

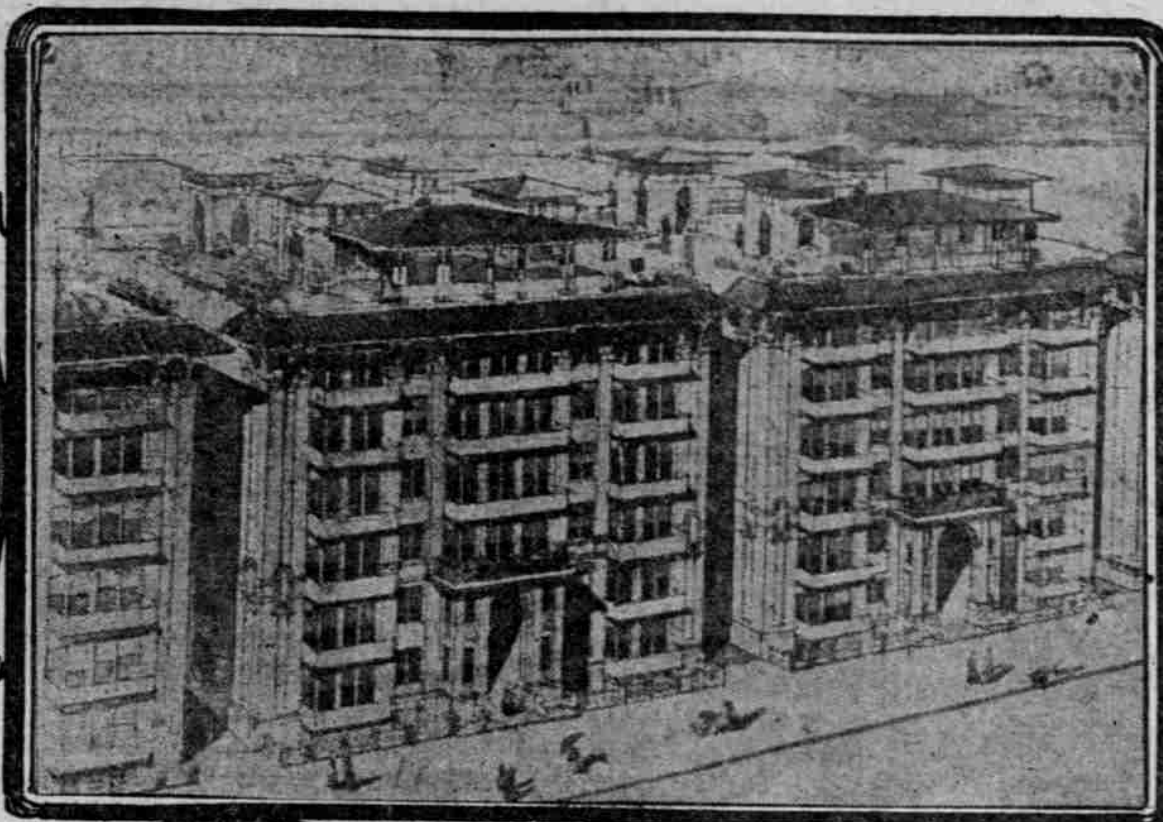
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MRS. W.K. VANDERBILT'S
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VANDERBILT

