Visited by Astronomers.

Washington, June 22.—The eclipse of the sin on August 22 next—total in part of Europe and Asia and partial in northeastern America—is attracting the widespread attention of astronomers and scientists, various expeditions being arranged to witness this phenomena. In view of the public interest in the event, C. G. Abbott, head of the astronomical branch of the Smithsonian Institution, and a recognized authority on solar phenomena, gives the following popular account of the eclipse, and the scientific results sought from such events.

On August 21, 1914, the moon will pass exactly between the earth and the sun, and there will be a total solar eclipse. It will not be observed in America, except as a small partial of the sun on August 21 next-total

America, except as a small partial eclipse at sunrise in the northern States and Canada, but in Persia, and Scandinavia the full effect will be

Although the moon looks about the same size as the sun, it is very much smaller and nearer. The sun is \$65,-000 miles in diameter and 93,000,000 miles away, while the moon is 2.163 miles in diameter and 239,000 miles away. On account of the moon's small size compared with the sun the shadow cast by the moon is a cone, and the point of this cone just barely reaches the earth.

In the August eclipse the diameter

of the cone at the earth's surface is only about 85 miles, so that the eclipse is visible as total only in a belt about 85 miles wide stretching over the countries named above. The important cities of Bitlis, Trebizond, Klef, Minsk, and Riga lie near the center of this belt. It passes about 100 miles north of Stockholm and Trondheim. The eclipse will be seen as partial over a very wide area; including northeastern America, Greenland, Europe, half of Asia and half of Africa. Within this region only a portion of the sun's disk will be hidden by the moon.

Wherever the solar eclipse is seen as total, the sky will become nearly as dark as full-moonlight, and a few of the brighter stars and planets may be seen. The duration of the totality is longest near Kief in Russia, where it is two minutes 13 seconds. Some-times the moon and sun occupy such positions that although the passes directly between the earth and the sun the shadow cone does not quite reach the earth. Such solar eclipses are called "annular" and are nowhere total eclipses. In the most favorable case a total eclipse may last over seven minutes at a station, but such occasions are very rare. The very long total eclipse of this century are as follows:

1919—May 29, six minutes nine sconds, Peru, Brazil, Central Africa. 1937—June 8, seven minutes one

1955—June 20, seven minutes two seconds, Coylon, Siam, Philippines. -June 30, seven minutes two econds, South America, Africa, 1991—July 11, seven minutes one

second, Pacific Ocean, Hawaii, Central America. There will be total eclipses visible in the United States on June 8, 1918; September 19, 1923, and January 24,

As the glare of the sun in the sky more than covers the sun, it is possible at times of total solar eclipses to see all the celestial objects near the sun. These can not be seen at other times astronomers as eager to observe total eclipses. The most striking thing seen is the selar corona, a beautiful pearly light stretching away from the sun in all directions, something like the Aurora Borealis seen in northern

The corona extends from one to three solar diameters away from the sun. Its form changes from year to year in connection with the number of sun-spots which prevail. present year will be one of comparatively few sun-spots the corona is expected to have short but well-marked polar rays and long equatorial stream-In 1918 a total eclipse will be visible in the United States, and as the sun-spots will then be numerous the corona will probably extend nearly equally in all directions

Formerly it was believed probable that one or more planets of the solar system exist nearer the sun than Mercury, and it was hoped to discover these during total solar eclipses. But the sky has been so carefully searched that no such objects large enough to be worth counting exist. Formerly also it was regarded as

