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Standard Oil, U. S. Steel —And Us

was so much like what they say—in a portion of its prophecy.

Kellogg stated that if the Standard is permitted to go on undissolved, it will own the business of the nation in five years. This, said Kellogg, would be the last step under our present institutions. The next would be socialism. And from Socialism, he said, it is but a step to anarchism.

That the perfection of private monopoly will lead to socialism, the socialists have always believed. That the triumph of socialism will lead to anarchism, they deny, of course.

On the same day, another utterance pregnant with meaning for us all was given to the press by E. H. Gary, head of the steel trust.

He was explaining the fact that the trust is about to increase its dividends. "We have had some successful years of business," said he. "We have put a lot of money into productive betterments. There is no reason why our stockholders should not profit by these things. We have obeyed the law. We have pursued the policy of publicity. It is well for the nation that we have not been put out of business. If we were put out of business, the United States would go out of business."

If Judge Gary has been correctly quoted, the chance remark shows how close to fulfillment Kellogg's prophecy already is—how nearly the giants are to having all the business of the country in their grip.

Standard Oil and U. S. Steel are the right and left hands of the same giant. Over E. H. Harriman's bedside the treaty of peace was signed between the Morgan and Rockefeller groups. The war of the giants is over. When Gary speaks, he speaks for them all.

Is the System so great that the United States would have to go out of business with it? Are the sessions of congress and the activities of the white house acts in a solemn farce, the stage management of which is in the hands of the System? Are the created greater than their creator? Is the Frankenstein of Monopoly already too huge to kill?

If so, where is success to be found outside the ranks of the System? Or where are honors save as it gives them forth? If these things are true, the presidency is a badge of dishonorable servitude, and the bench a place for recording under false pretenses the decrees drawn up for the warping of the law. If these things are so, even the decisions seemingly against the System are handed down by agreement, and after the arrangements have been made for official action—judicial, legislative or executive—for obviating any serious loss of power or profit to the dukes of American life.

OBSERVATIONS

JUST as soon as he can definitely make up his mind (no slouch of a job) as to what it is, Mr. Taft will probably announce that he "has a congress on his hands."

OHIO's senate wouldn't even read Gov. Harmon's message roasting the pestiferous lobbyists. It always do make Ohio statesmen mad to have any one nosing around their pipe.

THEY stole even the "ould sod" from under Orator Taft's feet at Chicago. It was very Chicagoese, but not completely so, for he got away with his hat and coat.

CARNEGIE is climbing a 6000-foot mountain in California to look at Halley's comet. Lordy! Suppose the tail of that comet should swing around and fizzle Andy off that tee!

FAIRBANKS, after a year abroad, returns and says the outlook is wholly for peace. This comes from keeping full of buttermilk from which the hairs haven't been strained out.

NEAR Munich, the Argentina consul and four friends have been killed by running their auto into a tree felled across the road, and the authorities suspect a peasant whose only child was killed by an auto. Autists claim that the only child should have seen where they were going. You have to go back in the bush among just plain human folks, sometimes, in order to see the sauce served up to the gander in real style.

TEDDY, 'tis said, was greatly affected when bidding goodby to his chief hunter. Just think how many, many times that chief had dug woodchicks out of Teddy's back!

AN ECONOMIC REASON.

"Why is it that women wear such long hatpins?" "Because the long hatpins came in with the large hats, and now that the women have spent their money for smaller hats, they can't afford to buy shorter hatpins."

THIS MAN IS BOUND TO WED.

Court Sentences Him to Espouse First Woman Who Will Have Him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—Fred M. Miller, an attorney of this city, today is under sentence, imposed by Judge Latah in the criminal court, to marry the first woman who will consent to become his wife.

In an application filed in the court Miller represented himself as a "lonely single man, inspired with the lofty ambition to take unto himself a wife, and soliciting the aid of the court to this end."

"File the application," said Judge Latah, addressing the clerk. "Enter a plea of guilty and sentence him to be married to the first woman who will accept him."

