

IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Latest Personal Information.

Foreign.

General Charles Louis Tremou has been appointed commander in chief of the French army in succession to General de la Croix.

Joseph H. Leute, American vice and deputy consul general at Zurich, Switzerland, died in the arms of his young bride on the steamer Marquette just as the steamer was entering Antwerp. Mr. Leute was married in Philadelphia July 25. Death resulted from tuberculosis.

Prince Herman of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, the heir presumptive to the grand duchy of Weimar, has renounced the succession of himself or his heirs, if any to the throne of the grand duchy or its property. This action, which was carried out with every official formality, is in consequence of the prince's extravagance, which also caused his transfer from the curiassiers of his own accord from Berlin to the upland regiment garrisoned at Saarberg, and later compulsory to a regiment of gendarmes after which he was placed under a guardianship.

Greece has replied to the Turkish note presented, which, although couched in friendly terms, practically demands the recall of the Greek officers serving in Crete, to the effect that the question is in the hands of the four protecting powers and consent of the officers in question were sent to the island. Turkey is appealing to the four powers.

An early and successful outcome of the negotiations in the participation of American bankers in the Hankow-Szechuen loan is anticipated. The English and French groups already have accepted the American terms, and it is expected that the Germans will shortly do likewise.

The central committee having in charge the earthquake fund announces that all but \$25,000 of the total of \$5,020,000 subscribed for the relief of the victims in southern Italy has been expended.

The will of the late Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, leaves to the pope works of art and money totalling \$2,000,000 in value.

The American embassy at Paris has been formally informed that France will send a squadron of three battleships to represent the government at the Huison-Fulton celebration next month.

Domestic.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cravens of Spring Lake, Iowa, were instantly killed as the result of a collision between their touring car and a limited traction car, one mile north of Alexandria, Ind. Mr. Cravens' head was almost severed from his body. Mrs. Cravens' body was also badly mangled. Mr. Cravens was president of the First National bank at Spring Lake, Iowa.

Isaac C. Wolfe, aged seventy, of Paducah, Ky., was killed by an automobile on the highway near Bellevue, Ill. The machine was driven by F. A. Nott and his son, C. A. Nott, who were on their way to the Algonquin hill-climbing contest. Wolfe was a prominent Mason.

One of the four surviving widows of Brigham Young died at Salt Lake City. She was Maanah K. T. C. T. Young. She was married to Young at Nauvoo, Illinois, before the westward pilgrimage of the Mormons. She was eighty-eight years old. No children were born to her.

From all quarters of the state enthusiastic young Christian workers are flocking to Epworth-by-the-Sea, where the fifth annual encampment of the Texas Epworth league will hold forth during the next ten days.

George M. Shippy, chief of police of Chicago, tenders his resignation on the ground of ill-health. Advice says that cattle are dying by scores around Miller's, Texas, as the result of a peculiar epidemic.

Gen. P. P. Johnston, adjutant general of the Kentucky state guard, was held to the grand jury for an assault on Denny B. Goode, editor of a weekly publication in Louisville. General Johnston presented a reference to him as "General Peacock P. Johnston," in an editorial.

A strike of street laborers in Pittsburgh, Pa., which has been of small proportions for some days, has become widespread, and gangs of the men are parading the streets. Steps, it is said, have been taken to form an organization among the 15,000 Italian workmen of Allegheny county.

The Georgia senate has voted to remove from office Chairman of the State Railroad Commission S. G. McLendon. McLendon was recently suspended by former Governor Smith on charges of being too lenient with the railroads.

One hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine applications for lands in the Coeur d'Alene, Flathead and Spokane reservations, where 700,000 acres will be opened to settlement by the government, were reported by notaries at the close of the ninth day.

So great is the rush of applications for Indian reservation lands, to be drawn August 9, that the land department officials placed an order for 50,000,000 more registration blanks. With little more than half the time for registration passed, Superintendent Witten has received 148,955 applications.

Confirmation was made of a deal by which the Jones and Laughlin Steel company acquires more than 5,500 acres of coal lands from the Pittsburg-Buffalo company. The price is said to be \$165,000. Harry C. Pulliam, president of the National League of professional baseball clubs, committed suicide in New York.

Philo, Illinois, a village in Champaign county, was almost wiped out by fire. Half the business section was destroyed. Loss, \$40,000.

