

# LOST A FORTUNE IN YEAR'S TIME

### Charles Pfizer's Speedy Transition

## FROM AFFLUENCE TO POVERTY

### Ventured Into Business After Leading Sportsman's Career All His Life.

## WAS A WEALTHY NEW YORKER

From millionaire to bankrupt in one year was the story revealed in the New York Supreme Court several days ago when Charles Pfizer, one time noted sportsman, told the examining Judge that he was flat broke, and in addition owed \$150,000.

Pfizer was a sportsman of international reputation. His horses won the best events on the best race courses of France. He inherited a fortune from his father, founder of a noted chemical works, which still bears his name. He played polo, was interested in tandem driving, coaching, horse racing and breeding and the chase. His country estate at Bernardville, N. J., his shooting box at Gladstone, were scenes of society's sporty outings. For years he was master of the hounds at the Essex county hunt.

He was over fifty years of age before he entered business. It was hinted that perhaps his racing establishments demanded more money than the estate yielded.

Just how he went about it, how he began, is not clear, but early in 1915 it became known that Pfizer was interested in the schemes of Henry L. Brittain, a promoter who had been treated to considerable notoriety. In April of that year Pfizer and Brittain wrote together an agreement guaranteeing three of Brittain's concerns—the H. L. Brittain Company, the Simplex Home Motion Picture Company, and the Anchor Metal Noyalty Company. Within the year all three of them failed and Pfizer was called upon to make good the guarantee.

Not long afterward Charles Pfizer reappeared in the ranks of business, this time in more extensive manipulations. It was announced that he and his associates had taken control of the Erie & Pennsylvania Central Railway Company and were building a cross-country line from Titusville, Pa., to Cambridge Springs. He was also interested in oil and gas properties in the neighborhood and expected to open up a stretch of country formerly inaccessible and reap the harvest.

Early in 1915, when he entered on the Brittain promotion, Pfizer scheduled his assets for the benefit of acquiring creditors of Brittain. He listed:

A one-fourth interest in Charles Pfizer & Co. the (chemical works), \$500,000; interest in Titusville traction line, \$400,000; Titusville gas and oil properties, \$100,000; residence at Bernardville, N. J., \$100,000; residence at 39 West Fifteenth street, New York City, \$50,000; real estate at Peapack and Gladstone, N. J., \$100,000.

Here are assets estimated by their owner at \$1,250,000. On the stand that all this had been swept away.

"Yes, all," he said, "and there are \$150,000 of unpaid claims."

So this is what happened to Charles Pfizer in business in the brief interval of a year, for, while it took somewhat longer for the full collapse to come, it was on its way a few months after the investments were made.

Clark L. Jordan, one of Pfizer's attorneys, was willing to talk, reservedly, about the case.

"Naturally," he said, pityingly, "I cannot tell you many things—it would be a breach of faith. But it is quite true that this man's fortune was swept away from him in a year or so. I haven't seen Mr. Pfizer in months, and I remember our last talk. He came in, a slim gray man with his distinguished manner, and talked with me about appealing one of the judgments against him. When he left he said he would let me know in a few days. He asked carefully for an estimate of the cost.

"Several days later he telephoned, 'I guess there's no use of an appeal,' he told me, 'can't afford it. I suppose I'm wiped out.'

"You can't imagine how he took it, the man who had been a millionaire all his life and had lost his whole fortune in a year or so. He was game—a good loser."

The Stork Was All Lit Up.  
John Harman, of near New Market, had an exciting time Monday

night, when he was awakened by considerable noise in the barn. Hurriedly donning his clothing, he rushed down to investigate and was greeted with a new colt. He had hardly finished looking it over when a lowing in the stables began, and going there, he was astonished to find a little calf had arrived. At the woodshed he found a whole nest of little bird pups; and on returning to his room was astonished to find a bouncing baby boy who had arrived in his brief absence.—[Ellendale (Del.) Cor. Phila. Record.

## POLITICAL POINTERS.

The Prohibition party celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year, having been formed in 1876 as the successor of the Temperance party.

In the early days of our national policies there were no party platforms. The political battles were conducted in the newspapers and from the stump.

In the platform utterances in the national conventions of 1848 all political parties heartily approved of the conduct of the war with Mexico.

The first anti-liquor party in national politics was the Temperance party, formed in 1872 by a combination of State and local option temperance organizations.

The first prohibition candidate for President of the United States was James Black of Pennsylvania, who was nominated by the Temperance party in 1872.

Before the Revolution the two political parties in America were the Whigs and Tories. The latter favored royalty and the former advocated independence.

It is just forty years since the Greenback party nominated its first Presidential candidate—Peter Cooper, the eminent New York merchant and philanthropist.

The so-called Democratic-Republican party existed from 1793 to 1828. During this period it elected three Presidents—Jefferson, Madison and Monroe—for two terms each.

