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Samuel Untermyer Declares Trusts Are Enthroned.

**ANTI-TRUST LAW FLAUNTED.**

"There Never Has Been an Honest Effort to Enforce It," Charges the Lawyer—Dreads the Awakening and Fears an Upheaval in the United States.

Samuel Untermyer, who was counsel for Adolph Segal in the recent suit against the sugar trust, sailed from New York with his wife on the steamship Kronprinzessin Cecelle the other day for Europe. When asked before he sailed his views as to a criminal prosecution of the trust and whether his client had decided to press such prosecution or take any active part in aiding it, he said:

"What would be the use? The sugar company has been a consistent law-breaker ever since its birth. Its activities in congress have been one of the scandals of the country for many years. It has robbed the public and ruined its would be competitors. But it is no worse than many of the others in its criminal methods and not quite so bad as some.

"This suddenly aroused virtuous abhorrence of its methods is amusing. It accidentally happens at the moment to be the scapegoat, but as the government has waited until after the principal offenders are dead it doesn't much matter. Whenever the government really wants to bring the criminal rich who are managing these conspiracies that are notoriously violating the criminal law within the penalties of that law, it will not be difficult. There never has been an honest, intelligent effort to enforce the ample provisions of the law against any of the monster monopolies.

"The government has had no trouble in convicting and driving out of business a few poor, struggling, comparatively harmless combinations that were put together to prevent bankruptcy and secure a small profit. But the financial buccaneers who have been 'holding up' the country in the necessities of life, keeping out foreign competition through the tariff at one end and crushing home competition at the other until the increase in cost of living is alarming, have remained immune until every lawyer who has had to deal with this big question knows that the pretended enforcement of the law is a huge farce.

"Every time the government has had a chance to enforce the criminal provisions of the law (which constitute the only effective part, the others being mainly academic) it has run. There are always so many reasons for not doing things that it is never difficult to find one. We learned that lesson in the recent ventilation of corporate dishonesty when every exposed criminal went unpunished, most of them back at the old game on slightly modified lines, including the subsidizing of a part of the press through extravagant advertising at the policy holders' expense and jeering at the discomfited 'muck rakers.'

"We all know that the anti-trust law is being openly flouted and violated every day by some of the most powerful men in the land. There are numberless secret, unlawful pools to control prices and restrict production operating in New York today, many of them under written agreements that are criminal conspiracies on their face.

"If a fraction of the energy that is wasted in smashing gambling house doors and watching saloons, etc., were expended in getting evidence that is obtainable we should soon be able to bring this great evil under control.

"Somehow or other it looks as if the power of these men is too much for the government. The evidence of crimes has been for years available to the public authorities if they would go about their task as they do in ferreting out smugglers, counterfeiters, postoffice thieves and other classes of criminals.

"We are told by a certain section of the press, and some gentlemen around Wall street are regaling their smug confidence in that belief, that there has been a reaction in the public mind against what they are pleased to call 'attacks' on these criminal conspiracies.

"For the sake of the country let us hope these gentlemen are mistaken. For if they are right we shall have an upheaval in this country as compared to which the mild and harmless experiments of the last administration will seem like a midsummer zephyr alongside a cyclone.

"These pools and combinations are growing stronger and more numerous. Individual enterprise is being strangled. Unless they are brought within the clutch of the criminal law and destroyed the future is fraught with danger. The only way to regulate them is to bury them. So long as the president of the United States can defy the law by giving them immunity and go unrebuked the sentiment of the country is callous.

"I dread the awakening. We are a hysterical, press ridden people, and we go to extremes.

"Until the public mind is aroused to a recognition of the extent of the evils from which we are suffering and the far greater dangers that are threatening us it is useless to attempt to bring these men within the law. Their power is so great that they are practically above the law except when confronted with an aroused public opinion. I devoted my time and money to that service in the life insurance fight at great personal sacrifice and with the aid of the most distinguished body of public

spirited citizens ever got together with only temporary results and of the most unsatisfactory kind, and we had nothing for our pains but abuse and misrepresentation. In the end one of the companies whose agents had been forging ballots, when the agents were caught in the act, was able to protect the confessed forger from punishment under cover of indicting the secretary of our committee, and it took us years and almost bankrupted the poor fellow to prove his own innocence. I refer to poor Mr. Scrugham, who was acquitted by a jury in three minutes.

