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#### **Short Stories** About People



of Bishop Talbot, long the "cowboy bishop," but now bishop of central Pennsylvania, have been many and varied,

**HE** experiences

and his book, recently published, "My BISHOP ETHELBERT People of the TALBOT.

Plains," gives a fascinating picture of life in the earlier days of the great west.

Miners, cowboys, all loved him, and uted in America for they still tell a host of stories about him.

Once while still bishop of Wyoming and Idaho he went to St. Paul to attend a meeting of dignitaries of the church. There one noon on the porch of the hotel a tramp approached a group of bishops and asked for aid.

"No," one of the churchmen replied, "I don't think we can do anything. But down there is the youngest bishop of us all," pointing to Bishop Talbot, "and he's a very generous man."

The tramp went to Bishop Talbot, and the others watched with interest. They saw a look of surprise come over the tramp's face; they saw that the bishop was talking eagerly, earnestly; they saw the tramp look perturbed, but they finally saw that something passed from hand to hand.

The tramp tried to get away without speaking to those of the group, but the former spokesman called to him;

"Well, did you get something from our young brother?"

The tramp grinned sheepishly. "No; I gave him a dollar for his blamed new cathedral at Laramie!"

The case of Lebbeus R. Wilfley, judge of the United States court in Shanghai, China, has attracted unusual attention. In the first place, it may be news to many that there is such a thing as a United States court in China. It was only recently established, and Mr. Wilfley was appointed by President Roosevelt to the newly created judgeship. Since his appeintment he has done some things which on the face of the matter appear barsh and arbitrary. The state department, un-

der whose jurisdiction the new court is placed, does not regard the matter in that light, however. According to the charges against Judge Wilfley, he has made such unreasonable rulings

pounding the merits of an American six cylinder car was asked what the appointment of these automobilists to the police force meant. "It means," said he, "that Prexy will nab you if you toot your motor horn too loud, if you try stunts like turning a corner at high speed and on two wheels, if you let the exhaust befoul the pure ezone of the city streets-in other words, if you don't watch out for anything and

everything from the minute you get into an automobile until you see it safely stored for the night in a garage."

> Alexis Aladyin, who is known as the leader of the group of toil in the Russian douma and who is now on a visit to this country, came here in the interest of the cause of liberty in Russia and to raise funds for the relief of the millions suffering from famine. He hopes that whatever money is contrib-

starving Russians will be distributed by a committee of Americans and not sent to the Russian government. He says:

If it goes to the government it will never be used for the relief of the people. The dishonesty of the Russian officials is unbelievable to one not conversant with the system of govern-

ment that prevails in my unfortunate coun. ALEXIS ALADYIN. It is true that the government aptry. propriated a sum approximating \$40,000,000 to relieve the distress caused by the famine. At a safe estimate, 90 per cent of this will be stolen by the officials te whom it has been intrusted.

Mr. Aladyin was in London as a delegate to the interparliamentary conference when the douma was dissolved by the czar last May. Seeking to return to Russia by way of Finland, he happened to reach Helsingfors during the Sveaborg mutiny and, being suspected of connection with it, was not allowed to return to his home. The length of his stay here will depend on events in Russia. He hopes to be a member of the second douma, in spite of the opposition of the government, as he has been elected on the first stage, equivalent to a nomination here. Though born a peasant, he studied at the University of Kazan, from which he was expelled for volcing liberal opinions, and he speaks, English, French and Italian as well as his native tongue. The picture shows him in an English athletic costume. Having lived much in England, he has become somewhat Applicized in manners and tastes.

John Barrymore, who has figured in the testimony in the Thaw case as one of Evelyn Thaw's former admirers, is an artist. He is a brother of Ethel Barrymore and Lionel Barrymore, who are winning fame in the field chosen by their father, the noted actor, Maurice

#### THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, BELLEFONTE, PA., MARCH 14, 1907.



HINGS that have happened recently both in this country and in Europe have set people thinking and talking on the

subject of socialism. Formerly socialism was chiefly discussed as an academic proposition. Matters have now reached a stage in both the old world and the new where it is discussed as a live issue. It has become a political issue in England, Germany, France, Russia and Italy. In the United States it is discussed now more as a sociologleal than as a political problem. The Socialist party in the United States claims a voting strength of about half a million, but this does not by any means represent the extent of the socialistic movement, because there are a great many persons whose economic views trend in this direction, but who may not accept the programme of the radical Socialists and therefore do not identify themselves with the political party which stands for the full socialist scheme. The lectures on socialism which the English economist, W. H. Mallock, has been giving at Columbia university have excited much debate. It was his belief in socialism as a

remedy for social ills that prompted Upton Sinclair to write "The Jungle," and one of the sequels of its success was the establishment of the now famous colony on socialistic lines known as Helicon Hall, which was recently started under his leadership on the Palisades of the Hudson. The most picturesque aspect of the Socialist question in this country at the present time is the number of devotees the cult is obtaining among the rich. Among the most prominent of the so called "millionaire Socialists" of the United States are J. Medill Patterson of Chicago, grandson of the founder of the Chicago Tribune, and J. G. Phelps Stokes, who married Rose Pastor, graduate of a cigar factory, whom he met in the course of settlement work. Mr. Stokes and his wife have been



in Germany the Socialist party received a setback in the recent elections, where the issue was the support of the government in its colonial policy. It lost nearly twenty seats in the reichstag, and the reverse is said to be the most serious the party has had since 1887. On the other hand, it is argued that socialism in the country of Karl Marx would make a better showing if the cities, where the workingmen are strongest, had adequate representation in the reichstag.

England has progressed much further in the direction of socialism in many respects than the United States. Many things are under a system of public ownership there which are usually under private ownership in the United States. The British voter is now confronted with the question how far to carry the principles of common ownership. The out and out Socialists. under the leadership of Keir Hardie, M. P., are trying to capture the Labor party, which now has such a large membership in the house of commons, and both Liberals and Conservatives vie with each other in seeing how far they can extend their old party platforms so as to be with the tide flowing in the direction of public ownership. The recent London county counelection showed reaction against cfl socialistic ideas and that scandals in connection with public management of many enterprises, about which whispers are now heard, may serve to turn the tide of public sentiment.

A notable feature of the socialistic movement in England is the large number of accessions to its ranks from the rich and titled classes, even women being numbered among these converts. Most prominent of them is the beautiful Countess of Warwick. once a great favorite of the present king and a woman widely known for her philanthropic and literary activities. She has often addressed meetings of Socialists and is said to be a clever and democratic campsigner.

H. CLAY PIERCE.

Prominent St. Louis Business Man an Exile on Account of Trust Fight.

On account of the antitrust fight and the Bailey investigation in Texas H. Clay Pierce, the oll magnate and clubman of St. Louis, is said to be virtually an exile from home. Since the antitrust fight began in Kansas some time ago Mr. Pierce has been little in St. Louis despite the many social and business connections that his friends say would make the city of the Louisiana Purchase exposition the preferable residence for him. His son recently moved into the splendid home in fashionable Vandeventer place built by the elder Pierce. "My father's permanent address will hereafter be at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York," said young Pierce. Mr. Pierce has for years been one of

railway corporations and is chairman of the board of directors of the Mexican Central railway and of the Waters-Pierce Oil company. It is in the latter capacity that Mr. Pierce has recently been in the public eye. Attorney General Hadley of Missouri in his Standard Oil inquiry devoted considerable effort to showing that the Waters-Pierce concern is a branch of the big oil trust. It came out in the investigation into the charges against Senator Bailey of Texas that Mr. Pierce had applied to ex-Governor David R. Francis of Missouri to recommend a lawyer who should advise him in respect to the operations of the Waters-Pierce company in Texas. Mr. Francis recommended Senator Balley. The latter claims that in rendering services to Mr. Pierce and his company he did not know he was dealing with a branch of a monopoly. Mr. Pierce has been indicted for perjury by a Texas grand jury, the basis of the charge being that he made an affidavit in 1900 that the Waters-Pierce company was not owned or controlled by Standard Oil and that the companies were not in any way connected. Governor Campbell of Texas has made a requisition on Governor Folk of Missouri for Pierce's return to the Lone Star State for trial. The Pierce family say that the head of the house had determined before the charges against him were made to reside in New York.

