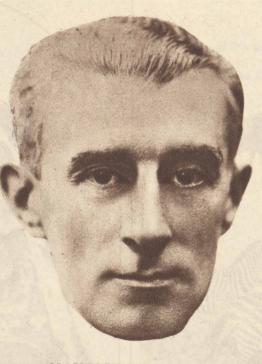


SERGEI RACHMANINOFF is of fame as solo pianist and composer. He is Russian by birth, 55 years old, and for several years has been a resident of the United States.

(Mishkin photo.)



MAURICE RAVEL, most notable of the living composers of France, has been in the midst of making new glory for himself in his first American tour.



FEODOR CHALIAPIN, most famous basso in the world, is a Russian with a gigantic personality on the operatic stage.

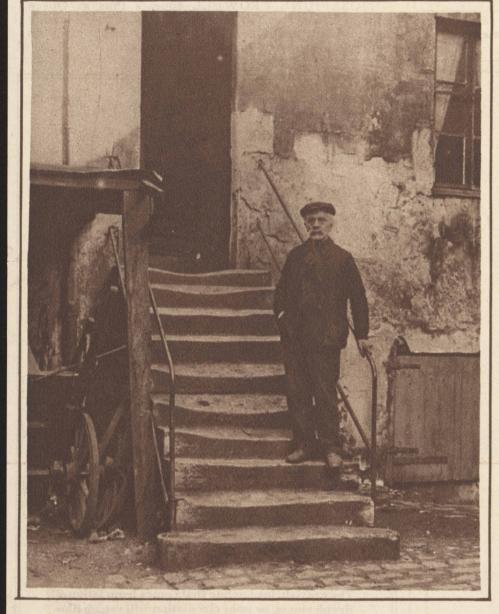


JASCHA HEIFETZ, violinist, and another Russian, was a child prodigy and grew up to be almost as much a prodigy of matured talent.



IGNACE PADEREWSKI is the most famous pianist in the world. He is Polish, an artist, a statesman, a billiard player, and was the first premier of the new Poland.

(Wide World photo.)

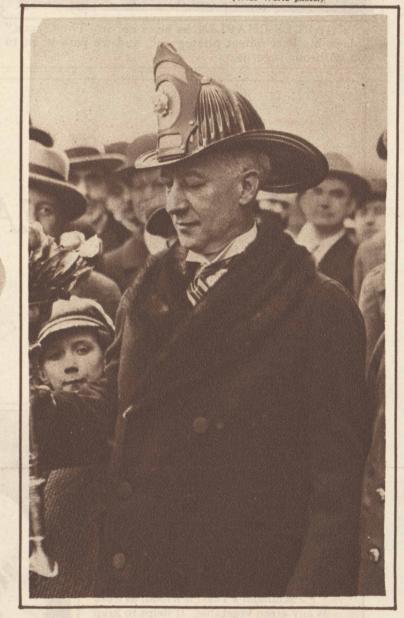


FROM RAGS TO RICHES—The soviet government has invited Perre de Geyter, composer of the communist hymn, "L'Internationale," to spend the rest of his days in one of the former imperial palaces in Moscow. He will accept. He is now living in this miserable place near Paris.

(Photograph from Wide World.)

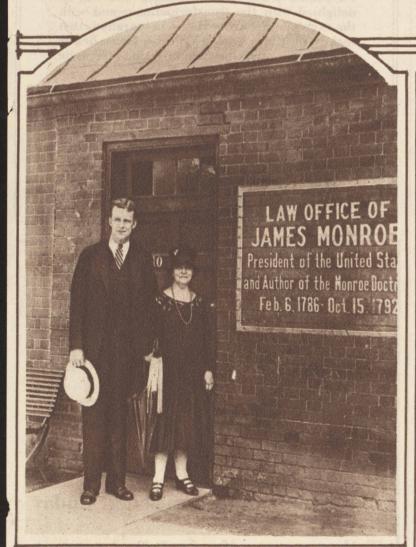


THE TYPICAL MASTER OF MUSIC should look something like this composite photograph of the Rachmaninoff-Ravel-Chaliapin-Heifetz-Paderewski face. This is the musical face of the world. Is it the face of a composer or an executant? It may be interesting to compare this set with the individual soldiers and reformers whose pictures and composites have appeared previously in this series.



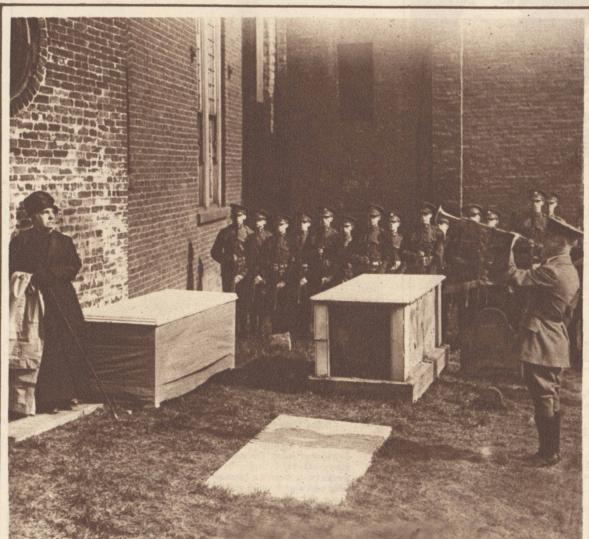
FIREMAN AL SMITH—The governor of New York and Democratic presidential possibility donned a helmet and joined in a parade of Brooklyn volunteer firemen recently. Need it be added that he presented a striking picture?

(Photograph from Pacific and Atlantic.)



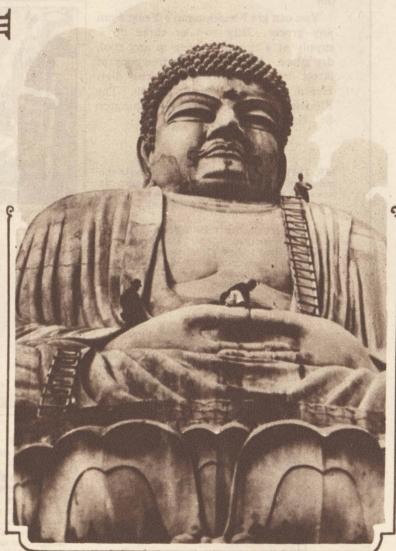
A MONROE SHRINE at Fredericksburg, Va., the low brick building in which the author of the Monroe Doctrine began his career as a country lawyer. The shrine has been presented to the state of Virginia by the couple standing at the door, Laurence Gouverneur Hoes, a great-grandson of President Monroe, and his mother, Mrs. Rose Gouverneur Hoes of Washington. It will be dedicated on April 28, the 170th anniversary of President Monroe's birth.

(Photograph from Wide World.)



THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION lay unhonored for a century and a half, here in the old Alexandria churchyard, near Washington, D. C. Now the grave has been restored. A suitable marker was unveiled at the dedication by Mrs. Mary G. Powell, at the left, widow of a Civil war general, as an army bugler sounded taps.

(Photograph from Underwood & Underwood.)



EIGHTY FEET HIGH, with thumbs six feet in circumference, is the world's largest Buddha image, built at Beppu, Japan, at a cost of \$50,000. The donor was Eizaburo Okamoto, wealthy business man, who dedicated the giant statue to the souls of more than 1,000,000 Japanese who have passed on without the prescribed rites. (Photograph from International.)