The Federal party, which flourished from the establishment of the Government in 1787 until 1816, elected two Presidents—Washington for two terms, and Adams for one term.

The first "Peace party" in the United States was formed to oppose the war of 1812 by a combination of Federalists and Democratic-Republicans, mostly in New England.

Ballots were cast for twelve candidates, representing seven States, in the election that resulted in the choice of George Washington as first President of the United States.

The first national convention for the nomination of candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency was that of the anti-Masonic party, which met in Philadelphia in 1830.

The so-called Coalition party was formed in 1825 by a union of the supporters of Clay with those of John Q. Adams in the House, which resulted in the election of Adams to the Presidency.

Since the Constitutional Convention of 1789 there have been five great political parties—the Federalists, the Democratic-Republican, the National Republican or Whig, the Republican and the Democratic.

The first political organization in the United States to assume the name of People's party was formed in 1824 as an offshoot of the Democratic-Republicans in New York. The party favored the choosing of electors by the people instead of State legislatures.

The American, or Know-Nothing party, was organized in the early '50s by those opposed to foreign immigration and to office-holding by the foreign-born. In 1856 the party nominated for President, Millard Fillmore of New York, and for Vice-President, Andrew Jackson Donelson, of Tennessee.

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Catarrh can be easily detected. Some of its commonest symptoms are: Dull, throbbing headaches, watery eyes, constant sniffing, dropping of mucus into the throat at night and awakening choked and half nauseated, sleeplessness, dizziness, fullness, stopped up nasal passages, dryness of the membranes, pains in the stomach, side and kidney region, faulty digestion, bad breath and coated tongue.

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## A WORD PICTURE FROM LINCOLN APPLIES NOW

This is an appropriate time to recall a good Lincoln story. Some Western men, probably politicians, called on Lincoln during the dark hours of the Civil War and criticized his policies. In reply Lincoln said:

"Gentlemen, I want you to suppose a case for a moment. Suppose that all the property you were worth was in gold and you had put it in the hands of Blondin, the famous rope walker, for him to carry across the Niagara Falls on a tight-rope.

Would you shake the rope while he was passing over it, or keep shouting to him, 'Blondin, stoop a little more!' 'Go a little faster?' No, I am sure you would not. You would hold your breath as well as your tongue and keep your hands off until he was safely over. Now, the Government is in the same situation. It is carrying an immense weight across a stormy ocean. Untold treasures are in its hands. It is doing the best it can. Don't badger it! Just keep still and it will get you over."

This story is so applicable to the present situation that no comment is necessary. Wise and patriotic citizens do not shake the rope over which the President of the United States is walking with the precious treasure committed to his keeping.

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## GREAT OCEAN DEPTHS ARE CLOSE TO THE SHORE

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32,029 feet or 3,089 feet deeper than Mount Everest of the Himalayas is high. However, one gains an idea of the rarity of such abyssal regions from the fact that of the 9,750 soundings that have been made and reported in water over 1,000 fathoms in depth, only 17 were greater than 4,000 and only three exceed 5,000 fathoms in depth. The greatest record in depth of the ocean is only 400 feet more than six miles. —[Scientific Monthly.

## WHOLE TOWN TURNS OUT TO PICK STRAWBERRIES

Bowling Green, Ky., May 31.—Fifty carloads of strawberries were shipped to Eastern markets Monday night and Tuesday morning by Manager Hubert D. Graham, of the Warren County Strawberry Growers' Association, and a similar lot was shipped Tuesday night. It was decided to dispense with the review work of the City Public Schools during the remainder of the week at a meeting Monday night in order that the pupils can help the growers gather their strawberry crops. Dr. H. H. Cherry, president of the Western Kentucky State Normal School, has told the students of this institution who do not have any classes to go and pick berries. One hundred city hands who have been at work on the new sedimentation basin have been given a few days by City Engineer Wilkins to pick berries. Pickers are badly needed and the general public have taken interest in the work in order to help the growers. One negro man in J. B. Sumpter's strawberry fields on Monday picked eighty gallons, which netted him \$5.60, and one in Claggett & Covington's fields gathered seventy-five gallons, which made him \$5.25.

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## WARREN COUNTY GIRL STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Bowling Green, Ky., May 31.—Miss Grace Morehead, aged nineteen years, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Morehead, of the Browning neighborhood, had an exceedingly narrow escape from death last night during a terrific storm when she was struck by a bolt of lightning. Miss Morehead was in the act of closing a window when the bolt came. She was rendered unconscious, and remained in this condition all night, notwithstanding that a physician labored with her during this time.

The barn of Scott Roundtree, at the White Stone Quarry, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. A horse in the barn was killed by the bolt.

## One He Overlooked.

Colonel Roosevelt has not yet figured out President Wilson's responsibility for the fall of Adam, but give him time.—Anaconda Standard.

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