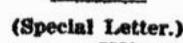
TRUST

THAT HAS MADE NOTED MAG-NATES OF THREE MEN.

Standard Oil Company-Corporation in the World, With Over Ten Millions of Dollars Worth of Upoless Lines and Tankage.





HE richest and best managed corporation in the world is the Standard Oil Company, the stock of which amounts to \$150. 000,000 and during the last 30 years has made its holders all fabulously

rich men. In view of the recent operations of these men to consolidate all the gas companies across the East river. New York, as they have already done those in Brooklyn, a movement which has driven up New York gas stock all the way from 40 points to 200 in three months—a study of the means by which this corporation has grown into its enormous power and wealth is timely and interesting. Such a study is given below.

The history of the origin and growth of the Standard furnishes material for one of the rarest romances of the century. At the close of the civil war Samuel Andrews, a recently arrived immigrant, was porter for a small produce house in Cleveland, O. Andrews was of an inventive turn of mind, and in his leisure hours devised a plan for the refinement of petroleum much more economical and effective than the ones then in vogue. One of the partners of the firm which employed Andrews as porter was John D. Rockafeller, then 26 years of age. Rockafeller kept the books and looked after the sales of the house. When Andrews told him about his invention the bookkeeper looked into it, and, concluding that it promised well, invested what money he had been able to save in pushing it.

As a result of the combined efforts of the two young men, and with the aid of borrowed capital, a small refinery was built and put into operation. The refinery made money from the first, and in a year or so Rockafeller sold out his interest in the produce house and gave his entire time to the new venture. He induced his brother William to start a refinery, which was soon consolidated with the one owned by him and Andrews. Then a warehouse was opened in New York city for the sale of the manufactured product of the two refineries.

The Rockafellers and Andrews saw millions within their grasp. All that was needed was a little ready money. and this kindly fortune at the right moment threw in their way. Young Henry M. Flagter had married a rich man's daughter, and his father-in-law had started him in the lumber business in Michigan. Flagler, thought a bright fellow, was not intended for a lumber man. In some way Rockafeller got the ear of Flagler's father-in-law and told him his plans, which even then contemplated the control of the entire oil production of the country. old man gave the matter careful conmaking money as a lumberman and Rickafeller's plan seemed on the face a good one. In the end he gave Flagler \$60,000 and told him to go in with the Rockafellers and Andrews.

Thus the Standard Oil Company was formed with a capital stock of \$100. 000, with John D. Rockafeller as its president. It at once began to buy out and crush out rival refineries, and now its pipe line system is something pro-



HENRY M. FLAGLER.

digious-a monster spider's web cover ing thousands of miles. One line 300 miles long runs from Olean to Saddle River, N. J., within easy distance of the metropolis. Another line, 275 miles in length, runs from Colegrove. McKean county, Pa., to Philadelphia. A third runs from Midway, on the Pennsylvania, to Baltimore, 70 miles. A fourth line, 100 miles long, runs from Hilliards, Pa., to Cleveland, A afth die, 60 miles in length, connects Carbon Center, Butler county, Pa., with Pittaburg, and another line of about the same length runs from Four Mile, Cattarangus county, N. Y., to Buffalo. More recently a line has been laid between Lima, Ohio, and Chicago, 200

All these lines are owned and controlled by the National Transit Company, another name for the Standard Oil Company, which thus connects the sources of production with its mammoth refineries in the great cities. Bedde these main lines it owns thoutells of individual operators. Some the development of the mines.

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idea of the magnitude of this branch | (1) of its business can be obtained from the recent statement of a Standard magnate that \$10,000,000 would not cover the cost of the lines and tankage rendered useless during the last five years by the failure of the fields in which they are located.

The Standard takes the oil of the producer as it comes from the ground measures and pays for it, transports it to its refineries, refines it, pipes it to market, and sells it. Until recently it has never figured as a producer, but its complete and perfect system gives it absolute control of the oil trade. All this has grown since 1866 from an original investment of less than \$75,000 made by four young men, who saw a grand opportunity for money making, and were brainful enough and shrewd enough to take advantage of it.

The railroad companies were at the mercy of the great monopoly. late President Scott of the Pennsylvania road acknowledged on the witness stand that his company dare transport only the oil of the Standard, and Commodore Vanderbilt said a year or two before he died that there was only one man he would allow to dictate to him, and that man was John D. Rockafeller.

Absolute in its command of the refining trade, the Standard forced the railroads to do its bidding until 1880. Then they rebelled and the Standard reduced their revenues and rendered it impossible for them to figure as a factor in the control of the oil trade by building pipe lines, and through them transporting to tide water its oil, both crude and refined.

