

Mary Boyle O'Reilly, the Times staff correspondent who has been giving us a lot of interesting stories about Darkest Russia, is in Bethlehem on Christmas eve! There with the shepherds to keep watch as, once again, the stars of the east rise over the manger! She writes about the wonderful scene on page four today.

"His Last Christmas Gift," by John Fox, jr., is our short story offering to the readers of the Times tomorrow. Also, many other interesting and entertaining Christmas day features that you will surely enjoy. "A Christmas Sermon" by the wonderful American author, Robert Louis Stevenson, is included in our features.

Berton Braley turns author. In Saturday's Times the man who has been entertaining us with his poems from day to day is going to contribute a short story to our "Lamplight Stories for Winter Saturday Nights" series. He calls it "Love and the Wicked City." After you read it you will surely call it a "pippin."

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For Tacoma and vicinity: Rain tonight and Thursday.

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WE HAVE THE BEST FEATURES BEST PICTURES



CHRISTMAS IS almost here.

SANTA CLAUS is very glad.

AND HE ISN'T half as glad as several thousand clerks.

IF YOU HAVE been riding home on the cars these evenings you will be glad, too.

WHEN YOU GO home you climb on the car.

AND IT IS so crowded that you stand in the back platform.

IN A JIFFY about a million people are jammed on.

OF COURSE EVERY one has a bunch of bundles and suitcases.

SOME CARELESS guy drops one loaded with pig iron on your pet corn.

YOU LOSE YOUR face in a mass of foliage on some woman's hat.

AND WHEN YOU try to crawl out of the woods, you get gashed with a long hatpin.

WHEN THE CAR hits a curve, you get hurled violently against some convenient chunk of iron back of you.

THEN THE CONDUCTOR tells you to move up front.

MAKING THE whole bunch sore.

OH, THIS CHRISTMAS stuff is not always merry.

TALKING ABOUT unseasonable Christmas gifts, they certainly reached the limit at the city hall.

THE EMPLOYEES are going to have a time clock presented them.

A YOUNG LADY forfeited a \$3,000,000 estate recently to marry a plumber.

AT THAT, SHE wasn't losing any money.

WE READ THAT a young lady went down to Mexico.

AND WAS CHASED clear to the U. S. border by Villa.

A CASE OF the "Villa-in" still pursuing her.

JEFF DAVIS, the hobo king, is coming here.

A HOBO IS NOT a tramp.

NOR WHAT IS politely referred to as a "stew bum."

A HOBO IS—well, a hobo is—a hobo—well, a hobo is just a hobo.

WILL THE CLASS now please tell us what a hobo is?

H. C. PITCH has been very sad of late.

YOU CAN'T CHEER him up at all.

WE HAVE ASKED him why he grieves.

AND ALL HE says is:

"IF I SHOULD die on August 31, would September Morn?"

THAT'S AN AWFUL lot to be sorry about, is it not?

AT HOME

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Huerta planned to leave the affairs of his tottering government behind for a few hours and spend Christmas eve with his wife and family. He ordered a big Christmas tree for the three youngest Huerta girls.

Wants \$1,000,000 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Postmaster General asked congress for \$1,000,000 to improve roads on rural routes.

Ban These Films ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Police have ordered white slave films expurgated from motion picture shows.

MAYOR GETS LAWSON IN A TIGHT PLACE

Commissioner Nick Lawson both pleads guilty and then denies that he has been putting in electric street lights without authority of the city council. Mayor Seymour produced the Times in the council this morning and demanded an explanation from Lawson of the charge that he has been paying political and personal debts of friendship and building political fences at the public expense. Lawson admitted he had placed the lights on Tacoma avenue as charged. And the council never authorized the work. "The string lights were falling down and they were dangerous," said Lawson. Se he just went ahead and put in new lights to suit himself and certain politicians who asked for them without ever even so much as consulting the city council about it. "Well, have you ever put in

KILLS MADMAN JUST IN TIME

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Defending his father and mother from the attack of a madman, Bert Webster, aged 24, shot and killed Frank Kenyon, a railroad telegrapher, at Amboy near here today. Kenyon appeared at the Webster home and ordered the farmer to burn the barn. Webster refused. Kenyon drew two revolvers. The family was or-

