SIDELIGHTS ON NOTABLE PEOPLE

BY THE MARQUISE DE FONTENOY

most suitable date for the bestowal of Yamagata.

vast improvement of their status, and

her patronymic was Shore, which she King Edward had this in mind when the daughters of this union, Marie by nel?" Few, perhaps, could even tell Peter Nightingale, that he, in accordof the testator.

tured man who mingled much in the, literary and fashionable society of the day and was a great traveler.

It was in Italy that his two children

The other daughter, born at Naples, berlains of the king of Saxony. Edmund Verney.

other English and foreign orders of token of good will. confers no title or precedence.

tion by those who are fortunate is regarded as having sacrificed her Mahan's works into Russian and pub- the work on the Pennsylvania's tuninitial letters which follow their names enable her to live with him in comparto indicate the orders of knighthood ative luxury in Italy.

Several have accepted it in preferand blue enamel, bordered with gold, have been regarded by the people with on a center medalilon of blue enamel, to heredity. the motto of the order, that is to say, "For Merit," in letters of gold.

On the reverse side within a laurel wreath, upon a center of blue enamel. is the cipher, in gold, of the sovereign. The cross is surrounded by the imperial crown in gold and colored enamel, and is suspended around the neck by a parti-colored ribbon of garter blue,

Miss Nightingale is the only woman of the order, and the remainder of the





exandra that Miss Florence Nightin- men of mark of the British Empire, their majesties, was even less well gale was decorated with the English Order of Merit, the statutes of which Order of Merit, the statutes of which Admiral Sir John Fisher, Field Mar- form assumed an air of becoming conhad to be medified by King Edward in shal Lord . Wolseley, Field Marshal cern, the crowd made merry of order to admit of her appointment to Lord Roberts, Admiral of the Fleet Sir contretemps in a manner calculated to this highly prized distinction, and the paint which the Queen played in the William Holman Hunt, the painter; noyance of the travelers by the spepart which the Queen played in the George Meredith, the novelist, and the cial, a Tair was emphasized by the fact that foreign members, namely, Admiral The first to recover his footing and her own birthday was selected as the Togo, and Field Marshals Oyama and his good temper was King Alfonso,

Had Carlyle lived he undoubted'y laughable side of the matter. would have been included in the or-Next to Florence Nightingale, there der. For the reason why he declined is no one in the United Kingdom, who the grand cross of the Order of the King Edward has a strain of Bourbon has done more to pr mote the pro- Bath when it was pressed upon him by fession of nursing the sick and the Queen Victoria and several of her Alfonso, the Duke of Orleans, Don wounded than Queen Alexandra, and ministers was because it would have Carlos, and the titular king of Naples, to her is mainly due the establishment entailed his becoming - Sir Thomas claim descent from St. Louis of of the calling on a thoroughly organ- Carlyle, which he considered would be ridiculous and calculated to diminish It is to her, too, that the nurses owe rather than to enhance his prestige.

their increased prestige, while the He, however, accepted with pleaswhich she has founded for their wel- the late Emperor William in recogni-

bore until after she had attained wo- he created this Order of Merit, and name, became the wife of King James where that tunnel is, Her father was William thus found means to honor John Mor- V. of Scotland, and by him the mother Shore, and it was only on inheriting ley, who had also declined the grand of Mary Stuart. the estate of Lea Hurst, that beautiful cross of the Order of the Bath, who There are many who insist that the engineer and construction head of all place in Derbyshire, from his uncle, gladly accepted the Order of Merit. features of Edward VII. are distinct- the six tubes that are being laid un-

the name and the armorial bearings like its English counterpart possesses courtesy are Gallic rather than Brionly one class. The insignia is worn tish. His Bourbon ancestry would acaround the neck by a black moire rib- count for this. He came of an old family, which for bon, with narrow edges of silver. It generations had owned the leading has an eight-pointer blue enamel banking house in Sheffleld, which has cross, mounted in gold, between the will start much earlier than usual East River from Ravenswood, L. I., been possessed of land in the counties branches, of which there are four next year on their annual spring to East Seventy-first street, owned by of Derby and York since the fifteenth Prussian eagles spreadwise. The cross cruise. For the royal yacht is or the gas companies, and containing, becentury, and which exists today in the is surmounted by an "F." and a crown. dered to be in readiness by Feb. 1, sides two enormous mains, a threeperson of Harrington Shore, of Nor- Its membership is limited to 60, name- and they are due at Malta for a visit foot-wide railway track for dummy ton Hall, and Lindridge House, Lei- ly, 30 military men and 30 civilians. there to the Duke and Duchess of cars. Though only a gas tunnel, it is There is but one American upon whom Her father was a wealthy and cul- it has ever been conferred, namely, the historian, Bancroft.