As a result of the anti-trust suits recently brought by Attorney General Sterling of Mississippi against the Real Lumber Dealers' association of Mississippi and Louisiana, fifteen out of the seventy-three defendant concerns have effected compromises with the state, agreeing to pay \$800 to the state treasurer upon a decree rendered against them in chancery court.

According to Vice-President Fred Robinson of Empire, the Dakota Western railroad, a branch of the Chicago & Northwestern system, will commence actual construction of its line from Whitecloud to Empire along the irrigation project, within the next thirty days. The right-of-way has been practically all secured and negotiations with the Redwater Power and Light company are on to secure power enough to operate the motor cars for the line.

Charles H. Moyer was unanimously re-elected president of the western federation of miners. This is his eighth term in that office. James Kirwan, of Perry, S. D., was elected as one of the delegates to attend the conference with delegates from the united mine workers of America.

W. A. Harris, formerly United States senator from Kansas, is dangerously ill at his home in Lawrence, suffering from a heart attack. His weakened condition, due to the effect of the heat while horseback riding, is thought to have brought on the attack.

In a quarrel over a ball game at Lee City, Ky., W. F. Larson was struck over the head and his skull crushed with a baseball in the hands of his brother, Clay Lawson. The injured man, who was forty years old, died in a hospital at Lexington.

The failure of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota to arrive in Seattle in time to deliver an address on Swedish day at the exposition, which, according to President Chibberg of the fair, he promised to do, has caused a controversy and bitter feeling between the governor and the fair officials.

Additional time for pleading to the federal indictment against them was granted the American Sugar Refining company and its officials by Judge Hans in the United States circuit court. The court extended the time until August 30.

The sheep men of South Dakota report the best wool crop ever known in the history of the state.

Twelve persons killed and a number injured is the result of a head-on collision at a small station twenty miles east of Spokane, Wash.

Washington. David Williams, the negro mess attendant on the battleship Vermont, will be surrendered by the navy to the Massachusetts state authorities, who charged him with manslaughter as the result of the death of the mess attendant, Foster, following a boxing bout aboard the Vermont.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of A. Platt Andrew of Massachusetts to be director of the mint. The nomination is to succeed Frank A. Leach, who resigned some time ago to become president of the People's Water company of Oklahoma and California.

The new issue of Lincoln pennies will continue in circulation despite the criticism that the initials of the designer appear rather conspicuously on the coins. That was the statement made at the treasury department.

President Taft of the United States and President Diaz of Mexico are to meet at El Paso, Tex., October 18. This program has been arranged as the result of correspondence between the United States and Mexico.

The acting secretary of the interior has vacated the order of withdrawal in connection with the North Platte irrigation project in Wyoming, and restored to the public domain where not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, about 21,920 acres of land. Settlement may be made on the land on and after October 26 and 25 at the Cheyenne, Wyo., land office. The vacated order of withdrawal is in connection with the same irrigation project in Nebraska, and restored about 1,280 acres of land to the public domain where not otherwise appropriated, subject to settlement on and after October 26 and to entry, filing or selection November 25 at the Alliance, Neb., land office.

Nineteen members of a party of Maorie form New Zealand, who have been held up at quarantine at San Francisco by the immigration authorities because they were found to be afflicted with trachoma, were refused admission into this country by order of Assistant Secretary McHarg.

Distribution of the new cents, which bear the head of Lincoln instead of that of the Indian which has ornamented them for so many years, will begin Monday. The Philadelphia mint has a total of over 30,000,000 of the new coins on hand with which to supply the orders.

Satisfied that the government has been "short changed," either intentionally or unintentionally, in the matter of customs duties on imported beers, Assistant Secretary Reynolds of the treasury department promulgated a change in the customs regulations to remedy this situation.

Approximately 142,000 acres of land in Wyoming near Gillette, which had been withdrawn for the purpose of coal classification, was recommended by the geological survey to be restored to the public domain by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce, for entry under the general land laws.

GONE FROM CAPITAL

POSTMASTER GENERAL IS ONLY HIGH OFFICIAL LEFT.

TAFT KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH

Members of Cabinet and Other High Dignitaries Hurry Away on Summer Vacations.

Washington.—Direction of the affairs of the administration is left in the hands of two cabinet officers—Secretary of the Treasury MacVegh and Postmaster General Hitchcock, and by Monday night the distinction will probably be enjoyed alone by Mr. Hitchcock.

