

ANNOUNCE U. OF I. COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday, June 14 Is Commencement Day

The fifty-first annual commencement of the University of Illinois will be held on Wednesday of commencement week, June 14. One thousand and fifty-six degrees will be conferred. Dean Eugene Davenport, vice president of the University and dean of its college of agriculture, will deliver the commencement address. The speaker retires at the end of the school year after having served twenty-seven years as head of the agricultural work in the University.

On Sunday, June 11, Rev. Herbert L. Wilett of the University of Chicago will deliver the baccalaureate address. Monday, June 12, is class day, the feature of which is a program presented by the senior class which includes the valedictory, salutatory, "hatchet" oration, class history, etc. In the afternoon, the famous University band will give a concert for the seniors and their visiting guests. The senior ball brings the days to a close.

Tuesday is given over largely to alumni activities. Class reunions, meetings, receptions, and picnics will be the order of the day. The golden anniversary reunion of the class of 1872, the first class to graduate from the University, is one of the features of the alumni meetings, but equally important is the unveiling of the plaster cast of a statue to be known as "Alma Mater." It is the work of Lorado Taft, famous Chicago sculptor, who graduated from the University in 1879. The case, after its unveiling, will be duplicated in bronze and given a permanent place in front of the auditorium at the University.

The commencement exercises follow on Wednesday morning.

NATIONAL PARKS WILL HAVE RADIO STATIONS

Denver—Installation of radio stations at scores of strategic points throughout the national park system for the dissemination of news, market reports and other information to the thousands of tourists that visit the parks each summer, will be urged by Stephen T. Mather, national director of Uncle Sam's vast park system.

Mather is making a survey of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

"Radio communication holds vast possibilities for the Government," Mather said, "and we intend to take advantage of it."

Mather said he had in mind the opportunity for service to tourists that radio stations in the park systems would afford and indicated that newspapers would be asked to cooperate with the National Park Service in broadcasting news of the outside world to tourists in isolated sections of the parks.

Soapmakers.

In the village of Kineton, Warwickshire, England, the women save all the pieces of fat and make soap in their homes. They supply the whole village with soap, both for toilet and household purposes.

INTERESTING MEMOIR

"The Days That Are No More" by Princess Pauline Metternich, which has just been published by E. P. Dutton & Co., is the memoir of one of the best loved and best hated of the women surrounding the Empress Eugenie, over whom the Princess exercised a strangely compelling and complete influence.

It was the Princess Metternich who planned original and exotic balls and parties, who set styles, and who slapped trivial convention in the face; and yet withal held her power and her following through sheer vividness of personality. Through this personality the reader sees the Chancellor Prince Clemens Metternich, the author's grandfather; Count Sandor, her father, the famous horseman; Maitre Lachaud; Count Taaffe; Daniel Douglas Home, the spiritualist; Richard Wagner; Franz Liszt; and many notable characters of the continental courts of those days.

One astonishing incident of the book is the way in which Wagner is introduced to Paris. The Princess Metternich asks the Emperor Napoleon III as a special favor to her that Tannhauser be produced at the Paris Opera House. "Tannhauser Richard Wagner!" said the Emperor, musingly, stroking his mustache in his habitual manner, "I have never heard of the opera or the composer. And you think it is really good?" I said I did, and the Emperor turned to his Lord Chamberlain who had charge of the Imperial theaters, and said to him in his offhand way: "Oh, Bacciochi, Princess Metternich is interested in an opera called Tannhauser, by one Richard Wagner, and wants to see it performed here in Paris—will you arrange to have it done?" Bacciochi bowed and replied: "As your Majesty commands." And that was how Tannhauser found its way to Paris.

THE FLIPPEST FLAP

"Margey Wins the Game"—John V. A. Weaver (KNOPF).

"Margey—we're simply crazy 'bout you, Margey," they sang, one by one, as the revamped girl captured them; Margey is the hero of Johnny Weaver's first effort. It is in the popular flapper style, but it is oh, so cleverly done. It is in the popular vein, with a few of the Scott Fitz-Dell touches, but it hits above the belt, and stays there.

It is not exactly the sort of story one would expect from the man who wrote the verses in "In American." All the sunny human nature, all the zest for the strawberry side of life, heaped high with ivory whipped cream thick enough to cut, is there. But he does not delve so deeply in the novelette, as he seems to in his book of poems.

Briefly, his proposition is this: An intellectual girl who is good looking can flap more floozily than the average Prom-trotter, if she wants to go in for that sort of thing. We find Margey emerging from a Chrysalis, and becoming the giddiest of the girls about town. Then we see her going back—but we really shouldn't spoil the story.

The story is worth while because it doesn't pretend. It accomplishes its aim. It is far better than most of the Molly Make-Believe, Daddy Long-legs stories of the sort, and it is 1922—up-to-the minute, and interesting. People who know Chicago will find Colosimo's—and many other places, if they look deeply enough. It's a good story, and it leaves a pleasant taste in the mouth.

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PREDICTS RETURN OF PROSPERITY SOON

Public Services Company Sees Hopeful Signs

The Public Service Company, which supplies electricity for lighting and power and gas for fuel throughout the great industrial zone extending around Chicago, reports that its contracts made for additional electric power during the first four months of 1922 far in excess of those for the same period of 1921. The figures in fact are the largest for any four months since the boom year of 1920.