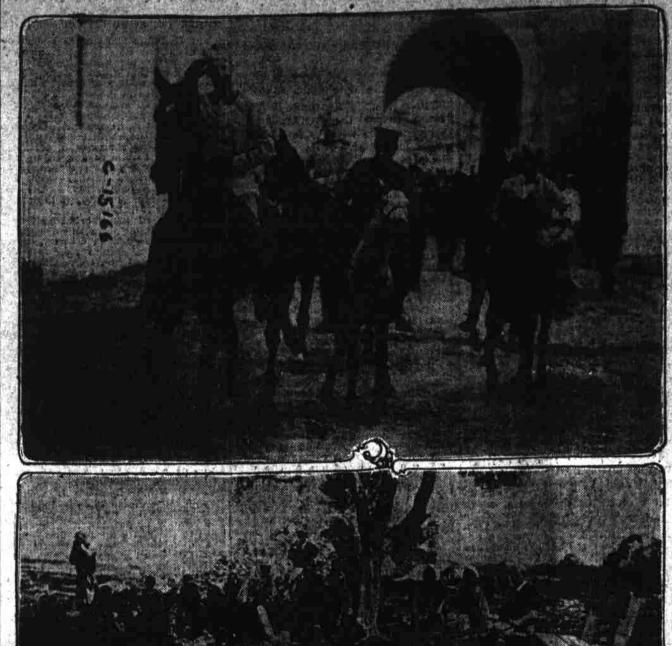
necessary to wait for eclipses to see and study the beautiful rosy flames of hydrogen and other gases, called prominences, which surround the sun.
But these may now be observed at any time by means of a special apparatus While the value of total eclipses has therefore somewhat diminished, there still remain many studies which are confined to them. Astronomers make very careful

preparations, and rehearse all details of their programs lest some of the precious time should be wasted. They observe with the eye and the photographic plate to determine the exact times of totality and the form and extension of the corons. They photograph the spectrum of the corons, and also that of the bright colored ring of light which lies at its base just on the edge of the sun. They measure the brightness of the sky and of the corona, and make many other observations useful in learning about the nature of the sun.

Many European and American par-ties propose to observe the coming ecilpse. Russians and Scandinavians, being on the ground, will be most nu-merous, but all the other principal European Nations will furnish both Government and private observing parties. No official expedition is proposed to represent the United States Government. The Lick Observatory of California will send an expedition in charge of Director W. W. Campbell to Russia, and Professor Todd, Di-



KING WILLIAM MAKING HIS LAST STAND IN DEFENSE OF DURAZZO.



Durageo, Albania. June 22.—King city here Wednesday by Albania reb-William was in personal command of his troops Wednesday. Another banian regulars, in the last battle. ace of the King has been shelled upon furious assault was made upon the King William has sent an urgent re- several times.

rector of the Amherst College Ob-servatory, proposes to Observe in STATE BOARD OF DENTAL servatory, proposes to observe Persia.

### WILSON URGES THAT WE FORGET

Washington, June 22.—President morning for a session of three days wilson expressed the wish today that the Mason and Dixon line be forever the Mason and Dixon line be forever. There are 52 applicants. the Mason and Dixon line be forever is removed, and yet the moon hardly forgotten. In a letter to H. B. Joy asking that the road run from Philabecause they are lost in the bright ington, the President suggested that sky light. It is this which makes it would be a good means of further ington, the President suggested that Goldsboro; Dr. C. A. Thompson, Wilobliterating sectional feeling between the North and the South.

The President's letter was as fol-

"I am sure that the entire country is interested to see to it that there should no longer exist a North or a South in this absolutely united country, which we all love, and that the imaginary Mason and Dixon's line should be made once and for all a thing of the past, and as a small contribution to that end, I earnestly suggest that the Lincoln Highway Association should grant permission to place the official Lincoln highway markers on the macadam roadway from Philadelphia to Washington through the properly selected street of the latter city to the Lincoln monu-ment, and from there through Frederick, Md., to Gettysburg.

"I am reliably informed that this route is now, or will be in the very near future, a modern macadam road-way from Philadelphia t, Gettysburs through Washington. The entire ex-pense of the roads, I am informed, including officially marking the high-way, will be defrayed by local in-

"Cordially and respectfully yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

#### CAPTAIN RUSH'S FILIPING SERVANT SHOWS UP AT LAST

Mexico City, June 22.—Gregorio Alcarez, the Filipino servant of Cap-tain Rush of the United States battleship Florids, for whom the State Department at Washington instituted a search, walked into the Brazilian Legation today and introduced him-self to the Minister. He showed no signs of ill-treatment.