President Taft is keeping in close touch with Washington over the government wire from Beverly, Mass. Vice President Sherman is at his home in Utica, N. Y. Speaker Cannon left for his home in Danville, Ill. Attorney General Wickersham, accompanied by Mrs. Wickersham, started for New York in an automobile.

While no definite time has been fixed for a conference respecting President Taft's plan to reorganize the Interstate Commerce commission, it is expected that the president and some members of his cabinet, including Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, will have such a conference early in September either at New York or at Beverly. The whole matter yet is in a tentative state.

The president's idea is to arrange for a division of the work now done by the Interstate Commerce commission. His plan provides that investigations into violations of the interstate commerce act, from which prosecutions may result, shall be conducted either directly by the Department of Justice or by the Bureau of Corporations instead of by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Secretary of State Knox left for his home at Valley Forge, Pa. Secretary of the Treasury MacVegh expects to leave Monday for Dublin, N. H., where he has a summer home. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will leave Monday for the west.

Mr. Wilson will spend a week at his home in Tama, Ia., after concluding some departmental work in Wyoming and Utah. He will confer at Rawlins, Wyo., with the sheep raisers of that country. He is anxious to ascertain whether there are lands included in the forest reserves which are valuable for agricultural purposes.

If there are such lands in the reserves he will recommend to the secretary of the interior that they be listed for settlement and entry. Later Secretary Wilson will go to Ogden, Utah, where he will take up the same question. Since June, 1906, there have been 250,000 acres of farm lands in the forest reserves turned over to homesteaders.

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CAR MEN WILL NOT STRIKE

Indications That All Differences Will Be Settled by Agreement.

Chicago.—According to present signs there will be no strike of the street car employees of Chicago and an amicable settlement is likely to be reached. It is said an offer of a wage increase will be made by President Thomas E. Mitten of the Chicago Street Railway company in the negotiations which will be resumed Monday.

John M. Roach, president of the Chicago Railroads company, has had his auditors at work figuring out a method of advancing wages and it is expected that his first offer to a committee of his employees will be on the same general basis as that proposed by Mr. Mitten.

Don Jaime To Take Wife.

Paris.—A special dispatch received here from Madrid says the Don Jaime, the pretender to the Spanish throne, shortly will marry a princess of the imperial German family. Emperor William has consented to the union.

To Dismiss Silver.

Denver, Col.—The official call for the twelfth annual session of the American Mining congress, to be held at Goldfield, Nev., September 17 to October 4, has been issued from the office of the secretary here. The silver question will be discussed with a view of increasing the use of silver and of securing such an adjustment of its value as will decrease the rate of exchange between the United States and countries with a silver standard.

The Extra Session.

Washington.—The extra session of congress, which has just closed, is by no means the longest on record. During the last fifty years congress has been convened in extraordinary session a great many times. The first session of the Fortieth congress was convened at noon on the 4th day of March, 1867, and did not adjourn sine die, until the date fixed for the meeting of the second session, December 2 following, but there were recesses from March 30 until July 1 and from July 20 to November 1.

One Veteran Kills Another.

Dayton, O.—Captain Oscar Eastmond of barracks No. 6, general branch, National Soldiers' Home, was shot and killed Sunday by Edward Leonard, another veteran, who later shot and wounded two other men.

Large Missionary Offering.

Old Orchard, Me.—Nearly \$50,000 for missionary work was raised by the Rev. A. B. Simpson of New York within three-quarters of an hour at the annual offering of the Christian Missionary alliance here Sunday.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Home of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

Hastings Chautauqua opened with an attendance of 5,000.

Grand Island is busy with work of paving the streets.

A special election was held in Valley on the proposition to issue \$17,000 in 5 per cent twenty-year bonds to construct a water plant. The issue was approved by a vote of 115 to 22.

Edgar Stahley, one of the best known young men in Lancaster county, killed himself near Lincoln. He left a note saying he did not care to live longer.

Omaha is to be equipped with a wireless telegraph and telephone station available for all commercial uses. The new plant will be in operation about January 1.

Carl Bek has just purchased thirty acres of land from Philip Spohn, paying \$10,000 for it. The land is the highest in price that has been sold for a long time.

Mrs. Jennie Beck of Clatonia, Gage county, filed a complaint against her husband, Joseph Beck, charging him with wife desertion. Sheriff Trude has gone to Pierre, S. D., to bring him back.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harpster, an old resident of Liberty, Gage county, committed suicide at the home of her daughter at that place by hanging herself. Ill health is assigned as the cause.

