

Today

Minus Signs But—
Pity the Children.
Employers and Workers.
Rockefeller and Ford.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

"Stocks irregular in quiet trading." That's the stock exchange way of saying that things look dubious—telling the truth, without frightening the lambs too violently.

Little minus signs appear after the various steel stock quotations. Some wise men think that something is wrong. Steel is a barometer.

Heed, don't gamble.

But not everything in high finance is gloomy. Standard Oil of New Jersey shows, for last year, a surplus of over \$46,000,000, after paying expenses, depreciation, taxes, everything, and S. O. of N. J. is only one Standard Oil baby. It has little brother and sister S. O. babies in many states—and they are all well, thank you, very much, indeed.

Pity poor children in brutal or ignorant hands. Only the recording angel knows their sorrow.

Raymond Baker, 10, was broken-hearted when his mother ran off with a strange man, leaving him and his father alone. His schoolmates, with the cruelty of little savages, taunted and teased him about his mother. Shame drove him from school. His father punished him, "for his own good," for truancy. The child killed himself, then, with his father's short-barreled rifle, also for his own good.

That's one true story. Here's another, in the same day's news. Dominick Gianetto, 12, came home late. His father promised him a whipping, but postponed it until next morning. In the morning he was busy and deferred the beating again, meanwhile chaining his son to a kitchen chair to make sure he would not run away.

After five hours, police, called by a neighbor, found the child, so firmly bound by the heavy chain twisted around his waist and legs that they had to carry him, chair and all, to the police station. When the father came with his key to unlock the padlocked chain, he explained, casually, that the boy would not mind him.

Imagine that child's agony of mind, all night, in terror and then for hours in chains, waiting for his own father to come and beat him.

And there are states that legalize beatings by school teachers, a collective crime unworthy of cannibals. No wonder that a human race vile enough to beat feeble children should be constantly at war.

The Manufacturers' association is told America will turn bolshevik unless the open shop is established and unions suppressed. Do the gentlemen understand that powerful unions and high wages destroyed the old Russian government or did the czar fall because workers and peasants were dissatisfied? To keep workmen contented, let them at least organize, as their employers organize.

"The hand of sympathy, encouragement and love" is what the workers need, not selfish unions, according to the manufacturers' president. If that is true, the workers don't know it. They think they want good wages, short hours, regular work and independence.

Offer any manufacturer "sympathy, encouragement and love" instead of profit on a contract and hear what he'll say.

No government ownership, say the manufacturers. "Government should refrain from competition with its own citizens in any form of business which they can successfully undertake."

What about railroads? Tracks were blocked with loaded coal cars last winter while citizens lacked coal because the roads could not haul it. Is that "successful?"

Henry Ford asked: "What are you going to do with your money when you die?" Replies: "Just what I am doing with it now—keep it at work, producing what people need and paying workers well. I don't believe in giving things to men, but in making men able to get things for themselves."

John D. Rockefeller expresses the same idea in connection with the Rockefeller fight against disease. Rockefeller, jr., says: "My father is not so much interested in curing individual cases of illness as in making such cases impossible. To make people well by destroying disease, is my father's idea."

The Rockefellerers are now carrying on a campaign to wipe the yellow fever germ off the face of the earth, sending it to the extinct dodo. It can be done, and that would be better than curing a million individual yellow fever cases.

Dr. Webster, a scientist of great ability and value, kills himself "because I am a failure as a physician and my life has been a failure." How many would survive if all failures killed themselves? How many would go unwhipped if all that deserved it got a beating? The world's success and progress are made up of partial failures. And the ablest men have most under-rated themselves. Newton, one of earth's five greatest men, compared himself to a man picking up a pebble on shore of the ocean of knowledge with all the rest unexplored by him.

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Matters Sentenced 3d Time in U. S. Court



Thomas H. Matters heard a jury in federal court pronounce him guilty for the third time, and for the third time underwent sentence. About seven years ago he was tried for abetting the violation of the national banking laws which led to wrecking of a bank in Sutton. Frank Howell was United States attorney then. Matters was found guilty and was sentenced to the federal prison in Leavenworth for six years.

