

HARRIMAN'S SUCCESSOR

Life Story of Robert Scott Lovett, Acting Head of the Late Financier's Great Railroad Systems.

Texas Plowboy Who Achieved Success by His Tireless Energy and Ability as an Organizer.

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ROBERT SCOTT LOVETT, the successor of Edward H. Harriman in the railroad world, has not been widely known to the public, although for some years he has been vice president and general counsel of the Harriman lines. He is forty-nine years old, began life as a Texas plowboy, became clerk in a store, next a station agent, then clerk in a freight office, studied law at night, admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two, was a railroad attorney almost from the beginning and has gone up step by step until he is now one of the big figures in the railroad world. In appearance he is rather tall and large of frame, is brusque in manner, smooth shaven, with a typical southern face that is rather austere in its lines, but can break into a smile on occasion. His title of "judge" is merely one of courtesy, as he never occupied the bench. His main characteristics are will power, tireless energy and ability as an organizer. He it was who handled the legal end of the Harriman consolidations. He has been credited with a most intimate knowledge of the dead railroad king's methods and purposes and was virtually chosen for the succession by Mr. Harriman himself. It was the running of a railroad through his father's farm that fired

was rapid. In 1889 he was made assistant attorney of the Texas and Pacific and two years later became general counsel.

He was soon known as one of the foremost railroad lawyers in Texas, joined the firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett and in time attracted the attention of Harriman through his connection with litigation of the Southern Pacific and his work in organizing the Houston and Texas Central. Of this road Harriman made Lovett president and in 1904 chose him general counsel of the Southern Pacific interests in the state.

Harriman's Right Hand.

One of the secrets of E. H. Harriman's power was his ability in picking lieutenants. He differed in methods from James J. Hill, who looks after every detail of his properties. The master of the Pacific lines left details to subordinates. He worked out a system and carefully picked his men to work under the system. From his first contact with Lovett he reposed confidence in the six foot southern lawyer, took him to New York, made him general counsel of all the Harriman roads and chose him as vice president and acting president. Wall street soon knew Lovett as Harriman's right hand. He it was who stood be-

FATHERHOOD AS A BUSINESS

Curious Industry Arising Through Queer French Law.

A curious industry has sprung up in France owing to the law which permits any man to declare himself the legal father of a child. A number of men of good family and small means have adopted paternity as a profession and are willing for a small sum to declare themselves fathers of boys or girls who have no names of their own. As long as these honest men alone profited by the law there was no particular reason to interfere, but the authorities are taking steps to abrogate it now, owing to curious circumstances which have come under their notice.

Some time ago a woman proceeded against a man for theft and blackmail. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The woman had a son who had been registered as "of parentage unknown." When the blackmailer came out of prison he in due form declared himself the young man's father, and he is his father still. Recently in a lawsuit in which an inheritance was at stake the evidence proved that the legal father of one of the parties was two years younger than his daughter, and this state of affairs is too Gilbertian to remain possible much longer.

WOULD REVIVE CRINOLINE.

French Designers Trying to Restore Old Time Fashion.

There is talk once more in Paris of reviving the crinoline. French fashion designers are seriously planning to force the crinoline in the same sensational way which marked the wearing of the first beaute gown at the Longchamps races last year.

If these designers took history as a guide they would not touch the crinoline, for, apart from being an absurd article, it has a poor record. The Empress Eugenie first tried seriously to take a hand in French politics immediately after she had revived the crinoline. Eugenie did not realize any political ambition. Instead she was forced to step down from the throne, and, always superstitious, she grew to dislike the crinolines.

The only unbecoming gowns Queen Elizabeth wore were crinolines. Elizabeth and Catherine de' Medici had a weakness for crinolines and wore them so extreme that the effect was to make both women seem deformed. Catherine the Great of Russia also had a weakness for the crinoline, and the women of the court were too much afraid of the imperious amazon to tell her that the crinoline gave her a comical aspect.

ROOSEVELT ANSWERS CRITICS

Every Animal Shot For Benefit of Science or For Food.

Evidently ex-President Roosevelt has heard something—or it may be much—of the criticism which he has received at home from those whom his shooting exploits in Africa have offended or grieved, and evidently he resents this criticism as unjust, in so far as it is based upon facts, and ignorant when its foundation has been nothing except exaggerated or imagined reports of what he has been doing to the beasts and birds. This is shown by an extract from a private letter received in the Outlook office. After referring to "fake stories of my hunting" the ex-president says:

"As a matter of fact every animal I have shot, with the exception of, say, six or eight shot when we had to have food, has been carefully preserved for the National museum. I can be condemned only if the existence of the National museum, the American Museum of Natural History and all similar zoological collections are to be condemned."

