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STANDARD OIL KING SOMETHING ABOUT JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER. Richest Man in the World Gives in the Energy That Gave Him Millions.

New York Commercial. John D. Rockefeller is the one man who Andrew Carnegie says is wealthier than himself. No other man ever accumulated as much money as this man; he started with little and still has years of activity in front of him. John Davidson Rockefeller was born in Richford, N. Y., July 8, 1839. His parents were not wealthy, and he had no better advantages than any American boy who gets a common school education. When he was fourteen his parents moved to Cleveland, and he attended school there for a couple of years. He was not considered a particularly bright pupil, and he left school early to begin business life. In business he was a success from the first moment. He started in as a clerk in a commission house, and when only nineteen years of age became a partner in the firm of Clark & Rockefeller, commission merchants. He always made money. When he was twenty-six years old he was a man of comfortable wealth. It was then, in 1865, that he decided to go into the oil business. Associated with his brother William, as William Rockefeller & Co., he built the Standard Oil Works at Cleveland in 1865, and from this start, not particularly ambitious, has been built up a business that is the wonder of the business world—a corporation that controls the oil market of the entire earth.

Business men have discussed much the question of how the Standard Oil Company was built up to its present position of enormous wealth and power, and John D. Rockefeller has undertaken to explain how it was done. The explanation is very interesting. "I ascribe the success of the Standard," he says, "to its consistent policy to make the volume of its business large through the merits and cheapness of its product. It has spared no expense in finding, securing and utilizing the best and cheapest methods of manufacture. It has sought for the best superintendents and workmen, and paid best wages. It has not hesitated to sacrifice old machinery and old plants for new and better ones. It has placed its manufacturing plants at the points where they could supply markets at the least expense. It has not only sought markets for its products but of all possible by-products, sparing no expense in introducing them to the public. It has not hesitated to invest millions of dollars in methods for cheapening the gathering and distributing of oils, by pipe lines, special cars, tank steamers and tank wagons. It has erected tank stations at every important railroad station to cheapen storage and delivery of its products. It has spared no expense in forcing its products into the markets of the world, among people civilized and uncivilized. It has had faith in American oil, and brought together millions for the purpose of making it what it is, and holding the markets against the competition of Russia and all the many countries which are producers of oil and competitors against American oil." Some other men's explanations of the success of the Standard Oil Company have been different—very different; but of course John D. Rockefeller knows more about it than any one else.

No man in business was ever more successful in running over and running out competitors than John D. Rockefeller, but it was never because he had a feeling against his business rivals. He never had any feeling in business except the "business instinct"—the business instinct that does not know men at all, but considers everything as simply a "business proposition." He is a man who never can for a moment get away from the "business" that has been his whole life. In little things he shows the manner of business man he is.

One summer evening coming from a prayer meeting at the Fifth avenue Baptist church, of which he is a member, he joined four young people at the door, and, walking down the street with them, invited them to step into a drugstore and join him in a glass of soda. Then he took from his pocket a little book, and made the entry, "soda water, 50 cents." This was probably intended simply as a lesson to the young people who were with him. He takes a great interest in church work, and is a firm believer in starting the young out into life with the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress and Poor Richard's Almanac. His business ideas have always been new, but in his private life he is what his father was and his grandfather before him—and, incidentally, it might be mentioned that his son is the same manner of man as himself.

The richest man in the world gets very little pleasure out of life—in the sense that pleasure is generally understood. He has few friends under the head of "personal." He is reserved and unapproachable. One day last summer driving down to the station near his country home Mr. Rockefeller paused to notice the young girl who was telegraph operator. He asked her if she could get away for a

time. She could and he took her driving. The girl said she never had a more charming ride. She does not think Rockefeller a haughty or a purse-proud man.

The fact that he is the richest of men is not what makes Mr. Rockefeller exclusive. He is naturally a man of modesty. He has a contempt for display, and no one can ever accuse him of indulging in the vulgar ostentation of some who are very rich. He cares nothing at all for society; he is not a club man nor a yachtsman, and is not known as a patron of either music or art. He gives liberally to colleges and churches. He has given many millions to the University of Chicago and other colleges, and many churches and charities have benefited by his generosity. He has said of giving that the best thing about it was being able to induce others to give, and his favorite way of making a donation is to make it provisional upon a certain other sum being secured. In this way he has secured for the institutions he has favored millions of dollars besides what he has given himself.