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LUMPS ON BODY IN CHECKER MOVE ACT

Arm to Leg, Then to Head, Welts Speed as Doctors Chase Queer Disease.

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—A comedy of errors at the city hospital that almost resulted in the removal of George Tschambes from the institution as a malingerer, was explained Saturday, and Tschambes, who is 30 years old, will live on there as a patient.

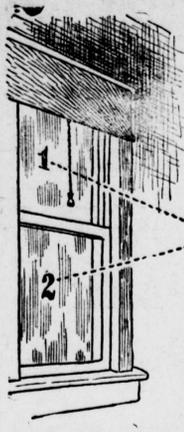
He is suffering from what the doctors say is "migratory erysipelas." When he entered the institution he had several large "lumps" or welts on his arm. A layman might have taken the raised flesh for an excess of muscle, were it not for the inflamed condition of the skin. The physicians diagnosed his case as "erysipelas" outbreak on the right arm.

When the ward physician arrived to treat Tschambes he found no erysipelas as outlined by the receiving physician, and he decided Tschambes was playing sick to win a home. "You're playing sick," said the doctor. "Why did you do that when you knew we would find you out?" Tschambes appeared as if stricken dumb. He looked at his arm. The swelling was gone, and the member was as strong as ever. He was half inclined to believe he was well, when he discovered the welts had changed to his leg. Again the doctors prepared to treat him, but before he was taken into the dressing room the marathonic brand of erysipelas had reached his head.

The doctors managed to keep the welts to his head until they gave treatment. The disease, which is rare, has not been treated in the St. Louis city hospital for several years.

UNPOPULAR SCIENCE

BY A. D. CONDO



SOMETIMES ON A CLEAR, BRIGHT DAY THE HOUSE INSIDE SEEMS DARK AND DULL. SUCH AN OCCASION PRESENTS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDYING THE PECULIARITIES OF LIGHT.

STANDING FOUR OR FIVE FEET FROM A WINDOW, FIX YOUR EYES STEADILY FOR A MOMENT ON THE UPPER PANE (1) THEN SHIFT YOUR GAZE QUICKLY TO THE LOWER ONE (2) REPEAT THIS ACT AT THE OTHER WINDOWS. BY THIS TIME YOUR POWER OF OBSERVATION WILL REMIND YOU THAT A PAIL OF WATER AND A COUPLE OF RAGS WILL THROW A LOT OF LIGHT ON THE EXPERIMENT.

THE STORY OF PLATE GLASS

Plate glass is made by melting together silver sand, saltpetre, soda ash, limestone, arsenic and charcoal. The sticky mass is rolled thin on smooth steel casting tables. The sheet is baked in annealing ovens, then whirled under polishing discs which rub it with sand, emery and finally rouge, reducing its thickness 40 per cent.

Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Sunday, March 27, 1910.

Now a higher spirit reigns. Tune thy thought to noble strains.

Venus is in benefic aspect with the Moon, and occupies a position in relation to Saturn that makes for unusual favor in many directions. Saturn, however, exercises a malignant influence today toward most worldly matters, especially anything connected with large wealth or financial affairs of magnitude.

The influence of Venus in this aspect is held of old by astrology to be temperate, harmonious and fortunate. Pleasure, cheerfulness and affection are under her rule.

This period should be extremely conducive for visits to dependents and poor persons or suffering friends. Deeds of love and kindness, family intercourse, forgiveness of injuries and the gratification of the wishes of others are all under beneficent signs.

Artistic, idealistic and musical faculties should unfold richly today, and the planet looks kindly on all the arts of beauty, favoring personal adornment and refined desires.

Women under this influence are generally strong to attract and win affection, but they must beware lest they be cheated by flatterers and faithless persons.

Courtship, engagements and weddings are under bright omens.

Saturn afflicts the health and wealth of those who try to grasp more than they have earned, looks malignantly on avarice and miserliness, and bodes evil to those who do evil to their kind. The sign is particularly threatening and sinister over those who are extortionate in dealing in food-stuffs, garments and other human necessities.