County School Superintendent Vogt has completed a report which, among other things, shows the school population of Colfax county to be 4,046 for 1909. This is a little less than last year.

The immense wheat crop in Cass county is being threshed and marketed. The farmers are taking advantage of the high prices and turning the crops into cash at once. The promise of a big corn crop is flattering.

Rev. John Wilt of the Avenue Methodist Episcopal church of Auburn, has undertaken the task of securing a pardon for J. P. Cohoe, who was sent to the penitentiary from Nemaha county for appropriating money he found, but which he knew belonged to the estate of Joseph Ulbricht. Mr. Cohoe is in failing health.

Horace Hunter, living near Harvard, died from the effects of an injury received while raking scatterings in the wheat field. In fighting flies his horse got over the tongue, breaking it, then running away and throwing Mr. Hunter several feet, dislocating his shoulder and causing internal injury.

The heat last Thursday, says a Nebraska City dispatch, was the most intense that has been felt in this section during the season. It was so hot that in places farmers lost their stock. One man on the east side of the river lost fourteen head in one pasture, despite the fact that he had plenty of water and shade.

A young man named Henry Damon has been arrested at West Point on a charge of forging and uttering a number of checks upon local merchants. The checks were drawn upon the First National bank of Beemer and were for sums ranging from \$5 to \$7. The names of August Gardels and Ed Gallagher, well known farmers, were signed to the checks.

Attorneys for the railroads will ask the state railway commission to postpone either the date for taking testimony in the 2-cent fare case or the class rate schedules. Both of the hearings are set for the latter part of August and the first of September and the railroad attorneys want one delayed until the other is out of the way.

John Dawson, a special attorney for the Kansas railway commission, called on Attorney General Thompson to ask him about the 2-cent fare litigation in which Nebraska and the various railroads are interested. Kansas, Mr. Dawson said, was holding back waiting for a decision in the Nebraska case though he was not sure that the decision in that state would be accepted by Kansas.

A second vein of coal, measuring seven feet thick, was struck by the drillers of the Bloomfield Gas & Oil company. After leaving the first vein, which was six feet thick, the drill passed through about five feet of rock then striking the second stratum of coal. After leaving this stratum the drill passed through eight feet of rock and dry clay, when the third vein of coal was struck.

Word has been received at Beatrice that Frank T. Wagner, a former Beatrice resident, was sentenced at Madison, Wis., to three years in the penitentiary for giving perjured testimony before the senatorial investigation committee. Before leaving Beatrice Wagner took an active part in politics, being strongly identified with the Farmers' Alliance and populist movements.

Everett Buckingham and C. C. Rosewater of Omaha returned from Chicago where they went in the interest of the National Corn exposition, taking up the matter of railroad co-operation. The response has been all that could be asked and the different roads centering at Omaha, as well as connecting lines, are willing and anxious to help in the corn exposition enterprise.

Michael Kaas, who has been incarcerated in the county jail at Madison for the last thirty days for wife beating, was liberated by County Judge Bacon. Kaas was vigorously lectured by the judge and given to understand that henceforth he must behave himself.

At present there are three men in the county jail of Otoe county charged with being insane and one woman outside, who has been convicted a subject for the asylum and the officials have received notice that the state asylum is full and they cannot take any more patients.

Alfonso gets a salary for sticking to the king business of over \$1,000,000. But when one considers the risks of the job perhaps he earns every penny of it.

American women distinguished themselves by coolness and bravery in the mutiny of constabulary at Davao in the Philippines. The ladies were fearless during the fight with the mutineers and did everything possible to assist in the defense. The American woman is always equal to the emergency.

A COMPANY IS SUED

FIGHT BEGUN TO ENFORCE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

BEGUN BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Act Applies to Foreign Corporations Doing Business in State, and None Have Complied.

Attorney General Thompson filed suit in the county court of Lancaster county against the American Surety company for failure to comply with the Junkin anti-trust law, enacted by the legislature of 1905.

The specific complaint is that the company has failed to file an annual report with the attorney general as provided by law, and it has also failed to file an undertaking with the attorney general, saying that it will comply with the provisions of the Junkin act and all other laws governing such companies.

The penalty for failure to comply with the law is a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for one year or both.

