

IN THE LIMELIGHT

HOUSE INSURGENT LEADER



Congressman Victor Murdock, the red-headed Kansan who led the insurgent forces in the war against Cannonism in the organization of the present house, is a Wichita newspaper man and in all respects one of the liveliest men in congress. He lays his first election to his blazing locks, which he says drew him the support of every red-haired man in the Seventh district regardless of party or previous condition of servitude.

Besides being the most unwelcome thorn in the side of Speaker Cannon, Murdock has done a good many things that earned him unpopularity with the influences at Washington. He put up a war on the mail-carrying plumb line among the railroads, which finally resulted in lessening the expense to Uncle Sam of transporting the mails. He has warred relentlessly on other old usages and precedents of the capital.

Murdock is sure of being an insurgent so long as life endures. Kansas loves an insurgent, and Victor Murdock is one of the most popular men in Kansas. It is said he can be governor or senator at almost any time. He is in Kansas what they call a boss buster, and a boss buster finally becomes the biggest kind of a boss. At least this has been so in Kansas. Then new boss busters come up to bust the old boss busters.

It was Murdock who first made the late Congressman Jerry Simpson world famous as "the sockless Socrates" by a newspaper yarn about that leader's antipathy to hosiery. It is reported that on one occasion, when a guest at a reception given by President Diaz in Mexico, Murdock did not notice until the evening was half over that he had neglected to put on a collar.

Murdock is 37 years old. His father was Marsh Murdock, an old Kansas pioneer editor, who died a few years ago. Marsh Murdock was a hard hitter. He served the Republican party and never received the rewards which were justly his due. Some of the rewards have come to the son, Victor.

Victor represents the old Long district. Long was elected to the senate and Victor took his place in the house. Long settled down in Washington to be a peaceful and quiet citizen, working with the majority of his party, and Kansas would not stand for that. Kansas never wants a man to settle down. Long paid the penalty with his political life.

NEW SOLICITOR GENERAL



Lloyd Wheaton Bowers, general counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at Chicago, has been appointed to the post of solicitor general of the department of justice April 1. He will work immediately under the direction of Attorney General Wickham.

Mr. Bowers has been general counsel of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for 16 years, having succeeded W. D. Gandy in 1893. He is a graduate of Yale, '79, and although not a classmate of President Taft, they have been close personal friends for many years. He was born at Springfield, Mass., in 1869, and after leaving Yale he studied at the Columbia Law school of New York, taking his LL. B. degree in 1892. He practiced law about two years in New York city and then moved to Winona, Minn., where he engaged in the general practice of law. He remained there until called to Chicago in 1892 to become general counsel of the Northwestern road.

Like President Taft Mr. Bowers is an expert golfer and is a member of two Chicago clubs—Owenista and Skokie. It is not at all improbable that when President Taft forms his golf cabinet, to succeed the Rooseveltian tennis cabinet, Mr. Bowers will be one of the star members. Mr. Bowers also is a member of the University club and of the Chicago Athletic association.

Previous to the appointment of Mr. Bowers the post of solicitor general was held for several years by Henry M. Hoyt, a Pennsylvanian and a classmate of President Taft. During his term and while he was an assistant attorney general Mr. Hoyt played an important part in many cases which determined the legal construction of important legislative points.

As solicitor general he was the legal leader for the United States government in the Philippine tariff and various other cases affecting the question of government in our insular possessions, and for the oleomargarine, the coal land law, and the commodity clause cases.

As an assistant attorney general, Mr. Hoyt had to do with the prize cases resulting from the Spanish-American war, customs and immigration cases.

JOHN ARMSTRONG CHALONER



John Armstrong Chaloner, or Chanler, as he was until he took legal steps to change his name a year ago, maintains his occupation for striking and sensational originality. His very latest adventure into the limelight was by way of the fatal shooting of a brutal husband who had beaten his wife and was trying to kill her in the parlor of Chaloner's Virginia home. The coroner's jury promptly exonerated Chaloner, who will not be prosecuted.

It is not generally known—or it has been generally forgotten—that Chaloner was the hero of the erotic and quite remarkable novel which made his former wife, the strikingly beautiful and brilliant Amelle Rives, now the Princess Pierre Troubetskoy, famous in a month. "The Quick or the Dead" suddenly transformed Miss Rives from a modest Virginia girl, daughter of a prominent old family into the most talked of, criticized and praised writer in America.

Chaloner is a cousin of John Jacob Astor and a brother of Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, late lieutenant governor and nominee for governor of New York. A millionaire and society man in Gotham, Chaloner suddenly took up the occult as a fad and became a mystic of the most pronounced type. His strange fancies led his relatives to have him declared insane and sent to an asylum. He escaped from the institution, reached Virginia and has been declared sane by the federal court of that commonwealth. In New York, however, he is still legally insane and would be returned promptly to the asylum were he to return to the metropolis. The greater part of his estate is still in the hands of an administrator in New York, and his suit to recover its control is still pending in the courts. Out of hatred for the relatives who caused his detention, he has legally transformed his name to the ancient form of Chaloner.

