

JITNEY U-BOAT HAS TWO FATHERS

Parker Claims Parentage of Pet of Ford's Inventive Dreams.

DECLARES HE TOLD AUTO MAN OF PLAN

"Who's Parker?" Asks Inventor—Says New Submarine Is Child of His Own Mind.

The question arose yesterday: Who is father of the baby submarine? Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, whose plan to insure the country's peace is to make it the possessor of a huge swarm of tiny sub-

marines, terrible in their destructive power, declared emphatically he was. Equally certain that the idea was a child of his brain was Professor Herschel C. Parker, who once proved that Mr. Ford exaggerated in claiming to have climbed Mount McKinley, and then, to show it could be done, went and scaled the height himself. "Who is Professor Parker?" asked Mr. Ford yesterday morning from the breakfast table at the Hotel Biltmore. "I never heard of him."

At his office at 120 Broadway, where he hangs out his sign as a consulting engineer, Professor Parker was found. "He says he never heard of me," queried the mountain climber. "Well, that is possible. Nothing remarkable about that. Perhaps Mr. Ford never heard of me either. It is possible he never heard of Dr. Cook, or even of the North Pole. Almost anything is possible."

Whether Mr. Ford was aware of his identity was a question Professor Parker said he could not decide. But of one thing he was absolutely certain, he said. That was, he sent Henry Ford early in July a sectional diagram of the submersible motor torpedo boat he had invented, together with a description of the craft, which was published in New York on Sunday, June 13.

"My article appeared in a public print," Mr. Ford ever thought of making submarines," Professor Parker said. "I worked out the idea for this means of national defence, but I had not the opportunity of the facilities to develop the actual boat. Some one of my friends suggested that Henry Ford was a public spirited man, with just the means at his disposal to test the invention. I wrote to him suggesting that here was the opportunity to make the baby submarine the 'Ford of the Seas.'"

"The reply I received from an under-secretary of Mr. Ford—I believe his name was Anderson—was almost discouraging. In fact, it was little short of impertinent. It said curtly that Mr. Ford was interested in nothing that pertained in any way to warfare. To use a catch phrase, can you beat it?" Professor Parker frankly admitted that his type of machine was not absolutely certain to be a success. He said he found he could not patent it because others had at times devised similar kinds of warlike weapons. What annoyed him, he said, was to have Mr. Ford take all the credit to himself for an idea which he (Professor Parker) suggested to him. That was all he heard of him until this morning," Mr. Ford maintained, "and, furthermore, I never received any letters or any other communication from him. I never received the plan of the submarine, nor did my secretary."

Professor Parker's submarine has already developed in the state where diagrams of it have been drawn, but Mr. Ford is still lurking uncharted in the back of his imagination. He said further: "I merely have the idea. It has never been worked out on paper. My plan is still a fragment of the imagination. I never laid claims to having invented a submarine. I merely said it was possible to build them one-sixteenth the size of those now used by our navy and at one-sixteenth the cost—and so it is. I am working on the idea, but it has not been put into concrete form yet."

Professor Parker was graduated from the School of Mines, Columbia University, in 1890. He was instructor and professor of physics at Columbia from that year until 1911. He headed the Parker-Brown Mount McKinley expeditions of 1910 and 1912 and is the author of many scientific books. He holds membership in several scientific organizations. He was the first to reach the summit of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America.

The submarine to which he lays claim as inventor would cost about \$5,000 each, he said. Each carries one tube for small torpedoes and runs a few feet below the surface of the water. "If Mr. Ford makes any claim that he is the inventor of the small submarine which I have been talking on and which I intend to present to the American government he is talking through his hat," was Professor Parker's final, positive assertion.

"SUNSHINE" IN VASE TOOK DAHLIA FIRST PRIZE.



HER FASHION SHOW WAS ROBBERY RUSE

Mrs. Fitzhugh, Held as Church Thief, Changed Costumes Six or Eight Times a Day.

When employes and guests of the Holland House learned yesterday that Mrs. Randolph Fitzhugh had been arrested for robbing a devotee at St. Leo's, they had the answer to a question none had been able to answer before. They knew why she changed her costumes six to eight times a day.

Since her arrival at the hotel on September 9 it had been her practice to leave the house early in the morning, returning during the day at intervals of not more than two hours to dress. She finally became known to the more flippant as the Kaleidoscope woman.

The hotel management, however, has yet to learn who the two prosperous appearing men are that rushed to her assistance Thursday night and provided bail through a bonding company. These were expected to provide funds to pay her bill at the hotel, but it remains unliquidated.

Mrs. Fitzhugh was ordered to quit the hotel on Thursday night, and she left, promising to return yesterday for her clothes. She failed to appear, however, and the gay costumes remain.

Mrs. Fitzhugh's apartments at the Holland House were expensive. She lived there with a moving picture actress. Her bills, according to the management of the hotel, had been always promptly paid. She registered on September 9. Instead of leaving her key at the hotel, Mrs. Fitzhugh always carried it with her, when she went out. She was in this way able to move in and out of the hotel without exciting suspicion.

According to Detective Beadle, Mrs. A. O. Andrews, of Boston, who was staying at the Hotel Prince George, was Mrs. Fitzhugh's victim. At the Prince George it was said yesterday that Mrs. Andrews had suddenly gone away, although she had expected to remain some time.

