

MORE ROYAL INNOVATIONS

Transatlantic Guest Violates Unwritten Law of King's Household.

WIDOW THINKS QUEEN IS SLOW

Went Below to Play Bridge After Her Majesty Had Retired and that Settled Her for All Time.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—In court circles a tale is being whispered of the queen's slow pace in the matter of royal innovations...

ROYALTY DESPISES TITLE

Archduke Henry of Tuscany Anxious to Renounce His Rank and Dignities.

VIENNA, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Once more is Austrian society scandalized over the doings of a member of the imperial house of Hapsburg...

Lord Herbert's Heart

"Will Lord Herbert Van-Tempest find his way in America this time?" is the question which is being asked just now in the boulevards of Mayfair and Belgravia...

Attention Misconstrued

Naturally, his attentions to women have got him into awkward situations. On one occasion a pretty, slipshod debutante whom he took into supper told him that she was "just dying to hear Melba."

American Rendezvous

The American Rendezvous which was opened in Regent street late last summer with a great flourish of trumpets has collapsed as a club. It still exists in an indolent form, but its complete demise may be expected at an early date.

Mineral Waters

The mineral water business has for many years been a specialty with our firm. We buy our waters direct from the springs of a famous European...

SCIENTISTS GET BIG FUND

Make No Appeals for Imposing Structure in London.

NEVER HAVE TO PASS THE HAT

Cult Has Become Distinctly Fashionable, Making Many Converts Among Aristocrats of England.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—London has had a concrete proof of the extent of the Christian Science boom here in the formal opening of the great first church in Whitehall Place, St. John's Street.



INTERIOR OF LONDON'S NEW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

It is unique among modern churches. Another equally remarkable claim to distinction attaches to it. The subscribers of the money care nothing for the glory to be obtained among their fellows by blazoning forth their generosity.

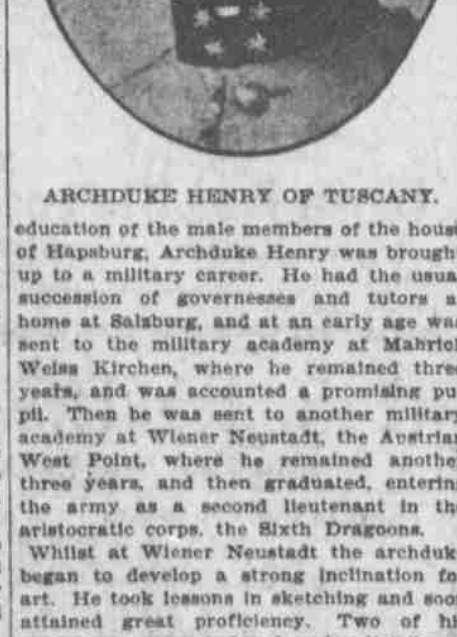
BEGINNING OF THE SKYSCRAPER

Building Operations in New York Revolutionized in Eighteen Years.

It is little more than eighteen years since Bradford L. Gilbert erected the first skyscraper at No. 50 Broadway, New York, relates the Broadway Magazine.

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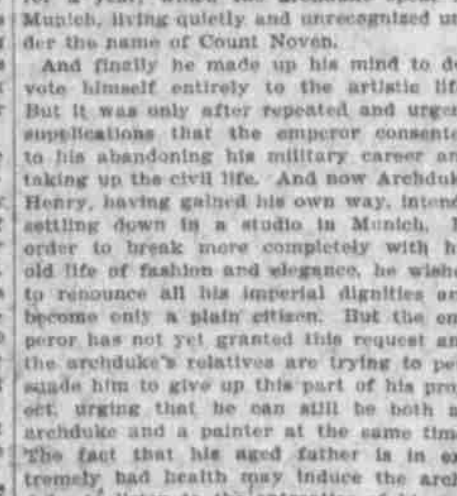


LADY MILDRED POLLETT. One of the prominent Christian Scientists in England.

congregation became too large for our drawing room and a public hall was engaged for regular services. In 1897 a disused Jewish synagogue was acquired and the first regular Christian Scientist church in England was opened.

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ENGLISH DRAMATIC CENSOR

How George Alexander Redford Gained His Job.

