

Today

Gold, Gold, Gold, Gold. The Scientists Work on To Run a Newspaper. Mr. Rockefeller Educates Us. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Gold! Gold! Gold! Gold! Bright and yellow, hard and cold. Spurned by the young; But hugged by the old! To the very verge of the church yard mould.

Hood wrote that in the last century. It's still true. More than ten million dollars in solid gold have been drawn from one bank for Christmas stockings. On paper money, with yellow back you read "In gold coin." But that isn't the same as the gold itself. Gold is easily lost, a foolish kind of money, but the average man with a \$20 gold piece hesitates to change it. No other money seems quite like it.

While we all talk politics, crime, money, theaters, fashion, the scientists keep working—and their work is what counts. Dr. Christie of Johns Hopkins university, shows that coal ground to a powder, two thousandth of an inch in diameter, at a cost of less than 50 cents a ton, will do with one ton the work

of two tons of coal. That's fact, not fancy. This writer, for one, will proceed to put in furnaces with grates to handle such coal.

In Germany, whence comes much of scientific progress, Professor Pfeiler has worked out what is believed to be a cure for the "foot and mouth" disease. A year from now nobody will know the name of this man who will have added thousands of millions to the world's wealth.

In Paris five different newspapers have, each, a circulation of 1,000,000 or more. Three of the five have much more than 1,000,000. Here no daily newspaper has 1,000,000 except one in New York.

New York has a bigger population than Paris.

The explanation is simple. Frenchmen feel that the real newspaper is a Paris newspaper. The American, wiser, feels that the real newspaper is the paper of his own city. Paris newspapers circulate all over France. American newspapers circulate as they should in their own neighborhood. That is good for America.

Mrs. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, establishes a fund to build homes for the poor at cost.

Mrs. Russell Sage endeavored with her money, to do something for people of small means in the way of real estate. It turned out to be about the usual intelligent real estate speculation.

John D. Rockefeller is not inter-

ested in curing individual cases of poverty or disease. His idea is to fight disease and make it impossible.

Very likely he would think it a preposterous suggestion but eventually poverty, as well as disease, will be made impossible. And strangely enough Mr. Rockefeller, with his accumulation of wealth will have done more than any man thus far to show how poverty can be made impossible.

He has proved that competition is wasteful and unnecessary. He has shown that organization can run an entire industry.

The people will learn the lesson, and they, the people, will be the "organization" that will own things. And since there is more than enough for all, poverty will cease.

But that's a long way off. People are not fit for it yet. There could be no greater calamity than ridding imperfect human beings of the only lash that drives them to useful work—necessity—poverty.

The French, it is said, will endeavor at once to establish an understanding and complete relations with Russia in order to get in ahead of the British. Our great statesmen in Washington are seeing bolshevik bears, goblins and wolves on the stairs as they hurry up to bed, and they won't have anything to do with naughty Russia.

"Mamma told them not to." William J. Bryan said Ford's endorsement won't help Coolidge.

Would Mr. Ford's endorsement have helped William J. Bryan, or his presidential candidate? It would, and will help Mr. Coolidge. It will help him so much that at this moment the chance for anybody else to be president is not what it was.

Mr. Bryan suggests that Ford has joined the rich men that don't want heavy taxes. One rich man that cares little or nothing about taxes is Henry Ford. Money to him is a game, or rather part of his serious business of production. He is no more interested in money than a ship owner is interested in the ocean, except as it carries his ships.

Christmas Greetings Pour in to Pope

Rome, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings from all over the world are reaching Pope Pius in a steady stream, those from America being especially numerous. There was preliminary observation with the vatican today. The gardeners of the vatican presented the pontiff with a tribute of flowers and fruit. Later all the members of the sacred college were received and tendered their good wishes, the dean of the college, Cardinal Vannutelli, delivering an appropriate address. Pope Pius responded with impromptu remarks, ending by extending the Christmas hope that God might be glorified and peace and good will prevail on earth.