were born. One of his daughters, that with presents this Christmas, which is to say, the one just decorated with she will spend in the Tyrol with Baron the Order of Merit, received the name Ernest Schonburg and his Brooklyn of Florence from the city of her birth, wife, the baron being one of the cham-

Christmas eve, and her position has until the beginning of May. excited so much pity not only in Biarritz, rather than the Riviera, inquirers as wish to hear about his The Order of Merit owes its foundation to King Edward, and its membership is restricted to 24. Unlike all properties of the English great tunnels, his attitude toward the seekbership is restricted to 24. Unlike all pouring in for her from all quarters in

If she had refused to give up the child and been ready to forfeit her sador to Washington. The insignia of shown any spark of maternal attachthe order consists of a cross of red ment her moral shortcomings would

little princess, who has until now been the aristocracy of that kingdom. accustomed to the sunny skies of True, the Portuguese Jews were the chief and his men, the railway will tell you that, after working as a Italy, shall remain with the Von always regarded as the patricians of company sent a group of its officers miner or a caisson diver in various laus until she has become in a meas- protested against the crucifixion of Outside, in the city, the feat of Jacobs took so much trouble to look out for ating air of northern latitudes, and as timely to recall how King Joseph at one of unusual merit. and crimson of the width of two the monarch entertains a warm re- one moment took it into his head in ceremony of the celebration, just as kindly American wife, he looks to tugal, and that all those who were of "sandhogs," proposed by the man who ence and unsavory surroundings in white hats. which she has been hitherto reared by her wrong-witted mother, and to

> confided to Frau Von Schonberg, it Pless. must be regarded in the light of a great compliment that he should have turned to her, of all others, for as-

of Bourbon and of Spain-of which I his death. have seen no mention made in the newspapers.

ly painful a matter.

When the King and Queen of Spain arrived by special train from London on the eve of the wedding, the Duke many of the royal princes invited to heir. the marriage, were on the platform of

welcome the Spanish sovereigns. There was also a guard of honor and an assemblage of the local dignitaries and there was an atmosphere of distinct solemnity and pomp, which seemed to weigh heavily on all present. At length the royal special rolled into the station and the king and queen to perpetuate the princely dignity of along the bottom of which, within a borings for the Ravenswood gas tunwere seen standing at the windows, saluting those gathered to greet them. Instead, however, of the train glid-

ing slowly and noiselessly into the station and coming to a standstill smoothly and without any jar at the appointed place, the engine driver, who had either miscalculated his distance or perhaps was inexperienced in the difficult art of guiding royal specials, brought the train to a stop with king, the queen and their attendants completely off their feet, the queen sitting down violently on a couch. which alone prevented her from a bad fall, while the king was sent sprawling all over the car.

The traditional dignity of the genuine; substitutes can't do the grandees, both of the masculine and work.

It was at the instance of Queen Al-; members constitute the cream of the feminine persuasian, in the suite of

who, boy like, was quick to see the well to call attention to the fact that

bleed in his veins and can, like King France.

King Edward, as we all know, is descendant of Mary Queen of Scots. She was herself a granddaughter of pension funds and analogous schemes ure the Prussian Order of Merit from Antoinette de Bourbon, eldest daughter of the Comte de Vendome, who tion more especially of his history of descended in the male line direct from It is not generally known that Miss Frederick the Great, since this Prus- Robert Count of Clermont, sixth son Nightingale was known in her girl- sian order permited him to remain of St. Louis. Antoinette de Bourbon hood by a different name. Originally plain Thomas Carlyle as heretofore.

Prussia's Order of Merit was found- by Bourbonian, while his charm of der the North River from Manhattan ance with his relative's will, assumed ed by Frederick the Great in 1740, and manner, his readiness of wit, and his to New Jersey, two for the Pennsyl-

that is to say by Feb. 14.

Saxony is liable to be overwhelmed week in visiting the various points of more recent and better-known achieveinterest on the island, and then the ments. King proceeding to Biarritz, where he utation, in a general way, have heard will be throughout March, until the little of his personality. His name, of first or second week in April, while the course, is seen in print oftentimes Queen will continue on board the yacht these days, but it is only a name to Parthenope, and married the late Sir large quantity of toys to the chateau and proceed to Athens to visit her the public at large. He is not one of now in the possession of his son, Sir tle girl is to receive from him on does not expect to return to England customed to be "written up." While

the widowed Czarina will likewise be he looks at things is shown by chivalry, it has no royal personage on By surrendering the child, who is a Biarritz with her daughter, the story told by one of his friends the its roster save the sovereign, and it pretty little girl, her mother, the excrown princess of Saxony, has forfeit- husband, Grand Duke Alexander Yet so highly prized is the distinc- ed all remaining sympathy since she Michaeloiovitch, who translated Capt. complimentary newspaper account of enough to possess it that they prefer daughter for the sake of her Italian lished them at his own expense for nels. He seemed to take only a slight

ence to a peerage, among them the Rt. annuity from the king to keep the Edward and of the Russian Empress, thing ever written about the job!" Hon. James Bryce, the British ambas- little girl with her-in fact, if she had so that the season there gives promise of considerable brilliancy.