"But meantime we had no time or disposition to follow the real criminals. At least one of the companies is back at its old games again with practically the same crowd in command. There is no real sustained public support for such movements in this country. We are too fickle, too busy and too easily led. I repeat that the sugar trust is no worse than many of the others. We are getting just about the sort of administration of our laws that we deserve."

**BOOK WRITING COMPETITION.**

Two Thousand Dollars in Prizes Awarded by Sunday School Union.

In February, 1908, the American Sunday School Union of Philadelphia offered \$2,000 in prizes for three books to be issued under the John C. Green income fund. For the best book on "Christian Principles in Our Rural Districts—How to Make Them a Controlling Influence," \$1,000 was offered. For the best book on "The Bible an Attractive Book" a prize of \$600 was offered and for the next best on the same subject \$400. The competition closed April 1 last.

The society received a large number of manuscripts in response to this offer, many of them of a high order of merit. The committee reported the results of its painstaking examination of the manuscripts at a meeting of the board held on June 8. The prize of \$1,000 for the best book on "Christian Principles in Our Rural Districts" was awarded to the manuscript entitled "Rural Christendom; or, The Problems of Christianizing Country Communities," marked "Bertram Rothbard."

The prize of \$600 for the best book on the topic "The Bible an Attractive Book" was awarded to the manuscript entitled "The Magnetism of the Bible," marked "M. L. M." and the prize of \$400 for the next best work on the same topic was awarded to the manuscript entitled "The Attractiveness of the Bible—An Appreciation."

Upon opening the sealed envelopes after the awards were declared it was found that the manuscript on the first topic was written by the Rev. Charles Roads, D. D., of Philadelphia. The best work on the second topic was written by Malcolm L. MacPhail, 2 Waumbeck street, Boston, and the next best work on the second topic was written by George Huntington, Northfield, Minn.

**LABOR SAVING DEVICE.**

Nearly Human Machine Invented by a Buffalo Man.

Much interest is shown throughout the United States by large commercial houses in the recent invention of Bartow S. Holyneux of Buffalo of his envelope filling and addressing machine, on which he has worked for seven years and which he recently completed. This machine is capable of sorting from a table six different circulars and will also insert them in an envelope, lick the flap and by a pneumatic process seal the same. It then properly addresses the envelope, the corner of which is then licked, after which a stamp is put in place and forced on by the above mentioned pneumatic process (the United States government has issued an order permitting the sale of stamps in strips to be used for this invention), the letters are then conveyed to a counter and are counted and then carried to one of Uncle Sam's mail bags. When the bag is full and closed the counter shows exactly how many letters are in the same.

This machine is capable of turning out 4,000 envelopes and circulars an hour, addressing, stamping envelopes and inserting them in mailing bags and counting them—in other words, will do the work of a hundred girls.

**River Transportation Test.**

The United States Steel corporation has started an investigation of the relative values of water and rail transportation of large consignments of products intended for the south or any other point which can be reached by both rail and water. A model barge with 100 carloads of steel pipe, four solid trains, was recently started for New Orleans from Pittsburg, and at the end of the journey the cargo will be most carefully inspected for damage in transportation. It has been alleged by the water people that the loss by breakage on a rail consignment is four times that of a corresponding water haul.

**Noninflammable Picture Films.**

The discovery of a secret process for the manufacture of noninflammable films for moving picture machines was recently announced by a company in Rochester, N. Y. Should these films possess the qualities claimed for them the thousands of moving picture shows throughout the United States will be comparatively safe from explosions and fires. A demonstration of the process for making the new film was given the other day at Rochester. The film is put through several baths, filters and mixtures, and an intricate mechanical apparatus is required for its manufacture.

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