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THE PASSING OF HARRIMAN.

THE PASSING OF Edward Henry Harriman at his country home, Arden, New York, yesterday, removed one of the world's great men. Regardless of individual views as to his morals and methods the consensus of opinion will be that he was one of the biggest and brainiest men of America. He was one of the products of twentieth century civilization, of modern commercial conditions. He was not a creator like Bill. He was an organizer with an executive capacity superior to any other living man. At figures he was a veritable wizard. Lay before him a maze of figures and estimates and in a flash he would have solved the knottiest of problems and shown precisely where every penny of the sum estimated could be expended to the very best advantage. This was one of his chief characteristics and the greatest factor in his success.

It was his mastery of finance, his absolute control of coin, by fair means when it won, by foul if need be that spelled the story of Harriman's success. The Chicago and Alton deal was a case in point. It illustrates better than any other the Harriman methods. It is at once the story of his splendor and his shame.

Harriman more than any other man of the present century, with the possible exception of Theodore Roosevelt, is an exemplification of the growth, development and influence of individualism. Individualism does not come to man with any sickly cant about duty, which merely means doing what other people want because they want it; or any hideous cant about self sacrifice, which is merely a survival of savage meditation. In fact, it does not come to man with any claims upon him at all. It comes naturally and inevitably out of man. It is the point to which all development tends. It is the differentiation to which all organisms grow. It is the perfection that is inherent in every mode of life, and towards which every mode of life quickens. And so, individualism exercises no compulsion over man. On the contrary, it says to man that he should suffer no compulsion to be exercised over him. It does not try to force people to be good. It knows that people are good when they are left alone. Man develops individualism out of himself and Harriman was one of its greatest exemplars in this century. To ask whether individualism is practical is like asking whether evolution is practical. Evolution is the law of life and there is no evolution except toward individualism. Where this tendency is not expressed, it is a case of artificially-arrested growth or of disease, or of death.

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