Czar's navy.

ure acclimated to the more invigor- Christ. In this connection it may be was being heralded, as it deserved, as his comfort. gard for his chamberlain, who is a the eighteenth century to decree that the exploring party reached the point man of near 60, and for the latter's all Jews should be expelled from Por- of junction, was a cheer for the them to wean the unfortunate child Jewish origin or descent, no matter was getting the public credit for the and though a member of clubs and so from the effects of the sorry exist- how remote, should be forced to wear achievement.

Among the features of the new Alprepare the little girl for the life which manach de Gotha for 1908, which has the railway tunnels, as well as the in the firm of Charles & William she will lead henceforth with her just made its appearance, is the indi- McAdoo tubes farther down stream, Earle, engineers and shipbuilders, of elder sisters, the Princesses Marguer- cation that the Kaiser has not seen fit Mr. Jacobs has invented many of the Hull, obtaining a thorough mechanical ite and Marie, respectively, 8 and 7 to continue the title of duke to the devices used in their construction. In training in their shops, and finally eldest son and heir of the late Duke the case of the McAdoo enterprises he gaining the appointment of superinof Pless, who has therefore to remain has been virtually the contractor as tendent engineer in the construction of ingly delicate task that the king has content with the dignity of a prince of well as the engineer, owing to the im- marine works. In 1874, two years be-

sistance in this, to him, so extremeof the nobiliary honors of his parent. two of the trolley tubes. An amusing episode occurred the duke bestowed by the Kaiser upon the which the tunnels are bored through Island Railroad, that he came to Amerother day at the wedding of Princess late prince three years ago was merely the river soil is his contrivance. Allica in 1889. To Mr. Corbin he was to Louise of Orleans to Prince Charles ad personam, and became extinct with though designed along the same lines be a general adviser in connection with

his uncle.

out congestion. Be sure you get the the river.

pon in the patent by which the title Munster as a reward for his services as chief representative of the German Empire at the first peace congress of The Hague.

Prince Munster died about three years ago, leaving two sons, the older of whom had become involved in all sorts of scrapes, financial and otherwise, while the younger, Count Alexander Munster, married to Lady Mu-riel Hay, sister of the Earl of Kinnoull and owner of Maresfield Park, a beautiful country seat in the south of England, is to all intents and purposes an Englishman.

Consequently, at Prince Munster's

Charles Jacobs Tunnel Builder

Apropos of this royal wedding, it is PRESIDING GENIUS OF SIX NORTH RIVER TUBES.

> An Engineer Whose "Sand Hogs" Are His Chief Care-How He Came To Take Up Construction Work in New York-Invented the Shield Used in Pushing the Bore Under the River

> Not one New Yorker in a thousand, probably, could answer the question, Who built the city's first river tun-

The man is Charles M. Jacobs, an Englishman by birth, at present chief called McAdoo companies. The city's first river tunnel, which he planned and built between 1892 and 1894, is King Edward and Queen Alexandra the ten-foot passageway beneath the Connaught before St. Valentine's day, almost as big as the ones now under way, and the problems of its building Afterwards they will cruise around were in a lesser degree the same that the coast of Sicily, spending about a have confronted the engineer in his

Those who know Mr. Jacobs by rep-

"Somebody was telling him about a the letters "O. M." to all the other planist, and for the income which will the benefit of his fellow officers of the interest in the first part of the article, gladly—is that not a single death from but when his attention was called to a "the bends," or compressed air dis-King Alfenso may likewise be relied description of the 'sandhogs,' as the ease, has been recorded in any of the upon to put in an appearance at patient laborers of the tubes are six tunnels under his charge. The Biarritz during the stay there of King called, he exclaimed: 'That's the best North River work has been unique in

London Truth in its issue of Dec. 4 met under the river early in the fall, unanimous affection. "The Old Man," and having within a laurel wreath, up- indulgence as due in a great measure refers, in a discussion of the situa- their edges coming together with a they call him-or the equivalent in tion in Portugal, to the extraordinarily margin of less than one inch, and Swedish, or German, or Hungarian.

Besides having been the head of the After studying what the INVENTOR OF HIS OWN SHIELD. engineering commission that designed sity, young Jacobs became a pupil possibility of obtaining any one to un- fore his marriage, he opened an office Married to the beautiful daughter of dertake the job after the fatal and of his own, and, after acquiring con-Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis West, it was futile efforts of past years to bore siderable reputation in subaqueous and naturally supposed that on his father's what was called the "Morton Street marine engineering, he moved to Londeath last year he had succeeded to all tunnel," along the route adopted for don in 1885.