BURBANK'S GIANT PINES

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SELFTRIDGE

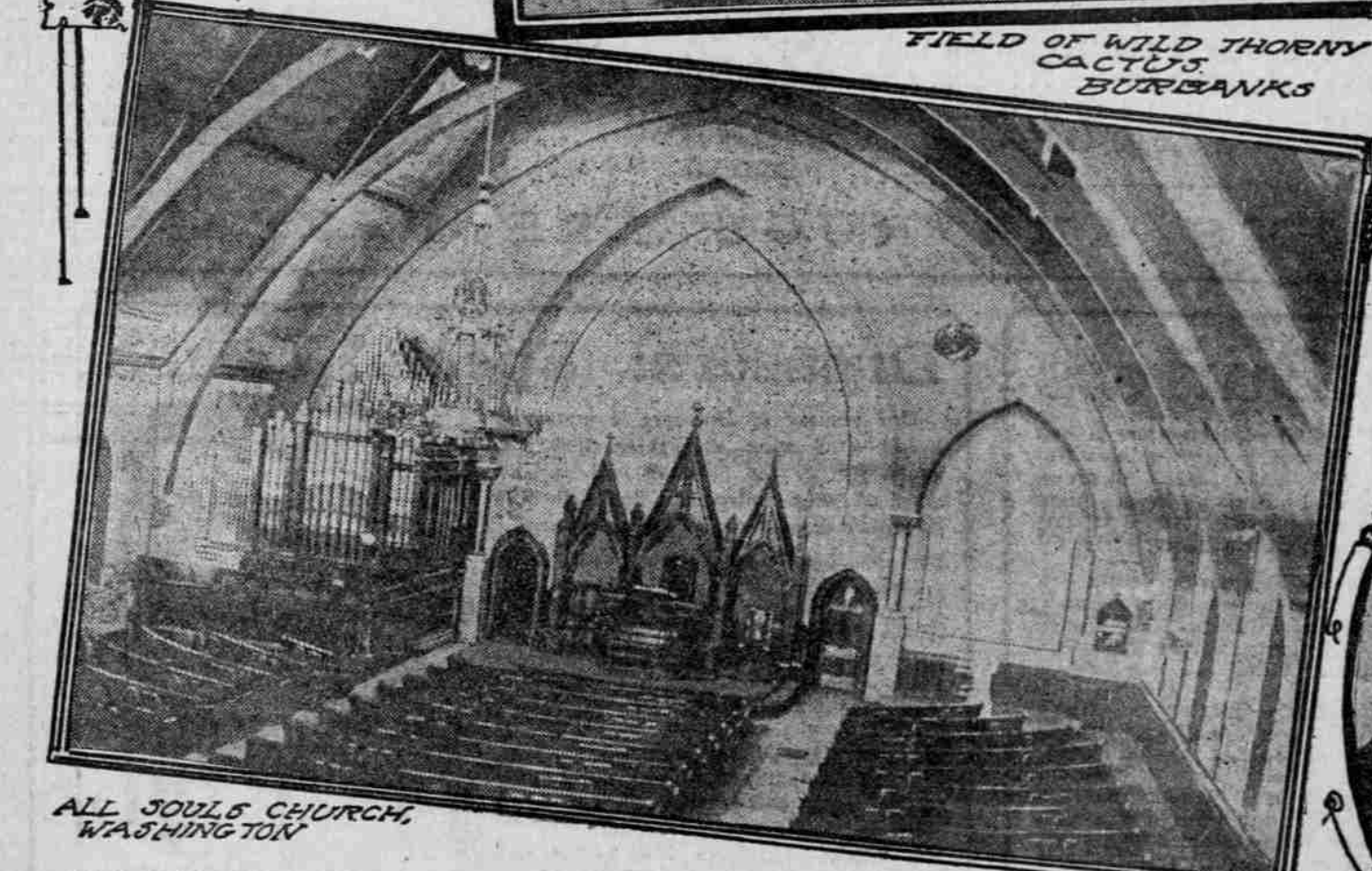
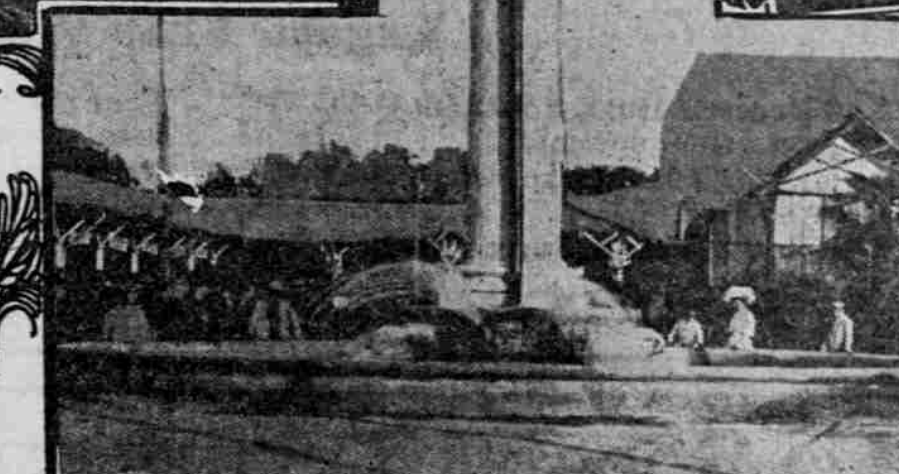
MRS. ALBERT AKIN

LUTHER
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J.F. KLEIN

ALL SOULS CHURCH,
WASHINGTONBAROMETER
AT THE
SMITHSONIAN OBSERVATORY

BY GEORGE GRANTHAM RAIN.
NEW YORK, March 12.—(Special.)—
Madame Johanna Galski has
returned to the Metropolitan Opera-
house after a tour of the country in con-
cert, and has been welcomed with en-
thusiasm by the opera lovers of the met-
ropolis. Mme. Galski's personality quite
as much as her art endears her to the
patrons of the Metropolitan. And devotion
to her art has not interrupted the current
of her home life. Her husband is Herr
Tauscher, agent for the United States for
German arms concern. His business
duties are such that it is possible for him
to travel with Mme. Galski; so, in spite
of the demands of opera and concert
work, and of business, Mr. and Mrs.
Tauscher-Galski and their little daughter
are an undivided family. When in New
York they live at the St. Regis Hotel.
Mrs. Galski enters to a certain extent
into the social life of New York, and she