AWARDED LAETARE MEDAL



Mrs. Frances Christine Fisher Tiernan, who has been awarded the Laetare medal by the University of Notre Dame, is famous in literature and has written many successful novels under the pen name of "Christian Reid." She was born in 1846 at Salisbury, N. C., which is still her home, and she is a daughter of Col. Charles Frederic Fisher, who was killed in the battle of Bull Run. In 1887 she was married to James Marquis Tiernan of Maryland, and in 1898 she was widowed. Mrs. Tiernan's first novel, "Valerie Aylmer," was published in 1871, and since that time about forty books have issued from her pen.

The Laetare medal takes its name from the fourth Sunday of Lent, on which it is always awarded. The custom of giving it is modeled on the ancient observance followed by the pope of sending a golden rose as a mark of especial honor to sovereigns and other notable persons. The gift of the medal is confined to members of the Catholic church in the United States. It is a large disk of pure gold, beautifully enameled and chased, and bears some appropriate design, which changes from year to year, and which is suited to the profession or line of work for which the recipient is distinguished. Surrounding the design appears in Latin the motto, "Truth is mighty and shall prevail." The address of award which accompanies the medal is a beautiful piece of art work, done in water colors on silk. This is the first time in its history that the medal will go to the south.

Sunday Work in the Steel Mills.

Another tendency in all of the Pittsburgh steel mills in the last 15 years is the extension of Sunday work. Blast furnaces, with a few minor exceptions, have always been operated seven days in the week in this country, but before the elimination of unionism the rolling mills used to be idle from Saturday evening until Monday morning of each week. The union stoutly opposed all Sunday work and succeeded in reducing it to a minimum in all plants where it had influence. With the decline in union strength Sunday

work began to increase. Like the extension of hours, it did not come all at once, but here and there in different mills, the hour for beginning operations was pushed backward.

A few years ago one of the last mills to adopt Sunday night work induced the men to come out on account of being behind in their orders. Once established in this way the custom has continued and in this plant men are discharged if they refuse to work on Sunday evenings. Beginning as a favor, it is now a fixed policy, and competitive conditions tend to hold it as such.—Charities and the Commons.

Hog Cholera Investigations.



HOG YARDS FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK.

The suppression of the disease, hog cholera, a problem which is recognized as one of great importance to the agricultural interests of the United States, has received considerable attention during the last 20 years. At the present time few problems are as intimately associated with the agricultural economy as that which is related to the practical eradication of this animal disease.

In 1885 Dr. Theobald Smith and Dr. D. E. Salmon isolated Bacillus cholerae and described that organism as the specific cause of hog cholera. Since that time a continuous line of investigation has been conducted by the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, for the purpose of discovering some protective inoculation or treatment against the disease. During the past few years several investigators, both in Europe and

The four-hour horse serum (blood serum from a horse drawn four hours after the animal has received intravenously approximately 150 cc. of virulent hog cholera serum) when injected into healthy hogs intravenously produces acute hog cholera.

The four-hour horse serum, under certain conditions at least, when injected subcutaneously in small doses into healthy swine does not produce infection.

The five-to-seven-hour horse serum when injected subcutaneously into the healthy hog does not produce the disease.

The 24-hour horse serum (drawn 24 hours after the animal has received intravenously approximately 150 cc. of hog cholera serum), in comparison with four-hour horse serum, shows attenuated properties.

The 24-hour horse serum vaccine in-



Ulcers in Caecum of Hog.

jected subcutaneously and intravenously, and four-hour horse serum vaccine when injected in small quantities subcutaneously, act as preventives against hog cholera. The 24-hour horse serum, however, is not constant in respect to its protective properties.

Acquired immunity against hog cholera extends over a period of from three to eight months.

A rough estimate shows that horse serum vaccine can be prepared at a relatively low cost.

Virulent hog cholera serum in the liquid form becomes attenuated after a period of nine months when kept at a temperature of approximately ten degrees C. to 15 degrees C.

Virulent hog cholera serum dried under aseptic conditions at a temperature of 37 degrees C. becomes attenuated after a period of eight months.

Horse serum vaccine retains its protective properties for at least a pe-

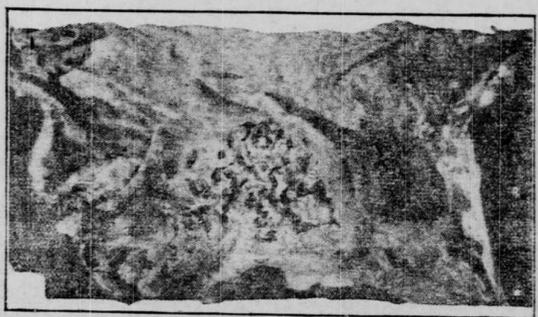
riod of six weeks when kept at an approximate temperature of ten degrees C. to 15 degrees C.

