

IT TAKES MILES OF ROPE TO HOLD MOVIES TOGETHER

(Wade Werner in Toledo Blade.)
Hollywood, Calif.—It's rope that holds the movies together. There is so much of it lying around and hanging from aloft in the studios here that, like the ground underfoot, one forgets to notice it. But a rigger who knows his knots will argue that without rope the pictures would soon fall apart.

Purchasing department estimates indicate more than 4,000,000 feet of rope annually are used in the films. At Paramount 175,000 feet of various sizes are needed for normal studio requirements, not including rigging for sea pictures. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's estimate is 400,000 feet Universal's 550,000 feet; and First National, due to two big sea spectacles on the production program, expect to use this year approximately 2,000,000 feet.

Rope pulls and hauls and steadier the basic equipment of the movies. All the big stages are festooned with ropes, ropes hoisting dome-lights and mercury banks into place; ropes binding big sunares to lofty perches close to the roof; rope gently restraining the spotlights which otherwise might fall on some handsome and high-salaried head.

On Location.

Location trips mean more rope, for many of the most interesting locations are away off the highways and railroads, and some of them are so difficult of approach that cameras and reflectors and other equipment have to be hauled and hoisted into place with rope and tied there to keep them from rolling down a mountain or falling into a river.

Rope, too, figures largely in the building of new sets. To cite just one detail, Paramount put 2,000 pounds of sash cord into window-casings built into interior sets during the past year. Ship sets, of course, mean great quantities of rope for rigging, and most water-front sets mean hawsers and ropes and rope ladders.

In "Westerns"

If the set isn't full of ropes when the actors enter they usually bring some with them. In "Westerns," of course, the amount of rope hurled through the air by the cowboys is prodigious; in crook films and mystery thrillers someone is always being tied up with rope, and it is a very slow serial in which the hero does not rescue the girl by swinging across a chasm on a rope or escaping at the last moment from the ropes that bind him to the railroad track in the path of the on-rushing mail train.

There are stars who are partial to rope as an aid to excitement. Bebe Daniels loves it, and in her latest picture swung and slid and dangled on rope through many of the most perilous moments of the story. And just now John Barrymore is clinging close to rope in the Swiss Alps sequences of his newest film.

Even at Premieres.

Even after the picture is finished rope plays a prominent role, if the world premiere is held in Hollywood. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon one can see the worried traffic cop supervising the stretching of rope barriers to keep the surging film fans in their places when Mary Pickford's limousine rolls up to the theatre at 9.30 p. m.

upon to act as saleswoman for this or that charity affair. She usually serves at a needlework stall. She is one of the very few saleswomen who sell all their goods, for if there are any left over at the end of the sale she buys them herself.

King George, however doesn't have to buy the leftovers when he works in a charity shop. The reason is that there aren't any leftovers. If the King didn't have to keep on being a monarch, he could always support himself as a salesman. The moment he enters a charity booth he begins an unceasing line of selling patter, which draws a crowd and brings the money.

King Engine Driver

The King's favorite odd job is driving a locomotive. He is a keen engineer and keeps up a very intelligent conversation with the engineer and fireman of the locomotive.

Very few people know that the King holds a clerical appointment at St. David's Cathedral as perbenary. The holder of the office is required to preach once a year.

The Queen is a busy woman indeed, considering merely the sum total of her odd jobs. Large quantities of clothing are made by the Queen in her sewing room at Buckingham Palace. They are packed into bundles and sent to hospitals.

Her majesty periodically visits the centres for the distribution of old clothes. Drawing a large black apron about her, she sets vigorously to work, inspecting, checking and sending out parcels of clothing. It was really owing to the Queen that the practise of thoroughly inspecting and mending these clothes was first started.

Wales is Busiest

The Prince of Wales is undoubtedly the busiest member of the royal family when it comes to these odd jobs. The Prince has made chocolates, blown glass, iced cakes and stuffed woolen animals. He has eaten dinners in probably more places in the kingdom than any other man. He has danced with girls from every walk of life in the course of his visits watching operations in a dye factory to workingmen's clubs. He was once when a workman by a lucky chance watching operations in a dye factory prevented him from putting a finger in a tub of boiling dye.

The Prince of Wales is actually "duly qualified to practice medicine, midwifery and surgery." So reads his diploma given by Apothecaries Hall, after he had opened their new building. He is the only honorary member the company has ever had.

"And that," the Prince remarked himself, "is probably just as well."

MANY FINE OLD FORTUNES SAID TO AWAIT HEIRS WHO ARE LURKING IN THE UNDERBRUSH

There is to be a meeting of the heirs of the partner of the original John Jacob Astor before long. Some more papers, you know, have been found in an old leather trunk. For a century or so it looked as though the heirs were out of the game, but this fortunate discovery—

Ho. Hum, I will not be there. Not that I am an heir, mind you. I have had a lot of bad luck, but nothing irretrievable like that. It is only that I have discontinued the habit of attending the meetings of heirs. One comes out so goggle-eyed that almost any salesman could sell one a nice lot in Central Park. Preferably fronting on the lake.

It might be worth while looking up this John Jacob Astor claim, at that. There is a sure enough fortune there to shoot at.

Anneke Jans Spook.

There are seven, or maybe eight, fine old fortunes here with heirs lurking in the underbrush. For a long time the Anneke Jans estate was the popular favorite. The old lady did a lot of marrying and was otherwise successful about the time of Mefin-heer Van der Wouten and the evidence is convincing to any heir that millions of money are due.

For four or five years a young man and his sister and a parent or two held the fort on Upper Broadway. They were heirs, too, poor devils. Had papers and everything. A lawyer or two took a shot at the fortune, and the young man used to work with a pick to pay them. When he had enough saved up another lawyer would get bright-eyed. They finally scraped this family off with a steam shovel when they refused to leave the hill. There is also a large family over in New Jersey with papers.

