

A MARVEL IN FINANCE.

Colossal Profits of a New York Banking House.

RICH RETURNS FOR THE PARTNERS

Private Firm Cleared \$17,000,000 Last Year Beyond Gain as a United States Steel Underwriter.

On one of the newspapers that are left intermittently during the day at almost all of the offices of bankers and brokers in New York there appeared the other afternoon a paragraph substantially as follows, written Holland, the regular correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, under the date of Jan. 23: "It is the understanding that one New York banking house earned during the year 1901 profits aggregating \$17,000,000 exclusive of the profit that may come to this banking house as a member of the United States Steel Financial Underwriting syndicate."

This little paragraph is an echo of a report which is quite generally believed to be accurate and which has been in circulation in the Wall street district for some ten days or two weeks. The only difference between the unprinted rumor and the brief news paragraph circulated the other day is that the report that circulated from mouth to mouth was more definite as to figures and as to the identity of the banking house which compassed this unparalleled achievement.

The earlier report put the figure representing the profits at \$17,000,000 and mentioned the name of the banking house which had experienced this unparalleled good fortune. The printed slip did no more than to hint at the partnership name of this banking company. Yet every one associated the report with the pre-eminently active and organizing banking institution in New York city, whose chief and junior partners have had conspicuous part in various organizations and reorganizations in the past ten or twelve years.

The exclusion of the earnings of the United States Steel Underwriting syndicate from this estimate is probably due to the fact that, while this syndicate has been practically liquidated, the pool disbanded and probably a larger part if not all of the profits have been received, nevertheless the syndicate has not been formally disbanded and its affairs permanently closed.

Of course, the report has been the main subject of discussion and of comparison with other great achievements in the way of rich earnings all through the financial district. It is said that these figures represent a reasonable income upon a capitalization of \$300,000,000, so that, looking at the matter from this point of view, this banking institution stands relatively second to the United States Steel corporation itself, at least so far as capitalization is concerned, if the partnership were to be capitalized upon the basis of 6 per cent return.

The report asserts that of these colossal earnings the senior partner received 75 per cent, one of his associates one-seventeenth, or in round numbers \$1,000,000, and among the other associates or junior partners \$3,000,000 is to be divided, making for each of them in the neighborhood of \$500,000 as their return for the year's business.

JOCKO USED TOOTHBRUSH.

How Animal Knew of Purpose of Article Partially Explained.

In a spirit of abandon David C. Walker, custodian of Lord's park, in Elgin, Ill., threw an old toothbrush into the monkey cage at the park the other afternoon. His astonishment became amazement when on visiting the monkey cage he discovered the entire family of monkeys gathered around Jocko, the largest monkey in the cage, who was in the act of vigorously applying the almost hairless brush to his irregular teeth and red gums to the amusement of the entire monkey population, who chattered and gesticulated in a wild manner as Walker approached.

Custodian Walker said that the aspect of the monkey brushing its teeth was the most remarkable that has ever been brought to his notice in his long service as animal keeper and custodian of the park. He is at a loss to account for the monkey's apparent knowledge of the usage to which a brush of this kind is ordinarily put, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, but offers the suggestion that the little animal might have witnessed an operation in which a toothbrush is used on one of his visits to the home of the custodians at the park.

A Warning to His Friends.

We wish to bring to the notice of the friends of A. L. Gilliam that his physician has cautioned him against any sudden starts or jerks, says the Axcell (Kan.) Anchor. It has been the custom many times when greeting the old gentleman to take advantage of his extreme ticklishness. The surgeons say that a man of his nature, after undergoing such a critical surgical operation, would be liable to be badly injured by a sudden start. Therefore his friends should not greet him in the old way by poking their fingers in his ribs.

Fast Pacer For a Song.

The pacer Ben-Hur, with a record of 2:30, was won in a raffle the other night on an investment of 59 cents, says the New York Times. The lucky man is William Fraser, who is an express hauler on the Long Island railroad at Jamaica, N. Y. Charles W. Smith, the soap manufacturer, put up the horse at a raffle, the chances of a senate or "lase majesty" will be in-

A Spring, 1902, Opening With Clearing Sale Prices Attached

For your personal gain and advantage you ought to get acquainted with the Armstrong Clothing Company. Do so in person if you live near enough to the store. Do so through our excellent Mail Order Department if you live at a distance. This big Clothing House is growing bigger every day. It has started the 1902 Spring and Summer season with the finest assortment of new and beautiful styles ever assembled in the west. There is nothing that is popular and correct that cannot be found here. The prices are miracles of economy. It simply amounts to giving you the benefit of one immense tailoring establishment of the highest grade with the advantage of prices that other dealers ask for shoddy goods. We assert and stake the reputation of the house on the assertion that you will save more money and receive more satisfaction by trading here than at any other clothing store.



Advance Showing of Spring Suit Styles

There is a wonderful display of New Spring and Summer Suits here. Everything that is popular and desirably fashionable in finish and durable in wear can be found in this immense stock. In Blacks and Whites, Green and the Olive Browns, we have a showing of very handsome garments, and if you get one of those you'll know you are dressed correctly.