The same approximate figures are noted as to the Company's contracts for wiring houses. They are nearly 300 per cent above those of January, February, March and April 1921.

The industrial districts referred to is one of the most remarkable in the world with respect to the number of manufacturing plants in it and the diversification of products. Some of the plants are immense employing small armies of workers and demanding electrical energy and gas to the extent in the first case of as much as six and seven thousand horse power daily in individual cases and in the latter to the extent of nearly one million cubic feet per day.

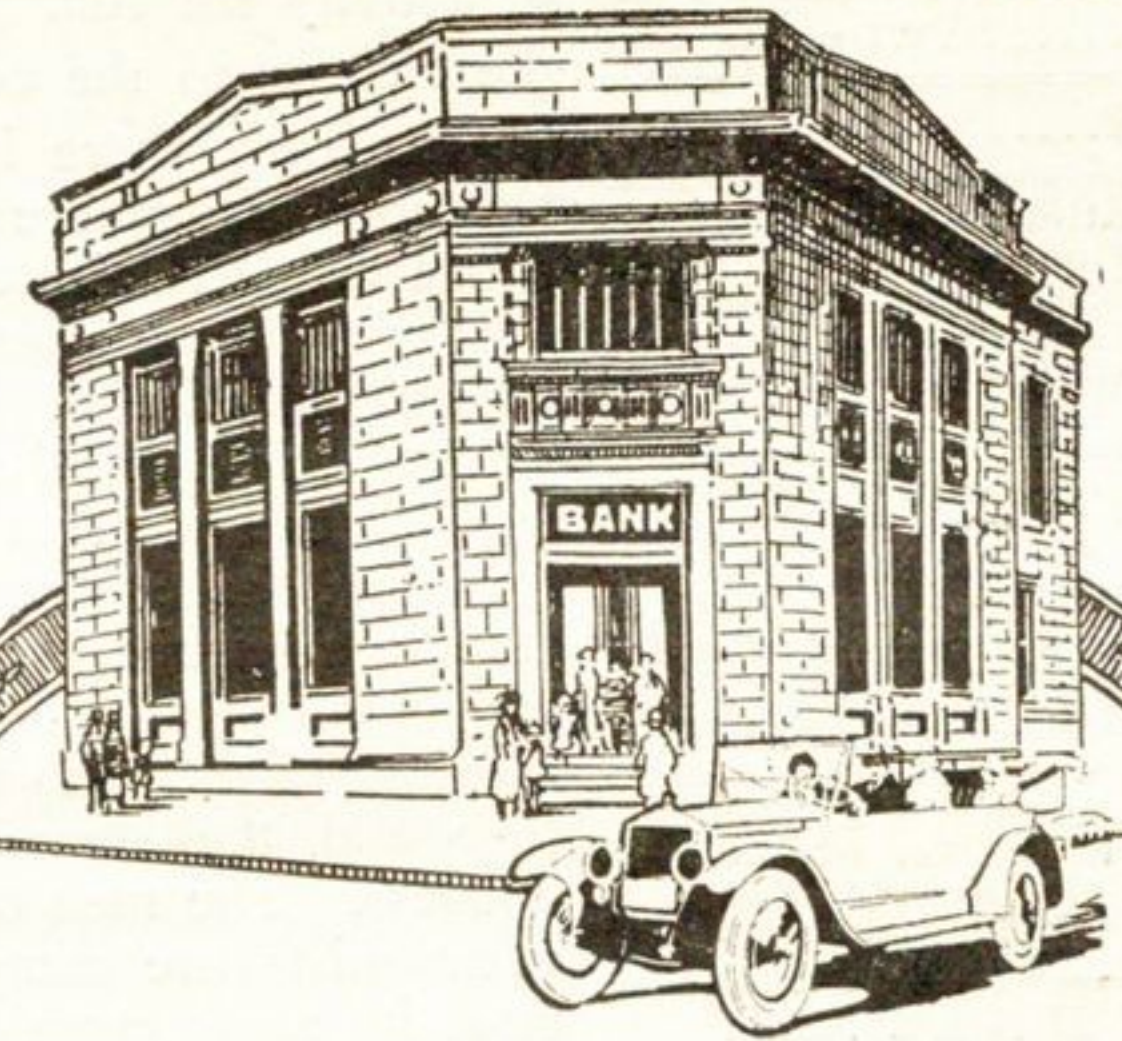
"Our men are out through the district which extends from Waukegan southward through the towns to the west of Chicago, Maywood, Melrose Park, Cicero, Clearing, to Blue Island, Harvey, Chicago Heights, Joliet and on the south as far as Kankakee and Streator," said an official of the Public Service Company. "They see the operators of many of the plants not occasionally but almost daily and so we are enabled to keep in close touch with the situation. The figures of our new contracted business are the best possible indication that the tide has turned and that prosperity is coming back. A year ago there was very little encouragement given us. The owners of the factories were pretty gloomy in a great many cases. It can be stated now that even in the instances of plants that are not yet in full operation, plans are being carried out for an enlargement of productive capacity. There is no doubt in my mind that we have not only turned the corner with respect to the revival of industry but have gone a considerable distance on the road to it. Our Company is calculating on a heavy increase in both its power and gas business."

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