

## STORIES OF THE SECRET SERVICE

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STORY No. 8 The MISSOURI LAND **LEAGUERS** 

Being an Account of the Operations and Conviction of the Band of Land Thieves Operating in Missouri in the Early Seventies.

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[Copyright, 1905, by Marion G. Scheitlin.] Tracing the careers of these men. I only made his friend James Lindsay registrar of the Ironton land office, but made Carroll R. Peck receiver at the two years.

At the time I went to Ironton I found Carroll R. Peck installed as postmaster and his brother-in-law, another son of James Lindsay, a mail clerk on the Iron Mountain railroad. This was a combination. I feared, that would render it impossible for me to send reports out of Ironton in the usual way, and I immediately arranged to forward reports from another point. Subsequently it developed that Ironton letters were frequently tampered with and lost.

Robert L. Lindsay maintained three offices-one in Olive street, St. Louis, another in Market street, in the same city, and one at Ironton. At the latter office he had in his employ seven or eight persons, most of whom, I learned from 'cautious inquiry, were employed steadily in making out deeds to lands in the district. I could find no evidence to show that these employes had anything like a complete conception of the character of the work in which they were engaged. The four that did most of this work were George Lopez, De Burns Casteel, Harvey Miller and Mrs. Salsbury. The latter was a widow, and had evidently gleaned enough to convince her that all was not right, although she did not know just what the wrong consisted in nor the extent of the fraud to which she had been an innocent party. Casteel and Miller were afterward of considerable service to the govern-

It will be recalled that the grist of deeds being ground cut at the Lindsay mill in Ironton were based on patents issued by the government many years before, and never claimed. I could not understand, therefore, how such a game could successfully be played with deeds that showed their recent manufacture on their face. A casua! examination of instruments obtained by me showed them to bear the ap

ment.

ago, was one of the improved methods rious documents the yellowness and be aged to a bath in coffee water of the proper strength. In the hands of But, clear as these conditions were, an experienced person the effect desired could be obtained so accurately that more than a superficial examination was required to reveal the fraud. head and front of the great conspiracy, These deeds came to be generally known as "smoked" deeds.

As I have said, land stealing from The thieves, I found, had left no to his interest to have the official rec- them be assigned to the work, but Sec- plicitly. Attired as a sawmill man was accomplished.

county, the courthouse had been dence and operations of Lindsay, or ally. Lindsay claimed to own the burned three times. The leaguers had was a dummy who was allowing him- land, assuring a good title, and represtolen practically all of Shannon coun- self to be used. The former was senting himself as the owner of thouty. The destruction of the court- found to be the correct theory, and sands of acres of other land in differhouse occurred each time under ex- here I wish to introduce in his real ent counties in Missouri. Stedman actly similar circumstances, the fires identity the visitor who had gone over left Lindsay without closing the deal. and three a. m., a time during which Louis office in 1872, Orlando Van home, to which place he told Lindsay

building. In some cases they had ing came to be such a common occurrence it excited little comment, but throughout the section there was a very distinct but well suppressed notion that the fires were of incendiary origin, and that the fire-bugs were working in the interests of the land When the government investigation started these crimes were too old to be available in punishing while the International Land Agency the criminals, even had it been pos- was directed from Lindsay's private they served to show the length to which the land leaguers would go. This wholesale destruction of records rendered it practically impossible to say, the western agent; W. A. Brown, trace titles accurately in these coun-

About this time I learned of a scheme, fathered by Robert Lindsay, to build a narrow-gauge railroad from motion plan with the land thefts I representing himself as "land poor," vey in his control and available culated on developing the district by ment of sympathy in some of Nelson's advertise the construction of the road ful of the sympathetic feelings for him in the near future would greatly enfound that in 1877 President Grant not hance the market price of the lands he was unloading on the "suckers."

This price had rauged from 50 cents to five dollars an acre. It was clear handling Missouri lands, was a dealsame office. This arrangement lasted that the lands along the proposed road would immediately jump to a much higher figure if the gullible public to Missouri. They were both church could be convinced such a road was members in good standing. Like Van to be built, and I formed the opinion Hise, they had learned the profession that the "Missouri & Arkansas" railroad of land grafting to a nicety, but, unwould never go beyond the paper like Van Hise, they had done some

descrited. The origin of the fire of good standing. After having had been called by important business was mysterious, and no the beauties of the plot expounded to descriptions of other tracts. The purthe building and the grounds around it were deserted. The origin of the fire in each case was mysterious, and no one ever was punished, owing to the great influence of the leaguers in preing an investigation.

