

TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY IS AID TO BIZARRE MOVIES

"Glass Ceiling" Illusion One of Most Interesting

DOMES OR ROOFS PAINTED

Wrecks of Ocean Liners Enacted in Small Tank; Gales Produced by Wind Machines

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

HOLLYWOOD.—The movie public has many illusions that are carefully created by trick photography and the versatility of engineers. These secrets of the trade conserve millions of dollars annually in the budgets of producers. The directors point out, however, that they are not evolved to deceive the theatre-goer, nor primarily with the idea of saving money, but often are necessary because it would be impossible to stage the actual scene demanded in the script.

In the photographic tricks, the most indispensable perhaps, is the "glass ceiling" illusion. This is a device of painted glass placed slightly above the camera lens. On the sheet of glass, ceilings, domes or roofs are painted to correspond with the actual set.

This glass work is necessary because of the lighting demanded by the camera. The roofs or upper parts of the set are not constructed. Instead, strong flood lights are placed there.

Wrecks of ocean liners are enacted in a small tank in the studio. Howling gales are provided by mechanical wind machines. The "ocean" is lashed to fury by paddles, and the toy liner, perhaps ten inches in length, is tossed about on the waves by wires in the hands of studio assistants.

If the story calls for an explosion to sink the boat, a dynamite cap abroad is exploded at the proper time and the miniature craft sinks beneath the waves with exciting realism.

Prehistoric Beasts Mere Toys
A recent example of miniature illusion was enacted in a picture of monstrous prehistoric beasts. On the screen they appeared to walk, gallop, and move with life-like gait. Before the camera they were models eighteen inches high, composed of rubber and paper—mache, their movements manipulated by invisible wires.

When the movie spectator sees actors struggling perilously near the brink of a precipice or on the cornice of a tall building, he may be witnessing a scene "shot" in two different places. The fight may have taken place on the studio floor, and the cameraman may later have photographed the precipice or roof corner on the same strip of film.

Fogs are formed in the studio by a huge atomizer, which feeds cold vapor on the scene through perforated pipes concealed about the set.

Adept with high explosives, the engineers set a blast to wreck a dam, releasing a rush of logs and water to destroy a populated valley. Or they burn an actress at the stake with so little harm that she may be the belle of a party the next evening.

One engineer has patented a powder that burns furiously on the furnishings of a luxurious apartment. When the cranking stops, the furniture is found unharmed and is moved to the next "social" set.

Even Hollywood scarcely knows these technical men whose exploits make "the filming of the impossible."

PARDONS ARE OPPOSED

RICHARDSON AGAINST PLAN OF HOLIDAY RELEASES

(By The Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The practice of passing out Christmas pardons was deplored by Governor Richardson in a Christmas eve statement issued here tonight coincidentally with his announcement that there will be no Yuletide opening of prison gates in California this year.

Declaring he was confident Californians would "enjoy this sacred day better with the knowledge that a score of murderers, robbers and pickpockets have not been turned loose upon them," the governor stated his conviction that "the people and not the criminal, deserve first consideration."

He said: "No decisions on pardon cases have been held back so as to be released for spectacular effect on particular days. When a record of a case has been completed it is acted upon at once. During my term of office only five prisoners have been released from state prison and four of these were pardoned upon the recommendation of the district attorney of Los Angeles county who advised me that the men had been wrongfully convicted by him and were innocent of the crime charged."

"I believe the purpose of the law in giving the governor power to grant pardons is to use it only in extraordinary cases like the four Los Angeles cases. The governor should uphold the officers of the law and protect society was convincing criminals and would-be criminals that they cannot escape punishment in California."

CHICAGO TRADE HEAVY

NEARLY \$100,000,000 SPENT FOR PRESENTS

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus came to Chicago tonight staggering under the weight of a pack valued at between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000, the most costly Christmas in the city's history.

The great downtown department stores closed their doors at the end of the final rush with the announcement that they have done a Christmas business of between \$80,000,000 and \$85,000,000. It was estimated that the smaller stores throughout the city have duplicated the amount.

In the midst of the city's hundred million dollar Christmas the poor have not been forgotten and hundreds of welfare societies tonight made arrangements to feed thousands of hungry and homeless tomorrow while still other organizations expected to distribute gifts to thousands of poor children.

Among the last minute shoppers in the downtown business district Vice President Dawes was found by a newspaper reporter in a jam with 10,000 other last minute shop-

pers at State and Madison streets, the "world's busiest corner." The vice president explained that he was hunting a "thingamabob" for his son, that he had forgotten to get.

CHRISTMAS TRADE HEAVY

SLOWING DOWN EXPECTED TO BE LESS THAN USUAL

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dun's Saturday will say: "Dec. 24.—Dun's Recent expansion of an important department of trade is firmly held and indications are that the customary slowing down at the end of the year will be less marked than is usual. Distribution in retail lines this week was dominated by last minute shopping and this, stimulated by the payment of many Christmas bonuses, retarded dimensions never previously recorded. Aided by the cautious buying in the earlier months of the year and the generally favorable weather conditions prevailing, there has been very satisfactory shipment of seasonal staples and it is reported that dealers in many lines find themselves with much smaller inventories than is usually the case at this period. Production for many months was kept down as closely as possible to current requirements and stocks carried over into the new year are not only very much reduced but in practically all lines broken as they have not been in many years."

