

### STEEL FOUNDRY GROWS RAPIDLY IN SEVEN YEARS

Plant Organized On Small Scale a Short Time Ago Now Employs 250 Men.

The past few years have seen a great increase in the banking, wholesale, livestock and grain markets, and have also brought Omaha to the front as a manufacturing center.

Seven years ago practically all the structural steel used in the territory came from the east. Today it is fabricated in the city of Omaha, and the money formerly spent in the east is distributed here in wages.

Seven years ago a small plant was started called the Omaha Structural Steel Works. The business was largely local and only a few men were employed. So aggressive were the men behind the plant, and so satisfactory their product that the plant outgrew its first quarters and large tract of land at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets was purchased and a modern steel fabricating plant installed. The business still grew and new buildings and machinery added every year until at the present time two hundred and fifty men are employed constantly to turn out the enormous amount of steel handled at this point. A payroll of over \$30,000 a month and a business running close to \$2,000,000 a year have grown out of the far sighted business judgment of a few men.

Steel from Omaha is shipped to every state west of the Missouri river, and branch offices at Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Helena, Mont., are required to take care of the business in those territories.

Every year has seen a decided growth of business and a corresponding expansion in plant facilities. This year is witnessing the investment of over \$125,000 dollars in the installation of a new foundry and machine shop. Steel castings are to be made by the electric process grey iron castings by the ordinary methods, and a machine shop equipped with the latest machinery. The best work is rapidly nearing completion.

The company changed its name the first of this year from the Omaha Structural Steel Works to the Atlas Steel Works, owing to the fact the business had grown from a strictly fabricating shop to a general steel and machine business.

### English Enjoy Tea and Muffins During Wait for Favorites

Chicago, June 28.—Did you ever drop into a movie palace to see your favorite "movie vamp" or comedian and find that as you entered the last few feet of the film you came to see was being run off and that a "one-reeler" you had seen a dozen times was being run in as a "filler" before the big star picture was run again?

If you did, and who has not, you found yourself compelled to sit through the uninteresting one-reeler in order to see your favorite. Not so in England. In such a case, were you in England, you could go to one of the two or three ballrooms of the movie palace, enjoy a cup of tea and several of those famous English muffins while waiting for your favorite star to show again.

This is but one of the many advantages of the English movie over the American movie, according to John D. Tippett, of the Transatlantic Film company of Great Britain, the leading movie firm in Europe, now visiting movie studios in this country. Mr. Tippett expresses wonder at the immensity of American studios. "And the money they spend!" he said with unusual excitement. "Enough to float a war loan." Tippett then let slip a little tip for "vamps."

"We have censors, that is, each town's head constable decides on what shall be shown and what not, but they are very liberal. The censorship here seems much stricter. Our picture houses, though totaling hardly more than 3,500 in all England, are as popular as here. We show about 90 per cent American-made films. During the war our cinemas, as we call the movies, were an immense help in maintaining home morale. They remained open throughout the war showing comedies. The people would not go to a serious, heavy show, a drama or a war picture. Your man Chaplin is the favorite movie star in England."

**Circus Dancer Drinks Chloroform; Loves Clown**  
Portsmouth, N. H.—Alice Walters, aged 19, of Oklahoma City, a ballet girl attached to a circus which played here, attempted suicide by drinking two ounces of chloroform while on the circus grounds. She is expected to recover. Her act is said to be the outcome of a love affair with one of the clowns attached to the show.

**Extra Duty for Mule.**  
St. Louis, Mo., June 28.—This story is "on" Col. Americus Mitchell, who took command of the 188th Infantry after E. H. Howland was wounded. Every officer swears to its truth.

They say that while Colonel Mitchell was in command a Missouri mule kicked a slot out of his stall. Colonel Mitchell, they say, "court-martialed" the mule, and put him on five days' extra duty for punishment.

**Lightning Shears Squirrel.**  
Greenfield, Ia., June 28.—A pet squirrel on Prairie avenue here was divested of its coat of fur during an electrical storm, yet it escaped alive. The squirrel was climbing a tree when the tree was struck by lightning. It has been noticed by residents, who are placing food for it in its haunt.

### Islanders Hope to Make Azores Permanent Aero Oversea Stopping Place

Citizens of San Miguel Were Not Only Great Boosters for Success of Transatlantic Seaplane Flight, But Figure Azores as the Logical Mid-Station of All Oversea Flights.