SUBWAY SCARE STARTLES BRONX

Collapse Rumored as 3 Beams Drop in Cut—Two Slightly Hurt.

PERKINS TO INQUIRE INTO CASE TO-DAY

Fifty Witnesses to Appear Before Feinberg—McCall Statement Due Next Week.

When an excited workman climbed out of a fifty-foot subway excavation in East 138th Street, near Alexander Avenue, at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, and cried, "The whole gang's killed!" a report began to circulate through the Bronx that the Seventh Avenue shoring collapse had been repeated with terrible loss of life.

"How many are dead?" gasped Patrolman Allgein, of the Walton Avenue station house, who had rung in a call for ambulances from Lincoln Hospital. "They're all killed—every one of them," insisted the workman, as he collapsed near the big hoisting engine operated by Sultz & Chambré, Inc., contractors building the Lenox Avenue subway extension through East 138th Street.

Outside of a small-sized panic there was, however, no repetition of the subway cave-in that carried six persons to their death Wednesday morning. One ambulance was enough to take care of George Carl, thirty-eight years old, of 1347 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, who had received bruises and a dislocated ankle, and John Bally, forty-seven, of 615 Greenwich Street, Brooklyn, who had a severe scalp wound. They were injured by a mishap in lowering steel girders down into the excavation.

Although Sultz & Chambré refused to make any statement about the accident, eye-witnesses of what occurred above ground afterward say there was no explosion, no noise and no collapse of shoring. It is estimated twenty-five men were working fifty feet below the planking when three spans of steel broke away from the hoisting crane and fell into the excavation.

H. Borsig, a stationer and notary public, who keeps a store at 361 East 138th Street, saw Carl released from

First Move for Damages for Subway Cave-In. The first move to recover damages for injuries suffered in the subway cave-in on Wednesday was made in the Supreme Court yesterday by Mrs. Baron, of 129 Livingston Street.

DUCHESS MUST PAY \$44,492

Countess De Libran Files Judgment Against Her Mother.

A judgment for \$44,492 against the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and in favor of Countess Victoire Louise de Libran, her daughter, was filed in the office of the County Clerk yesterday. The judgment is the outcome of a suit brought by the children of the duchess in Ulster County for an accounting of the estate of their father, Count Amédée de Gasquet-James, first husband of the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The duchess's second husband is the cousin of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Count de Gasquet-James died in 1904, leaving his American estate to his children. They said they were unable to obtain an accounting from their mother and took the matter into court.

Countess de Gasquet was Miss Elizabeth Tibbetta Pratt, of New York. Her first husband was a naval nobleman. She was married to the Prussian duke in 1911. In 1912 her husband, who was many years the junior of his wife, at the solicitation of the Emperor, it was said, began proceedings in Paris to annul the marriage. The American duchess fought the case and the French courts took no action.

GORGEOUS DAHLIAS BLOOM IN MUSEUM

More than a hundred varieties of the dahlia are on exhibition at the Museum of Natural History, Seventy-seventh Street and Central Park West. The American Dahlia Society, composed of commuters and their friends, opened its first annual exhibition there yesterday afternoon and will continue it to Sunday evening. For the best blooms a medal and cash prizes have been offered.

Richard Vincent, Jr., of White Marsh, Md., and Joseph J. Lane, of New York, organized the exhibition. Mr. Vincent is represented by more than 2,500 blooms from his own farm, arranged near the Seventy-seventh Street entrance as a "welcome" arch.

May Schling, of the American Horticultural Society, has twenty-five rare specimens on exhibit, and will lecture today on the decorative value of the dahlia.

WHITMAN INDORSES PERKINS

"Best Man for Place," He Says—Moss Men Issue Warning. Governor Whitman came out strongly in favor of District Attorney Perkins at the St. Regis last night, endorsing him as "the best candidate for the office."

"When I appointed Mr. Perkins District Attorney I believed him to be the best man for that position. If Mr. Perkins wishes me to emphasize that in writing, all he needs is to ask for a letter from me."

THE VOICE OF THE LITTLE NATIONS ON THE WAR

In America there are several millions of the "little subject-peoples" of Russia, Austria, and Germany such as the Ruthenians, Lithuanians, Finns, Poles, Czechs, Slovaks, Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, Syrians, and Armenians.

Oppress and inarticulate at home, they have in free America a chance to speak out boldly. The Editors of THE LITERARY DIGEST recently wrote to the Editors of the foreign-language papers published in America, representing these races, asking them frankly to express upon which side their sympathies rested in the present war. The result of this poll, which marks an exclusive and intensely interesting phase of the war-news, is published in THE LITERARY DIGEST for September 25th. Do not, by any means, miss reading it.

A few of the other articles of importance: Uncle Sam: Pawnbroker to the Nations of the Earth or, Accommodating the Allies With a Billion As Dr. Dumba's Compatriots See Him A Long "Short"-Ballot for New York The Navy's Science Board After the Russian Retreat, What? How to Study Exploring Insanity's Border-Land A Yacht on Wheels Taking the War "Humorously" A Turncoat Son of Britain What the Women Can Do

These articles by no means represent all of the good things in the September 25th issue of the "Digest." The enormous increase in the number of readers during the past twelve months—a total now of nearly a million-and-a-half of the men and women in America who represent all that is best in public and private life—testifies eloquently to the place which this indispensable weekly occupies.

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