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THE ATTITUDE OF KANSAS.

So much has been said in reference to the attitude of Kansas in its fight with the Standard Oil Company that an official utterance in regard to the matter is of interest. Governor Hoeb, one of the leading figures in the fight, makes this explanation of the action taken by his State:

"This is not an attempt to drive the Standard Oil Company out of Kansas, to deprive it of legitimate profits, or do it an injustice of any kind—it is an attempt to compel it to treat the people of this State fairly and give every man a square deal. If this State refinery succeeds, it will not attempt to monopolize the oil business of the State. It will not discourage, but encourage private investments in this line of industry. It will welcome all such investments. When private capital can come to Kansas and find investment in oil refineries with a fair chance of success, the State will not only be willing but will be glad to retire from the oil refining business. This is not an attempt to establish a monopoly but it is an attempt to compel a monopoly already existing to be decent."

We believe that this statement represents the attitude of the average American citizen on the trust question. There is no antagonism to commercial combinations which do not use the special privileges conferred upon them by the representatives of the people and which come as the result of greatly increased power naturally resulting from pooling interests on the part of a large number of concerns which are powerful in their individual strength and control of the market.

We have been informed that corporations have neither souls nor consciences and there have been many efforts on the part of those creatures of modern conditions to live up to that reputation. In their flagrant disregard of principles which are supposed to guide the lives and actions of honorable men they have called down upon their heads the condemnation and wrath of the American people. A wiser course would be to consider well the ultimate cost of some of the temporary advantages which have been gained. For instance, there are indications that the Kansas revolt against Standard Oil and the raising of the question of Rockefeller's methods in an ecclesiastical organization are only straws pointing toward what the present century has in store for that and some other combinations before the day of final reckoning is at hand.

When arbitrary power is used to transgress the limits of a reasonable profit upon the capital invested in semi-public enterprises, those engaged in that species of plunder are laying up for themselves or their successors future trouble.

ECHO OF THE NAN PATTERSON TRIAL.

Mr. David Belasco attended the trial of Nan Patterson in the New York court, in order to receive impressions, possibly to be inflicted upon the American public in a three-act "melter-drammer," or something of that sort. He has consented to be interviewed and has already given a more or less interested world the benefit of some of the impressions received.

For instance, we are informed that the playwright has sized up the principal figure in the dramatic scene, as "just a chorus girl." We believe the enterprising young man who handled the story for the Associated Press sized her up just the same way, the morning after Young was killed. But

that is neither here nor there. That young man probably has little time to wait for court trials in order to receive and record impressions.

Mr. Belasco thinks that the girl has a natural taste for pleasure and some aptitude for the romantic, but possesses neither the force of passion nor the depth of feeling, nor the power of will, nor the strength of character which could enable her to commit a great crime. Even if it had been shown that the girl killed the turkman, we think the adjective "great" would be misplaced in connection with such a crime. Recorder Goff had the matter sized up properly. There was nothing in the case to excite passion or to engender prejudice. Even assuming that the prisoner was guilty it would have taken a fervid imagination to turn the shot into anything more than a common brawl, one of those sordid, miserable outbursts which follow in the wake of disregard of the laws of decency.

In Mr. Belasco's opinion the most significant point in the whole case is that Nan Patterson on the night before the fatal shot, after a long, emotional and harrowing interview, and after being slapped in the face by her lover, went home and went to bed and to sleep immediately; and was with difficulty awakened the next morning. But if the typical chorus girl is incapable of tragedy herself, she is the cause of tragedy in others according to a recent writer, an expert in criminal matters, who has declared that chorus girls fill more prison cells with ruined men than even the stock exchange or the saloon.

There we go again. Ever since the time of Adam, men have been wont to place the blame upon the woman. The writer of that statement must have been a superficial observer. It is not the chorus girl, the stock exchange or the saloon to which a man's ruin may be traced, but to the innate weakness of his own character and the essential crookedness of his own conceptions of what is right and proper in his relationship with the other men and women in the world. In that respect, no one can ruin a man but himself.

A ROYAL ARCTIC EXPLORER.

We learn with more or less interest that the Duc d'Orleans, while waiting for the French people to tire of republicanism and return to royalty, will go on a polar expedition, not, however, with the intention of seeking the pole. He will start this month for Franz Josef Land, and thence try to force a new way northward through the pack, as was tried by the Duca degli Abruzzi, for whom the pack proved too serious an obstacle. Abruzzi reached 83 degrees 3 minutes north latitude, beating Nansen by nineteen miles. The French Duke will try to break the record, having the ship Belgica, commanded by a Belgian, but with French scientists and a Norwegian crew, all under the control of the Duke, who, by the way, is not known as a sailor. In view of the fact that the French republic seems to be in a rather robust condition at the present time, we presume the noble duke can be spared for as long a vacation as he feels disposed to take in the frozen north. The great trouble about those expeditions, however, is that those who set the wild goose chase on foot usually succeed in getting other deluded mortals to go along with them and thus some men who might make useful citizens under ordinary conditions are taken away from the activities of a busy world.