It built and operated tis own acid and giue works, and barrel factories, while its enormous volume of business gave it a commanding influence with the railroad companies. At one time the Pennsylvania road in seventeen



WILLIAM ROCKAFELLER. months paid it over \$19,000,000 as re bates on the oil carried over its lines It is indeed a gigantic corporation.

BRITISH CONSERVATISM

Slow to Accept the Conveniences o Civilization.

"I am pretty well acquainted in London, and I know of but three hotels there where one can procure the help of a typewriter," said W. R. Sargent of New York, "and these three are hostelries that are largely patronized by Americans. For some reason our English brethren do not take to the writing machine, and, though at some pe riod they will utilize it extensively, its introduction will be very gradual. as compared with its career in the sideration. His son-in-law was not United States. I was in the Bank of England last winter, engaged in conversation with a leading official, and noticed that quite a corps of clerks were employed, but not a typewriter in the lot. On remarking at the absence of these my bank friend said that the old-fashioned ideas of the men that controlled the great financial institution would not permit the innovation. Everything must written out in orthodox longhand, according to the custom of centuries. thought this a notable illustration of the conservatism of the British character."

The Pigeon in History.

Pigeons have been employed in carrying messages from very early times, though there are differences of opinion as to who first so utilized them. Probably the first on record who employed pigeons in this capacity was Joshua, who, when invading Palestine in the sixteenth century B. C., used lish. them as means of communication between headquarters and camps in lands on the other side of the Jordan The Chinese are said to have used pigeons to carry messages at even an earlier date than this. The famous Greek poet Anacreon, who lived about 500 years B. C., mentions the use of pigeons as bearers of epistles. Pliny, the Roman naturalist, speaks of communications being kept up between Hirtius and Decimus Brutus at the siege of Mutina (Modena) by means of pigeons; and there is on record an instance of their having been employed during the crusade of St. Louis. One historian has chronicled the use of pigeons to carry messages to Mahmoud Malekal-Adel Nour-Eddin, sultan of Egypt, in the twelfth century. During the siege of Paris, to come down to our own day, 150,000 official messages were carried into the beleaguered city by pigeon post.

Caba's Manganes .

Among the mineral productions the earth which are chiefly valuable because of the part they play in the manufacture of metals for use in the arts is manganese, which is employed in making a steel alloy. There are mines of manganese around the Black Sea, and some in South America, but according to recent consular reports, a good supply of this indispensable material is to be found in the southern ands of miles of smaller lines, run- part of Cuba. The insurrection in that ing from its tanking stations to the listand, has, for the present, prevented

Minister Woodford Commends His Course.

AGAINST AUTONOMY

Union Constitutional Party in Cubs Cables Its Disapproval to the Queen Regent-Pope Lee Expresses Sympathy with the Throne.

United Minister Woodford had a cordial interview with Senor Moret, minister of the colonies, and it is believed that he assured Senor Moret that the United States government is satisfied with the measures taken thus far by Marshal Blanco. The government has received for the queen regent the cabled request of the

union constitutional party in Cuba that her majesty decline to sign the decrees establishing autonomy in the island, but the request will be ignored. The ministerial organs express sat-

isfaction at the message of the pope to the Spanish bishops, voicing his sympathy with King Alfonso and the queen regent.

WOMEN GO TO THE KLONDIKE. Seventy-five Take Passage in a Steamer

Which Sails from New York. City of Columbia, which will leave this city for the Klondike gold region | the Pharaohs in their collection. aiready booked for the passage visited the steamer during the hours it was open for inspection, beside a large number of invited guests. Among the latter were H. A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy; General H. V.

Boynton, E. V. Camack of Philadelphia, the venerable ex-secretary of Nicholas Biddle; C. P. Huntington and D. O. Milbs, and a delegation of seventy-five business men and bankers of Philadelphia, who are interested in the project of sending out the Colombia, Sixty of the passengers already

booked are females, the major portion of whom are married women. There are a few widows among them. Thirty-five of the women are chaperoned by Mrs. H. S. Gould.

The youngest passenger will be a hos of 7 years, who will accompany his mother to the far north. Three hospital nurses and five physicians are among the passengers. The men in the party include six lawyers, one banker, and twelve Yale students, who have abandoned their studies for the perils of the Klondike. The passengers come from all over the country and Canada.

