

**JUSTICE GOFF, 70,
LEAVES THE BENCH**

**Tried Many Famous Cases
During Service of
23 Years**

New York.—At the opening of the first term of the new year in the Supreme Court there was missed the familiar personality of Justice John W. Goff, who after twenty-three years of judicial service retired on account of having passed the age limit of 70 years.

Justice Goff, who now takes his place in the company of the official referees, came to New York as an emigrant at the age of 16, without money and practically without friends. He was born in county Wexford, Ireland, in 1847 and when a boy played with Charles Stewart Farnell. His father died before he was very old. Through an uncle he was able to continue his schooling for a few years, at the end of which he decided to try his luck in this country. The first job he got was from A. T. Stewart, another Irishman who had come here much under the same circumstances.

While he was working in A. T. Stewart's store he drifted into the courts and used to listen to the lawyers. That gave him a desire to try that profession, and he studied nights at Cooper Union in order to fit himself for the bar. In those days he was something of an athlete too. Boxing was his specialty and he was known as one of the best amateur sparrers in New York.

Aided John Boyle O'Reilly
Justice Goff got a chance to study law in the office of Samuel C. Courtney and in 1879 was admitted to the bar. With F. W. Pollock he formed the law firm of Goff & Pollock and speedily made a record for himself as a successful criminal lawyer. An enthusiastic Irishman, he took a deep interest in the fate of those suffering for political offenses in Ireland, and he was one of a committee which sought to effect the escape of John Boyle O'Reilly, who had been transported to Australia by the English Government. The whaling bark Catalpa was chartered and sent to Australia. O'Reilly's escape was accomplished and he was brought to New York.

Justice Goff was a Democrat, and when Mr. Martine was elected District Attorney he appointed him an assistant. He had condemned Tammany for its methods, however, and in 1890 the County Democracy took him up and ran him for District Attorney against De Lancey Nicoll to succeed Col. Fellows. He was defeated after a hot campaign and had gone back to private practice when the Lexow investigation came on. Justice Goff's selection as counsel for the Lexow committee was credited to Dr. Parkhurst, who had conceived an admiration for him during his campaign for District Attorney. He was made counsel against the wishes of many, however. As counsel he turned out to be one of the most merciless cross-examiners that New York had ever seen. The witness stand speedily became known as "the rack" and the soft voiced inquisitor became to many a menacing figure. Police Commissioners and many others broke down under the ordeal.

Declined Mayoralty Nomination
Justice Goff practically managed the entire work of the committee and at the conclusion of its labors the committee of seventy, formed to rescue New York from Tammany in consequence of the revelations, offered him the nomination of Mayor. He declined the nomination in a brief letter in which he said that he could not think of accepting it unless every element in the city opposed

to Tammany should indicate that he was the first choice for that office. Following this declination, the fusion elements unanimously chose him as the nominee for Recorder to succeed Recorder Smythe, and he was carried in on the landslide that elected Mayor Strong. Justice Goff followed up his election by introducing a bill that was intended to give him all the patronage of the Court of General Sessions. The other judges protested and a great row resulted. A committee came down from Albany to investigate the conditions in the courts, and its sessions were almost as sensational as had been those of the Lexow committee. Recorder Goff took the stand and made statements about some of the subordinates which the other judges denied. The bill finally failed of passage.

Tried Many Famous Cases
As Recorder and Supreme Court Justice, Justice Goff presided at many famous trials, including those of Walter Langerman, against whom Barbara Auh was the principal witness; Marie Barberi, Albert T. Patrick, the first trials of Roland B. Molineux and Charles Becker and the trial of the four gunmen who, with Becker, paid the final penalty for the murder of Herman Rosen.

In 1913 efforts were made to unburden the birth records of Justice Goff in an attempt to show that he was then over the judicial age limit. Nothing, however, came of the investigation. In the fall of 1906 he was put on the Tammany ticket for the Supreme Court at the instance of William H. Hearst, who was then allied with Charles F. Murphy. He was elected and began his term the following January. It would have expired at the end of next year.

Justice Goff has one son, John W. Goff, Jr., and a daughter, a member of the Ursuline Sisterhood, who is known in her order as Sister Inez Hildegarde.

**Heir to Italy's Throne,
Who Was Paris Favorite**



PRINCE HUMBERT OF ITALY

Crown Prince Humbert of Italy has found Paris most hospitable and Paris has found him the handsomest and "smilingest" crown prince she has ever entertained. This picture was taken on Prince Humbert's first visit to the French capital.

EXECUTIVE GOES TO FRANCE
Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—Paul S. Miller, a son-in-law of Charles H. Wilson, has been spending the Christmas holidays here at the home of his wife's parents. He is general secretary of Temple University, Philadelphia, and will act as educational executive in France. He will leave for the overseas trip about the middle of the month. Mr. Miller was Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Colt during the summer.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

John Reeds long awaited book on Russia is announced for publication, by Boni & Liveright, for January 30th. This book will be called "Ten Days That Shook the World," and is a moving picture of those thrilling ten days in Petrograd. John Reed knew personally, both the Bolshevik leaders and their opponents. He had access to their meetings and gives in his book important historical information that was hidden from the ordinary observer or even the newspaper correspondent. He describes in his book how the revolutionists acted, what they said and did; how the leaders looked; what they said and when they said it. The publishers state that for the first time the whole story of the ten days is reported in this book. There is also an appendix containing documents, speeches newspaper clippings, secret diplomatic correspondence never published before in this country and a simple, lucid explanation of Russian terms, parties and politics which should clear up much of the confusion which has arisen through incorrect reporting and usage.

**Surprised at the
Good Results From
Three Bottles of
Tonall.**

"Men in War," by Andreas Latzko, which was almost unanimously acclaimed as one of the three greatest works of fiction produced by the war, and which was withdrawn from circulation by the publishers, Boni & Liveright, last June, is again being distributed by them. "Men in War" was suppressed in the Central Empire when it first appeared in 1917 and its author was obliged to flee for Company, the London publishers who arranged in September with Boni & Liveright for the English publication of this book, have just written that its appearance in England has created some of the sensation in literary circles there. "Men in War" has already gone into its eighth printing in this country and into its third printing in England.

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