

# People Who Are In The News



CAPTAIN ROBERT F. WYNNE.

**CAPTAIN R. F. WYNNE** of the United States marine corps, who was recently on trial before a court martial, is a son of Robert J. Wynne, former postmaster general and now consul general at London. Captain Wynne was charged with insubordination, and the court martial, which was held on board the cruiser Pennsylvania at the Brooklyn navy yard, was awaited with special interest on account of the social and political prominence of the family of the accused. Testimony was given by Surgeon Decker of the Alabama that Captain Wynne had suffered from illness incurred by exposure to the sun in Cuba, the Philippines and China and that in consequence he was incapable of properly discharging the duties of an officer at the time the alleged infraction of rules occurred. Captain Wynne was one of the naval officers who got into trouble with the Italian authorities at Venice some time ago. They were in confinement and suffered many indignities. The affair threatened for a time to disturb international good feeling. The inquiry instituted by the navy department resulted in the vindication of the American officers. Wynne was appointed a second lieutenant by President McKinley at the beginning of the Spanish war. He was in the fight at Guantanamo, fought for three years in the Philippines, and in the battle of Tientsin and the fight before Peking his conduct was such that he was recommended for medals for bravery. He was with Major Waller when the latter pushed into Peking.

Senator Pettus of Alabama was riding through the state on a campaign tour. He is eighty-five years old, and his eyesight is not as good as it once was. He reached a crossroads and could not make out the signboard. "Can you tell me what that sign says?" he asked of a man seated on a log by the roadside. "I cannot," the man answered. "I'm like yourself—I had mighty little seebolin' when I was young."

Colonel Henry A. Du Pont, who has figured in the Delaware senatorial contest, took part in a similar contest in 1895. At that time a long deadlock resulted finally in Colonel Du Pont's receiving fifteen out of thirty votes cast. The election was contested on the right of the ex-speaker of the Delaware senate, then acting as governor, to vote. Without his vote Colonel Du Pont had a majority of one. The United States senate by a party majority of one declined to seat him.

Colonel Du Pont belongs to the famous family of powder makers who have been prominent in the affairs of Delaware and the nation for 100 years. The common ancestor of the American Du Ponts, Pierre Samuel Du Pont de Nemours, was a celebrated French economist and statesman who came to this country at the beginning of the last century. His son, Eleuthere Irenee Du Pont de Nemours, founded the works on the Brandywine of which the present powder trust is an evolution. Colonel Du Pont is a grandson of the first of the powder makers of the name. He was born in 1838, graduated at the head of his class at West Point and entered the Union army, fighting in some of the bloodiest engagements of the civil war. He was promoted several times for gallantry and received a congressional medal of honor.

Pretty Ethel Barrymore has been wooed and won many times upon the stage, and, if report be true, she has been wooed, though not won, quite a number of times in real life. It was thought she really had surrendered the heart she has given away so often before the footlights when her engagement to Captain Harry Graham of the British army and second son of Sir Henry Graham, K. C. B., member of the British house of lords, was reported some months ago. But that affair is "off" now.

The list of men who have knelt at Miss Barrymore's feet, according to the authority of Mrs. Grundy, includes at least a half dozen besides Captain Graham. Richard Harding Davis, the author, in his bachelor days was very attentive. Frederick Gebhard, society man, was reported to be engaged to her. Charles D. Wetmore, wealthy Harvard man, it was rumored, was an ardent suitor. When she went to England the Duke of Manchester was numbered among her suitors. Prince Ranjitsinhji, an Indian nobleman, fell in love with her and tried to give her priceless jewels. When she was in Sir Henry Irving's company her betrothal to his son Lawrence, an actor, was announced by cable. Gerald Du Maurier, Alfred Du



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Miss Barrymore was once expressing her appreciation of the kindness of her audiences. "My audiences have never treated me," she said, "as a western audience once treated a comedian, a distant cousin of mine. This comedian appeared in a four act comedy in a mining town. At the end of the third act the miners rose in a body, gathered up their belongings and started to depart. The comedian, in dismay, rushed before the curtain.

"Gentlemen," he said, "there is another act yet."

"Yes; that's why we're going," said the miners."

The Kentuckians who arranged the programme for "home coming week" at Louisville set apart one day, June 17, as Boone day and made conspicuous in the ceremonies arranged for the occasion the unveiling of a statue of Daniel Boone, the work of Miss Enid Yandell. Miss Yandell is a daughter of the Blue Grass State herself and has given much study to the life and character of Boone.