John D. Scars Sunday School Scholar.

"We should try to help each other not only in Sunday school, but in our daily life," said John D. Rockefeller at the close of the services at the Euclid Sunday school in Cleveland on a recent Sunday. "We should not be like the nagging mother who always kept saying 'Don't!' to her little boy till he really did not know what to do. Nor should we be like the Sunday school teacher who asked his class, 'Who made the world?'"

Mr. Rockefeller descended from the platform and shook his finger in the faces of the surprised boys in imitation of the teacher he was telling about. One youngster, scared at Mr. Rockefeller's gesture, cried out, "Please, sir, I won't do it again!"

Education in Russia.

The Russische Correspondenz has an article on the decline of education in Russia, in which the writer says: "Our government is not remarkable only as an executioner; it kills learning also. It is now much easier to establish an ultra Russian dramsop than a public reading room. The following figures as to popular lectures on agriculture in one district tell a tale as to which there need be no comment: Lectures delivered in 1900, 250; 1901, 417; 1902, 543; 1903, 731; 1904, 512; 1905, 249; 1906, 358; 1907, 174, and 1908, none."

The "Snow Baby" Protest.

Miss Marie Peary, who is the only white child born north of the arctic circle, is now sixteen years old and a student in Western high school, Washington. She said she hoped that "dad" may be home to celebrate my sixteenth birthday next Sunday." Then she added: "Please don't call me the 'snow baby.' I don't like it." In a book written by Mrs. Peary the "snow baby" otherwise Miss Marie, is the leading character. Robert E. Peary, Jr., the other child, was six years old a week ago Sunday.



SNAPSHOT OF JUDGE ROBERT SCOTT LOVETT AND HIS NIECE, MISS FINCH, ON THE STREET.

young Lovett's imagination. When the first construction train pulled in the boy saw it from over a hill and could scarcely wait to unhitch his team from the plow in his haste to examine the engine. The story is told that he then and there vowed to be the boss of that railroad, an ambition that he lived to realize.

I suppose similar tales have been told of millions of other American boys, but the distinctive thing about this lad's boast was that he made good. It was not an easy task, as this first connection with that particular legal world was a teamster, pulling out the stumps, handling a scraper and drawing ties and dirt—not a very promising start, but the ability to climb is more important than the material composing the first rung of the ladder.

Studied Law at Nights

Young Lovett next went into a store, but all his spare hours were spent about the railroad station. The chord started vibrating by the foot of that construction train was to prove the master chord of his life. To such purpose did he study railroading that he was made station agent. Next he decided to read law and went to the freight agent at Houston, demanding a job. Whether it was due to his reputation as a station agent or to his eagerness to get the place, it was a good only for the boy, but for the agent, for since Lovett has been in the world he has pulled the new notches also. Lovett has been in the world since 1882, he returned to Texas. When he returned to Texas, he was the

tween his master and the interstate commerce commission when the onslaught was made on Harriman during the Roosevelt administration. He it was who took charge when the railroad king went to Europe in search of health. And when Harriman returned to America to die it was Judge Lovett who was ever closest to him, who was called to Arden in consultation and who was designated to take charge of the greatest transportation system probably ever assembled in private hands.

Judge Lovett is not an operating man and hence will probably have little to do with that end of the Harriman properties. But even though he is not the technical head in an operating sense he will be the legal and financial head. This is assured by his election as chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. In addition he is an official of several transportation lines.

It is probable that Judge Lovett will be chosen to succeed Mr. Harriman in the management or directorate of other properties, including the Pacific steamship lines. Whoever is the nominal head of these properties, however, the spirit in control will be that of Harriman. The system survives him. The men he trained will follow his methods. For the man he will cast a long shadow athwart the American railroad world.

As Harriman's most trusted lieutenant, Judge Lovett will be the chief factor in continuing the dead financier's rule. Though so widely physically the two men are similar in origin and in mental characteristics. Both started as poor boys, and both won through sheer will power, mental grasp and constructive ability. Both have been organizers and builders, and both are examples of the opportunity that America gives to those who work and who care to dream and to do big things.

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