The world owes no man a living, according to Mr. Rockefeller's honest belief, but every man owes it to the world that he get busy and make a living for himself. Rockefeller has no use for drones, whether they are rich or poor. That he should have made hundreds of millions does not seem in the least strange to him—he worked for them. He is still working with him idleness is a sin. He does not subscribe to Mr. Carnegie's idea that a man who dies rich dies disgraced. He believes that to be good is to be industrious and to be industrious is to grow rich; therefore to be rich in life or in death is very honorable; and in the honor of wealth John D. Rockefeller is the most honorable of men.

LITTLE TEDDY MUCH BETTER. Delighted Papa Announces That the Boy Is Out of the Woods.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—The most eventful day at the Groton school since Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., became ill closed with the departure of President Roosevelt for Washington late this afternoon. Before that the president in a homely phrase that "Ted had improved with such spirited jumps, that he is out of it woods," had told to the world of the load



Table with columns: Leave, Depot, Fifth and Irving sts. Portland, Overland Express, Trains for Salem, Roseburg, Ashland, Sacramento, Ogden, San Francisco, Mojave, Los Angeles, El Paso, New Orleans and the East. Arrive. Includes times for 7:30 p.m., 9:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 5:50 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:35, 3:15, 4:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 p.m., 12:40 a.m., 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Sundays only.

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lifted from his mind. The day was full of happiness for the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and for all who were at the infirmary or near the school grounds.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART. John S. Vincent Accidentally Kills His Sister at Joliet.

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 13.—John S. Vincent, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent, of Lockport, accidentally shot and killed his sister Anna Adelina, nine years old, while playing with a revolver. She died almost instantly, shot through the heart. Stella, the baby which she held in her arms, fell to the floor. The bullet had grazed the little one's head just above the left ear.

LOCATING HIS SON. NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Unremitting in his efforts to locate his son Walter, Paul S. Polger, of Yonkers, has through the information department of the New York department of police, mailed letters describing the boy to all the principal cities of the world. Besides these letters, Mr. Polger has written thousands of communications to commercial and consular agents at various ports. Young Bolger was 18 years old. He has been missing since November 19 last, when he left home on an errand.

BROKE HIS FOREARM. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—In boxing today with his sparring partner, Mike Donovan, "Kid" Lavigne broke both of the bones of his left forearm. This makes it impossible to carry out the fight between Lavigne and Jack O'Brien of New York.

CLUB HOUSE FOR EMPLOYEES. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 13.—President Burt, of the Union Pacific, spent several hours in Cheyenne and in an interview stated that the company

will build a three-story club house here for employees. The building will cost between \$20,000 and \$100,000 and be fitted with reading and club rooms and a gymnasium. Work on it will be commenced in the summer.

ATTACKED BY STRIKERS. LIMOGES, France, Feb. 13.—Three hundred strikers have been besieging the leather factory at St. Pullen since the night of February 12. A number of non-unionists are entrenched at the factory. The latter defended their position with hose, throwing boiling water until this afternoon when the besiegers rushed the non-unionists. A number was severely injured.

ANOTHER STRIKE. TRIEST, Feb. 13.—Five thousand laborers on the docks struck today in sympathy with the firemen employed by Lloyd's Astria Company, who are now out. Several collisions with the police have occurred and numerous arrests resulted. Troops are arriving to maintain order.

A returned missionary says the famines of India are caused by the money-lenders. If this is the case, a vigilance committee is more needed than the customary relief ship.

It is stated that some of the Boer delegates are at variance with Dr. Leyds. Doubtless this is the case. Leyds is nothing but a high-priced meddler.

A Nebraska widow buried \$700 in her henhouse and somebody scratched it out. Her chickens are well bred, and above suspicion.

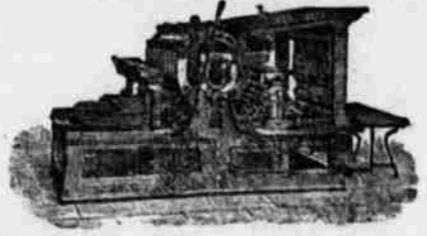
Both Sampson and Schley have retired, but the scandal has not reached the age limit.

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