The circuit court to which he appealed sent the case back for a new trial and again Mr. Matters was found guilty and was sentenced to prison for years. Various stays of execution were granted, but finally in 1921 he went to prison. Forty-two days later he was pardoned by the president.

The present sentence of five years and a fine of \$10,000 will also be appealed. His attorneys are confident that it will be reversed because, they say, the three-year statute of limitations had run before prosecution was started against him.

Throughout his prosecutions Mr. Matters has stoutly maintained that he is a sorely persecuted man, who has done no wrong and is only a victim of public prejudice. His wife, three daughters and son have stood by him most faithfully through all the court actions.

Though he is popularly believed to have large wealth, his daughter testified in this case that the only reason he sold out his interests in the Colonial concern for \$250,000 was that he was so poor that his whole family had given up its property for him.

Yesterday one of his attorneys pleaded for him on the ground of his "impecuniosity."

Webster Urges Return to Old-Fashioned Fourth

Outlining the purpose of the patriotic historic pageant to be given by Ak-Sar-Ben this fall, John Lee Webster, who originated the idea, in addressing the Concord club yesterday noon, urged a return to the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebrations.

"The purpose of the pageant is to bring back to the memory of the people the ideals that were in the minds of the creators and founders of our government," he said.

"We should get back to the old Fourth of July celebrations when, in the spirit of Rufus Choate, we talked of the patriotic spirit that planted the colonies and pointed the bayonets of all their battles."

Col. T. W. McCullough was chairman of the meeting, which was held at Hotel Fontenelle.

Man Appeals 60-Day Term; Judge Makes It 270 Days

Bad luck trailed Tom Van from municipal court into district court, when he appealed a 60-day sentence on a charge of disorderly conduct.

District Judge Day today sentenced him to 90 days in jail for vagrancy, 90 days for immorality and 90 days for disorderly conduct. The sentences will not run concurrently. Van will be out in 270 days.

Nebraska Shoemaker Stabbed by Boy, 12

Basett, Neb., May 17.—John Couzineau, 37, village shoemaker, is near death today as a result of being stabbed with a jackknife by Eli Neemer, 12, following an argument over the boy's shoes.

Waiting limousine.

Fraud Trial Jury Shatters Court Record



This jury returned a verdict Wednesday finding 12 men guilty in the Colonial Lumber and Coal corporation mail fraud case on a total of 85 counts. It broke all records in the local division of the United States court. It sat in judgment eight weeks and three days, twice as long as any other jury. It found more men guilty than any other jury. The 12 men have been on the jury panel since last September.

They are as follows: Front row, left to right—C. N. Harding, 2552 Harney street, cashier in restaurant; M. Salak, Schuyler, restaurant owner; Claus Saas, Elkhorn, farmer; August Groves, Columbus, retired; E. S. Longfellow, 2524 Farnam street, tire shop owner; Albert Brinker, Tekamah, retired farmer.

Back row, left to right—E. A. Williams, South Sioux City, retired farmer; Oscar Oleson, Genoa, retired farmer; Frank Fish, Papillion, laborer; G. H. Busse, Decatur, real estate; A. A. Lammers, Hartington, pumps and windmills; H. A. Hanson, Elkhorn, retired butcher.

Masterly Handling of Case Arouses Comment



Much comment was heard on the masterly manner in which Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough presided over the Colonial Lumber & Coal corporation mail fraud case.

With a dozen big legal lights on one side of the case and the legal talent of the government on the other; with every minute full of possible trouble, he maintained a smooth-running trail throughout its eight weeks and summed up the case in four hours of instructions to the jury in a manner which surprised his auditors because of his astonishing memory of all details of the case.

Legal Talent Array Present in Colonial Firm Fraud Case Trial Breaks Record Here

Never before has such an array of legal talent been gathered daily in the United States tribunal here as during the Colonial trial.

