

HEIR TO TITLE WRITES LIFE STORY IN JAIL-CELL



Hon. Arthur Reginald French.

Oakland, Cal.—Surrounded only by steel bars and cement walls in his cell in the Alameda county jail, but undaunted by his handicap of dismal impressions, Hon. Arthur Reginald French, scion of the English nobility and soldier of fortune, is starting a career for himself as a writer. Under the name of Ronald True he is serving a 15 months' sentence for robbing the postoffice at Clement, Cal., the culminating episode in a short but exciting career of crime.

French is writing of his adventures as a fillbuster and adventurer in the heart of Africa, and is confident that he will sell his manuscript when it is finished. It is a thrilling tale of exciting experiences as a sheep raiser in New Zealand, second lieutenant in the English army in India, prospector and soldier of fortune in South America, aviator in the Mexican revolution and a professional boxer in this country.

French is the son of Lord de Freyne, formerly of the British army, re-

tired, and is a graduate of Oxford. He is 23 years old. He will call his book "Sundry Experiences of a Professional Jack of All Trades."

Despite the bias of color that meets the eye in every direction, the most striking gowns are of black and white.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Washington, July 14.—Mexico City is to fall before the onslaught of armed constitutionalists, it was feared here today. Carranza's defiant attitude officials think makes any other solution impossible unless a marked change occurs in 48 hours.

As a result the United States will be forced to assume responsibility for what the immediate future holds for not alone the Mexicans themselves, but for the hundreds of foreigners marooned there.

According to a telegram from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City, sent to the state department, Huerta will retire either today or tomorrow in favor of Foreign Minister Francisco Carbajal.

The state department believes the dictator and his personal friends will immediately flee to Puerto Mexico and there take refuge on the British cruiser Bristol.

Chihuahua, July 14.—Skirmishing between advance guard of constitutionalist army and federal outpost at San Luis Potosi already in progress according to advices. General assault will not be ordered, however, until Gen. Pablo Gonzales arrives from Saltillo and takes personal command.

Vera Cruz.—With gap in railroad outside Vera Cruz repaired so that through train from Mexico City may be run to this port, it is expected that Gen. Huerta and his family will arrive late today or tomorrow.

Collapsible towers, adopted by the German army for searchlights and wireless telegraphy, are so light and compact that two men can carry a tower that extends to 160 feet,