But it now turns out that the title of The improved type of shield, with Austin Corbin, president of the Long Quite a number of the higher titles unique in that it is fit for whatever in the planning of a complete rapid of nobility conferred by the Kaiser in sort of soil is met. For the benefit of transit system connecting Manhattan, recent years are coupled with the in- those who do not know what a shield Brooklyn and New Jersey. The plans timation that they are either only fer is like, the invention may be described were presented to the New York City life or else that the crown reserves to broadly as a gigantic cylinder of steel rapid transit board, of which the late and Duchess of Orleans, as well as itself the right of nominating the and iron, a yard or two in length, William Steinway was president, and An instance of the latter kind is the forward by powerful hydraulic pres- Jacobs for a line that was to run from the railroad station at Evesham to princely title of the chancellor, Von sure, while the "sandhogs" dig out the Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, to Cort-Bulow. He has no sons, but the patent soil or blast the rock within the limits landt street, Manhattan, and then expressly stipulates that the sovereign of its circumference. Behind the shield across the North River to a junction reserves to himself the prerogative of the tube is built, link by link, each link with the Pennsylvania Railroad in selecting that particular one of the being an iron ring. All these rings Jersey City. sons of the younger brothers of the are fastened together into a continuchancellor who appears best qualified ous circular passageway of metal, pany, the engineer began his plans and A similar reservation was insisted electric cars and for the fast through failed to prosecute the job properly, he McAdoo interests talked of completing and the result of their conferences was south and west.

Haven't you a weak spot, where cold the six tunnels, with their six shields river, until they met, on July 11, 1904, dents in the days when the science of City to Long Island. Mr. Jacobs was and inflammation always settles? Whe- and their scores of workers. Mr.

engineer is proudest-he admits it to passenger tunnels under the North President Cassatt of the Pennsyl-



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this respect. His special care has been The "sandhogs," in fact, are the the maintenance of the emergency hosengineer's chief pride. When the two pitals for his "sandhogs," among shields of the northerly railroad tube whom, justly, he is regarded with It is proposed by the king that the pronounced strain of Semitic blood in thereby proving the remarkable ac- for the "sandhogs" come from the far curacy of the technical work done by corners of the earth. Any one of them Schonbergs at their chateau of Pal- their race, and are on record as having into the depths to celebrate the event. lands, he has never found a boss who

Mr. Jacobs was born in Hull, York shire, Eng., on June 8, 1850. He was married before he came to America, cieties a-plenty, he has been a "home man" ever since, spending what time After studying at Cambridge Univer

It was at the invitation of the late as the shields heretofore used, it is varied engineering schemes, especially with a cutting edge that is pushed many borings were made by Mr.

In 1901, for the East River Gas Comyear or two, will be laid tracks for nel, and, after the contractors had River had its inception in 1900. The vania called upon Mr. Jacobs in 1901, trains coming into New York from the himself undertook and carried it to the old Morton street line, started the appointment of the engineering completion, driving the headings sim- many years ago and abandoned on ac- commission that designed the com-It is no small task to watch over ultaneosuly from both sides of the count of a series of disastrous acci- pany's nuderground way from Jersey

ther it is in the neck, side, joints or Jacobs labors morning, noon and Jacobs superintended for Mr. Corbin far enough to do the work without a work. Alfred Noble was and is still limbs—the cure is simple—a good rub night. When he is not at one of his was the planning and beginning of the tremendous loss of life. Then, in 1902, at the head of the work from Manhatwith Nerviline and then apply Nervi- three city offices, he is inspecting one "New York and Long Island Bridge" a company was organized to do the tan to Long Island City, including the line Porous Plaster. These great rube- or another of the tunnels. Four of across the East River and Blackwell's work, and since then two more tubes under the East River. such a sudden ferk that it knocked the facients invariably cure strain swell- the tubes are already pierced from Island. This structure, according to have been started farther south. The ing, weakness and muscular pain, shore to shore though much work still the original proposition, was to be con-There is no mystery about this. Nervi- remains to be done inside them. The nected with a Manhattan terminal for and those at Cortlandt street differ line is the most penetrating liniment other two (the southerly pair of the Long Island Railroad system in from the Pennsylvania Railroad tubes known-consequently it gets where the McAdoo companies) have been exca- East Sixty-third street. Foundations in that they are expected to, carry trouble really is. Nerviline Porous vated to a point beyond the New York- were laid on the Blackwell's Island and only light trains of the type seen in Plasters are great healers and draw New Jersey State line in the center of Long Island waterfronts, but the plans our subway, while the railway tunnels its North River tunnels. The fron tubes, were suspended when Mr. Corbin died.

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DESIGNER OF "SUBTERRANEAN BRIDGE."

The chief engineer designed and patented the "subterranean tunnel bridge," adopted by the Pennsylvania road for

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