Weekly bank clearings \$8,074,323,000.

GARTER BELLS APPEAR

MONTE CARLO JAZZ ARTISTS HAVE COMPETITION

(By The Associated Press)

MONTE CARLO, Dec. 24.—Tea dansants, always crowded here prior to the opening of the casino, was being enlivened by garter bells which tinkle in time with the music of the jazz bands. Another novelty is a cymbal effect produced by revolving metal discs attached to the heels of women's dance slippers.

With the bells tinkling, the cymbals clashing, the jangling of scores of bracelets, and the swish and rattle of the new coat-of-mail tunics, the jazz artists have to work doubly hard to make themselves heard in the whirl of merry-makers.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER NEED

PETROLEUM WASTE PRODUCT COULD BE UTILIZED

(By The Associated Press)

OKANOS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—It costs the petroleum industry nine millions a year to get rid of chemicals which might be producing synthetic rubber worth \$162,000,000. E. P. Stevenson of Cambridge, Mass., asserted today. He is to be one of the speakers before the American Association for the Advancement of Science here on

ORDERS ABOVE OUTPUT

NEW BUSINESS OF LUMBER MILLS IS GOOD

Shipments During Week Were Seven and One-Half Per Cent Below Production

Ninety-nine mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen association for the week ending December 19, manufactured 95,783,994 feet of lumber; sold 98,012,629 feet and shipped 88,715,397 feet, according to the weekly report.

New business was two and one-half per cent above production and shipments were seven and one-half per cent below production.

Forty per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 39,000,257 feet of which 24,449,114 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 14,631,143 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1832 cars.

Forty per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 35,753,025 feet of which 20,319,929 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 15,433,096 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1633 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 3,972,372 feet. Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 109,091,115 feet. Unfilled export orders 104,838,075 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 4578 cars.

In the first 51 weeks of the year production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's association has been 5,092,350,672 feet, new business 5,237,227,845 feet, and shipments 5,239,778,808 feet.

DIVORCE THOUGHT HONOR

STRANGE CUSTOMS FOUND BY TRAVELERS

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Stories of divorce customs in two remote sections of the world were brought to New York today by travelers arriving on the steamship Paris.

Suydam Cutting, first member of the Roosevelt Tibetan expedition to return to America, told of finding in the hill country of Tibet a people known as the Turki, who not only made divorce easy, without any court decree, but considered it an honor for a woman to be divorced several times.

The incentive for the women, he said was that every time she married she was showered with gifts. The technique of being divorced was a simple declaration that the marriage was at an end.

Mrs. Rosita Forbes, English woman explorer, whose last expedition was into Abyssinia, said that she found that the queen of Abyssinia, although still young, already had divorced several husbands.

Don't believe all you hear; you are fortunate if you can believe all you say.—The Progressive Grocer.

PLAN NUTRITION CLASSES

MISS CASE APPEARS IN COUNTY JANUARY 7 AND 8

Coast Fork and College Crest Communities Will Get Demonstrations

The third series of nutrition classes will be held in this county by Miss Lucy A. Case, nutrition specialist at the state college, January 7 and 8, according to an announcement at the office of County Agent Fletcher yesterday.

The first will be held at the Farmers' Union hall at Coast Fork south of Cottage Grove at 10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Thursday, January 7. Sandwiches and school lunches will be the subject in the forenoon and the feeding of mothers and children will be discussed in the afternoon. Mrs. Jessie Gjerist will be chairman and Mrs. H. D. Aldridge secretary.

On January 8 at College Crest at the same hours the same subjects will be taken up. The meetings will be held at the home of Mrs. F. A. Baker. Mrs. Paul Rimschauer will be chairman and Mrs. F. S. Williams secretary. It is announced that all women of the respective communities are invited to attend.

Other communities desiring these meetings are asked to communicate with County Agent Fletcher. He is now making up the schedule for the first half of the year and will soon have it completed.

SORCERERS ARE BANNED

PICTURESQUE TURKISH TRADE TO DISAPPEAR

(By The Associated Press)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—One of the most picturesque trades in Turkey has been banned by the grand national assembly. A law just passed throws out of business the fortune tellers, sorcerers, those

who deal in incantations, those who profess the ability to find lost objects or to cure the sick by breathing upon them, and those who sell amulets warranted to bring about the desires of the purchaser.

Hundreds of women in every city and town daily have sought these fortune tellers.

The new law is part of the government's strenuous campaign to eliminate the strong element of superstition which has awayed the illiterate for centuries.

It is, however, a blow to the tourists. They still miss the octagonal Turkish women of the old, heavily veiled type, crouched on the sidewalks, manipulating with their beena-stained fingers, beads, pebbles, coins and shreds of onion into a sure prophecy for the client's future.

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