INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMIS-SION MAKES REPORT.

Investigators Find Policy of Octopus to Stifle Competition Generally Unfair-Secret Railway Rates Aid Combine-Fake Companies.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The interstate commerce commission sent to engress a report of the investigations made by it under the Tillman-Gillespie mediation concerning the relations of mmen carriers by rail to the producand distribution of oil. The repert covers the distribution of peredoum and its products east of the Mississippi river, and, incidentally, the Kansas and Texas fields. The report points out generally the methods by ich the Standard Oil company "has At we and perpetuated its monop-It is asserted that "the ruin of competitors has been a distinct of the policy of the Standard Oil pany in the past, systematically persistently pursued."

"Ne instance," the report says, "is at where any railway company has interested in oil lands or in peoum production.

The Standard Oil company largely menepolizes the handling of petroleum the mouth of the well until it is to the retailer, and sometimes to be consumer, and under ordinary cirnstances its margin of profit is very

"The evidence shows little basis for e contention that the enormous div-Rends of the Standard Oil company are the legitimate result of its economics. Except for its proe lines, the Standard has but little legitimate advariage over the independent refiner.

"The Standard buys advertising space in many newspapers which it m's with reading matter prepared by agents kept for that purpose and paid Sr at advertising rates, as ordinary nows. The assumption is that this Morature furnishes many of the ideas buching the great benefits conferred pon the public by the Standard Oll

"Possossion of pipe lines enables Standard absolutely to control the price of crude petroleum and the price which its competitors in a given localw shall pay. R can raise the price one locality and obtain its own oil from another and reverse the process selven it desires to do so.

The pipe line system of the Standard the report contends, is not a natral, but rether an artificial advan-It is argued that the reason why long pipe lines competing with home of the Standard have not been i did not turn round. provided is found in obstacles in the of such undertakings, having might of way has generally stood as a night. I can't go back." hinese wall against all attempts to extend pipe lines. Ordinarily, it is said, the Standard has not received ped closer to him. rebatos in recent years, so far as has on discovered, but it has nevertheenjoyed secret rates possessing gR of the elements of illegal rates, and the advantages se obtained over turned round. Independent shippers have been of pery great value to that company."

Standard's methods of competition, clothes." enving:

"The Standard has repeatedly, after becoming the ewner of a competing company, continued to operate it under the old name, carrying the idea to the public that the company was still independent and competing with the Standard. It has used such purchased or independently organized a man's career, companies to kill off competitors by operation of such fake independent this, though scarcely with any degree concerns has been one of its most ef- of consciousness, for he was no accom-Active means of destroying compe-plished self analyst. But in a wave of Stion. The Standard has habitually feeling too vigorous to be denied he reduced the price against its compet-recognized his regained foothold-the tior in a particular locality, while step that lifted him at once from the maintaining its prices at other places. pit to the pinnacle. When competition was destroyed it In that moment of realization he lookadvanced or restored former prices, ed neither backward nor forward. The The Standard has sold different grades present was all sufficing. Difficulties of oil at different prices from the same might born shead, but difficulties had barrel. It has paid employes of inde- but one object—the testing and sharppendent oil companies for information loning of a men's strength. In the first as to the business of those compets deep surge of egotistical feeling he aliters and has paid employes of ladus- most reloiced in Chileote's weakness. trial companies to secure the adoption. The more Chilcote tangled the threads of its oil in preference to that of its of his life the stronger must be the competitors. It has followed every fingers that unraveled them. He was barrel of independent oil to destina- possessed by a great impatience. The tion, such information being obtained joy of action was stirring in his blood. from vallroad employes. Its agents | Leaving the cab, he walked confidentare instructed to secure customers at ly to the door of Chileote's house and any sacrifice. It has tampered with inserted the latchkey. Even in this the oil inspectors in different states." small net there was a grain of Indi-

Carlyle.

Thomas Carlyle, 'the sage of Chel As he entered, a footman was arsea," died without winning much per-ranging the fire that burned in the big sonal popularity, a fact, however, grate. Seeing the man, by haited, which is forgotten in admiration of his genius. Carlyle exerted a greater in in unconscious repetition of his first fluence on British literature during the question in the same house, ters .- London Standard.

Masquerader

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"Why?" Chilcote repeated. "Oh, the than strength. "I'm-I'm sorry to come down on you like this, but it's the social side that bowls me over. It's the social side I can't stick."

"The social side? But I thought"-"Don't think. I never think; it enciples and theories. We did arrange for business only, but one can't set up where nowadays, into business most of all. I don't want you for theater parties or dinners. But a big reception man has to be seen at these things. He

Loder raised his head. "You must ture of the room had inspired. explain," he said abruptly.

Chilcote started slightly at the sudden demand.

"I-I suppose I'm rather irrelevant." he said quickly. "Fact is, there's a reseption at the Bramfells' tonight. You know Blanche Bramfell-Viscountess Bramfell, sister to Idlian Astropp." His words conveyed nothing to Loder, but he did not consider that. All exinvariably chafed to be done with

"And you've get to put in an appearance-for party ressons?" Loder broke

Chilcote showed relief. "Yes. Old Fraide makes rather a point of it-so carelessly; then, as if their sound recalled something, his expression chang-A touch of satirical amusement touched his lips and he laughed.

"By the way, Loder," he said, "my wife was actually telerant of me for nine or ten days after my return. 1 thought your representation was to be quite impersonal? I'm not jealous." he laughed. "I'm not jealous, I assure you, but the burned child shouldn't self I treat you-well, I treat you degrew absentminded."