This was the family that put an end to my attending the meetings of heirs.

Reporters attend the heir caucuses, partly to satisfy the city editor, and partly in that spirit that makes the six-day bicycle race an annual success. One knows the bicyclists are not getting anywhere, of course. Yet thousands go each winter to see them go round and round. There is also the possibility that one of the pedal-pushers will break a few bones.

All Are Believers.

But I am not hard-hearted enough to watch the heirs any more. There is something pitiful about them. Hard-working, honest, credulous people, dressed in their well brushed best clothes. Every one a believer. Even the secretary believes. I tell you, it's dangerous to listen to heirs. Whatever it is that gets them that way might be catching.

Treasure-hunting is more convincing, anyhow. The old seaman is all tattooed and talks of clove hitches and ratlines and things like that. He has a map, too, with the bearings marked. The oak chest full of doubloons is hidden sixteen fathoms due west of the end of the shadow of the palm. Not a season passes that at least one expedition sails for Cocos Island. Thars' gold in them thar hills, and enough printed history to fill a library to prove it. The Cocos Island trip is an especial favorite of Harvard graduates.

There is Oak Island, too, on the— isn't it?—Nova Scotian coast. Treasure-hunters have sunk shafts there. Found things, too. Ancient silver buckles, and links of chain, and bits of an old chest. Treasure is the only explanation and there is the map and there will be digging on Oak Island until the last trumpet sounds. Or why not dig in Money Hill on Tom River? Capt. Kidd, as he sailed, stopped there long enough to plant a murdered seaman over a box of gold. It must be there.

Come to think of it, there might be something in this story that the original John Jacob Astor's partner hid the papers in the old leather trunk! Why not? Where else would he hide them? There were no safe deposits in those days.

Now that I think of it, I haven't written to the Spanish Prisoner for years. Poor devil! Like enough he is still in his jail.

Then we have the Drake fortune amounting to millions, said to be availing claimants in the Old County. Last spring certain residents lurking in the underbrush of York and Carleton Counties dug up \$2,000 and sent a clergyman to England to look into matters. He made the trip and came back but failed to lay hands on the fortune.

MR. MCCONNELL IMPRESSED WITH BRAZILIAN TRACTION

New York, Oct. 22—J. W. McConnell, of Montreal, director of Brazilian Traction, who accompanied President Miller Lash on an inspection tour of the company's properties and who returned to New York yesterday, this morning in an interview related his findings to The Star.

"I am tremendously impressed," he said, "with the magnitude and importance of the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited, comprising as it does the tramways, telephone, light, power and gas systems in the two great cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

"The population of Rio de Janeiro is now placed at 1,600,000 whilst that of Sao Paulo is 900,000 with each city increasing at the rate of 50,000 per annum. To serve these great cities an abundant supply of electric energy is necessary and is now absolutely assured. Within forty miles of Sao Paulo a vast hydro-electric power scheme, which will amply provide for the needs of that rapidly growing industrial and commercial centre, is being developed. The first power plant with 80,000 h. p. capacity is now in operation and an additional unit of 40,000 h. p. is at present under construction. When completed the engineering plans in this district known as the "Serra Development" will provide water storage capable of developing 750,000 h. p. The Para Hyba plant in the State of Rio de Janeiro has at present developed capacity of 80,000 h. p., and to this plant an extension of 60,000 h. p. is under way which when available 14 months hence, will provide for the increased demands of the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Further Developments.

"Careful engineering study indicates

that further substantial developments in this vicinity on the Para Hyba River can be made from time to time as necessity requires.

"Facilities are being extended with the utmost speed to enable the company to give to its consumers a vastly improved service which, in the past, has been rendered difficult because of inadequate power reserves. The future success of the company, however, must of necessity be based upon the successful development of the country as a whole, and conditions were never more promising than at the present time. From every viewpoint Brazil is forging steadily ahead in commerce, in manufacturing industry and in agriculture. The Government is meeting with marked success in the encouragement of diversified agricultural production. It is found that wheat (now largely imported) can be successfully grown in zones with suitable temperature and rainfall. Orange plantations are being rapidly developed. The Brazilian orange, being of high quality and fine flavor, finds a ready market. The soil is exceedingly rich and capable of producing anything that will grow in any other country in the world.

"The foreign investor is being welcomed and encouraged, and with industry expanding in various directions the exchange situation should be improved and stabilization, therefore, more certain.

"The personal of the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power organization is of a strikingly high character. H. H. Couzens and A. W. K. Billings, vice-presidents in charge of operations and hydro-electric development respectively, are eminently fitted for their responsible executive positions, and

have as heads of various departments under their guidance a staff of energetic and efficient young men with valuable experience both in operating and construction work.

"With the constant expansion of population, commerce and industry, with the urgent demand for increased service, coupled with capable management, the shareholders of the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited, have good reasons to look with confidence to the future."

ROD AND GUN.

Replete with a fine collection of well illustrated stories, the November number of Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News is one of the most attractive issues of the national sporting magazine that has appeared on the news stands.

All fields of outdoor sport and recreation are covered in interesting stories and articles by such well known outdoor writers as Bonnycastle Dale, A. Bryan Williams, Robert James and J. W. Winslow. In addition to these the Guns and Ammunition department, edited by C. S. Landis, Outdoor Talk by W. C. Motley and Fishing Notes by G. P. Sladen are especially good this month.

The Canadian Silver Fox News section, edited by J. R. Barr, also contains a selection of very timely and informative material.

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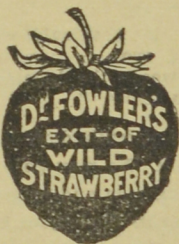
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