In each of the other counties in which the ring had operated the courthouses had been destroyed in the same manner and at the same hour of the night as the Shannon county building. In some cases they had of the land of the land made frequent trips to southward the same hour of the night as the Shannon county building. In some cases they had of the land of the land made frequent trips to southward the beauties of the plot expounded to descriptions of other tracts. The purpose of opening such a correspondence one of the chief eistern agents for the Lindsay syndicate, and the meaning to stedman in his own handwriting descriptions of various tracts he thought might be suitable for his correspondent's supposed for the land with the miles had been called by important business. From Vinton he wrote asking for descriptions of other tracts. The purpose of opening such a correspondence one of the chief eistern agents for the Lindsay syndicate, and the meaning the lands of the lands of the miles had been called by important business. From Vinton he wrote asking for descriptions of other tracts. The purpose of opening such a correspondence one of the chief eistern agents for the Lindsay syndicate, and the meaning the lands of the lands of the beauties of the plot expounded to descriptions of other tracts. The purpose of opening such a correspondence one of the lands was to sat Lindsay on record in writing. Again the arch complete the beauties of the plot expounded to descriptions of other tracts. The purpose of opening such a correspondence one of the chief eistern agents for the Lindsay syndicate, and the meaning again the same part of the plot expounded to the beauties of the plot expounded to the beaut land." The base of his operations was been burned twice. Courthouse burn- Cleveland, where there were associated with him George Linn; John K. Corwin, a notary public, and John F.

Gardiner, a banker. During the investigation there had fallen into my hands the letterheads and advertising matter of the ring. The Real Estate Loan and Trust company, of St. Louis, was operated from the Olive street offices of Lindsay; of the latter concern named George W. Nelson as the eastern agent at Pittsburg and Baltimore; Robert L. Lindthe selling representative in London, and John Gensler, the agent at Kissingen, Germany.

After some work had been done at Ironton and St. Louis I went east. In common to all criminals, great and Salem, Dent county, through Shannon, Pittsburg I found the four principal Carter and Ripley counties, to inter- members of the ring to be Addison F. sect the Iron Mountain road at the Burns, his father, William Burns; Arkansas line. Elaborately engraved George W. Nelson, and H. R. Mcstock certificates were issued, and Clellan, a notary. A large and profitsome of them sold. The road, as able business in the sale of these lands projected on paper, was to traverse a had been carried on there for years. section in which the land was practi-, Nelson had been a particularly active cally all controlled by the Lindsay sales agent. He was partially parring. In connecting this railroad pro- alyzed, and went among his friends reasoned two ways: First, with so much the owner of vast, unproductive tracts, of the land along the line of sur- part of which he had to dispose of in order to support himself in his failing through crooked methods, Lindsay cal- physical condition. There was an elebuilding the railroad; and, second, to sales, but he was cheerfully disregardin unloading worthless titles to thousands of acres on his friends.

Addison Burns lived in Pennsylvania avenue, Pittsburg, and, in addition to er in oil properties. He and his father made frequent trips of inspection stage of construction. To the stock business in the line of actually making



certificates of the company, however, fraudulent deeds on their own hook. were signed two names, those of Rob- McClellan was a notary loing the ter played in the marketing of the ert L. Lindsay, president, and Orlando same kind of work in Pittsburg as stolen goods. Van Hise, secretary.

While there remained much detail pretty good line on the activities of raphy in the manufacturing of deed pearance of proper age. More careful an Ironton lawyer. There was no sons whose signatures had been forged examination, however, showed them to doubt of the elder Lindsay's having claimed the forgeries as their own lack some of the unmistakable charac- connived at the removal from the land writing. The case against the Pitts teristics impressed on such papers by office of thousands of patents by his burg contingent was established prin It became apparent, both from exam- and it is still a question in my mind ment land office. These members of ination and investigation, that the whether the father had not been the the ring we therefore made a second-Lindsay deeds had been treated with actual originator of the steal and ary issue of, pending the execution of a This treatment, many years turned the execution of it over to his plan to catch Lindsay and Van Hise son. But even had this been true, used by counterfeiters and forgers the statute of limitations had run hole for escape. when they wished to impart to spu- against his offense, and there was no use in wasting time securing eviother indications of age. It consist- dence against the father, except such bers of the land league. As might be ed merely in subjecting the paper to as might be of benefit in convicting the

