

Thomas Mott Osborne, Amateur Convict, Once More a "Free Man"

THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE, philanthropist and millionaire, who entered Auburn prison under the alias of "Tom Brown" for a woman's self imposed sentence, is once more a free man; also a sadder but wiser one.



Mr. Osborne was in quest of first hand information in regard to the present prison system in vogue in New York state which he can use in drafting recommendations for the legislature when he reports next year as chairman of the state commission on prison reform.

MRS. MARSHALL'S RECORD.

Vice President's Wife Made 1,600 Calls in 120 Days.

Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, wife of the vice president, made a record during her first season in the capital that will probably stand for years.



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MRS. THOMAS R. MARSHALL, cabinet. Thursday, devoted to social duties by the wives of senators, and Friday, when wives of ambassadors and other diplomats are "at home" to their friends.

Well, in the first place, etiquette does not require the vice president's wife to enter the homes of all ladies of the political world in making return visits.

PANAMA CANAL THE WORLD AT

Dynamiting Gamboa Dike Removed Last Big Obstruction.

WITH the dynamiting of Gamboa dike the last link in the Panama canal has been forged and the United States has virtually completed the greatest feat of modern times.



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CULEBRA CUT, JUST BEFORE WATER WAS LET IN, SHOWING A BAD SLIDE cut with the steam shovels. Since that time the workmen have been removing the shovels, railroad tracks and other machinery necessary to the digging work.

The canal is a lake canal as well as a lock canal, the dominating feature being Gatun lake, an artificially created body of water covering about 164 square miles in the northern half of the portion of the isthmus through which the canal passes.

WONDER OF LAST A REALITY

World's Greatest Engineering Feat Will Cost \$400,000,000.

the waters of the Chagres river behind a big dam. This huge barrier, called the Gatun dam, is located about seven miles south of Colon at the northern end of the lake.

No ship will be allowed to pass through the locks under its own power. Electrically operated towing locomotives will be provided for this purpose. To each ship there will be four locomotives; two on either side of the bow and two at the stern.



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THE GATUN GOING THROUGH A LOCK.

into place in case of an accident and stop the flow of water from the lake into the remainder of the canal.

The time of transit through the canal for a vessel of the largest type has been estimated at from ten to twelve hours, depending on the rate of speed maintained in passing through Gatun lake.

The total cost of the canal, including the purchase from the New Panama Canal company (the French combine) and the payment to the republic of Panama, will closely approach the \$400,000,000 mark.

In the construction of the canal most of the manual labor was performed by Spaniards, Italians, West Indians and natives of the republic of Panama.

T. R. ON EXPLORING TRIP.

The Colonel Will Spend Six Months in South America.

After a parting shot at several political leaders Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is out on the bounding billows, headed for South America.

T. R. will be gone six months. He purposes lecturing the natives of the three biggest countries of South America and exploring the jungles.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Margaret Roosevelt will remain with the party until they reach the limits of civilization.



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Then they will come back home. Fiala will act as official photographer of the party, taking the place Kermit Roosevelt held on the African trails.

In explanation of the lectures he will deliver, the colonel said: "The political and social aspect of the trip is the carrying to our brother in the south a message concerning the ideals of a newer and greater democracy which have come into being among us here."

At the University of Rio Janeiro he will speak on "American Internationalism," at Sao Paulo of "Character and Civilization," at Buenos Aires on "Democratic Ideals" and at the University of Santiago, Chile, the oldest university in the hemisphere, on "The Democratic Movement in a Republic."

Colonel Roosevelt's voyage is the result of two things—first, an invitation from Argentina, Brazil and Chile to speak to their peoples, and second, the urging of the Rev. Father John Augustine Zahm, provincial of the Order of the Holy Cross, who is much interested in the exploration of South America because of the little knowledge the world has regarding its aborigines and its flora and fauna.

EDISON BACK IN HARNESS.

"Wizard" Fully Recovered From Recent Illness.

Thomas Alva Edison has entirely recovered from his recent illness and has resumed the daily routine of his laboratory work.

Mr. Edison's indisposition came at a time when he was taking the first va-



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vacation in twenty years, and the "Wizard" was glad to get back among his notes of experimentation.

Department of Labor Badly In Need of Larger Appropriation

FOR some reason that is not apparent on the surface the house of representatives seems to have lost its affection for its former "pet," the new department of labor. The most serious practical effect of the parsimony with which the house thus far has treated the department is upon its possible activities in the conciliation of labor disputes.

The department began its independent life under a handicap. The last congress passed a law creating it out of the old department of commerce and labor, but gave it no slivers of war in the shape of appropriations. It was understood at the time that the new secretary of labor should organize his department and ask the succeeding congress for the funds necessary for it to get under way.

This failure on the part of the house to grant supplies for the department is characterized by Representative D. J. Lewis, chairman of the labor committee, as "outrageous." Mr. Lewis is endeavoring to revive interest in this matter in order to secure from the senate the money which the house has refused to give.

He points out that not only will the department be handicapped in many important details, but its important function of arbitrating trade disputes is practically repealed.



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Already at least two trade disputes have arisen which the department could not handle, simply because it did not have the necessary money. At any time, as Mr. Lewis points out, an emergency may arise in the labor world in which the intervention of the department would avert great public evil, perhaps serious disorders.

The amount of money authorized in the house bill for the execution of the duties in regard to conciliating labor disputes, which are imposed upon the secretary of labor by the organic act, is so small as to be practically useless, to the extent of defeating the whole purpose of the law.

Every bureau in the department of labor—the children's bureau, the bureau of labor statistics, the immigration bureau included—is completely up in the air as to whether it must move or stay where it is. In many of the offices the furniture, books, etc., are tagged and ready to be shipped. Plans as to where to move are many and conflicting, and it all depends on congress.

It is known that President Wilson is deeply interested in the development of this new department, and it is believed that when the bill begins to be considered seriously by the senate the administration will exert strong pressure in its behalf.

BEACHEY QUITS FOR GOOD.

Daredevil Air Man's "Come Back" Stunt Has Sudden Ending.

Lincoln Beachey, the daredevil aviator, who returned to the aviation game after an absence of nearly a year, will probably never fly again.

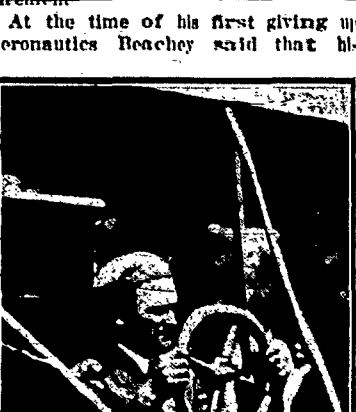


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LINCOLN BEACHEY IN HIS MACHINE.

feats in the air had tempted many young and inexperienced aviators to attempt foolhardy stunts and had caused many deaths.

His re-entry into the game was laid to the startling work of Pegoud, whose loop the loop has electrified Europe.

OPENING ONE OF THE GREAT GATES.

bay, which has a bottom width of 500 feet and extends to Gatun, a distance of seven miles. Here it will enter a series of three locks and be raised eighty-seven feet to the level of the lake.



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The water in the Culebra cut, as well as the approaches in both the Atlantic and the Pacific, will be about forty-five feet deep. In Gatun lake the depth of the water varies from forty-five to eighty-five feet.

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