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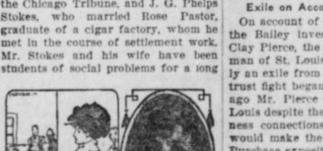
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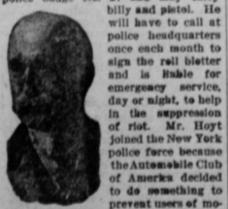
for his court as to debar from practice before it all the American attorneys in Shanghai except one firm. On the other hand, it is LEBBESS R. WILFsaid he has admitted foreign mem-

bers of the bar to practice in his court without examination. Judge Wilfley is a native of St. Louis, where he formerly practiced law. In 1901 he was appointed by Secretary Taft judge of the court of first instance of the Philippines. A few months later he was advanced to the attorney generalship of the islands. His appointment to the Chinese court was made in July last,

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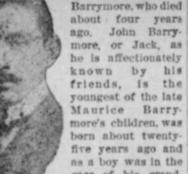
The state department has given out a statement about the case of Judge Wilfley, which, among other things, says: This court was created as a court of first instance in cases involving large sums of money and the prosecution of serious offenses. The smaller cases of ordinary litigation come before the vari-ous consular courts, as before, and the newly created court is one of appeal from other extraterritorial courts in China, as well as in Korea. For many years there has been much unpleasant scandal up and down the Chinese coast from the fact that American demimondes were much in evidence. Happily the consular courts of the United States, in co-operation with the higher court of which Judge Wilfley is the head, have now made rapid progreas in remedying this evil, which has been for so long offensive to American residents and to travelers in the far east. In putting down this evil Judge Wilfley is but carrying out the instructions for-warded him by the department of state, which are to protect American interests, morals and welfare, and the department recognizes with admiration the method he is using to conduct his crusades.

Colgate Hoyt, who was sworn in as a special police officer in New York recently, is a Wall street banker and president of the Automobile Club of America. He is an officer in a dozen rallway, banking, insurance and mining corporations, is a yachtsman and popular in club circles and has a country seat on Long Island, but he wears police badge No. 27 and may carry



COLGATE HOTT. tor vehicles from

abusing their priv-fleges on the public highways. A committee of safety was appointed, con-sisting of five members, with Mr. Hoyt at their head, and the members of this committee made application for appointment as special policemen. At the Madison Square Garden automobile show a college graduate whe was ex-on election to Mr. Dryden's seat. pointment as special policemen. At



care of his grandmother, Mrs. John JOHN BARRYMORE. Drew. He went to Georgetown college, but was expelled for a boyish prank. He then went to London and studied art and since his return to this country has done some things which have occasioned discussion in the art world. One of his paint

ings, entitled "Despair," has been characterized as "a bold departure from the beaten paths of art," indicating "a new symbolism, almost a new school."

M. Coquelin, the celebrated French actor, on his last visit to England traveled from Vienna and arrived in London just before he was due at the theater. He was so tired that in the second act of the play, in which he was supposed to go to sleep, he went to sleep in reality and had to be aroused by vigorous prods from the back. In one of the papers the next morning a critic complained that his slumber scene was obviously overacted.

The recent senatorial election in New Jersey attracted national attention because of the fight for re-election made by the present junior senator, John F. Dryden. After a prolonged battle Senator Dryden retired from the contest, and the choice fell on the treasurer of the state, Frank O. Briggs. The suc-

cessor of Senator Dryden has declared that he is in general sympathy with the policies of President Roosevelt. He was born in New Hampshire in 1850 and studied at Phillips Excter academy, going from there to West Point, where he graduated in 1872. Next fol-

lowed a career as a FRANK O. BRIGGS. military officer last-

ing until 1877. He served in the Second United States cavalry as second lieutenant. On his resignation from the regular army he entered the employ of the John A. Roebling Sons' company of Trenton as an engineer and is now assistant treasurer of the concern.

Since leaving the army Senator Briggs has been identified with the politics of his state and since 1904 has been at the head of the Republican state committee. He was elected mayor of Trenton in 1809 and in 1902 was

COUNTERS OF WARWICE AT A SOCIALIST MEETING AND MRS. ROSE PASTOR-STOKES.

time, but it was only recently that they announced themselves as out and out Socialists, and they are trying to live up to their theories by residing in a cheap flat in a tenement district and will devote most of their attention hereafter to bringing into realization the co-operative commonwealth. Though he lives the simple life, Mr. Stokes remains president of a railroad and three other corporations, Robert Hunter, another settlement worker, who married Miss Caroline Stokes, sister of Mr. Stokes, is also a Socialist,

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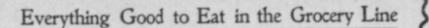
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