there remained two important facts confronting us. One of these was that while Robert Lindsay was the to be devised whereby the federal authere were conspirators almost as important. The other was that sound legal cases against all of them were against Lindsay and Van Hise, the government is a composite crime. yet to be made. I had abstracts of called to my assistance E. M. Stedtitle made to 24 parcels of land, and man, a secret service operative of means neglected, not only to confuse by following these and others through the records, but to destroy those the records of the Washington land through which their crimes might be office had clearly established the forg- looking for a site to operate a mill," traced. In this method they had eries of signatures to applications and were my instructions, "go to Shannon graph was in existence the painter deadopted wholesale methods—the burn- deeds. This record searching was te- county and open negotiations with ing of county courthouses in which dious and surrounded with many tech- Lindsay personally for a tract of timthe records were kept. Lindsay had nicalities—so many in fact that at one ber land, holding the deal open till preserved abstracts of title to such stage of the investigation I suggested we are ready to ac." lands as he was dealing in. It was that another man more familiar with

ords destroyed. This became true, and retary Schurz declined to relieve me. of much means, he began negotiations Lindsay having brought the majority From the appearance of the name with Lindsay for Shannon county of the county officials under his cor- of Orlando Van Hise as secretary of lands. Lindsay took the bait and ofrupt influence, the work of destruction the "Missouri & Arkansas" railroad it fered to sell him a fine tract of 25, was naturally to be inferred that this 000 acres at 50 cents an acre. Thes At Eminence, the capital of Shannon person either stood nigh in the confinegotiations were conducted person Lindsay's scheme with him in the St. and went to Vinton, Ia., his supposed

Corwin did in Cleveland.

The activity of Addison and Wilwork to be done, I believed we had a liam Burns in using their own chirog-Lindsay. In addition to the points I rendered it comparatively easy to eshave mentioned, I had learned from a tablish a case against them, it being Col. Grayson, a banker, that James necessary only to prove the forgery. Lindsay had a large number of old Some of this work was done so clever land patents concealed in the safe of ly that at the trial of these men person while Lindsay, Sr., was registrar, cipally by comparisons in the govern in such a way they could find no loop-

Developments up to this time had revealed not less than 20 active memexpected, they all were in close touch with one another, and with the ringleader, and it became apparent that in order to capture all and effectually smash the ring some plan would have thorities could move against them all simultaneously. Still placing most importance on making sound cases

much ability. "Assume the role of a lumberman

Stedman followed instructions im-

While in the east working on the Pittsburg angle of the case I wrote from Erie, Pa., to Orlando Van Hise in Cleveland, representing myself as

James Hall, a sawmill owner, looking for a new business base. Van Hise's advertisement of timber lands had attracted my attention, I wrote. Van Hise answered that he could sell me 25,000 acres of desirable timber in one tract, and suggested that I come to Cleveland to talk the matter over with him. So to Cleveland I went immesible to establish their identity, but office in Market street. The letterhead diately. Wearing the rough suit of a lumberman, and with my trousers tucked into the tops of my boots, I registered at the Weddell house under still another name.

While the land ringsters up to this time had no reason to believe they were being watched, they had acquired the trait of suspicion and alertness small. I could afford to take no chances of having my identity discovered by Van Hise, and therefore at every turn covered my tracks as well as I knew how. In line with this policy, I even took a roundabout course to Van Hise's office in Superior street. I introduced myself as the Erie party who had written to him.

"I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Hall." customary small talk that precedes getting down to business he said: "So you are looking for timber lands. you want."

"Have you much land of this kind?" asked.

"Plenty of it." "At what price?"

"That depends on the land. If you are prepared to take a large tract, I can probably make you a price of 50 cents an acre for land that will suit your purpose.' "What arrangements can you make

prepared to pay down on the land."

"Those matters can be arranged to suit you. If you take the land and put but a stern resolve to have funds on a mill on it, I will have no fear of hand for the British visitors. The your getting away from me without paying the balance."