Peerless Prices Prevail

- \$7 50 and \$8 00 Values in the new styles of Men's Suits go here at the uniform price of \$5 00
\$10 00 and \$12 50 Values; Men's All-wool Suits, a noble showing of splendid styles. \$7 50
\$15 00 Values: The other fellow could scarcely be forced to part with this superb line for less than \$15.00. We sell them at \$10 00
\$18 00 and \$20 00 Values. These strong values are destined to have a tremendous sale. Don't buy until you see them \$12 50
\$20 00 and \$25 00 Values. No matter what you demand in style there is no need to go beyond this wonderful line for comfort or satisfaction. We sell them at \$15 00

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Will be open to the public very soon after this announcement reaches the readers. It is a wonderful enterprise, splendidly conceived and thoroughly carried out. Everything possible to make trading attractive for lady shoppers has been done here. Our showing of Boys' and Children's Clothing is immense and pretty in every detail. Some special inducements for the ladies. Many conveniences arranged for their comfort. Come and see these beautiful apartments. Second floor; electric elevator.

Boys' Knee Pant Bargains.

- \$2 50 Values: Absolutely new and choice goods, built for sturdy boys. Our figure \$1 48
\$3 00 Values: New patterns and styles and durable fabrics. A very choice line. Our figure \$1 98
\$3 50 and \$4 00 Values: An especially good bargain at these regular prices. Our figure \$2 50
\$4 00 and \$4 50 Values: Something very choice. Many fine novelties here. Our figure \$2 98
\$5 00 and \$6 00 Values: Very fashionable and stylish; very strong and durable. Our figure \$3 50



Men's Odd Pants



We buy more odd pants and sell more odd pants than any other house in this western country. The advantage to you as a customer is obvious. In this great assortment you can always find the right cloth and a perfect fit. The saving to you in dollars and cents is most important.

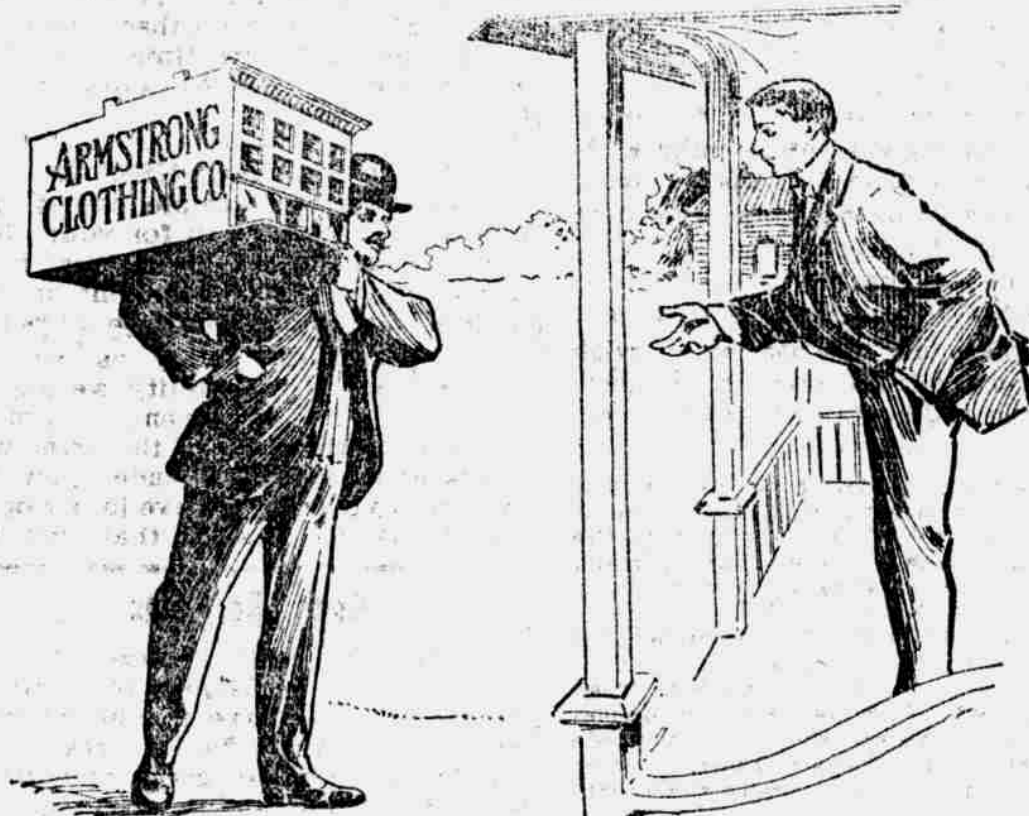
- A new style trouser, new pattern, worth \$3.00, sizes 31 to 46, our price \$1 98
A strictly pure wool cassimere trouser, worth \$3.50, sizes 31 to 46. \$2 50
A handsome all worsted trouser, \$4.00 value, sizes 31 to 46. \$2 98
A \$5.00 dress trouser, sizes 31 to 50. \$3 50
A full \$6.00 value trouser, sizes 31 to 46, our figure. \$3 95