President Roosevelt's plain talk to the labor leaders in Chicago should bear fruit. The principle laid down is a fundamental one and is essential to the continuance of republican institutions. No set of men have more to fear from the overthrow of law and order than the workingman, with his few friends at court and his lack of powerful influence. Therefore, it should be his constant aim and endeavor to fight his battles within the limits of the law.

Those Kansas tornadoes have an unreasonable habit of coming according to the Hicks schedule which must be exceedingly annoying to Weather Forecaster Willis A. Moore, who uses his position as an officer of the government to prosecute a crusade against the "long-range" weather prophet of St. Louis.

The straw hat seems to be having a hard time breaking into the daily regime of the smart young man in this section.

Mr. Rockefeller solemnly avers that he never gambles. In which declaration he is upheld by Rev. Washington Gladden, D. D., who declares that the Standard Oil King has reduced the game to a "sure-thing" basis.

It is a bold councilman who dares to fly into the face of the chicken proposition.

The Russian admiralty is still trying to convince itself that Admiral Togo will not dare to tackle the Rostovsky squadron. But for the fact that the authorities of that de-

partment have shown conclusively that Togo is a beaten man we might be inclined to think the wish is father to the thought.

HOUSECLEANING AT PANAMA.

Encouraging Reports Made by Sanitary Officers on the Isthmus.

It is encouraging to read the report for March of that energetic and capable army surgeon, Col. W. C. Gargas, who has been charged with the sanitary redemption of the Panama canal route, and comforting to reflect that, however construction work may lag, the isthmus will be so thoroughly swept up and put to rights that the digging can proceed without every laborer necessarily taking his life in his hands. The sanitary officer logically precedes the engineer and laborer in such an enterprise and this vitally important preliminary work seems to be going on with admirable thoroughness and dispatch.

Col. Gargas reports that during the month of March, out of 9,000 persons employed in all capacities only 153 were sent into hospital, of whom only eleven died, a death rate which would be regarded as creditably low in any community, as Col. Gargas truly says. It is not to be forgotten, though, that the most dangerous season of the year is yet to be encountered, and the most deadly work, in the swamps and jungles of the isthmus, yet to be undertaken. The good results thus far have been achieved by rigid enforcement of well-known rules of sanitation and by taking merely common-sense precautions.

In short, no obstacles are liable to be met with on the isthmus that were not overcome in Cuba by the same men who now have charge in Panama. It is a bigger job, not an essentially different one, to accomplish which only long tried and thoroughly approved measures will have to be adopted. A good start has been made.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FRESH BUTTER.

Used to Cure Consumption in a Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

Butter, fresh, sweet and in large quantities, will enter largely into the diet of tuberculosis patients at Summit Hill, Penn., who are to receive the new Scotch treatment for consumption. The use of butter adopted by Scotch physicians in Highland Sanitariums has worked a most amazing number of cures even in advanced cases. Absolute freshness is insisted upon, the butter never being more than three days old.

Its use is pushed to an extreme that would be impossible in persons of normal health. The system of a tuberculosis patient demands the hydrocarbon that is found in milk products, and many patients find no difficulty in consuming half a pound of butter every day.

Eagle Sanitarium, where the new treatment will be applied for the first time in America, will be equipped with a staff of five physicians and nurses who have graduated from hospitals in which tuberculosis patients receive special attention.

Besides the new Scotch treatment, all the most modern methods that are approved by scientists will be used.

Fifty beds have been installed and a big pavilion for extra cases is being equipped.

Summit Hill is at the top of the famous Switchback, near Mauch Chunk, and is one of the most picturesque resorts in America.

Its development as a combined pleasure and health resort promises to place it beside the world-famed Davos Platz in Switzerland.—Philadelphia North American.

Ages of Actresses.

Here is a list of the ages of a number of prominent actresses:

- Lillian Russell 45
Fay Templeton 45
Isabel Bateman 51
Kate Bateman 62
Sarah Bernhardt 61
Agnes Booth 62
Kate Clayton 57
Rose Coghlan 52
Jessie Bartlett Davis 46
Effie Ellsler 47
Rose Eytigne 68
Mrs. Gerster 48
Mrs. Kendal 56
Mrs. Langtry 53
Maggie Mitchell 73
Mrs. Modjeska 61
Clara Morris 59
Mrs. Nordica 47
Ada Rohan 47
Mrs. Sembrich 47
Annie Yeamans 69

Some of these statistics will be surprising to people who think they know all about stage matters. Miss Russell, for example, generally is supposed to be over 50. This fallacy is due to the fact that she has been before the public most of her life. Few men who have seen her in "Lady Teazle" would acknowledge that she had got beyond 20.—Pollock's Stage Notes.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Many a man has been turned down while awaiting for something to turn up. The money of the self-made person is apt to talk regardless of grammar.

