

EMBEZZLER'S SURE TO CLEAR SHORTAGE

Clinton E. Sittler Receives Assurance of Aid From Father in Pennsylvania.

TROUBLE LAID TO FRIENDS

Abounding Tax Collector Says His Ill-Gotten Money Went to Pay Election Debts and to Help Those Who Supported Him.

The father of Clinton E. Sittler, confessed embezzler of about \$15,000 from the Borough of Tamaqua, Pa., telegraphed to his erring son yesterday that he was ready to forgive the son's past and receive the prodigal with open arms and purse.

The shadow of jail bars falls lightly on Sittler, and, crossing one sickle and the other and striking into place a queue of quiet correctness, he said as much yesterday. The chief of police of Sittler's home town is on his way to Portland to take the young man back with him, according to a telegram received by Captain of Detectives Sittler.

"Certainly, I'll go without extradition," said Sittler, "I am in a hurry to return and try to get things done that the suspense of dodging detectives is over. I'm not afraid to take my medicine, not a bit of it, and if I can't make that much more than I can't serve time, I won't whimper."

Though he makes no attempt to deny the shortage that is alleged in the accounts of the office of tax collector for Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Sittler says he is not innately dishonest.

Aid to Friends Blamed. "It's a political game, that's what I'm in," he said, "I tried to get square with my friends, that's my trouble. Fellows that helped me win my election against seven older and more experienced politicians wanted money, and, of course, I helped them out. Then I had to make good the \$6000 that my election cost me."

"Then, of course, the school directors got me in a jam by wanting to audit my books. I knew the records wouldn't stand inspection, and stalled as long as I could, hoping to dig up enough money to make good the shortage. I had no idea how much it was and am relieved that it is not more than \$11,950."

"You want to know about my family?" he continued. "My old man doesn't want to give them any publicity because of what I have done. I can't tell you who my father is, but he is worth more than I am and has much political influence. You can imagine the pull I had when I landed the appointment as tax collector two years before I had any for the office against seven opponents."

Tax collector back there is a good job. There is \$1500 a year in it, salary. I naturally figured I would have no trouble in making up the money I spent in being elected.

Jail Not Discouraging. "We had no system in the office, absolutely none. Why, a fellow would come in and plunk down a part payment on his tax. We would give him a receipt and put his money in the cash drawer. We told him when he paid his next installment to bring in his first receipt and in how much check we had on things."

Jail life has not yet discouraged Sittler's fondness for dress. The other prisoners think him a trifle "stuck up," and he is gaining the sobriquet of "Gentleman" Sittler. He must have a clean, white collar, and his suit must be neatly pressed and in good shape, despite the fact that he is unheeded, save only with a few detectives and reporters.

The report that he wears silk underclothing, substantiated by a glance at the wardrobe he was carrying with him, has got among the other prisoners and they immediately put up their own social barrier and refused cordially to incline toward him. That he is a college graduate, doesn't awe and has a good command of language also militates against him in their opinion.

"If I'm in jail long, I'm going to write a book," Sittler promised yesterday. He didn't say why. Possibly it's his last thing but breaking rocks.

BIG BATTLEPLANE TESTED. New American Machine Is Twice Size of Ordinary Aeroplane.

READVILLE, Mass., Dec. 12.—A large steel battleplane of a new type was subjected to an exhaustive flying test here today by Capt. Carl Dennis, chief pilot of the United States Army, in the presence of other Army officers and members of the aviation corps of the Rhode Island National Guard.

4 INDICTMENTS RETURNED. Judge Bagley Holds Court and Passes Sentence at Tillamook.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The grand jury last week returned four true bills, Carl Dennis, extradited from Montana on a charge of forgery, was indicted Monday and after pleading guilty was sentenced to an indeterminate term of from two to twenty years in the penitentiary.

W. J. Stephens, indicted on a charge of allowing a minor in his saloon, was fined \$10. Clifford Nicholson and Edward Omar, two young men, indicted on a charge of burglary, pleaded not guilty and were convicted in Circuit Court Friday. A sentence of from two to five years was imposed by Judge Bagley. A divorce was granted to Martha A. Wallace from Jeff H. Wallace.

NOTED ACTRESS WHO IS "IN THE NEWS," SHOWING BACK WHICH MADE HER FAME.



KITTY GORDON. Photo Copyright Bains News Service.

FAMILY JAR AIRED

Beresfords Disapprove Kitty Gordon's Plans.

