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Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who read the decision of the Supreme Court in the beef trust case, has been a member of that tribunal since Dec. 4, 1902. Previously he had been Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Justice Holmes is a son of the celebrated poet and essayist, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. He was born in Boston in 1841, was graduated from Harvard in 1861, and from the Harvard Law School in 1866, serving meanwhile in the civil war, and being wounded at Ball's Bluff, Antietam and Fredericksburg. After the war closed Justice Holmes engaged in the practice of law at Boston, and for a time was editor of the American Law Review and also professor in the Harvard Law School.

Minister Yermoloff, who is said to have extorted from the Czar a constitution somewhat similar to the Magna Charta wrested from King John by the English barons at Runnymede June 15, 1215, has been known for a long time to possess liberal tendencies and a qualified repugnance to bureaucratic rule. This arises in part from the fact that he is Minister of Agriculture and State Domains, which position brought him into touch with existing conditions, more especially as they affected the peasantry. He also is an actual privy counselor, and has held office since 1903.

Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Czar and head of the war party in Russia, is declared to have induced the Czar to take the course which resulted in the killing or wounding of thousands of Russian working people. He is also held responsible for Treppoff, for the wholesale arrest of writers and others, and for the posting of bulletins in Moscow, blaming England for the riots, which has brought a protest from England and is giving the Russian foreign office much embarrassment. The liberals call him Russia's evil genius.

Rev. Dr. William S. Freas, who has been re-elected President of the Lutheran General Synod of the United States, is famous as a worker for the Lutheran cause. He was born in Pennsylvania, was graduated from Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg in 1873, and for a time was professor in the female seminary at Lutherville, Md. At present he is pastor of Grace English Lutheran Church in Baltimore. His work in the capacity of President of the Board of Church Extension has won for him the highest commendation from leaders in the Lutheran Church.

Murat Halstead, veteran editor of Cincinnati, has assumed editorial control of a monthly magazine. T. A. Elit of Visalia, Cal., harvested 170 tons of grapes from ten acres of vines last month, thus breaking the California record. J. W. Ivey of Alaska is in Washington to interest national legislators in widening and improving trails, the making of a district for the Yukon, and extension of the lighthouse service.

The Korean minister at St. Petersburg, not having received his salary since the Russo-Japanese war broke out, hasn't enough money to pay his passage home, although he has been recalled. The Rev. T. C. Edwards of Kingston, Pa., is considered one of the greatest of Welsh poets. He is known as their cryonfarid, or poet laureate. Judge Thomas J. Humes, former Mayor of Seattle, who dropped dead recently, was a Mark Twain double. He was something of a humorist, too.

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