

# PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.

### Real Travelogues To Be Presented In Photoplay Houses.

A development of the motion picture scenic idea so that a comprehensive series of travel pictures might be presented rather than the hit or miss type that has been common to patrons of photoplay houses, has been worked out by several of the producing companies recently. This type of picture, which is designed to form a part of the entertainment in a playhouse showing a diversified program, though having a strictly educational value, is nevertheless a pleasing relief from a solid program of picture plays, and is usually welcomed by an audience.

In the several instances that have been referred to that this idea has been worked out, men trained in the presentation of illustrated lectures or travelogues, have been engaged for the purpose of superintending the work. They have entered upon their duties with enthusiasm because the new idea has given each of them a chance to work out new schemes for short travelogues that most of them have heretofore found impractical.

No more ardent supporter of the scheme is to be found than Burton Holmes, who has signed a contract to look after the work for the Paramount Company. "My one regret, up to the present time, has been that I could not, single handed, reach a wider public," declared Mr. Holmes when in Washington a few days ago. "It has always been a matter of regret that the fruits of our two and a half million miles of travel could not benefit more people, more stay-at-home people who would like to see what the other side of the world really looked like and what other hard-working people did and how they did it.

"The way has come—my ambition is to be fulfilled—for by my new association with the Paramount Corporation I am assured that the Burton Holmes pictures will be seen throughout the length and breadth of the land.

"I have always maintained that I lectured to travel, not traveled to lecture, which is another way of telling how keenly I myself enjoy traveling. "That being the case, I shall, of course, continue to give my own personally delivered travelogues in the very few cities which now take all my available dates, and shall continue my summer tourings in search of new motion pictures. "Moreover, I shall feel a new and greater satisfaction, when personally writing descriptive titles and editing each new film for distribution, in the knowledge that I am not only personally conducting over familiar ground many who wish to renew pleasant memories of personal visits to this or that place, but also am acting as guide to thousands of those whose only possible chance of seeing foreign lands is—to travel by proxy." G. M.



Newest photograph of ANNA HELD, who is soon to make her first appearance as a photoplayer in "Madame La President," a Moscoro production.

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## TRADE BOARD OUT TO SET ANOTHER RECORD

### Organization Resolved to Achieve Membership of 1,500 During Year.

Having broken all previous records by enrolling 70 new members during 1915, bringing its total to 1,323, the Board of Trade has set out to achieve a membership of 1,500 this year.

This goal was fixed at the dinner given E. P. Colladay, the chairman, and other members of the 1915 membership committee Saturday evening at the Continental Hotel. Convicted of violating all established precedents by obtaining 200 new members, Mr. Colladay and his associates were sentenced to partake of the banquet which was conducted under court rules.

Mr. Colladay, having been the ringleader in the affair, received an additional sentence, which carried with it a handsome, heavy gold watch chain. The supreme court of the Board of Trade announced that in view of his previous good record no bail would be attached to the chain.

### Entered Pleas of Guilty.

The 11 defendants, composed of Chief Justice E. C. Brandenburg and Associates, Justices Robert N. Harper, Theodore W. Noyes, J. Henry Cunningham, Charles E. Crane, Chris J. Geokeler, and Odell S. Smith. The accused committed men scrutinized the court for a few moments after the indictment had been read and immediately entered pleas of guilty, throwing themselves upon the mercy of the court. Arrangements were made by the tribunal that the plea of guilty to the charge of increasing the membership

from 882 to 1,323 in a year would be considered in mitigation, but the chief justice and his associates went into the past records of the defendants. Among the additional allegations against Chairman Colladay were that he rode the Board of Trade, District Commissioners, and Federation of Citizens Associations, "three obstinate animals," bareback.

### Foresee Greater Capital.

After the defendants had partially served their sentence by partaking of a sumptuous feast, flowing tribute was paid to their initiative and activity and great things were predicted for Washington and the Board of Trade as a result of its having such men connected with it. The history of the National Capital and the Board of Trade was reviewed and many rosy prospects for "Greater Washington" were made.

Charles F. Crane, chairman of the 1916 membership committee, was applauded vigorously when he paid tribute to Chairman Colladay and the other members of the 1915 membership committee. "The committee which arranged last night's affair was given a rousing vote of thanks. It was one of the most delightful and thoroughly enjoyable affairs ever arranged by the Board of Trade, which is a near approach to the superlative in banquets and good times.

### To Observe Purification.

The feast of the purification will be observed in Catholic and Episcopal churches Wednesday with special devotions. Candles will be blessed in the Catholic churches for use on the altars during the year.

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### College Women to Give Reception This Evening

The College Women's Club will meet this afternoon at the Raleigh Hotel and this evening will give a reception to Columbia Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. The meeting and the reception are under the charge of a committee of arrangements headed by Mrs. Charles S. Hyer.

### Girls' Friendly Society Will Present Tableaux

A series of tableaux will be presented by the Girls' Friendly Society of Epiphany Church in the parish hall tonight at 8 o'clock. The Men's Social Club of the church has issued invitations to a lecture Friday night by Sen. Gen. W. C. Gorgas, who will tell some of his experiences in the Canal Zone.

### TODAY'S BEST FILMS

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- Pauline Frederick in "The Spider" (Famous Players), Lew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets.
- Francis X. Bushman in "A Men and His Sin" (Metro), the Garden, 423 Ninth street.
- Virginia Pearson and Joseph Kilgour in "Thou Art the Man" (Vivagraph), Crandall's, Ninth and E streets.
- Harold Lockwood in "The Man in the Sombbrero" (Mutual), the Strand, Ninth and I streets.
- Grace Cunard in "Her Better Self" (Universal), the Alhambra, 519 Seventh street.
- Hazel Dawn in "The Masqueraders" (adapted from the play by Henry Arthur Jones (Famous Players), Crandall's Apollo, 625 H street northeast.
- Fannie Ward in "The Cheat" (Lasky), the Leader, Ninth, between E and F streets.
- Pearl White and George Probert in "The King's Game" (Fisher), the Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue.
- Marie Walcamp in "Discontent" (Universal), the Hippodrome, Ninth street and New York avenue.

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not on personal inspection, except in special cases.

### Revivals of Colored Baptists Under Way

Colored revival meetings that will be continued until March 1 are being held at the "Communitarian Baptist Church by the National Ecumenical Ministers' Alliance of America with the Rev. Simon Drew, president of the alliance, conducting the meetings. He is assisted by the Revs. Carter Lewis and Philip Hall, singing evangelists, and a committee of women consisting of Mrs. Julia Palmer, Mrs. Berdie Linkett, Mrs. Henrietta Atwell, Mrs. Lizzie King, Mrs. Martha Coleman, Miss Hattie McCall, and Miss Lottie Lee, and the following laymen: William Warren, Oscar C. Nalle, and Joseph C. Bell.

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