At the beginning of the trial no less than 29 attorneys were present to guard the defendants' interests. Several of the defendants were released and the number of attorneys was reduced correspondingly. But all through the trial there never were less than 12 defense attorneys, and these included the best of the bar.

These were Ed P. Smith, W. F. Gurley, Abel V. Shotwell, Halleck Rose, A. W. Jeffers, H. B. Fleharty, W. L. Baughn, David Fitch, of Omaha; E. J. Burkett, E. B. Perry, and Arthur W. Richardson, of Lincoln, and E. E. Squires of Broken Bow.

On the government side were United States Attorney J. C. Kinsler and Special Assistant W. C. Dorsey.

Government's Expense in Trial Set at \$30,000; Defense Hard Hit

The great trial didn't cost the government more than \$30,000 at the most, according to United States Attorney Kinsler.

When the expense of the months of preliminary investigation is taken into account, however, it might foot up to more than this figure.

The government brought 47 witnesses from West Virginia. Their total mileage cost was \$4,935. They received \$15.50 a day, as did the other 44 government witnesses during the time they were occupied testifying or waiting to testify. Two expert witnesses from West Virginia were paid \$100 a day.

\$2,160 for Jury.

Expert accountants and investigators were employed for months before the trial in accumulating the loads of evidence.

The 12 jurors received \$3 a day, which totals about \$2,160 for the 12 for the eight and a half weeks. The heavy expenses fell on the defendants.

It is likely that the fees of the attorneys averaged \$5,000 each, which would be \$60,000 for the 12 attorneys who went all through the case. In fact, it is said two of the attorneys received \$15,000 each.

Then the defense had also witness fees, court costs and many other expenses.

The vast record of the case to be written up by the official reporter, Charles Pearson, will cost thousands of dollars. This is necessary for appeal to the higher court. Pearson received \$15 per day paid by the defense. All transcripts of testimony cost extra.

Norfolk Banker Dies

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Norfolk, Neb., May 17.—Ernest Zutz, pioneer Nebraskan and vice-president of the Norfolk National bank of which institution he has been continuously employed since 1888, died here.

Convicted Man Says He Had "Good Intent"



Ralph E. Sunderland was in the coal and building supply business with his brothers here until shortly before he joined the Colonial adventure. He married a southern woman in Charleston.

She did not miss a single session of the eight weeks' trial. Every day she was in the same place listening to the long testimony. When Sunderland

WOOD DRY OAK For Fireplace

Updike Lumber & Coal Co.

land was called for sentence Wednesday he rose and said:

"I never had an unclean financial transaction in my life and no man can tell me I had not good faith and intent in the Colonial deal."

But Judge Woodrough replied just before pronouncing sentence: "Your attitude seems wrong. As I see it from evidence, this was a scheme and plot to get your share of \$1,000,000 for nothing, to get it regardless of whether the title to the lands was good or not."

Platte County Woman Ends Own Life With Shotgun

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Columbus, Neb., May 17.—Mrs. William Lange, 39, wife of a wealthy Platte county farmer, committed suicide at her home. Going to the woodlot at the rear of the house, she placed the barrel of the shotgun against her heart. Leaning over the weapon as it stood on the ground, she pressed the trigger with a forked stick.

Married 14 years, she is survived by a husband and five children. The youngest, Mildred, is 2-year-old. No reason for the act is known.

Moses Sees Hard Fight in 8 States

Washington, May 17.—Republican senatorial candidates will have "a hard fight" in 1924 in eight states now represented by republican senators, in the opinion of Senator Moses of New Hampshire, chairman of the republican campaign committee, as expressed yesterday after a preliminary survey of present political tendencies.

Besides, the senator adds, the democrats are certain to retain at least 19 of the 14 democratic senate memberships for which elections will be held next year, so that on the whole the republican committee "is not at all comfortable over the outlook."

There is some doubt as to whether they will elect the successor of Senator Stanley in Kentucky and Senator Owen in Oklahoma. My hope of republican success in those states is not as great as it is for success in Massachusetts and Montana, where senators are to be elected to fill the seats now occupied by the two Walshs, but it will be no easy fight to beat either of these.

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