LOAN SHARK IS AFTER PARDON

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Former Senator Towne, attorney for D. H. Tolman, notorious loan shark, who maintained offices in a score of cities in the country, called on Governor Glynn to urge that Tolman be pardoned. Towne was accompanied by Mrs. Tolman and her son. In making the appeal Towne presented the pa-

PROBE GIRL'S DEATH

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Ten young men, members of an athletic club, are held by the police today in connection with the investigation of the death of Anne Laughlin Dempsey, of Battle Creek, Michigan, the girl found almost nude dying in the alley

DRAG DEAD WOMAN OUT

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 24.—As the result of burns sustained in a cabin fire at Fox City, Mrs. E. A. Stevens, 50 years old, died this morning at 5:30. The fire was discovered at midnight and when Mr. La Pray and others rushed to the building it was a mass of flames. Mrs. Stevens

SCHMIDT INSANE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Alienists for the defense all testified that Hans Schmidt is insane at the trial Tuesday.

PLAYS SANTA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Miss Eleanor Wilson played Santa Claus for 5,000 children yesterday.

PENNANT SURPRISE COUPON

This coupon when presented at The Times Circulation Department at the Want Ad corner, with 25 cents will entitle you to two beautiful pennants. Fourteen different kinds to select from. This special price of 25 cents for two pennants is made to finish up the pennant series. Pennant collectors may take additional pennants at the same rate, one coupon and 25 cents for two. Better act quickly if you want a complete line to select from. The pennants now are all in different colors and are among the best offered in the great series put out by The Times. The kinds are: Columbia, Arizona, Montana, Mississippi, Panama, Honolulu, North Dakota, Kentucky, Mexico, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Florida, Wyoming, and a few of the Army.

REAL WIFE OF "PREACHER" DECLARES DAHLSTROM HAD SIXTEEN WIVES

MORE OF CULT PASTOR'S PAST IS REVEALED

By E. O. Sawyer, Special Correspondent for the Times. EVERETT, Dec. 24.—"When I heard that my husband had been arrested I was so glad I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Then I decided to laugh. I am through with crying. Then Mrs. Albert Dahlstrom, pretty little wife of the Swedish minister who brought the federal authorities at Tacoma, sat back in her chair and gave a sigh of contentment. "When I think of all the grief and tears that man has brought to girls and women, through his preaching and practicing polygamy, it makes me desperate. "Say, how many years will they keep him in jail?" I couldn't answer, but suggested that if he was found guilty of transporting Edna Englund about the country for immoral purposes, that he would probably get a plenty. "He can't get too much," she replied. "Now that I am free from his influence, I can't understand how that man could make girls and women stand for his doings. "Last summer he brought Edna Englund and her mother out to the Mountain View Farm near Granite Falls, where he started his colony, and kept her there as his wife for two weeks. "I had my babies, and had to live, so I couldn't do anything, or he would have driven me away. Nights I slept in the front room on the couch with my babies, while he and Edna slept in one bedroom and her mother in the other. "Before that he had Minnie Jensen, whom he had converted to his belief eight years ago in St. Paul, out there six months. That was from October, 1911, until April, 1912. That was just before my last baby was born, and part of the time she slept with me and part of the time with him. "Then he took up with Edna Englund and later took her to California. There he secured Edna's sister Hilda, and traveled with both girls to Minneapolis. "Then I went home to my mother, and he thought he had got rid of me. But when he started to get a divorce from me here, my friends helped me return to fight it. Then Emil Englund had him arrested."

SIXTEEN WIVES Mrs. Dahlstrom told of sixteen plural wives, of which she had positive knowledge that he had "taken" since 1910, and that there would bring the total up to 32. Rev. Dahlstrom's claim of being the founder of the "Heliga" cult are fully borne out by his wife. She says that he first began preaching polygamy in 1900, and that other than this his doctrines seemed very orthodox. "He based his arguments in favor of plural wives on the Old Testament, but he didn't mention this subject very often in public," said Mrs. Dahlstrom. "His method was to preach the gospel openly and talk polygamy to the women and girls on the side. He didn't urge his male followers to practice polygamy, but said they could do it if they wanted to. "He got a hold of me when I was only 17 years of age, and I was an easy victim. After he had "taken" me as his wife, my father had him arrested in Chicago. That was in 1907. I took his side against my father, and to help him I went with him to St. Joseph, Michigan, and we were really married. "At that time there was a big court scandal and all the details about his first lawful wife, Ella, whom he divorced, and eight plural wives, which he had "taken," was published in Chicago papers. "Four years ago Rev. Dahlstrom decided to start a farm colony. He picked a spot near Granite Falls, 16 miles east of Everett, brought along several families and bought 800 acres of land. This venture has not succeeded very well, as one after another his followers have become dissatisfied with his methods. At present he has four or five families left, including Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, who were with him at the time he "took" the present Mrs. Dahlstrom, and later helped him out during the trial in Chicago. The others have either taken up farms near by or left to work in coast cities. Mrs. Dahlstrom says that after starting the cult in Chicago,

THE REAL MRS. DAHLSTROM



MRS. ALBERT DAHLSTROM THE FIRST, AND HER TWO CHILDREN.

