

GOTHAM SIGHTS ARE 'MAJESTIC' TO SABATINI

Famous Author Stares
Open-Mouthed as He
Sees Towers.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Rafael Sabatini, novelist, a big, thick-shouldered man, counterpart of his own Captain Blood, stood on the sidewalk of Forty-second street Thursday, stared open-mouthed for a bit at the glistening white tower of the Chrysler building, and muttered the Italian equivalent of "Gosh darn it."

For years Rafael Sabatini has been living in the middle ages. He has had no time to read contemporary writings, scarcely time to look over the daily papers. Sometimes, in his meanderings through ancient periods, he changes pace, but it is only to jump from Elizabethan England, to the Italian renaissance, or to the period of the French revolution.

And now, for the first time, he has come face to face with his town of towers. It overwhelms him.

It Is Majestic Sight

"New York," he said, "is vastly different than I imagined. I thought I would find a glorified factory town. But it has turned out to be the most majestic sight my eyes have encountered. It is so majestic it is terrifying."

Sabatini's play, "The Tyrant," is in rehearsal at the Biltmore theater.

He kept telling Cesare Borgia and Machiavelli, characters in the play, that they should not their heads at certain times, or take a step to the right or left. But he admitted his mind was not on the play. He wanted to get back into the street and have another walk through the lanes of skyscrapers.

Sabatini revealed his manner of research. Preparing to write a book on a certain historical period, he depends, to a great extent, on plays written during that period. From these he gets an idea of the manner in which people talked and thought.

Reads Volumes of History

But he reads volumes and volumes of histories, memoirs, biographies and diaries. He studied the American revolution for his book, "The Carolinian."

For "Scaramouche," he explored the French revolutionary period. He has dug into the history of buccaneering on the Spanish main and the romance of the Mediterranean corsairs.

The most difficult task of all was his preparation for writing "Bellarion." This story was laid in Italy in the early fifteenth century before the coming of the printing press. Contemporary writings were scarce and the task of reconstructing the era was extremely difficult.

"Scaramouche" was the first Sabatini book to make a hit in America. He just has completed the sequel, "Scaramouche the Kingmaker."

He will stay in America about two months, and may find time for a brief visit to Hollywood.

FUNERAL MONDAY FOR RETIRED FIRE CAPTAIN

Maurice F. Healey on Duty Until
Jan. 1; Rites at Church.

Maurice F. Healey, Indianapolis fire captain until his retirement Jan. 1, because of ill health, died Thursday at his home, 1425 Spann avenue.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 at St. Patrick's Catholic church of which he was a member. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Healey entered the fire department thirty years ago and held the rank of captain twenty years. He was in command of engine house No. 15 at the time of his retirement.

Surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Louise Healey, and two sons, Dr. Maurice J. Healey, Indianapolis dentist, and Harry Healey, dental student.

Bank Bandits Get \$2,465

By United Press
KANKAKEE, Ill., Oct. 24.—Four bandits, cowed three employees and nine customers of the Farmers' State bank at Beecher, ten miles from here, with sawed off shotguns Thursday while they took \$2,465 in cash and escaped.

Arrested on Vagrancy Charge
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Ocean Fliers Arrive at
Havre; Paris Ready to
Pay Tribute.

By United Press
HAVRE, France, Oct. 24.—Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte arrived here on the liner France today, with their trans-Atlantic airplane, Question Mark, riding proudly on the forward deck illuminated by a battery of flood lights.

Correspondents waited five hours to meet Coste aboard, and they found the Georgian princess, Mme. Mary Coste by his side when he received them.

There was no American woman on the France, as had been rumored, to claim the attention of the famous aviator. Mme. Coste was there, despite Coste's instructions to the contrary.

Madame Bellonte, more obedient, remained in Paris to greet her husband there.

The beautiful Mme. Coste, dressed gorgeously in a brown ensemble, smiled when correspondents questioned her, but declined to discuss her statement that she and the pilot were married on the eve of his trans-Atlantic flight.

Moreover, any question of the couple's private affairs appeared forgotten as France prepared to

welcome the airmen who flew for the first time over the reverse of the "Lindbergh trail." Their popular reception was expected to surpass any civic welcome since Paris paid clamoring tribute to the aged Victor Hugo in 1881.

Coste slipped off to Deauville with Madame Coste and several friends, preparatory to returning here for the official welcoming ceremonies late today before going to Paris.

A Denver snowstorm took precedence over Newfoundland fog as the worst memory of the flight, Coste said.

"The fog was child's play compared with those cross currents and the snow in the Rockies," he said. "It was a terrible experience. I was black and blue for four weeks from the bumps I received."

The Question Mark is as good today as the day it hopped off at Le Bourget. I probably will be going somewhere soon."

The "somewhere" might be a friendship tour of Europe, Coste indicated.

Taxi Driver Indicted by U. S.

Lee Churchill Summers, alias Grounds, 27, former Indianapolis taxicab driver, was indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury in Cincinnati on a counterfeiting charge.

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Fifteen hundred men will be added to Indianapolis' unemployed army next week as two departments in the Big Four shops at Beech Grove are shut down for one week.

Half of one department already has been closed two weeks. Big Four officials admitted today. When it will resume operations and the number of men thrown out of work by its inoperation, they said, they could not state.

In the motive department shops about 1,200 will be idle during the week. In the car department, passenger division, more than 300 will be laid off. The freight division of the car department now is inactive.

Lack of business in the shops was the only reason given for the shutdown.

The Big Four shops is one of the largest single employing industries in the county.

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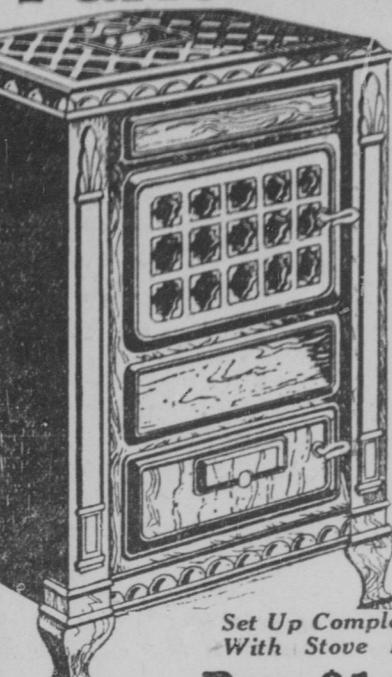
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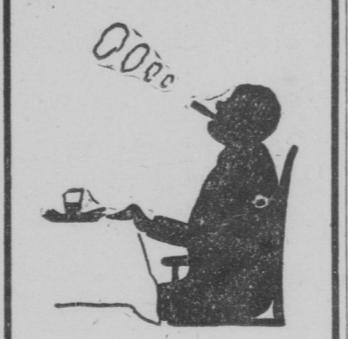
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