One of the first important things she did was a statue of him for the Kentucky building at the Columbian exposition of 1893. It was Miss Yandell also who executed the caryatides of the Woman's building at the same fair. At the Tennessee centennial her interpretation of a Hindoo at prayer was much admired and awarded a medal. One of her best known works is the Carrie Brown memorial fountain at Providence, entitled "The Struggle of Life." She has had commissions from the Pan-American and St. Louis expositions and won medals for her exhibits at these fairs. Miss Yandell spends much time in Paris and is a great admirer of Rodin. She was the first woman to enjoy the honor of an election to the National Sculpture society.

The great Norwegian dramatist Henrik Ibsen, who died recently, left a son who has made a name for himself among his countrymen despite his handicap in being the son of a great man. This son, Dr. Siquard Ibsen, is about forty-seven years of age and has served with distinction in the Norwegian cabinet. Dr. Ibsen is noted as a journalist, sociologist and political economist. He studied as a young man at Munich and later at Rome, where he received the degree of doctor in political and administrative sciences. In 1884 he entered the diplomatic service, but abandoned it in 1890. He then devoted himself to journalism until 1895, when the Norwegian storting voted funds for a chair of sociology at the University of Christiania, and he was called to occupy it. He only held the post for a year, however, as the commissioner of public instruction found serious objection to his sociological theories. He then joined with Bjornstjerne Bjornson in founding a weekly social and political review called Ringveien. This publication was short lived.

One of the railway men figuring in the investigation by the interstate commerce commission into the relations of railways and coal companies is William A. Patton, assistant to President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad. He testified that he held \$342,000 worth of coal company stock which had come to him

"through friendship" and without the payment of a dollar in cash. From these stocks he received dividends amounting to \$16,000 a year. The testimony also added the statement that J. Howard Patton, a brother of W. A. Patton, acquired \$67,000 of coal stock without any cash consideration. In his testimony before the commission William

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A. Patton stated that he carried no stock in the interest of others, the inference being that President Cassatt was unaware of the holdings of such stock acquired by some of his subordinates.

"The recent outbursts from the orators of the Republican party against tariff revision remind me of the story of the old Irishwoman who thought her dying husband insane." Representative Champ Clark of Missouri said the other day.

"The old woman, a covetous old soul, was in the room listening to her husband making his last will and testament.

"Now, tell me exactly what is owing you," the lawyer said.

"Timothy Brown owes me \$300," answered the old man. "Casey owes me \$175 and—"

"Good, good," interrupted the prospective widow. "Rational to the last!"

"Luke Brown owes me \$80," continued the old man.

"Rational, rational," again interrupted the old woman.

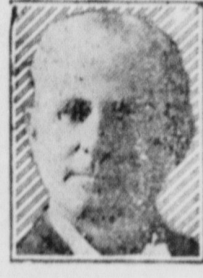
"To Mike Lafferty I owe \$375—"

"Ah," interrupted the old woman, "hear him rave! Hear him rave!"

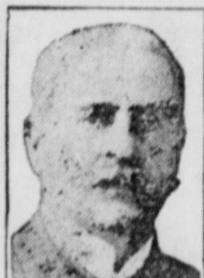
Herbert H. D. Peirce, whose controversy with Robert M. McWade, former consul general at Canton, China, has attracted attention, was recently appointed first minister of the United States to the new kingdom of Norway. He was often named in the dispatches from Portsmouth, N. H., last summer while the Russo-Japanese peace commissioners were in session, as he was then third assistant secretary of state and in special charge of the entertainment of the delegates to the conference. It was just prior to this that Mr. Peirce had visited China on a commission to investigate reports as to irregularities in the consular service there and in other parts of the orient. He made a report, on the strength of which Wade was dismissed from the service. Consol General McWade has now returned to this country and not only denies the charges against him, but has made a counter-

charge against Mr. Peirce. He says the latter while in Canton expressed so much admiration for a tiger skin rug, valued at \$500, which was in the office of the consulate that he felt compelled to give it to him. Acceptance of gifts from subordinates by federal officers is against the provisions of the statutes. Mr. Peirce says he was not aware such a present had been made to him until his return to America, and he has sent the rug back to Mr. McWade. Mr. Peirce is fifty-six years of age, is a graduate of Harvard, has been many years in the diplomatic service and served several times as charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg.

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