An ounce of flattery goes farther with a woman than a pound of sympathy.

Give to others the best you have and something better will come back to you.

It is surprising how soon people begin to practise economy after they go broke.

A bachelor farmer says that the quickest way to remove weeds is to propose to a widow.

Prosperity has ruined more men than adversity—but that kind of ruin is so much more delightful.

That man never lived who can repeat the Ten Commandments while removing a porous plaster from his anatomy.—Chicago News.

Well, Here You Are.

"Underneath the social stratum of money-mad who leap into temporary notoriety," says His Grace, the Duke of Manchester, "is a conservative, fine type of American that is not carried away by the prevailing passion." That's rather neat. Cincinnati papers please copy.—New York Telegram.

ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Florence Kenney, of East Thetford, Vt., who is 83 years old, threshed 100 bushels of oats this winter by hand, worked up 20 cords of wood, and started a plow April 7.

A woodpecker last summer bored a hole in a dead limb of an elm tree in Augustus Bailey's yard at Gardiner, Me. This year a pair of English sparrows have utilized the place as an abode and have built their nest in it.

Arthur Fuller, a lumberman in Sanderfield, while descending a hill through the woods a few nights ago was knocked down by a full grown deer which, pursued by two dogs, broke from the forest.

The first Kennebec salmon of the season was displayed at a market at Bath, Me., Wednesday. It was captured by Carl Trott, of Woolwich, and weighed 20 pounds. It readily sold at 50 cents a pound. There were advance orders enough to dispose of the fish before it was caught.

William Wilson, of Green township, Kan., is still the owner of 40 acres of land which he purchased from the government for \$51. The purchase money was made by selling coon skins. He still holds the patent and the land has never been transferred. It could scarcely be purchased today for 50 times the price he paid.

Mrs. Abner Towne, of Williamstown, who with her husband has lately returned from an extended stay in Idaho, is probably the only woman in Massachusetts who voted for Roosevelt at the election last November. It is thought that some notice of this fact may be taken when the President visits Williamstown next summer.

The windmill of Rembrandt's father was situated on a branch of the Rhine, near the city of Leyden, Holland, and on the site of this mill a fine monument will be erected in memory of the great Dutch painter. An exhibition of Rembrandt's works is to be held at Leyden in July, in celebration of his 300th anniversary.

The Kansas legislature has appropriated funds to mark permanently the route of the old Santa Fe trail, the famous historic highway of the West. The work will be done under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In years to come there will be great interest in the old trail over which the caravans of the pioneers passed in "the winning of the West."

April was a trifle warmer than the average, and much dryer, according to reports from Nashua, N. H. The mean temperature was 46.4, while the average for 20 years has been 45.9. The snowfall was one-inch and the rainfall 2.18 inches, equivalent to a total rainfall of 2.35 inches, against an average of 2.30 for the last 22 years, making the deficiency for the year, to date, 2.72 inches.

The latest census of Indians in Canada shows 107,978, as compared with 108,233 in 1903, a decrease of 255. In Nova Scotia there was an increase of 1930 in 1903 to 1998 in 1904. In Ontario and Quebec there were also increases of 98 and 83, respectively. In New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba, the territories, and outside treaty limits there were decreases.

Great Britain lost 148,906 acres between 1867 and 1880 by the encroachment of the sea, and 29,155 acres between 1880 and 1890. A survey in the reign of Edward I, gave the duchy of Cornwall 1,500,000 acres, but the ordinance survey some years ago showed that this had been reduced to 820,500 acres. Villages have disappeared in the ocean, as in the case of Dunwich, of which nothing remains but a ruined church on the edge of a cliff.

The President's salute consists of 21 guns and why this particular number was hit upon has been the cause of much speculation. One solution, more clever than probable, is that when the revolution took place the nation was considered able to shift for itself, hence, 21. Another is that figures of the year of the declaration of independence, 1776, when added together make a total of 21. The royal salute of England is also 21 guns, having been originally 7, which number fired three times for the three political divisions makes the total.—Boston Globe.

What Suit for Cow Has Cost.

The State Supreme Court today at four lower courts in the famous Stevens-Smith cow case, which was begun 15 years ago, and has cost \$2,500 in attorneys' fees and court costs. The value of the cow was \$30, and she has been dead 12 years. Stevens placed the cow in pasture 15 years ago. While he was in California the owner of the pasture sold it, with his herd, including Stevens' cow, to R. M. Smith. When Stevens returned he demanded the cow, offering to pay for her pasturage. Smith refused to give her up, and the long legal fight began. Stevens says he will carry the case to the Federal Supreme Court, if possible.—Denver Correspondence New York Tribune.

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