

STANDARD OIL FATE

NOW IN HANDS OF U.S. SUPREME COURT.

Result Bound Up With Financial Life of the Nation—The Amount at Stake is Over \$600,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Should the supreme court of the United States sustain the decree of the lower courts in the Standard Oil case, what then? This is an important question to the financial world, if it not equally important to the financial world every where. The situation will be indeed puzzling, and it will take a very wise man to forecast the results in their entirety.

The results that will follow the upholding of the decree dissolving the Standard Oil company will be more startling than anything that has happened in the past, if we are to accept the dire predictions of an eminent lawyer who is very close to the Standard Oil Co. and familiar with all its ramifications.

The men at the head of the Standard Oil have manifested that they possess organizing capacity far ahead of anything of the kind hitherto recorded in history, but they will be called upon to display equal if not greater capacity in another direction. It is generally regarded that it is easier to tear down than to build up, but it will require genius of the first water to tear down the Standard Oil and segregate it into thirty-two independent and distinct corporations.

If they succeed in doing that their hardest task will still be to come. That is, to compete with themselves. There have been precedents against them in their own records but that is nothing compared to the task which John D. Rockefeller, as principal owner of eleven separate and independent pipeline companies will have in competing with himself in the transportation of his own refined or crude oil.

A part of the task set the managers of the Standard Oil company in case the decree is approved will be that of dividing 54,000 miles of pipe lines into eleven parts, and making each part wholly and absolutely independent of each other, while they will still be owned by exactly the same people.

There are four producing companies having direction of thousands and thousands of oil wells in every part of the world. These will have to be separated and put to work competing with each other, that is, in getting out oil from the wells and selling it to themselves to be refined in their own refineries, and then compete with themselves in disposing of the refined oil and the by-products to the ultimate consumer. No doubt the competition will be very brisk.

They have about \$50,000,000 invested in refineries \$20,000,000 in ships, \$5,000,000 in tank cars, \$17,000,000 in marketing stations, in all their properties about \$360,000,000. And all this will have to be divided up between the stockholders, but the properties must not be abandoned; they must be operated in competition with each other. They cannot divide the territory, and say one refinery shall operate in one section and market its product alone in that section, but the competition must be general.

The problem is one of vast difficulties. First there is a disintegration, then a reorganization. Disintegration must be followed by an abandonment, at least temporarily, of some of the markets until matters can

be readjusted. Possibly there will be an abandonment temporarily of some of the producing territory. The abandonment of parts of the producing territory will cause disaster to those territories, and disasters of that class are never purely local in their effects. The exports of the Standard Oil company amount to about 20,000,000 barrels of 50 gallons each annually. The abandonment of this vast traffic, if only for a few months, would cause a disaster and loss to the country it is hard to estimate.

Wall street and the whole financial world is waiting with dire forebodings for the decision of the court. The stock of the Standard Oil company is now worth \$600,000,000. Let it shrink but one-half and who can tell the result? Suppose the shrinkage should bring it down to par, how many other industries would be forced into liquidation? Who can tell? Well, may it be asked, should the supreme court sustain the decree of the lower court, what then?

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WILL TEST COINS.

Assay Commission is to Meet in Philadelphia.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 3.—Following the old custom inaugurated in 1823, the assay commission which tests and examines coins of the United States will meet in Philadelphia on Wednesday, February 8th, to perform its annual task. The commissioners are required to see that coins made by the four mints of the nation are in due conformity with the standard of fineness and weight.

The coins are selected from the various mints and sent to Philadelphia. The test coins are picked indiscriminately from each delivery of coins that is made to the superintendent of mints by the coiner. One coin is selected from every delivery of 1,000 gold coins, and one out of every 2,000 of silver coins. From the local mint they are sent to the Philadelphia mint, where they are received by the commission. After having been divided into three committees—counting, weighing and assaying—the commission will proceed to count, weigh and assay. Later a report will be formulated and sent to the president, in which the judgment of the commission will be found. It includes the reports of any discrepancies found, and may comprise resolutions expressive of the opinions of the commission upon the conduct of the mints.