Dahlstrom preached his doctrine in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rockford, Ill., Duluth and Superior, Wis., and at Denver. "It was at Denver he had the largest number of plural wives at one time, seven in all," said she. Mrs. Dahlstrom and her two babies will remain here with her mother until the divorce case comes up for trial. They are being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Swan Johnson, former followers of the preacher, who left the colony.

DRAMATIZE JOB

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 24.—State university dramatic students will dramatize and present the book of Job from the Bible.

"REV." DAHLSTROM MUST TELL HIS STORY IN COURT

"Religion, what crimes are committed in thy name!" Either the Rev. Albert Dahlstrom is the biggest knave that ever "wore the livery of heaven to serve the devil in," or his former parishioners and religious followers, the Englund family of Tacoma, are by and large the most brazen hypocrites and blackmailers that ever betrayed an innocent victim. After getting both sides in the hearing concluded Tuesday afternoon, United States Commissioner McMillan held Dahlstrom to the federal grand jury under the Mann act under \$3,000 bail. Dahlstrom went back to Pierce county jail. "There is enough evidence here to warrant a grand jury's consideration, said the commissioner, after hearing the nauseat-

ing story of how Dahlstrom, through magnetic power and an appeal to the religious instincts of young girls, accomplished his seduction, representing it as "the will of God." "I know it was a crime against the law to live with him that way, but I believed in him and his religion, and he told me it was the will of God," said pretty Edna Englund, now only 19. Dahlstrom is apparently under 40. Yet he admits he has been divorced prior to six years ago when he married his wife Martha in Chicago. In the hearing Monday with his attorney absent, he admitted discussing with Mrs. Englund and her daughter the question of his marriage with Martha being illegal. Tuesday he avoided this, and testified that he was duly married to Martha, whom he is now suing and who is suing him for divorce in the courts at Everett. He admitted he went with Edna Englund to California thence with her and her sister Hilda to Minnesota. The family has never seen Hilda since. Both girls were young and beautiful. Edna had already, however, had a shattered romance, as it appeared in the hearing Tuesday. Four years ago she married a soldier named La June, and divorced him for cruelty in three months. But she said she adopted the religion of Dahlstrom. Then he

taught her his doctrine of plural wives. She finally was baptized into his faith. And then he said God willed she should be his wife and she yielded. She admitted a violation of the seventh commandment. Admitted becoming a prospective mother through her preacher spiritual advisor. She thought all was well until he saw her sister Hilda and wanted her also; took her also to wife under his peculiar religious creed, and then cooled toward the girl who was to become the mother of his child. Edna came home from Minnesota suffering from mingled jealousy and remorse and with the light dawning as to the true character of the motives of the head of the church she had joined. She told her father and mother the situation. The father, outraged, wrote to Minnesota ordering Hilda home at once or he would prosecute the useful minister. Dahlstrom replied by excommunicating and throwing the whole Englund family out of the church he had established here with a handful of followers. Now his contention is that the whole mass which has placed him behind the bars is an act of revenge on the part of the Englund family for expelling them from church and a move on their part in conjunction with his wife Martha and her mother, a Mrs. Peterson, to try to get his prop-

SANTA IS BUSY

The Times Santa Claus is busy today bringing cheer to the hearts of the poor kiddies who would otherwise be overlooked. Early this morning, after working hard most of last night, Santa, resplendent in a nice new red suit with whiskers carefully combed, started out with 53 packages in the big Stewart truck donated by the American Automobile company.

Some of the packages contained food, some toys, and others clothing. The Times spent \$75 for shoes and \$50 for toys. In addition, to large quantities of every kind of outer and under clothing. All this Santa took out with him this morning. With the surplus money the Times Santa is today buying groceries for those families in urgent need.