Alcarez said he was released from Alcares said he was released from the Santiago military prison June 3 when at the invitation of a fellow prisoner, a Mexican he went to Tiza-pan, a few miles from the Capital. He remained there until today when he read a newspaper account of the

he read a newspaper account of the search being made for him by the Mexican police. He then came here immediately. He said he had no money and had been unable to return to Vera Crus.

Alcarez said he left Vara Cruz May 6 to buy fruit for Captain Rush. On passing the Mexican lines, he was arrested as a spy. He did not reveal his connection with the United States Navy. He was taken to Paso del Macho, then transferred to Cordoba. The Filipino arrived in Mexico City in custody on May 10 and was confined in the military barracks. On May 15 he was removed to Santiago May 15 he was removed to Santiago

Alcarez said he was tried and acquitted on a charge of being an American spy. 'He will leave Mexico City tomorrow for Vera Cruz

Guard Court During Trial.

Steubenville. O. June 22.—Mayor George Neil of Dillonvale. O. today called on Sheriff W. A. Huscroft for deputies to guard his court tomorrow when Joseph Etter, Industrial Worksers of the World leader. wiff be given a hearing on charges of inciting to riot and assault on Clyde Morrow, a coal mine superintendent.

## **EXAMINERS IN SESSION**

(Special to The Observer.)

Hendersonville, June 22.—The North Carolina Board of Dental Ex-aminers met in Hendersonville this

of the Lincoln Highway Association, Board are: Dr. J. Martin Fleming, president, Raleigh; Dr. E. L. Hunt, asking that the road run from Phila-delphia to Gettysburg through Wash-geon, Hillsboro; Dr. J. N. Johnston, son; Dr. J. H. Wheeler, Greensboro,

FIRE AT STAR.

Depot and Large Amount of Freight Marlboroe and Horry Counties. Burned.

(Special to The Observer.) Asheboro, June 22.-The big depot and freight warehouse of the Norfolk Southern at Star was burned last Sat-urday night. This is the new building just completed on the site of the old D. & C. depot, and at the time con-tained a large lot of freight. Two freight cars on the siding were also burned. The loss was complete but no figures are at this time forthcoming. It is understood the company will use the old A. & A. depot until they can rebuild.

Empress of Ireland Probe Continues. Quebec. June 22 .- That neither Captain Kendell of the steamer Em-press of Ireland, nor Alfred Tuftenes, first officer of the collier Stostad had indicated on maps the spot where a Government investigator claims the shattered hull of the liner now lies, was the most important poin of the testimony heard today by the Dominion commission investigating the

collision between the vessels.

This developed when Captain Gagnon, of the Department of Marines and Fisheries, was called to establish the position of the hull. It developed that Captain Kendall had indicated the collision occurred about a mile and a quarter to the north of the spot where the hull lies and that Tuftenes gave a spot a few miles to the southeast.

Endowment for College of Surgeons, Philadelphia June 22.-A million dollar endowment fund, and the es tablishment of a permaneut nome for the college in Washington, D. C., were decided on at a meeting of officers and regents of the American Colege of Surgeons here today,
It was decided that after the sall
meeting in Baltimore candidates for
membership must undergo several
months close observation and their
work will have to be approved in

50 consecutive, cases of surgery be-fore they can be admited.

Fellowshps were conferred on 1,632 surgeons at the second convocation of the college held here tonight. Honarary degrees were conferred on Doctors Thomas A. Emmit of New York. Edmond Soucaon, New Orleans, and Francis J. Shep-

Mrs. M. C. McNutt, Hickory, June 22—Special. The funeral services and burial of Mrs. M. C. McNutt, who died here yesterday, were held in Oakwood Cemeterday, were held in Oakwood Cemetery this morning conducted by Rev. J. G. Garth, her pastor, and Rev. C. A. Munroe. Mrs. McNutt. was one of the oldest persons living here. Had she lived until next December she would have been \$3 years old. A number of children survive her. She made her home here with her daughter, Mrs. Belle Ramsay. Ramsay.

200 Men Go to Vera Cruz.

Philadelphia, June 22.—The battleship Kansas sailed today for Vera
Crus with 300 men to take the place
of men now at Vera Crus, whose
terms of enlistment have expired.