VIEW OF MAX AIKIN, M.P.

United States Has Despoiler's Hand on Canada's Throat.

London, Feb. 3.—Max Aikin, M.P., interviewed by the London Daily Express, said though he regarded the trade agreement as a blow at imperial preference, he did not think the mistake was irremediable. "I feel certain," he said, "that Canadians will come to see the real designs of the United States, and how damaging the agreement is to the future development of the dominion. The truth of the matter is that the United States, having wasted her own resources and with her manufacturing population live is now turning to strip Canada, also. President Taft was not fighting for a dear dinner-table alone. He urged on the American millions, anxious to place the grip of the despoiler's hand on Canada's throat, Britain had dallied long but it was not yet too late."

To Preserve Lincoln's Pew.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 3.—St. John's German Lutheran church, in which Abraham Lincoln worshipped and in which he maintained a pew for many years, is to be torn down. During Lincoln's residence in Springfield, the church was known as the First Presbyterian. The pew occupied by Lincoln will be preserved and made a part of the furnishings of the new church which is to replace the old.

The Messes at home is usually made so by his wife.



THE JOLLY "KNITTED" GIRL.

From being a whim of fashion the knitted motor and outing garments have become a veritable craze. Christmas out-of-town parties were notable for the number of knitted woollen togs worn by the participants in skating, coasting, motoring and other out-of-door sports. There are warm full length coats like the one pictured, with coquettish caps and huge muffs to match, and these knitted garments are not at all unwieldy or clumsy, but are smartly shaped and come in beautiful soft colorings like wood brown, fawn, raisin and various soft, subdued reds.

CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

University Theatre Night Most Disorderly on Record.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—It was the annual university theatre night at the Royal Alexandra, last night, and persons who have been present on student theatre nights of late years were emphatic in the assertion that the performance of last night was marked by the greatest amount of disorderly conduct on record.

No sooner had the first line of students entered the gallery than the air of the theatre was filled with applause, with paper ribbons, confetti, beans, darts and the strains of a cow-bell. This lasted during the whole evening. This action was, however, not objected to, so much as the fact that progress of the play itself was interfered with.

The first act was the most difficult for the actors, and the articles above named, including a few lemons, even, poured on the stage. The situation became so intense that Edward Terry, who was playing "The Magistrate," was constrained to protest. He had played before students in many parts of the world, he said, but nowhere had he been confronted with such disorder as here. He besought the students to respect the ladies present.

After Mr. Terry's protest, and after President Falconer had upbraided the students and urged them not to bring dishonor on their university, things quieted down. Hon. J. M. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, whom the occupants of the "gods" cheered and hailed as "Good old Jimmie," mildly the disorder not at all and even went so far as to stand up for the creators of it. He was a student once himself, and declared that he was enjoying the show in the "gods" as much as that on the stage.

Another reprimand from the eloquent tongue of Principal Maurice Hutton had the effect of producing comparatively good order during the latter half of the evening. Among the other occupants of boxes were Mayor Geary,

Prof. Ramsay Wright, and Dean Galbraith.

Britanny Costumes.