Ex-Wife Given Apartment in Settlement

Dr. Elmer R. Porter Deeds Exclusive St. Regis, Valued at \$500,000, to Former Mate.

What is said to be the largest property settlement ever made in district court was revealed here Monday when Dr. Elmer R. Porter obtained a divorce from his wife, Mary C. Porter, in District Judge Day's court. In addition to some money, Dr. Porter gave Mrs. Porter the large St. Regis apartment building, valued at more than \$500,000.

Mrs. Porter did not appear in court. Her attorney, Charles B. Morearty, represented her.

During the trial it was learned that Attorney Morearty is engaged to wed Miss Helen Porter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Porter. Miss Helen recently attained fame by taking charge of and operating the exclusive St. Regis apartment building. She will continue to operate it, it was learned, for her mother.

Admits Engagement "Yes, Helen and I are engaged," admitted the young attorney. "I have done everything to aid the family in their efforts to prevent this divorce. I once asked Dr. Porter to go to dinner with me, so that I could try to argue him into going home and forgetting the trouble."

"Mrs. Porter was against the idea of the divorce to the end. We finally persuaded her that it was the only way. She didn't want any of his property or money, but I insisted for her sake and the sake of the children that Dr. Porter make a suitable settlement."

So strong was Mrs. Porter's antipathy toward the divorce that she was not informed the hearing was to take place yesterday, and not until the decree was signed did her attorney and future son-in-law tell her it had been held.

The Porters were married on June 6, 1900. There are five children: Helen, 22; Elmer, 21; Catherine, 18; John, 16; and Richard, 8.

Estranged Years Ago. Dr. Porter testified that he and Mrs. Porter had become estranged shortly after their marriage. The estrangement has been more marked during the last five years, however, he said, and they have been occupying separate apartments in the St. Regis.

Dr. Porter testified that during their more serious estrangement he had been paying his wife about \$1,500 a month, but that a short time ago he placed her on a \$750 monthly allow-

ance. He also testified that his health has been injured by these domestic difficulties.

Men Do Not Speak. Dr. Porter did not speak to Attorney Morearty in court. The young attorney did not cross-question his future father-in-law, but declared he was present to see that nothing was said against Mrs. Porter, his future mother-in-law.

Mr. Morearty was a well known athlete, both at Central High school and at Creighton.

In cash, Dr. Porter paid Mrs. Porter \$1,944.20. In the settlement it was specified that the St. Regis is subject to a \$130,666 mortgage held by Samuel T. Strauss. Mr. Porter is also to give \$200 per month to his sons John and Richard.

Reservists Given Regular Assignment

Washington, Dec. 23.—Assignment of nearly 2,000 reserve officers to active units of the regular army is being made by corps area commanders under instructions of the War department. The reservists would be called to active duty with the units in the event of a war mobilization, when the regular regiments would be brought up to authorized war strength.

Vacancies in the war strength organization tables of the regular army, which are to be filled by reserve officers, include 25 lieutenant-colonels, 18 majors, 250 captains, 1,111 first lieutenants and 875 second lieutenants, a total of 1,979.

The total number of officers to be given regular army assignments in the First Corps area is 208; Second Corps, 263; Third Corps, 357; Fourth Corps, 181; Fifth Corps, 75; Sixth Corps, 132; Seventh Corps, 43; Eighth Corps, 406, and Ninth Corps, 273.

Mail Delivery to Halt at Noon

On Christmas day there will be delivery of mail in the business section of the city. In the residence section carriers will deliver up to 12 noon. Parcels also will be delivered up to noon.

There will be no collection of mail after noon. Important business mail and other first-class matter intended for dispatch on Christmas afternoon should be deposited in the main post office or Harney station.

Liquor Is Destroyed. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 24.—Twenty-four hundred cases of liquor valued at \$268,000 were destroyed here yesterday by prohibition agents.

Wife of Lincoln Mayor in Play

Appears on Stage During the Court Scene of "Lightnin'."