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Ponta Delgada, Azores, June 12.—(By Mail)—No stronger boosters for the success of the United States navy transatlantic flight could have been found anywhere than here in Ponta Delgada, capital of the Island of San Miguel.

Natives of the city, and of the island as well, awaited the coming of Commander Towers and his seaplanes with eager expectancy. They came from miles around to witness the triumphant arrival of the planes, which were scheduled to reach here from Newfoundland on May 17, and expressed the greatest disappointment when it was learned that the NC-4 was forced to land at Horta, on the Island of Fayal, and that the NC-1 and NC-3 had been lost at sea.

Aside from curious interests San Miguelians looked upon the effort of the navy planes as a harbinger of big things for the Azores in days to come. Their newspapers told them that the test flight was but a preliminary step to transatlantic travel through the air in future years, not forgetting to lay stress on the value of such travel to the Azores. The people here believe that successful transatlantic flying will open up new fields for them, and it was with rejoicing that they heard of the safe arrival of the NC-4 at Lisbon.

The Azores have two fine ports, 150 miles apart, either of which is admirably adapted for the establishment of a midatlantic station for transoceanic planes. Ponta Delgada claims the biggest and best harbor in the island group; but Horta, on the Island of Fayal, also boasts a fine harbor, though it is smaller than the harbor here. Horta, however, is 150 miles nearer to Newfoundland than Ponta Delgada, and in foggy weather would be a welcome haven to flyers, as Commander Read and the crew of the NC-4 will testify.

That transoceanic aerial passenger lines will some day be a reality is not doubted here by the reading and thinking class of people, and they are eagerly looking ahead to the day when such travel becomes practicable.

The Azores, because they do not lie in the pathway of the great bulk of transatlantic travel, are obscure to some degree. During the war they were practically cut off from the outside world. For the tourists' steamers from England, Portugal and other European countries ceased to maintain their none too frequent visits to the islands. Today the people of the Azores are looking toward to put them back on the map commercially, and they have much to offer tourists in the way of attractions.

The Azores comprise nine islands—San Miguel, Fayal, Pico, San Jorge, St. Mary's, Terceira, Graciosa, Flores and Corvo. Mount Pico, which rises majestically at the westernmost end of the island which was named for it, is the third largest mountain rising from the sea. Its barren and often snow-clad peak rises to a sheer height of 7,460 feet, and hot gas still issues from the crevices of a little crater at its summit. Pico and the Valley of Furnas, on the island of San Miguel, are constant reminders that the Azores are a monument to marine volcanic action.

The Furnas is the principal attraction on the island of San Miguel. The valley in which it is located lies some 20 miles from this city and offers a wonderful and picturesque panorama of chalets, parks, peaks, and gardens. Furnas itself is a spouting, steaming, bubbling outlet for hot lava mud from the bowels of the earth beneath it. There are also several bubbling hot springs in the crater, and the lava mud and the water are said to possess remarkable medicinal qualities.

Near Furnas is a wonderful volcanic lake more than a mile in length, nestling among lava peaks 900 feet above the sea. It is the same vicinity are many beautiful gardens, one of which was particularly favored by former King Manuel. Cete Cidades, or the Lake of Seven Cities, is another attraction here, and Ponta Delgada itself is a picturesque, bustling city of more than 20,000 inhabitants, the third largest Portuguese city, being outranked only by Lisbon and Oporto.

**She's Sheriff Now.**  
Lexington, Mo.—Mrs. Minnie Talbot, of this city, is the first woman sheriff elected to office in Missouri. She is the widow of Sheriff John Talbot, murdered May 4 by automobile thieves. She was elected at a special election by a large majority.

**London.—**"I cannot live without her," were the last words of Thomas Longrigg, aged 75, who hanged himself just after the death of his wife to whom he had been married for 40 years.

### Ugly Weapons Are Taken From Joliet Convicts by Guards

Springfield, Ill., June 28.—George Sutton, secretary to Governor Lowden, has some unique instruments taken from prisoners at Joliet who secretly made them in plans for escape.

One is a huge and ugly-looking knife, made from a file. It resembles any machine-made blade. The handle is of bicycle tape. Its construction probably took weeks if not months of tedious toil.

Another is a razor. This is also made from a file. It is perfect in design and has an edge equivalent to any machine-made blade. The handle is light red, of a paper combination.

But the most remarkable of all is a tremendously large key. It is hand carved and of brass. The ingenuity with which it was finished can well be realized when it is learned the key end tappers are fitted with square screws that can be adjusted to any length in order to fit all cell locks.

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