Uranus this day inspires the religious and spiritual mind of humanity with unusual favor.

Selfishness and egotism are the faults against which persons with this birth-date must guard today. The twelve-month promises a "reward long desired."

Children are born today under signs that grant will-power and a faculty for directing the labors or thoughts of others.

THE LITTLE RED RIBBON.

I sing not of battles nor conquerors laden With trophies their valor has won in the strife;

My song is the love of a shy little maiden Who smiled upon me in the morning of life.

I whispered my passion. Though clumsily spoken, With tear-shining lashes she heeded my prayer;

With the ring of betrothal I begged for a token.

The little red ribbon she wore in her hair.

Though now it is faded I picture it braided, The way that it shimmered that night on the stair;

And often I kiss it, And think how I'd miss it— The little red ribbon she wore in her hair.

The years have flown by and her locks have grown whiter; I smile when she speaks of the gray in the gold;

I whisper to her that her glances are brighter, Her dimples more witching than ever of old.

Our love-life has witnessed more laughing than weeping; We chase with fond kisses the footprints of care;

But my own little wife never dreams I am keeping The little red ribbon she wore in her hair.

Though faded and crinkled And rumpled and wrinkled, The bonnie, bright looping that glistened so fair,

Far down in my pocket It lies in a locket— The little red ribbon she wore in her hair.

—London Opinion.

DESTINY

Who ashes strew upon his walk Where slippery snow has swirled.

Will find them not upon his path When in the other world.

—New York Sun

We have no snow in Dixie land, But on the other shore A golden crown awaits the man Who always shuts the door,

—Birmingham Age-Herald

And some where in the under world A fire's built—'tis true— To roast the guy who asks you, "Is it cold enough for you?"

—Philadelphia Telegraph

Likewise, a halo bright awaits The chap who's too well bred To laugh when hunks of snow slide off

The roof upon your head! —Cincinnati Times-Star

Likewise a halo bright awaits The chap who never takes your time

To tell you just how cold it was 'Way back in forty nine.

—St. Louis Times

Likewise a halo bright awaits All the pun jammers solemn Who do not jump at things like this

To help them fill their column. —Houston Post

But in the place of halos waits The hottest kind of roast And the Daily Houston Post. —Louisville Herald

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"Oh, Adolf, I want to question your honesty. Has your wife lost any flesh vile she iss away ad der springs?" "Id looks like id, Oscar; she wrote me she wass coming home on a postal cart."

TWO-MINUTE VAUDEVILLE

THUD—I had a funny thing happen to me. SLAP—What was that, THUD—A lady with a baby in her arms came up to me and she said to me, the lady did, "If I ask you something, will you mind my curiosity?" SLAP—What did you answer? THUD—Oh, I said it would be all right with me. SLAP—What happened then? THUD—She gave me the baby to hold and went into a store to do some shopping. SLAP—And what did you do in the meantime? THUD—Why, minded her curiosity.

MAKES HIS CAMPAIGN ON STRAIGHT ANTI-WOMAN ISSUE

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—Chas. Doyle of Madison, Ill., has announced his candidacy for the state senate on a platform of misogyny. Doyle is a woman hater and is proud of it. He glories in his self-imposed title, "King of the Bachelors."

ALARM CLOCK SAVES STUDENT FROM GAS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 26.—An automatic alarm clock, which rings at intervals of two minutes, saved the life of Fred Bauer, 22 years old, who was overcome by illuminating gas on the third floor of a building. Bauer is employed as a clerk by Henry Oetter, who conducts a grocery on the first floor of the Laclede avenue building and occupies the second story as a home. When Oetter heard the alarm clock sound Saturday morning, he awaited to hear if it awakened Bauer. He failed to hear his clerk moving about after the second alarm sounded, and investigated. He found Bauer unconscious from gas, the jet being partly open. The young man was taken to the city hospital, where he has a chance for recovery.

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