Our conversation was of the pleasant kind that marks a deal about to are not going to be neglected. be closed. Van Hise showed me elaborate maps of the Missouri districts in which he had lands for sale, and marked off the tract he proposed to sell me. But I did not close the deal then, pleading that I wanted a little time to decide on the style of mill to use and to arrange other details. I told him I would go to Missouri to look at the lands, and asked for descriptions, which he cheerfully gave

He went further, instructing me to make myself known to the clerk of the Missouri county to which I was supposed to be going. This clerk, he said, would be glad to show me the land at his, Van ilise's, expense, and would give me all the information relative to this and other points I might desire. This bit of accommodation on Van Hise's part indicated clearly the county officials, and the part the lat-

[To Be Continued.]

Chinese Etiquette. Very curious are some of the rules of Bard, who has written a book on the subject of Chinese life, says that in nine cases out of ten, however,, the form of with the Chinese, a refusal or unpleasant truth must be expressed evasively. If a Chinaman does not wish to accommodate a friend he never gives the true ceremonious forms of expression used in ordinary conversation seem very amusing to the European listener. It is safer in a nursery. a fixed rule that one must speak of himself and of all belonging to him in the humblest of terms and use the most ex- Here are to be nearly 10,000 lusty enalted language in referring to the per- listed men ashore, not presumably all son or property of another. Whether two mandarins or two beggars meet and their conversation: "What is your honorable name?" "Your insignificant are taking lessons in French and Galbrother's name is Wang." "Where is lic politeness. The police have instrucyour noble dwelling?" "The hovel in tions to be not too observant. And which I hide myself is in —," desig- there you are. nating the place. "How many precious sons have you?" "I have only five stupid

Father Had Failed. was once visited by an East Indian prince, who wanted a portrait of his dead father painted. As no photoclined the task. The prince insisted that it was possible, as Rossetti had painted pictures of Mary Magdalen, John the Baptist and others whom he had never seen. Rossetti at last consented. He painted an ideal head that was certainly oriental and also regal in its bearing. The prince came to the studio in great state to view it. When the canvas was uncovered he looked at it steadily and then burst into tears. 'How father has changed?" he cried.

In New York. "I'm afraid I ain't really in society, after all," moaned the multimillion-

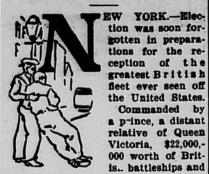
"Nobody has attempted to blackmail me yet."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

borhood."-Life.

As we grow older we learn not to expect a good meal if the hostess sits down looking as unruffled as if she had never seen a kitchen.-Atchison

PLEET WARMLY WELCOMED.

Mew Model Tenement-First Con spicuous Model Tenement in Manhattan-New York's "Season"-Big Sum of Money Spent.



FEW YORK.—Election was soon fortions for the re- is not a bad idea. ception of the greatest British fleet ever seen off the United States. Commanded by a p-ince, a distant relative of Queen Victoria. \$22,000,-000 worth of Brit-

cruisers, with nearly 5,000 men, are due in port as I write. Fifty-eight million dollars worth of American ships, with 10,000 men, under command of "Fighting Bob" Evans, are here to greet the visitors and give them the time of their lives.

Mayor McClellan, Gen. Grant-two famous sons of famous men—and Rear per cent. Admiral Coghlan, who won fleeting the kaiser, are to proffer courtesies. said Van Hise, effusively. After the But that is not the real story. Miles with interest added, the money earned away from it.

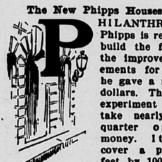
Oh, the sailor men! And the ma-Well, I believe I can furnish what shore-leave taking! The sea is a salty, thirsty place anyhow. Those who follow it have need of refreshment when they arrive. The British tars will find no lack of it. Every sailor in the home fleet has saved his pocket money for more than a month to make a big entertainment fund. The fact caused a simple interest. Mr. Phipps has done panic on the Bowery owing to a curious misconception. The North Atlan- the homes of the poor. tic squadron was here a few weeks ago. Saloonkeepers set out their worst and for time? I have a certain amount of prepared for business. There was nothmoney. I have sold my 'muley' mill, ing doing. The sailors came ashore as and am thinking of buying a portable usual, but did not care for red liquor circular mill. Until I decide on this They drank beer or nothing and a good point I don't know just how I will be deal of the latter. The publicans were consoled when they learned that it didn't mean total abstinence pledges. money is on hand, never fear-thousands of, it. The officers will entertain the officers. But the 'tween-decks men



turn courtesies at Swinemunde. eration! A baby couldn't have been them.