has been herself among the box-holders
at the opera-house. Mrs. Galski was
brought to America by Walter Damrosch
when he was fighting the efforts to shelve
German opera. The admirers of Wagner
have to thank Mr. Damrosch for the her-
oic struggle he made to reinstate Ger-
man opera in the musical world of Amer-
ica, and for the presence in the United
States of some of the best German sing-
ers. Since Damrosch brought her over
Mme. Galski's art has broadened. She
now sings the larger roles in Wagner
opera; is a superb Brunhilde, an ideal
Elizabeth, a charming Eva. She is
equally at home in the works of Mozart
and recently aroused enthusiasm at the
Metropolitan with her elegant and fin-
ished interpretation of the Countess in
"Le Nozze de Figaro." Mme. Galski re-
turns to the Metropolitan next season.

Mr. Reginald Vanderbilt is almost bet-
ter known in other cities than in New
York, because a good part of her year is
spent in travel. Her husband is much in-
terested in horse shows and Mrs. Van-
derbilt always attends the shows of Pitts-
burg, Baltimore, Philadelphia and in the
vicinity of Boston. She spends a great
part of the summer at Newport, where
the Vanderbilt farm is a center of social
society.



REV. H.G.B. PIERCE

This bust of General Alger, late Secre-
tary of War, was made by M. Roman-
elli, of Detroit, and was cast a few days
ago in New York. It is to be unveiled in
the month of March in front of a school
founded by General Alger in a suburb of
Detroit. Mr. Romanelli has made a strik-
ing likeness of the late Senator from
Michigan, which is the greatest achieve-
ment in the light of the fact that he had

never seen General Alger, and that he
was unable to obtain a full-face picture
of him.

That genius may not be hampered by
mere business, some Western capitalists
have capitalized Luther Burbank and he
will conduct his experiments in plant life
hereafter free from all business care.
Mr. Burbank was so much bothered by
visitors a year ago that signs had to be
put up all over his place warning visitors
away. He found the demands of business
in connection with his work even more
distracting and the wonderful plants
which he had developed which promised
so much to humanity did not reach a full
measure of usefulness as quickly as he
expected. Now he will have time to work
on his plants exclusively, and especially
to continue the cultivation and develop-
ment of the thornless cactus. This is con-
sidered economically the most important
work Mr. Burbank has done. To grow
a cactus without thorns is to fill the arid
desert with a fine food for cattle. Mr.
Burbank announced the development of
this cactus about 18 months ago.

Mrs. Albert Akin is the beauty of
the new Administration. She is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wick-
erham, and will assist her mother in
her social duties at Washington. Her
home is in New York.

J. F. Klein is the member of the Board
of Aldermen of Pittsburgh now on trial
for grafting. He is charged with receiv-
ing money from Banker Ramsey, who
was recently convicted. His defense is
an alibi.

Leon Rains is a young American who
has just joined the Metropolitan Opera
Company. He made his debut as Hagen
in "Die Gotterdammerung" and made a

fairly favorable impression. His voice is
not very strong. He has a conception of
the part of Hagen wholly different from
that of his predecessors. He makes it
less somber and more melodramatic—in
fact, his Hagen suggests the "Mephisto"
of "Faust."

London has a real "department
store." They don't call them stores in
London, but "shops." However, per-
haps J. Gordon Selfridge, of Chicago,
who has just opened a big "store" in
Oxford street, may persuade the Lon-
doners to adopt the nomenclature of the
United States. Mr. Selfridge has had
hard work drilling the English men
and women who are to constitute his
working force. The manners of a Lon-
don shop are so different from those
to which we are accustomed. There
the saleswoman says: "I'm sorry, mod-
dom, but we haven't it in green. Here's
a very nice red." And when you de-
cline to take a waist in red because
you want one in green, she raises her
eyebrows and looks unutterably sur-
prised. Thereupon the floorwalker, see-
ing you departing with empty hands,
follows you and says: "Is anything
wrong, mod-dom?" You explain that

you couldn't find the waist you want-
ed in the shade of green you fancied.
"Yes, mod-dom, but we have them in
red," he replies with an air of final-
ity. If you were English you would
buy the waist in red; for it is the
habit of the English shopper to take
what the shop has to offer.

President Taft attended service at
the All Souls Unitarian Church Sun-
day, and this will be the President's
church for the next four years, and
as such a center of interest for visi-
tors to the city. The pastor is the
Rev. H. G. B. Pierce. Already the His-
torical Society of Washington has
marked the building with a tablet.
Mr. Taft's daughter belongs to the
Protestant Episcopal Church and at-
tends service at St. John's.

In the accompanying photograph is
shown the tenementhouse that Mrs. W.
K. Vanderbilt will build for homes for
the tuberculous. Mrs. Vanderbilt is
much interested in the anti-tubercu-
losis campaign and aims to give in
her tenements light and sanitary habi-
tations for the poor.

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