during most of the year they "paddle their own canoe"

to use an old expression, but during the winter one or two events are usually staged by the firemen.

This will be a dollar dance at Rex hall with excellent music and a guarantee of a first-class time. The date is Wednesday evening, January 5th.

AT SHERRY'S TODAY ONLY.

Valeska Suratt, Star of "The Soul of Broadway."

Valeska Suratt, the most discussed woman of the stage or screen, is, as is known to theatergoers the country over, the fashion-plate of the dramatic profession. Her gowns have made millions gasp by their beauty and daring as well as by their dazzling lavishness of design. In making her screen debut in "The Soul of Broadway," the latest of the great William Fox photodramas, Miss Suratt has outdone all her previous efforts in gowns and millinery, fashioned by famous modistes.

In all she wears 150 gowns, some daringly and uniquely simple; others that are calculated to make the feminine portion of her spectators break into astonished exclamations when they see them. It is estimated that in the course of "The Soul of Broad-

CHINESE TRICKERY.

Traders Who Keep Their Victims in Financial Slavery.

Dishonest traveling merchants in China find a particularly lucrative field in which to ply their labors, with the result that almost unbelievable consequences come to light now and then. Some traders, taking advantage of the simplicity of the Mongolians, make an attractive display of goods such as the natives crave to possess, and tempt them to purchase what catches their fancy.

Woe to one who is beguiled to walk into the snare, for the glib tongue of the traveling merchant will soon induce him to take possession of that particular article to which his attention is directed at any price demanded. If he has something to offer in exchange fleeing steps there, but in case he has nothing to give in return a great calamity will befall him.

The vendor will assure him that he is quite welcome to carry away the article on credit. He will come back again to the town after a certain lapse of time. If the native hands over one or several head of cattle as the case may be, and an extra sheep or a horse, equivalent in value to 30 or 40 per cent of the price of the goods advanced, as interest, everything will be satisfactory. However, the merchant on returning seldom collects the price, but is satisfied with carrying away the promised interest, leaving the purchaser in debt so that he can forever milk him.

Thus, it is not rare to see some Mongolians working for the payment of usurious interest on a debt contracted by their fathers or even grandfathers as the result of having fallen a victim to one of these tricky Chinese peddlers.—Argonaut.

MONSTER WATER BUGS.

One of Them Can Grip and Easily Put to Death a Frog.

The frog's worst enemy is a monster water bug which inhabits the tropical waters of both North and South America. This water bug is one of the largest aquatic insects. It is called a giant by comparison with other bugs, but it is much smaller than any of the frogs on which it preys. Yet so powerful are its legs that it is sure death for the frog that gets within their grasp.

The two principal joints of the forelegs fold down on one another, and the stouter of these two has a groove along its front to receive the sharp inner edge of the next joint, much as the blade of a pocketknife folds down.

In the pools and the estuaries of tidal waters these giant bugs hide among stones and rubbish, from which they dart rapidly to attack passing frogs and occasionally fishes. The victim is clasped by the bug's forelegs, and the deadly beak between its two compound eyes is plunged deep into the flesh.

This is not a case of taking toll merely of the victim's blood, as in the case of many other sucking insects; it is speedily followed by the death of the bug's victim. This appears to be due to a copious supply of liquid from around the base of the beak, which finds its way into the puncture.

Professor Locy has traced this to a pair of glands in the head of the giant water bug. Their secretion produces death very quickly.—New York American.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

While Investigating Failure of Charge Is Multitlated.

Albany, Dec. 29.—Jesse F. Holmes, who lives across the river from Albany in Benton county, was seriously wounded yesterday by an explosion of five sticks of dynamite and 95 caps. Holmes and two neighbors were blowing out stumps and were inspecting a charge that had failed to explode when in some manner the cap was exploded which set off the dynamite and caps near at hand.

The two men assisting Mr. Holmes were on the opposite side of the stump and escaped injury. Holmes was hurried to his home and medical attention secured at once and there is a chance for his recovery.

UNIQUE BONCO GAME.

Eastern Oregon Rancher, Picked as Victim by Seattle Men.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—In the ar-

rest yesterday of Barney King, Sam Thockleson and a man giving his name as King Wilson, secret service operatives declare that they have unearthed a unique bunco game by which victims were robbed in the belief that they were parties to a counterfeiting scheme. The men were arrested as the result of disclosures made to the secret service operatives by Charles Cox, a ranch manager of Eastern Oregon.

Cox came to Seattle last week for the holidays. He encountered Wilson who took him to a hotel where Cox was shown a "money box" which he was told was a machine for making counterfeit \$5 gold pieces.

Instead of counterfeiting the money, secret service men said, the bunco men merely treated genuine coins, which had been purposely discolored, so as to restore them to their original appearance. One of these supposed counterfeit coins was given to Cox who took it to a bank where it was pronounced genuine. Cox was then asked to give the men several hundred dollars with which to buy supplies. Cox asked for time to consider the matter and reported the men's operations to the secret service.

FOR NAVAL LABORATORY

Edison's Plans Trying Out New Devices for Government.

New York, Dec. 28.—Thomas A. Edison, Chairman of the Naval Advisory Board, announced at a meeting of the board held yesterday afternoon at the New York Navy Yard that plans and specifications had been drawn up under his supervision for the construction of an experimental laboratory wherein new devices of all sorts, but particularly of an engineering nature, can be tested without the great cost in money and time involved in direct installation and trial in actual service, the only method hitherto open to the navy for discovering the value of new ideas.

The cost of the new laboratory is estimated at \$1,400,000, and the board will ask congress to appropriate this sum for its construction and equipment.

Mr. Edison explained the plan in

detail, in what he described as the first speech of his life. He said the site should comprise about 100 acres and should be on or near tidewater, in as convenient a location as could be obtained. He also announced that if congress would appropriate the money, he would have the plans and all details of construction worked out by his own office force at his own expense.

Chief Constructor D. W. Taylor, U. S. N., head of the Bureau of Construction of the Navy Department, and Rear Admirals R. S. Griffin and Joseph Strauss, the heads of the Bureau of Steam Engineering and of Ordnance respectively, who were all three present at the meeting, gave unqualified and enthusiastic indorsement to the plans proposed by Mr. Edison. Admiral Taylor, in particular, declared the plan would be of incalculable benefit to the service.

The Laboratory committee consists, besides Mr. Edison, of Dr. W. R. Whitney and Prof. L. K. Baekeland of the American Chemical Society, and is to be increased by three other members to be appointed by the chairman, Mr. Edison.

After the board had indorsed Mr. Edison's plans for the new laboratory, it heard Frank Julian Sprague, Chairman of the Committee on Electricity, report on the work of his committee.

Mr. Sprague said that his committee was taking up the question of the possibility of replacing the present method of propelling torpedoes, with compressed air, by electric propulsion. He and his colleagues, he said, believe the development possible, and also believed the electric torpedo would be greatly superior to the one now in use.

During the tour of inspection of the Navy Yard shops and of the various types of ship now lying there, which was made by the board, Mr. Edison manifested much interest in what the ordinance officer of the super-dreadnought New York told him of the problem of erosion of guns, which has long been troubling the gunnery experts of the navy. At present a high-powered gun, costing \$80,000, can be fired but 70 rounds, which means that its gas life is about 7 seconds—one-tenth of a second to the round.

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