OFF-CENSURED CENSOR OF PLAYS

Started in Life as Bank Clerk and Put in Full Time Studying Literature—Some of His Querer Ways.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Though the censorship of English plays has kept the cable wires hot for the last week, owing to the petition for its abolition, little has appeared in print concerning the personality and actual powers of the censor himself.

After keeping on the track of the most talked about man in the play-acting world for several days, the writer recently obtained from him, however, not only an exact biographical account of his life, but a number of interesting and hitherto unpublished details concerning the office of censor.

George Alexander Redford, THE BRITISH STAGE CENSOR.

(From a Private Photo Supplied to Our Correspondent by Mr. Redford.)

Browning, Leighton, G. H. Lowe, George Elton, the brothers Trollope, Wilkie Collins and others of like note. In his father's home, the present censor frequently met many of the leading literary lights of the day.

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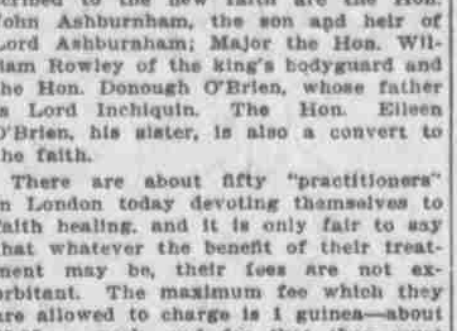
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CHILD LOST IN MANCHURIA

Found in the Streets of Moscow, Where She Was Brought by a Soldier.

MOSCOW, Nov. 30.—Here is a photograph just sent me at my request by Captain Stanislav Fiolka of his little daughter, Vera, whom he regained in an sensational fashion the other day, after she had been lost for over three years.



VEVA FIOLOKA.

ried her off from a hut occupied by Captain Fiolka and his family. This officer, who is now stationed in Moscow, served with the Russian forces in the far east, and took his family with him to the front.

All efforts to recover the stolen child failed and she was given up for lost until the other day, when her parents recognized her in a beggar girl who was singing in front of a fashionable Moscow restaurant, which they were about to enter.

The sight of the aristocratic couple fondling and weeping over a child in ragged raiment attracted attention and a crowd collected, to whom the overjoyed father explained the situation, after which parents and child sought refuge in the restaurant.

It appears that little Vera, abandoned by her Chinese captors, was found by a Russian soldier, who brought her to Moscow. Eventually, however, he was sent to the hospital and died, after which the child was compelled to beg in the streets.

Needless to say, the joy of her parents at recovering her is beyond words. A photograph of Vera has been taken since her return to her home. The accompanying one was made just before she started with her parents for the far east. She was then only 4 years old.

Big Diamond in Transit. An amusing story is told of the way the Cullinan diamond—the birthday gift of the Transvaal to King Edward—was sent to England. It was felt that there was a certain amount of danger in the railroad journey from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Two stalwart railway detectives, an hour or two before the mail started from the gold reef city, were ordered to travel with it on special duty. They were told to be well armed, and at the last moment they were entrusted with the small sealed package, which they were directed not to lose sight of until they deposited it in the strong room of the liner. Learning that it was the great diamond, the two men had in an anxious journey, some months later the truth became known, by the Transvaal postmaster general's report, that the diamond had really gone in the mail as an ordinary registered package. The detective's mission was simply an elaborate piece of deception.—New York Tribune.

Heavy fees are extracted by the lord chamberlain's office every year from the reading of plays. The total sum runs into something like \$5,000. Every play or stage or more costs the author or stage manager \$10 for censorship, while every part under three acts—even a few words inserted in a pantomime—costs \$5. The censor examines 25 to 600 plays a year.

If a play or part of a play is produced without the censor's consent, a fine of \$250 is levied on the manager, and a fine of \$100 is levied on the author. The manager not only has to pay this sum, but he loses the license to his theater.

Altogether there are thirty-two rules connected with censorship of plays, which authors and managers must comply with before their productions can be accepted. Some of these regulations appear trivial and capricious in cases where plays are written by some of the leading literary men of the century.

Mr. Redford is a playwright—though not

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