

BATTLE OF THE ELEMENTS USED IN MOVIE PLAY



No wonder the "movies" have grown and developed into the greatest industry on earth! The enterprise, push, energy, and daring with which picture folks are invested are enough to inject ginger into a dead elephant. A story has just come to light which will interest every layman.

Out in Universal City, California, the Bison Company, of which Henry McRae is director, was filming a big production, entitled "The Torrent." In one of the scenes it was necessary to use a dam. Said dam was built and ready for the "taking." On the day set for filming, clouds suddenly appeared in the sky, a frightful storm arose and the rain came in torrents.

Instead of losing his head, Director McRae saw the possibilities for taking a tremendous scene for his picture and called out to his players to

remain and go through the directions which he gave them. In a few moments the dam really burst and the most thrilling, realistic picture was made of the escape from sure death.

It resulted almost disastrously as the impetus of the water threw several of the women and it was only through the foresight of the men in the company that many fatal accidents did not occur. As it was many were bruised and battered but the excitement was the most intense ever experienced even at that exciting place.

THE WAY MEN DIED

The true mettle of man was tested in the Lusitania disaster.

Charles Frohman went to his death smiling and unafraid, according to Miss Rita Jolivet, the actress who was talking with him when the ship went down. "Why fear death, it is the most beautiful adventure in life," were Frohman's last words to Miss Jolivet. Then the ship sank.

With the boat fast slipping into the sea, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, knowing he could get no other belt and that he could not swim, took off his lifebelt and put it around an old woman who was also drowned.

Chas. T. Jeffery, of Chicago and Kenosha, auto factory president, refused to climb into a boat until he had rescued five floundering near him.

H. W. Taylor, on honeymoon, tore his bride from his side and tossed her into a boat. He could not swim, but after the Lusitania went down he clung to wreckage until he became unconscious. He was hauled into a life boat and awakened to find himself in his wife's arms.

Speaking of charmed lives, a soldier in the English army, William Clark, not only went through the South African war unscathed, but was serving as fireman on board both the Titanic and the Empress of Ireland when those liners went down.