The law applies to all foreign corporations except common carriers. Not one corporation has ever filed the reports and all are subject to the same prosecution as that which has just been started.

Attorney general Thompson has contemplated this action for some time, but the matter was precipitated by the action of the American Surety company in seeking an injunction against the state bonding board and the rates it proposes surety companies may charge.

Fight on State Freight Law.

The railroads of Nebraska fight on the Aldrich freight rate law and the 2-cent fare law will stand on the valuation of their property as fixed by the state board of assessment. This statement was made by W. D. McHugh, one of the railroad lawyers, at a conference between the attorneys for the corporations and the railway commission. The lawyers asked for a delay in the hearing on the proposed classification of freight rates, as the hearing on the 2-cent rate bill and the Aldrich bill comes up shortly in the federal court.

The railroads will insist that the rates in effect prior to 1907, when the reductions were made, were then non-compensatory and evidence will be introduced to prove this statement, said the railroad attorneys. The evidence introduced will be the valuation of railroad property by the state board.

The railway commission has not yet decided whether it will grant the delay to the railroads.

County Exhibit at State Fair.

About \$4,000 is offered in premiums at the coming Nebraska State fair, September 6 to 10, for agricultural products. These are usually shown in county collective exhibits and are valuable advertisements for a county. In many of the live, progressive counties the commissioners or board of supervisors makes an appropriation for an exhibit representing that county at the state fair, and the result is that the county doing this is the one which attracts the attention of the prospective settler to a much larger degree than those which do not believe in advertising. Among the counties that have already made entries are:

Counities and in Charge Of—Richardson—Arnold Bros., Verdon. Washington—J. H. Ballard, Blair. Red Willow—Stephen Bolles, Box Elder. Nemaha—O. P. Dovel, Auburn. Frontier—Loyal M. Graham, Stockville. Dundy—W. E. Godell, Hagler. Lancaster—S. R. Hall, Havelock. Howard—Z. T. Lettwich, St. Paul. Wheeler—C. J. Lawless, Erickson. Pawnee—Arnold Martin, Dubois. York—A. J. Martin, York. Keya Paha—J. W. McLaren, Springview.

Brown—C. W. Potter, Alnsworth. Webster—L. C. Peisiger, Blue Hill. Furnas—J. W. Turner, Beaver City. Kearney—E. R. Trough, Minden. Soline—John August, Dorchester.

Occupation Tax Held Up.

Secretary of State Junkin is holding \$1,480 paid as occupation tax under protest by a number of corporations, who insist that the new law is unconstitutional. Mr. Junkin is holding the money merely as an accommodation, as there is no law by which the money can be held up, but he has notified the companies he will hold it only a short time, pending an attack on the law.

Boiler Bids Rejected.

The Board of Public Land and Buildings rejected all bids on the boiler for the Lincoln asylum and the generator and motor for the Norfolk asylum.

Omaha Road Pays Tax.

The Omaha road state received a check for \$200 from the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad in payment of the occupation tax provided for by the law enacted by the recent legislature. The money was paid under protest, the company writing that if understood the law was to be attacked and that it believed it was unconstitutional. Out of a total of something over 7,000 letters sent out to corporations, over 3,000 have been returned, the corporations having gone out of business.

The Governor's Trip Northwest.

Governor Shallenberger's journey into the northwest has been arranged for fourteen days and the governor and his staff and the wives of his colonels will be entertained by the people of the west. No special trains will be used, though special cars will be attached to the regular trains. These cars will be parked at every stopping place save Seattle, where the party will make its headquarters for five days. Side trips will be made into British territory. The governor leaves Lincoln August 11.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

More Daylight Plan Is Not Popular



WASHINGTON.—Washington business men do not want to save daylight. The proposition to have the hands of the clock in the summer time indicate that it is nine o'clock when in reality it is only eight o'clock does not meet with favor in their eyes.

The national capital has been struggling along under standard sun time in the summer time for a good many years, in the opinion of its conservative business leaders. They have decided that the city can continue to do the same in the future.

Members of the two trade bodies—the board of trade and the chamber of commerce—have decided that they can save trouble by not saving daylight by fooling with the hands of the city's clocks May 1 and October 1. They have so notified Commissioner Macfarland.

When the president of the board of district commissioners received a suggestion from the National Daylight Association of Cincinnati that the hands of the clock in Washington be turned forward an hour May 1 and turned back an hour October 1, as will be done in Cincinnati next summer, he referred the question to the two commercial organizations for expression of opinion as to whether a municipal regulation along that line should be adopted for the District of Columbia.