Painting the Trunks of Trees.—It is sometimes a practice to paint the trunks of trees to prevent injury by rabbits, mice, hoppers, etc. in order to determine whether this treatment has any injurious effect on the tree, several young apple, pear and peach trees were painted in the fall of 1903 at the Delaware experiment station. The paint used was pure white lead, thinned with raw linseed oil. The soil was removed down to the roots and the paint applied on the trunk from the roots to 18 inches above the ground. No injury whatever followed the use of this paint.

Needs Exercise and Feed.—Furnish the colt an abundance of rich feeds at all times, even though some of the feeds must be purchased away from the farm. Give it plenty of oats, wheat bran and clover hay, all of which contain protein and mineral matter for building muscle and bone. Allow it plenty of free exercise so it will digest and assimilate these heavy nitrogenous feeds.

The Reason Why.—Why do the barn dairymen keep their cows in the barn during the winter months? Because if they are allowed to run out in the yard one day they will be discontented when not allowed out on a cold, stormy day.

Fodders for Sheep.—The best fodders for sheep in winter are the clovers, alfalfa and peas or vetches cut a little underripe and cured without exposure to rain. These are all the more relished, of course, when of fine growth.



Ulcers in Caecum of Another Diseased Hog.

Investigation and from those of other investigators the following conclusions seem warranted:

Bacillus cholerae suis is not the etiological factor in all forms of hog cholera.

Bacillus cholerae suis is possibly a variety of the common intestinal parasitic organism, Bacillus coli communis.

The specific cause of the "filterable virus form" of hog cholera appears to be some living organism, possibly ultra-microscopic, possibly capable of passing through a fine porcelain filter in some disintegrated state.

The filterable virus of hog cholera cannot be artificially cultivated in normal hog-serum broth in the abdominal cavity of the rabbit in the colloidum sac, according to the method used by Noerd and Roux in artificially cultivating the organism which they associate with contagious pleuropneumonia in cattle.

The simultaneous method of vaccination is efficient but is not practical because of its expense and the possible danger attending its use.

The ordinary laboratory and domesticated animals are not susceptible to the filterable virus of hog cholera.

Virulent hog cholera serum exerts a toxic influence upon a healthy horse when injected intravenously.

Norman hog cholera serum or virulent hog cholera serum does not appear to produce an anaphylactic reaction when injected intravenously into the horse.

The two-hour horse serum (drawn from the horse, two hours after the animal has received, intravenously, approximately 150 cc. of hog cholera virus) when injected subcutaneously into the healthy hog in small quantities, produces an acute form of the disease.

An Easter Song.

The golden sun climbs up the sky,
The shadows flee away,
Oh! weary heart, forget to sigh;
God sends the Easter Day!
Long was that night, chill was the air,
And grief o'er brooded long,
Yet is the new world white and fair,
Uplift thine Easter song!

The cross that bowed thee with its weight
By strength of prayer is stirred,
Till it shall bear thee soon or late,
As wings appear the bird,
The life that thrills from star to star,
And beats in leaf and stem,
Is wider than the heavens are,
And blesses thee from them.

Wert thou cast down, wert thou dismayed,
Dear Child of One above,
Behold the earth in light arrayed;
The light of deathless love,
Oh! listen to the word that wakes
In every budding flower,
And take the bread the Master breaks,
In His triumphant hour.

For those who hear, and hearing yearn,
The King hath secrets sweet;
Their hearts within them thrill and burn,
They wait His coming feet,
Then swift the sun climbs up the sky!
The shadows flee away!
Oh! weary heart, forget to sigh,
God sends the Easter Day!

Easter in the World.

ACCORDING to an old tradition, when the Roman soldiers came to the Garden of Gethsemane and Christ hid under the olive trees until the treacherous plover cried out "Buvick!" "Buvick!" "He is hiding!"

But if a Judas among the birds betrayed the Master of men in this hour of need, other faithful feathered folk ministered to him at the darker moment of Calvary. Then it was that the voice of the pitying turtle dove groaned so plaintive that never has it regained its lost happy notes. Not only did the swallow perch on the cross and twitter tender words of consolation, but also in its small, sweet way alleviated the sufferer's pain by pulling out a spine from the crown of thorns.

And the stork lying over the cross loitered on the wing to call down: "Stryk!" "Stryk!"—"Strengthen!" "Strengthen!"

Wonderful Passion Flower. In the passion flower the reverent imagination has discovered not a cross alone, but also the pillar of scourging, the nails, the crown of thorns, and even spots to mark the five wounds of the crucified body.