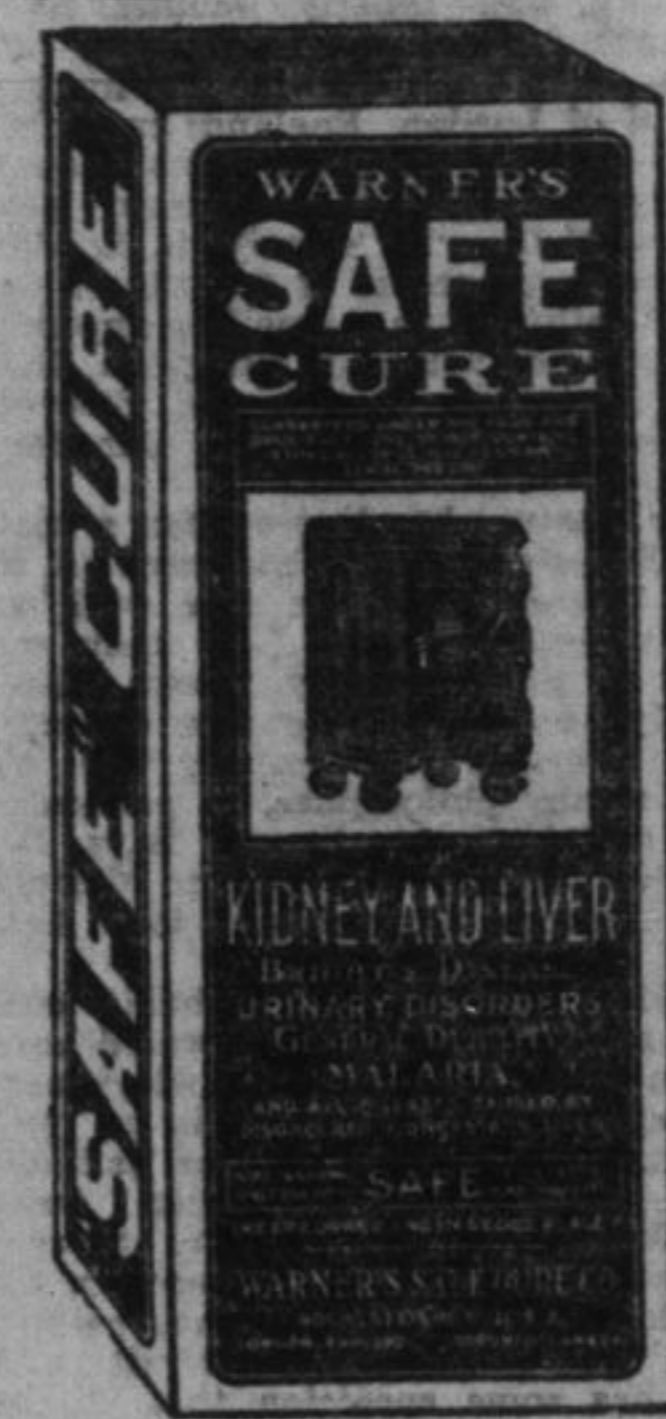
In Brittany, wherever you go, the outstanding characteristics of the peasant women's attire are wooden shoes, skirts of extraordinary amplitude, and aprons and caps for outdoor as well as indoor wear. One, by the way, as the eighteenth century traveller Kalm would inform us, the Canadiennes, of Quebec and Montreal, had the same idea that they were not properly dressed without their caps, and this applied to great ladies as much as to the humble folk. Breton great ladies, however, dress like the rest of French society dames, and it is the peasant costumes which chiefly interest us, showing within the limits of the general features I have mentioned an almost bewildering variety of detail.

In the Coté du Nord, about the somnolent cathedral town of Treguier, along the rocky coast of Ploumanach and in the districts surrounding the fisherman's port of Paimpol, the dresses of the women is as sombre as the legends they learned at their mother's knees, as dull of hue as the clouds that so often overhang their goose-fenced fields, and old-world towns and so frequently down out all life and color from the prospect with sheets of heavy rain. No wonder that the Bretonnes of this region are almost never seen in public without large stout umbrellas, for though their dresses are as austere devoid of ornament as the robes of the nuns, and as substantial in material, the rain of Brittany comes, not in light showers, but in a soaking long-continued downpour. The full-skirted gowns are generally black, the aprons are black also (or occasionally dark blue) and the shoulders are covered with a large shawl or a short round cape of real or imitation lambskin, dyed black.—Emily P. Weaver, in the February Canadian Magazine.

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