At his tone and his laugh Loder's blood stirred. With a sudden, unex- thrill of risk and of rulership passed pected impulse his hand tightened on through him as he spoke. "Look at me the banister, and, looking up, he caught now! Do I look as I looked this mornsight of the face above him-his own ing-or yesterday?" face it seemed, alighted with mulicious interest. At the sight a strange sensation seized him, his grip on the banister loosened, and, pushing past Chilcote, he hurriedly mounted the stairs.

Outside his own door the other overtook him

"Loder!" he said. "Loder! I meant no harm. A man must have a laugh sometimes.

But Loder was facing the door and A sudden fear shook Chilcote. "Lo-

der!" he exclaimed again, "You would been opposed by the railroads, whose not desert me? I can't go back to-Still Loder remained immovable.

Alarmed by his silence, Chilcote step-

me?" He caught hastily at his arm. With a quick repulsion Loder shook him off, then almost as quickly he

"What fools we all are!" he said abruptly. "We only differ in degree. The report soverely arraigns the Come in and let us change our

CHAPTER XIII.

THE best moments of a man's life are the moments when, strong in himself, he feels that the world lies before him. Gratified ambition may be the summer, but anticipation is the ardent springtime of

As Loder drove that night from Fleet companies reducing prices. The street to Grosvenor square he realized

vidual surboaction. Then very quietly he opened the door and cross at the hall.

"Where is your mistress?" he asked

middle of the nineteenth century and The man looked up. "She has just on the religious and political beliefs finished dinner, sir. She dined alone in of his time than possibly any other her own room." He glanced at Loder British writer. He never wrote a line in the quick, uncertain way that was that he did not believe, and in regard noticeable in all the servants of the to style he certainly had no superior. household when they addressed their Prom the position of schoolmaster in master. Loder saw the look and wonan obscure village this great Scotsman dered what depth of curlosity it berose to be a leader in the world of let- trayed, how much of insight into the domestic life that he must always be

content to skim. For an instant the old resentment against Chilcote tinged his exaltation, but he swept it angrily aside. Without further remark he began to mount the stairs.

Gaining the landing, he did not turn. prehistoric tale-weakness stronger as usual, to the door that shut off Chilcote's rooms, but moved onward down the corridor toward Eve's private sitting r m. He moved slowly till the door was reached. Then he paused and lifted his hand. There was a moment's wait while his fingers rested on the tails such a constant upsetting of prin- handle; then, a sensation he could not explain, a reticence, a reluctance to intrude upon this one precinct, caused barriers. Society pushes itself every- his fingers to relax. With a slightly embarrassed gesture he drew back slowly and retraced his steps.

Once in Chilcote's bedroom, he walkwith a political flavor is different. A ed to the nearest bell and pressed it. Renwick responded, and at sight of needn't say anything or do anything, him Loder's feelings warmed with the but it's bad form if he fails to show same sense of fitness and familiarity that the great bed and somber furni-

But the man did not come forward as he had expected. He remained close to the door with a hesitation that was unusual in a trained servant. It struck Loder that possibly his stelldity had examperated Chilcote and that possibly Chilcote had been at no pains to conceal the exasperation. The idea caused him to smile involuntarily.

"Osme into the room, Renwick," be planations were immome to him and he said. "It's uncomfortable to see yeu standing there. I want to know if Mrs. Chilcote has sent me any message about tonight."

Renwick studied him furtively as he came forward. "Yes, sir," he said. "Mrs. Chilcote's maid said that the carriage was ordered for 10:15, and she does Eve." He said the last words hoped that would suit you." He spoke reluctantly, as if expecting a rebuke.

> At the opening sentence Loder had turned aside, but now, as the man finished, he wheeled round again and looked at him closely with his keen, observant eyes.

"Look here," he said. "I can't have you speak to me like that. I may come down on you rather sharply when mymy nerves are bad, but when I'm mycently at any rate. You'll have to learn to discriminate. Look at me new?" A

The man eyed him half stupidly, half timidly.

"Well?" Loder insisted. "Well, sir," Renwick responded, with some slowness, "you look the same and

you look different-a healthier color, perhaps, sir, and the eye clearer." He grew more confident under Loder's half humorous, half insistent gaze. "Now that I look closer, sir"- * Loder laughed. "That's it!" he said.

"Now that you look closer, You'll have to grow observant. Observation is an excellent quality in a servant. When you come into a room in future, look first of all to me and take you cue from that. Remember that serving a man with nerves is like serving two masters. Now you can go, and tell "Loder! Loder, you won't desert Mrs. Chilcote's maid that I shall be quite ready at a quarter past 10." "Yes, sir. And after that?"

"Nothing further. I shan't want you again tonight." He turned away as he spoke and moved toward the great fire that was always kept alight in Chilcote's room. But as the man moved toward the door he wheeled back again. "Oh, one thing more, Renwick! Bring me some saudwiches and a whisky." He remembered for the first time that he had eaten nothing stuce early afternoon.

A few minutes after 10 Loder left Chilcote's room, resolutely descended the stairs and took up his position in the hall. Resolution is a strong word to apply to such a proceeding, but something in his bearing, in the attitude of his shoulders and head, instinctively suggested it.

Five or six minutes passed, but he waited without impatience. Then at last the sound of a carriage stopping before the house caused him to lift his INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN head, and at the same instant Eve appeared at the head of the staircase.

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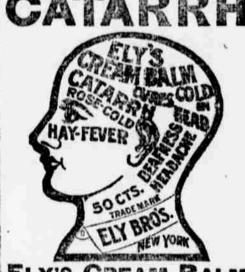
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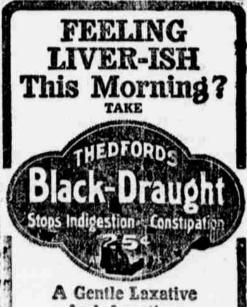
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