Mrs. F. C. Zehrung, wife of Mayor Zehrung of Lincoln and a group of others from Lincoln including Messrs. M. Gorman and L. H. Thompson, came to Omaha to take part in the performance of "Lightnin'" at the Brandeis theater. They took part in the second act of the play as the spectators in the courtroom scene. Mayor Zehrung who underwent an operation recently in Chicago and is in Lincoln at present, was unable to come to Omaha. Ainsworth Arnold of the Stuart Walker Portmanteau players who are stopping in Omaha for a few days was also one of the spectators in the court scene.

The case of Jones against Jones, in which the wife petitioned for divorce, alleging habitual drunkenness, failure to support and cruelty, was called before Judge Lemuel Townsend of the district court. The defendant, commonly known as Lightnin' Bill Jones, came into court unexpectedly, and represented that he had not been served with summons in the case.

Mr. Jefferson's presentation of the lovable Bill has been much praised heretofore and nothing that might be said now will add anything to a record already made. Bessie Bacon con-

Girl, Lost 3 Weeks, Is Found in Raid

Three weeks' search for Lorraine Miller, 17, daughter of Z. J. Miller, Council Bluffs, instructor at the Iowa School for the Deaf, ended Sunday night when the girl was arrested in a raid on the home of Mrs. Leona Nye, alias Mrs. Leona Moore, at 3855 California street.

It was the second raid on the place within two weeks. Police declare it was a rendezvous for soldiers. In the first raid the Miller girl gave her name as "Mrs. Barlow" and said she was 20.

In addition to Mrs. Nye and the Miller girl, Agnes Moore and three soldiers were arrested in the raid. Mrs. Nye testified that she planned to marry Sergt. J. Allison, one of the soldiers.

The judge fined Mrs. Nye \$100 and the others \$25, with the exception of the Miller girl, who was turned over to juvenile authorities.

W. C. T. U. Celebrates

Hillsboro, O., Dec. 23.—The 50th anniversary of the Women's Christian Temperance crusade, out of which ultimately grew the Women's Christian Temperance union, was celebrated here today.

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FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 9 A. M.

Haas Brothers Announce Their Annual

Year-End Clearance

of their entire Quality Stocks of

COATS WRAPS DRESSES SUITS

--the Lowest Prices of the Year Prevailing

This announcement is the signal to thousands of women to share in apparel money-savings of a most remarkable nature—

Haas Brothers garments, without an exception, have been reduced in price to the lowest possible point for which quality apparel can possibly be sold.

Both the Second Floor and "Gray Shop" unite in this most important Apparel Clearaway

Sizes 14 to 40 on Second Floor

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The woman who seeks quality Apparel, as well as extreme value, will find Haas Brothers' Year End Sale to be the event that will meet her every requirement.

Whether you live fifty or a hundred miles from this store, the savings more than justify your attending this Year End Sale.

Haas Brothers Quote No Comparative Prices

We are believers in Advertising and Merchandising that is above question at all times, therefore we never quote comparative prices nor show former values on price tickets.

Here the customer is the judge of former worth. We abide by her decision.

Our showings are extremely broad. Your most exacting ideas in style and material can be met. The price range permits wonderful selections at whatever price you may care to pay.

Knowing women do not lose a minute in attending a Haas Brothers Sale, you will find that an early attendance has many advantages.

Haas Brothers "The Shop for Women"

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Take Elevator

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Half Price Sale

of the Entire Edward Reynolds Stock of Seasonable Quality

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With the mind of feminine Omaha definitely settled to share in the after Christmas sales, it is but natural that those who seek Quality Apparel will come direct to the Edward Reynolds Co.

Not a single garment has escaped this sweeping sacrifice of price. Pay us but one-half the low selling price.

The small woman, the average sized woman and the large woman share alike in the wonderful buying advantages in this sale.

Our stocks now are splendidly complete. Your most exacting style requirements can be met. Surely no woman will further delay buying her Winter Apparel.

This isn't meant for "copy" nor for a Christmas ad. It isn't a suggestion, either good or bad. It has nought to do with business in any sort of way. It's just our hearty wishes for your Merry Christmas Day.



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