So New York has a reputation to sustain, as well as the sailor men. at once. The town is following the spirit of the sign I used to see on a accost each other this is a sample of Broadway cafe: "Walk in, and Billy Will Use You Well." The magistrates

The only discordant note was uttered when an appeal was issued to Irish-American sailors not to fraternize with the sons of "perfidious Albion." It fell flat. What! Neglect such an oppor-Gabriel Rosetti, poet and painter, tunity for good fellowship? Not if the ship's company knew itself, and it rather thought it did!



feet by 100. The

not built upon at all.

tenement laws; but it is bigger than burn in its strange mazes. "the law allows" or compels, and chalthe larger suites. For from two to five son's suit. rooms, all light, a rental of \$120 to \$300

nds big; but one cannot go in a "better" part of town ac fer for less than \$1,000 or \$1,500. Nor TWEEK-DEGES MEN OF PRINCE'S can tenants of old rookeries unfit for habitation do better in price. Of the million people living in cheap tene-ments in Manhattan alone half pay SAILORS ON A GREAT LARK from \$5 to \$15 a month for a room or two of inferior quality. The other half pay from \$15 to \$50 for two to five rooms of slightly better grade, and in the latter case sub-let rooms to help pay the rent.

The Phipps houses are put in a region where there are, as yet, no model tenements. The idea is to compel imitation by speculative builders by drawing off the best paying tenants. gotten in prepara- for whom tenement owners compete. It

The oldest model tenements are not on Manhattan island. Within a stone's throw of Atlantic ferry, in a tough quarter, the A. T. White houses have "made good" by continued usefulness for a generation, a block of buildings arranged around a courtyard much bigger than the first Phipps tenants are

I well remember the first conspicuous model tenement in Manhattan. The tenants thought it their duty as selfrespecting citizens of a free republic to "cut up." They took it as a joke. They put emery in the bearings of the machinery. Model tenements are now no joke. They are ouilt to pay four

The Phipps fund will tuild four such fame by reciting a funny poem about groups as the one now planned. They will make \$40,000 a year. In five years, will build another. The next can be built in four years, the next in three rines! And the petty officers! Oh, the and a quarter, the next in less than three. In no long time the profits would be building a new one each year.

The City & Suburban company has \$2,000,000 in model tenements. These pay dividends. There is no provision for building more, except by issuing more stock. Compound interest beats a mighty deed for the improvement of

> The Season Opens. HE opera opens on



erable interruption A. S spent in the country. With that exception and the lapse of those who go early to Egypt and the Riviera, the season lasts until of a world-encir. London's begins in the early spring. It is a delirious season, drunk with

may be of the money. Hard times come again no makings of his- mo', as in the minstrel song, if you be- Ill., district will support a missionary tory. First the lieve the butterflies. The sums spent in Borena, and is raising \$1,000 for that British fleet chan- upon entertaining are enormous. Sonel sailed into ciety has forgotten the "rich man's Brest harbor, panic" of 1903, which knocked hun-France, and the dreds of millions of gollars of valuarejoicings were tion out of stocks, but not one dollar huge. Then the of value. Wall street and upper Fifts fleet re- avenue wax fat together.

turned the visit. Within the past ten years society has French sailors ashore were so plentiful been providing itself with sumptuous that the current slang for a foreigner homes rivaling in size and surpassing in London is still "one o' them entente in convenience the palaces of Paris and cordialers." Then the British fleet the town houses of the London nobil-sailed into the Baltic—with a chip on hold the leaguers had on certain its shoulder, if the truth were known— surpass the finest one 15 years ago. and the German emperor ordered re- Ball rooms recalling those of Russia will be thrown open. Entertainments
Meanwhile an American fleet sailed will be given upon a scale to make the for France to bring home the body of Bradley Martins' ball a sober memory. John Paul Jones. Nothing was too good | The new shops, like those of Tiffany's for the man-o'-war's man ashore. "My, and Gorham's on Fifth avenue, have etiquette observed by Chinamen. Emile what a system!" as the admiring book surrendered to extravagance. They, agent said who had been kicked from too, are palaces. The articles they disfloor to floor of a 17-story building. play have no greater art value than Did a sailor man take too much ab- the more modest shows of 20 years