Men's Work Clothes



- A big bargain, Corduroy pants at \$2.50, sizes 31 to 42, we sell for \$1 49
Men's apron or plain overalls. 39c
Pants overalls. 75c
Men's best quality black eye twill work shirts, our price. 39c

A Clothing Store on Your Center Table



All the comforts of shopping are yours without one single discomfort. Before us, as we write, an advance copy of Armstrong's Spring and Summer 1902 Catalog. It is our original and altogether the most attractive and unique thing of its kind ever issued. You'll get something worth examining when you get this splendidly illustrated and most complete production. The catalog is a book of 48 pages and handsomer cover, the designs and engravings being made expressly for the work. It is filled with samples of goods, not alone of Suits, but of work clothes and shirtings as well. It simply amounts to bringing an immense clothing house and all its resources right into your home. You run no risk. We guarantee satisfaction.

A PENNY POSTAL CARD GETS THIS SUPERB CATALOG. With one reservation: Write as soon as you get this for the large edition is being speedily exhausted.

A Furnishing Department

Beyond Criticism.

We almost wish the entire space of this advertisement had been given to a description of the elegance and newness of styles in this department. As Easter approaches the Furnishings show the most fascinating beauty. We have new things in Shirts, in Neckwear, in Hosiery, in Sweaters, in everything we sell. You ought to see this display.



In Neckwear.

There are some grand new novelties. A great line of Bokhara silks and the absolutely new Double Grenadines. Stock scarfs in great variety. Everything that you like to wear. Neckwear prices range from 25c to \$2.00. The values are much more.

Men's Negligee Shirts.

- Men's soft white negligee shirts, pretty patterns \$1 00
Men's Madras negligee shirts, narrow or wide stripes of oxford, blue, gray or black \$1 00
Men's colored negligee shirts, detached collars and cuffs. 75c
Men's Percale negligee shirts, attached collars and cuffs. 50c

New Things in Men's, Boys' and Ladies' Sweaters.

- Men's cotton Sweaters, black, blue and corded. 50c
Boys' cotton Sweaters, plain colors. 39c
Ladies' form-fitting Sweaters, blue, red and white, up from \$1 50
A wide range of other values.

Everything New and Stylish in Men's Spring Hats

Everything new made for Men's wear that looks well on a man's head, we have for sale. A complete line of the celebrated John B. Stetson hat. You can get one of his \$5.00 Models for \$3.50 here. The new styles in both stiff and soft hats. You can get a splendid style for \$1.00 and from that up to \$5.00. See the assortment.

Boys' Hats

- Boys' Panatons styles in black, brown and pearl shades, something swell \$1 00
Boys' Fedora shapes in gray, brown and black. \$1 00
Boys' Golf hats in black, blue, brown and pearl, very stylish. 75c
Boys' Soft Crush hats in black, brown and gray. 50c
Boys' R. R. Wool hats, square crown, flat brim, black and brown shades. 50c

Spring Top Coats and Cravenettes

If you are looking for something extremely dressy and stylish examine our New Spring Top Coats. If you are looking for something fashionable, dressy and serviceable, something good for storms as well as the cool of the evening, look over our superb line of new Cravenettes.

Spring Top Coats, From \$7.50 = Up =



Stylish and Serviceable Cravenettes, 12.50 Up

- Men's Rockford Sox a pair. 5c
Men's Black Sox, a pair. 5c
Men's Tan Sox, a pair. 5c
Men's Solid Red Sox, a pair. 7c
Men's Solid Blue Sox, a pair. 7c
Men's Black Hose, a pair. 8c
Men's Tan Hose, a pair. 8c
Men's Blue Hose, a pair. 8c
Men's Black, Tan and Fancy Hose, a pair. 12c
Men's Fancy Hose, a pair. 17c
Men's Shawknit Hose, in Black, Black and White, and Tan, a pair. 25c
Boys' Long Hose, Black Ribbed, a pair. 5c
Boys' Long Hose, good weight. 8c
Boys' Long Hose, special quality. 12c
Boys' Long Hose, extra value. 19c
Boys' Best Quality Long Hose. 25c

Fine Hosiery at Fire Sale Prices

- Men's Work Gloves
Men's Heavy Skin Gloves. 19c
Men's Real Mule Skin Gloves. 19c
Men's Heavy Napa Tan Gauntlet Gloves. 25c
Men's Calf Skin Gloves. 25c
Men's American Hog Skin Glove. 50c
Men's Oak Tan Calf Skin Gloves. 50c
Handkerchiefs
Turkey Red Handkerchiefs. 1c
Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs. 2c
Largest Size Turkey Red Handkerchiefs. 5c
Japonette Handkerchiefs. 5c
White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. 10c
Extra Quality Pure Linen handkerchiefs, 4, 4 and 4 width hem, 3 for 50c, each. 20c

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