The vessel will coal at Hampton
Roads.

MANY POULTRY CLUBS.

Mr. Hare Got Work Well Started in South Carolina. (Special to The Observer.)

Union, S. C., June 22.-Frank C. Hare who was sent to South Carolina in Janaury by the United States Department of Agriculture to organize poultry clubs under the direction of those in charge of the extension works at Clemon College, has returned to the National Capital and is succeeded as State poultry club organizer by C. C. Cleveland of Maine.

ing to Hare has done good work in creating an interesting in raising more and better poultry, and gave practical suggestions and excellent advice to all members of poultry clubs, and in addition to organizing clubs in Union County, which have over 250 members, he has completed organizations in Greenville, Barnwell, Darlington,

In this county as a result of Mr. Hare's work practically 5,000 eggs were set after the Barred Plymouth Rock had been adopted as the official breed for the county, and notwithstanding the fact that eggs in the earlier part of the season were in all sections of the State found to be very infertile, and the frequent and great changes in the weather detrimental to getting good hatches with incubators, it is estimated that at least 2.000 more chicks have been hatched in Union County than would otherwise have been the case, and as these are from pure bred Barred Ply-mouth Rock and White Leghorn stock they are much more valuable than

scrubs. At, the time Mr. Hare was sent to South Carolina it was expected that he would remain here at least one or two years, in order to develop and get the poultry industry on a firm and paying basis, but as the officials in Washington have found that his ser-vices are needed there to continue extensive experiments he was making before coming to this State, and to prepare a National poultry exhibit for the Panama Exhibition to be held in San Francisco next year, it. was best to transfer him back to Wash-ington, and Mr. Cleveland of Maine has been sent to South Carolina to continue his work.

Since coming to this Mr. Hare has made a wide circle of friends, especiregret that he and his family have had to return to Washington.

American Car Company Sust. Baltimore, June 22.—Enormous

Baltimore, June 22.—Enormous prices were paid by the American Can Company to several Baltimore can makers, for their plants, according to testimony today at the hearing here before Examner Edward Hacker, in the Federal suit asking dissolution of the American Can Company.

John Black, of Black & Krebs, testifled that about \$750,000 was paid, for the Baltimore and Indianapolis factories of that concern. They were said to be worth from \$25,000 to \$30,000 each. William Falt was \$200,000 for his plant, the machinery being worth about \$18,000. Others gave similar testimony. All the firms aptored into an agreement sot to engage in making cans for 16 years. for 16 years.
The hearing probably will last more than a week.

House Exempts Labor Unions.

Washington, June 22.—The House again tonight went on record for exempting labor unions from prosecution under the anti-trust laws. A provision in the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$500,000 for enforcement of the anti-trust laws was adopted after a sharp political debate over the provision exempting labor and agricultural organizations.

Representative Moore of Ponnsylvania, who sought to have the provision stricken out, quoted former Fresident Rosecvelt, as opposing such legislation and became involved in a heated argument with Representative Bryan of Washington and other Progressives. Mr. Bryan said he resented the "attempts of a stand-patter to slur Mr. Roossvelt,"

Will Be There on the Fourth.

(Special to The Observer.)

Asheboro, June 22.—Asheboro was visited by a storm last evening, that at times reached the proportions of a tornado. Rain fell in torrents and the electrical display was magnificent and awe-inspiring. The wind was heaviest in the southwest part of the town where some hall fell but not enough to do any damage.

Walter L. Varnet, a prospector.

Farmer living three miles southwest on Bryan, there is of Asheboro, lost his barn and contents, during the storm last evening by lightning. There was about 176 bushels of oats and 25 bushels of corn, busides a lot of feed and small topis. Et. Varner succeeded in saving a fine pair of mules and wason. His loss is estimated at about \$600, with about \$300 insurance.

Asheboro is making great passing the proportions of the wall.

Walter L. Varnet, a prospector.

where some hall fell but not enough tions for the coming week, Bryan and the past two days. The offic do any damage. Walter L. Varner, a prosperous tractions, will occupy the boards for a degrees higher than yesterd

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