etiquette has replaced the substance. sinthe, in the delusion that it was a sinthe, in the delusion that it was a sinthe, in the delusion that it was a to the same fountain sources of art. rested; of a verity yes, M'sieu'. But But the attempt to put as much cost he was safe. If early in the visit he as possible into goods for sale is apwas sobered up and released. If later parent. Economy is a forgotten word reason for his refusal; that would be he was kept and handed over with with 10,000 people in New York and discourteous. He lies politely. The smiles just as the detachment was for 100,000 who, with incomes ample leaving. Such politeness, such consid- for all needs, try to forget it in aping

The Lorillard Troubles.



HE Lorillard family, ageneration ago at the head of New York society, as it was of the tobacco trade, is having its troubles again.
The tobacco trust drove the Lorillards out of their business primacy, which was founded on Honest Long Cut plug tobacco-

wasn't it? Then old Pierre Lorillard died and there was an unfortunate legal quarrel with Mrs. Allien, to whom he gave his famous Rancocas stock farm.

A nephew of the family, Lorillard Ronalds, was the founder of coacuing HILANTHROPIST in America. He had the air of a grand Phipps is ready to gentleman. He was tall and stately build the first of and drove four-in-hand through Italy, the improved ten- England, France, Germany as well as ements for which parts of his own country that had dehe gave a million cent roads. He knew foreign landollars. This one guages, had gone to school in Paris. experiment will Once in Newport, with that merry wag, take nearly one. Larry Jerome, father of the dashing quarter of the district attorney of New York, he anmoney. It will tedated by years the pranks of Harry cover a plot 180 Lehr by harnessing up four donkeys. In Newton, Conn., years ago Mr. cost will be about Ronalds built a great stone house. \$12 per square foot for every inch of which he called Castle Ronald. It was the area, including the big court yard, as odd a place as Mrs. Jack Gardner's Italian villa on the Boston fens. Only That courtyard is the key of the sit- Ronalds' taste ran to the medieval. nation. It is demanded by the new turrets and all, with old furniture to

"the law allows" or compels, and chailenges comparison with the "patio" of a house in Seville or the "cortille" of a tenement in Naples. It will be 34 feet by over 100 and architecturally beautiful. The plans have been filed. Six not high stories, a beautiful exterior, fireproof construction, two roof gardens, one for play-use, one for dry-Mrs. Ronalds has long lived in Longardens, one for play-use, one for dry- his death to Miss Elizabeth Blake, the ing clothes, are features. Every apartment will have hot and cold water, Blake. It is understood that Mrs. Ronthe former from a boiler in the base-alds, who occupies a high position in ment, and there will be bathrooms in international society, approves of her

OWEN LANGDON.



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RELIGIOUS REPORT.

Next year's German Catholic congress will be held at Essen-Ruhr. The Epworth League of Springfield. purpose.

The Christian Endeavor has now 67,003 societies. This is an increase of 231 since the convention held in Baltimore in July.

A pension of at least \$130 a year was voted to its lay home missionary workers by the recent Wesleyan conference of England.

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Is It a Petrified Hat? A hat-shaped stone has been found until I am tired of it," says Drake Wat- on the Jasper Todd farm at Bethany. son. "A bee works during the sum- Conn. It weighs about 50 pounds and mer and then rests all winter, like a the shape is so perfect that many who plasterer. And a bee has bad habits. have seen it say that it is really a pet-

An Extremist.

Mother-Has Charles proven himself ad and sleep off their debauch; a to be a thoroughly abstemious man? me with a jag."—Kansas City Jour-ticularly abstains from giving me any The preacher is now looking for anmoney!-Detroit Free Press.

other job.

A negro preacher from out in the state paid a visit to Topeka recently, says a local exchange. Upon his return home his flock discovered that he was short his watch and some other jewelry. He explained that some people in a room across the hall at the Topeka hotel had robbed him. An investigation was instituted and it was found that there was no room across

Preacher's Crooked Story.

First Boy-Pop's going to lead the simple life

Danger Signals.

Second Boy--What's he doing? "He's given away all his private cars to the poor people in the neigh-

Generous.