The Spaniard will tell you that the aspen trembles because that was the wood of the cross. However this may be, there is a delightful old legend concerning the tree out of which the cross was made.

Aged Adam, weary of toil and sin and eager for death, sent to the angel guarding the Tree of Life to beg a boon. The messenger brought back the welcome promise that Adam should die in three days, and the added gift of three small seeds which were mysteriously to be placed under the dead man's tongue before burial.

From these seeds, the quaint narrative continues, sprang three saplings that later united, three in one, symbol of the Trinity. With this miraculous tree Moses and David each wrought many wonders. But King Solomon, his whole heart set upon the building of the temple, had the tree cut down, intending it for a magnificent beam. Strive as the workmen would, however, nowhere would the beam fit, and, cast aside, it was later used as a bridge across a near-by stream. When the queen of Sheba made her notable visit she refused to tread upon this bridge; instead, she knelt and worshipped, and having con- sidered to Solomon a vision she had concerning it, the king at once ordered the sacred wood incased in gold and silver, and reverently hung over the door of the temple. Subsequent-

ly, Abijah, son of Rehoboam, coveting the precious setting, had it taken down, and after appropriating the metal had the wood buried deep in the earth—so deep, in fact, that a well was dug over it, the famous Pool of Bethesda, the tree of mercy at the bottom giving healing qualities to the waters. Finally, as the time appointed approached, the tree rose and floated on the surface, and the Jews took it and made it into the cross upon which the Christ was crucified.

Wood of the Cross. As some claim the aspen was the wood of the cross, others select the weeping willow for the tree upon which Judas hanged himself.

There is an old legend as sinister as the fatalistic Dedipus myth that claims that before the birth of Judas his mother dreamed that her child would murder his father and betray his God for money. To prevent this tragedy, the babe was put in a chest and cast upon the sea, but was rescued and adopted by a king.

According to tradition, Pontius Pilate as well as Judas committed suicide, for upon his return to Rome so indignant was the emperor over the governor's actions while in Jerusalem that he cast him into prison, a humiliation too great for so weak a spirit to bear.

Weird is the legend told concerning the restless, tormented ghost of him who could wash his hands but not his conscience of offense.

The body of the suicide was first cast into the Tiber, but so turbulent were the storms that immediately followed that it was taken out of the river, carried to Gaul, and thrown into the Rhone. Tempests were the inevitable result. Again the body was removed, this time to Lake Geneva. The same disasters in its train. Once more an attempt was made to overcome the evil. Surely, in a far-away mountain lake locked in the center of the Alps even the spirit of a Pilate could do no harm. Vain hope. There arose storms of wind and rain so great in fury that flocks and herds were drowned, trees torn up by the roots, and happy-hearted homes washed away to death and destruction.

Quieting Troubled Spirit. Then at the call of the emergency came the man of the hour to answer it. Alone he went to the lake, and with the sole weapons of a scholar's knowledge and magic battled with the spirit until it signified an agreement to remain at peace if only it might have one day of freedom during the year.

The storms ceased, but long afterward whoever went to Pilate's lake on a Good Friday saw an awful specter clothed in a red toga upon a rock above the water, "the grim, ghostly figure of him who saw no ill yet permitted it."

RABBIT NOT EASTER SYMBOL. By Right, the Hare Should Be Associated with the Season.

The rabbit, which has long been associated with Easter festivities, is all a mistake, and the animal that appears in our Easter pictures and done in sugar in the windows of the confectioners should really be a hare, instead of a rabbit. The hare has from time immemorial been the symbol of the moon, and as the moon decides the time of Easter, it is quite proper and natural that the hare should be associated with this season. In Germany the Easter hare is almost as important a personage as St. Nicholas, and its habits somewhat resemble those of that much beloved saint. On the night before Easter a white hare enters the house of all children who have been good and hides in all sorts of out-of-the-way corners any number of beautifully colored eggs. Anyway, the children find the eggs when they hunt for them, and it would perhaps be presumption on the part of any one

who is not a German to express an opinion as to where they really come from. A rabbit is not a hare, although they are cousins. There is one marked difference between them. The baby rabbit, as all know who keep these little animals as pets, comes into the world blind and helpless, while the baby hare has its eyes open from the beginning, and is soon able to take care of itself. It has been believed that the hare never closes its eyes, and that is one reason why it is chosen as the symbol of the moon, which always has its eyes open and sees everything that goes on at night.

Easter Dawn. Awake, O earth! the rose of dawn Flashes softly over Olivet. The night of pain and death has gone, The air is full of fragrance drawn From blossoms of the thorn, dew-dew, Awake, O earth! awake and greet The love's crowning triumph, full, complete!

Awake and sing with rapture sweet Thy song of Immortality! Awake, O earth! the rose of dawn Flashes softly over Olivet.—Jean Blewett, in Canadian Magazine

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