Parks to Line the Potomac River



IN LINE with the general movement "for a more beautiful America," as advocated by the American Civic association, plans are pending in congress for a thorough improvement of the river front of the nation's capital. These provide for a park system along the picturesque Potomac and the beautification of both sides that will be a credit not only to Washington but to the nation.

In the opinion of Engineer Commissioner Major W. V. Judson, U. S. A., Washington's river front "would be a disgrace to a small town," and, remarking recently on the present condition of the Potomac's banks, the commissioner added that "altogether, the spectacle on the river is one which, to a person acquainted with the trim and often elegant quays of the capitals of Europe, can not fail to arouse some measure of surprise."

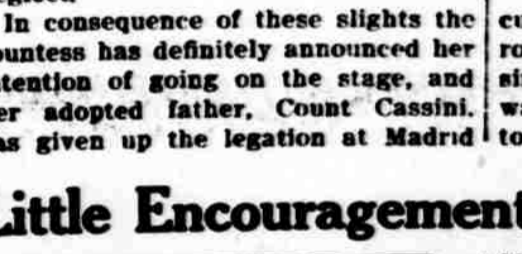
By the terms of a recent decision of the federal supreme court, the national government has entire control of the city's lands bordering the river. Establishment of Potomac park was the beginning of improvement, and it congress shall approve of the latest plans, it will not be long before the river front of Washington will be a source of pride.

Commissioner Judson's plans include the building of stone or concrete docks in place of the wooden structures and shanties that now mark the busiest part of town. It is proposed in time to have a splendid driveway and promenade, a scheme which, it is believed, will lead to the extension of the city to the other side of the Potomac. There is to be built a recreation pier where the fish wharves now are.

Potomac park itself was established upon the flats, the elevation being made with the mud and clay dredged from the river when the channel was deepened. This park is only the beginning, and similar recreation places will be established along the river front now available for commercial purposes. Along the upper Potomac, too, it is proposed to make parks.

In the extensive river park system contemplated provision will be made for the benefit of Georgetown and East Washington will have great driveways and promenades. Here the shores of the eastern branch of the river are low-lying flats.

Chum of Alice Longworth Going on Stage



THE Countess Marguerite Cassini, once the chum of Alice Roosevelt and long an object of great interest and attraction in Washington, has been having all sorts of trouble in Europe.

The stiff-necked Spanish court, to which Count Cassini was accredited as minister, failed to pay her proper honors as the chief lady of the legation. At the same time the czarina of Russia treated her with marked neglect.

In consequence of these slights the countess has definitely announced her intention of going on the stage, and her adopted father, Count Cassini, has given up the legation at Madrid and will probably retire from the diplomatic service.

The countess has chosen for her debut the role in which Mary Garden made her first appearance—that of Louise. She has been studying singing with Jean de Reszke in Paris. She is still as handsome as she was in other days, when she wore wonderful fancy dress costumes at the social affairs in the nation's capital.

The latest slight that caused the countess to abandon diplomatic and official life came from the czarina of Russia. Her majesty declined to appoint the countess one of her maids of honor, a post which it has been customary to give to the daughters of ambassadors and very high officials. Count Cassini pressed as urgently as possible for the customary honor, but the empress said "No."

Little Encouragement for the Inventors



000 to A. M. Herring, if he meets practically similar requirements.

This will be the end of experimental work unless some interest in aerial navigation is shown by congress in the form of a liberal appropriation.

Deadly Gas from Oil Well. The noxious gases which are being constantly emitted from an oil well at Dos Bocas, Vera Cruz, Mexico, have already resulted in the loss of life and the destruction of much property.

The fumes thrown off by the well which was on fire for two months, are so strong that all metals in Tampico 65 miles distant, are turning black and all ships traversing the coast between Vera Cruz and Tampico show the effects of the noxious gases by the discoloration of metals and the counter land breezes which near the locality. It has been authoritatively reported that two laborers with tea mules encountered a current of the deadly fumes at some distance from the well and died almost immediately.

Buzzards, parrots and other species of birds have been destroyed in great numbers, and many people find that the action of the poison in the air affects their sight.

Following Advice. "The old man told me if I wanted to marry his daughter I would have to go to work."

"Well, did you work?" "You bet I did. I worked him."