DAUGHTER TROUBLE CAUSE

Husband's Relatives Object to Little Girl Being Put on Stage. Beautiful English Actress Is Known for Daring Dress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Kitty Gordon, statuesque English stage beauty, sometime of musical comedy, of vaudeville, of the motion pictures and at present appearing in "A World of Pleasure" at the Winter Garden in New York, is in trouble with her husband's family. It is over Miss Gordon's little 12-year-old daughter, Vera Beresford, Miss Gordon is in private life the wife of Captain Beresford of England, who is at present in his country's service. His wife's wedding to Vivian Gould, the second daughter of George J. Gould, was an event of society in New York and London a few years ago.

The present controversy is threatened by Kitty Gordon's assertion that she is going to place her little daughter on the stage. This, it is rumored, does not meet with the approval of Captain Beresford's family in England. Kitty Gordon is considered one of the most beautiful women of the stage and her little daughter is a beautiful child, resembling her mother. Miss Gordon is English and the daughter, a retired army officer. Her husband has visited her in America and on one coast-to-coast tour in "The Enchantress" and is interested in music and dancing. Miss Gordon's greatest claim to fame is her much-advertised back, which she displays liberally on all occasions from the stage.

200 PRIZE CATTLE SOLD

MORE THAN \$50,000 CHANGES HANDS AT STOCK SHOW.

Here Holsteins Auctioned Than Any of Other Breeds—Cash Sales Establishing New Record.

The auction of blooded stock, carried on during the past week in conjunction with the annual exposition of the Pacific International Livestock Association, resulted in the sale of 200 head of blooded Shorthorns, Herefords and Holsteins, and more than \$50,000 changed hands.

ALLIES WILL BE PURSUED

Austrian, German and Turkish Troops to Follow Into Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—"In the event the allied troops are forced into Greek territory they will be pursued," says the Athens correspondent of the Morning Post, "not by Bulgarians, but by Austrian, German and Turkish troops, in order not to arouse Greek public opinion."

Imported Pork Dear in Germany. BERLIN, via London, Dec. 12.—The sale of imported pork, which the government has authorized at higher prices than the maximum for inland pork, is finding ready disposal at 240 pfennings (40 cents) a pound. Butcher shops handling the imported meat are crowded with customers.

PORTLAND CHINESE EARNEST

Hope That Yuan May Be Assassinated Is Expressed.

The Chinese of Portland, while they have made no public demonstration,

W. W. ESTERY MAY WIN NEW GAME

Patent Democrat Seems to Be About to Put Cruel Fate to Rout.

4 JOBS LOST IN 5 YEARS

But for Will Rufus King's Persistence, People's Choice Might Even Now Be Democratic Committeeman From Oregon.

If all things come to him who waits, then W. W. Estery is just about due to declare a political dividend. He begins to hope at last as if patience is to have its reward. A light, a faint light, it is true, but a light, is gathering in the east and it seems to shine for Mr. Estery.

For Mr. Estery, who was elbowed out of the job of Democratic National committeeman from Oregon the other day by the Honorable Will Rufus King, after having actually been elected to the place by Oregon Democrats, has been waiting a good long time.

Port Job Falls to Develop. Disappointment No. 1 was in 1911. That year the Legislature passed an amendment to the constitution of the Port of Portland empowering the Governor to appoint its members. Governor West thereupon appointed an entire new committee, including, among other members M. G. Munly and Mr. Estery.

The existing Commission, not liking this sudden ejection, sat fast and prepared to resist. Quo warranta proceedings were carried to the Supreme Court, which promptly held that the Legislature had no power to amend a municipal charter, and declared the act unconstitutional.

Ex-Governor West's Commission, which had been meeting and proclaiming from Mr. Munly's office, ceased to meet and proclaim, and dissolved. Mr. Estery and his first office dissolved with it.

Mr. Estery still kept his temper and his patience, and continued to wait. Then, in 1913, came disappointment No. 2, when Governor West started his vice crusade in Portland. The Governor didn't approve of District Attorney Cameron's vice crusading a little bit, so he ousted Mr. Cameron and named Mr. Estery District Attorney.

Mr. Estery district attorneyed carry about a shovelful of heavy iron like the job and to spend \$32,359 cents worth of time, which the Legislature later reimbursed, before Judge McCann appointed and District Attorney Cameron.

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SALANDRA IS SUPPORTED. Italian Deputies Give Full Financial Power to Government. ROME, Dec. 12.—After a speech in the Chamber of Deputies today by Premier Salandra, amid an enthusiastic demonstration, the chamber, by a vote of more than 400 to 50, approved the giving of full financial powers to the government for six months.

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