The City of Columbia will be in charge of Captain E. C. Baker. It will reach Seattle in April, and on the way to the Horn will stop at several of the South American ports.

Committee to Prepare a Report.

The special committee on the home missions of the Presbyterian Church authorized the Rev. J. I., Withrow to appoint the subcommittee that is to prepare a report to be submitted to the full committee at a meeting to be held in February. The sentiment of the general committee is in favor of the so-called Indiana plan of missionary package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O. work, and the subcommittee will recommend the adoption of that plan in

Would Pay Bonds in Gold.

Prof. Charles F. Dunbar, whose reputation upon financial and economic questions at Harvard university is well known, makes a strong argument In favor of bonds payable specifically in gold in his recommendations to the monetary commission. He also favors a currency based upon banking assets and the retirement of the legal tender obligations of the government.

Must He Read in English.

The Wyoming Supreme Court, in a county contested election case, decided that the educational requirement of the Wroming constitution, which declares that no foreign-born citizen can vote in Wyoming unless able to read the constitution of the United States. means that he must read it in Eng-

Lynching in North Baketa. Twente-five masked men broke into the county jail in Williamsport, Emmons county, N. D., and hanged Paul Holytrack, Philip Ireland and Alec Condot, Indians, who were under arrest accused of the murder of six memhers of the Spicer family last winter at Winona, Emmons county,

Spain Can Not Borrow Money. Besides the Rothschilds, other prominent financiers of London and Paris have entirely cut off the monetary supplies which Spain has hitherto sucreeded in obtaining.

Bank Wrecker Convicted.

President J. C. Darragh, charged with wrecking the Kansas City Safe Deposit and Savings Bank, was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

Cuba Refuses a Long.

Cuba has refused the offer of a loan of \$200,000,000 from American capitalists with which to purchase her independence from Spain.

Joseph Politzer III.

A dispatch from Bar Harbor, Me says that Joseph Pulitzer, owner of the New York World, lies in his home at that resort in a critical condition.

All Binst Furnaces Ranning. For the first time in over three years every blast furnace in Allegheny coun ty, Pa., is in operation.

CURES RHEUMATISM, ETC. Recent Discovery That Is Working

Wonders.

The most prevailing afflictions that for a century have been engaging the most scientific skill of the medical world are rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, la grippe and their kindred ailments. The country is full of sufferers from these complaints. Although the most learned experts of the medical profession have labored for a century to produce a curative, until quite recently no positive results were effected. To the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167-69 Dearborn street, Chicago, belongs the credit for having produced the new remedy. It is being extensively advertised under the trade mark of "Five Drops." trade mark is self-explantory. Five drops make a dose. The effect is magical. In days gone by other alleged cures have been marketed with promise to take effect in thirty days or more. Five Drops begins to cure at once. Immediate relief is felt, order to more effectively advertise its merits the company will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 300 doses, \$1 (for thirty days 3 bottles \$2.50.) Those suffering should take immediate advantage of this generous offer and write them to-day.

Novel Use for X Ray. Spurious mummies have from time to time been paimed off on the public, New York, Nov. 17.—The steamship and a doubt arose in a Vienna museum as to the validity of one daughter of via Cape Horn on Dec. 1, was visited occurred to them, in view of the gentoday at her dock, foot of East Ninth | eral hollowness of life, that the young street, here by over 5,000 people, half lady might have been manufactured in of whom were women and children, Birmingham. So they turned the Nearly all of the 300 men and women Roentgen ray upon her and saw at once through her many folded wraps the amulets which the Egyptians placed upon the bosoms of their dead, thus proving the genuineness of their spec-

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The readers of this paper will pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Capositive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hait's Cutarrh Cure is taken and mucous surfaces of the system. thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and as-stating nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hun-dred Dollars for any case that it falls to cura. Bend for list of Testimonials. Address V. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo,

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Safety Pine.

The safety pins men are wearing for scart pins this fall have certainly the merit of beng uniquie, but safety pins have too long been the lower servants in the pin family to have an aristocratic air now that they are elevated to ornamental masculine uses, albeit they are made of the precious metal,-New York Times.

There is a Cines of People Who are injured by the use of coffee Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains. that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it with-

out distress, and but few can tell from coffee. It does not cost over W as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts, and 25 cts, per Too Convenient.

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deer will rustle for his own food. The best map of the Yukon-Klondike mining country has been printed in folder form by the Northern Pacific railway. Send a 2-cent postage stamp to Chas. S. Fee, G. P. A., St. Paul. Minn. The folder is full of up-to-date information regarding rates and routes to Alaska.

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