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The Howness of Trust-Busting

If ten years ago, the government had failed to force the dissolution of the steel trust, the public would have been very much agitated. Inevitably it would have read something sinister and criminal in the opinion. It would have asked if the government was really sincere in its trust-busting-policy. The people would have asked themselves if they must forever submit to the oppressions of the trusts, suffer their domination of industry, endure their seeming control over the judiciary.

But the steel trust decision falls flat as a thing to get disturbed about today. The people are scarcely interested in it, one way or the other. Thousands were surprised to learn when the court delivered its decision that such a case existed. Trust-busting as an agitation is played out. The people are well aware that it makes no difference to them whether a trust is busted or left entire. At least if there is a difference between the two states the everyday citizen hasn't been able to detect it. So far as he can see the dissolution of the Standard Oil company, the tobacco trust and the harvester combine has brought him no benefit whatever, and no harm. It is as if the suits of dissolution had never been tried, or filed, or thought of.

The department of justice, we understand, is to appeal the case. We suppose that is its duty. But so far as the general public is concerned the department need do nothing at all.—Toledo Blade.

Every Man His Own Wireless

That a man's voice may perhaps function as a wireless transmitter is suggested by Professor Nipher, of Washington University, St. Louis, as a result of some recent discoveries of his on the disturbance of magnetic balance due to sounds. His results have been described to the St. Louis Academy of Science, and its recording secretary writes as follows to science (New York, April 16):

"At the meeting of March 15, Professor gave a brief account of work done in his laboratory. During the summer of 1914 he detected what appeared to be an effect of the foghorn of a steamer on the magnetic field of the earth. In his recent work a large bar-magnet, in a room containing an influence machine and in contact with one terminal, served as a deflecting magnet upon a magnetic-needle in an adjoining room. The deflecting effect of this magnet was balanced by another bar-magnet on the opposite side of the needle. The needle was made very sensitive by means of compensating magnets.

A musical note from an organ-pipe, operated by means of com-

pressed air, produced effects precisely like those attributed to the foghorn. Here also the effect is supposed on disturbances of the same order of magnitude due to other causes. Professor Nipher remarked that any disturbance of ionized air appears to be the origin of electro-magnetic waves in the ether. When we talk to each other in air ionized by solar radiation, we are perhaps sending wireless messages through the ether of space."—Literary Digest.

A Tribute To Woman

The one thing in this work that is constant, the one window in which light forever burns, the one star which darkness cannot quench, is woman's love. It rises to the greatest height, it sinks to the lowest depth, it forgives the most cruel injuries. It is perennial of life and grows in any climate; neither coldness nor neglect, harshness or cruelty can extinguish it. A woman's love is the perfume of the heart. This is the real love that wrought miracles in art, that gives music all the way from the cradle song to the symphony, that bears that soul away on wings of fire; a love that is greater than power, sweeter than life, and stronger than death.—Robert G. Ingersol.

Wilson Day and Wilson Way

EUGENE GUARD: The proclamation by Mayor Albee of Portland for a day to be set apart in that city and observed as "Wilson Day" in order to make known to our president that the people are behind him in his efforts to make the American flag and the ideals of this nation respected by the belligerents of Europe is one worthy of emulation by every city in the entire country. This country is behind the president and behind him solidly in his trying task of keeping this nation from being embroiled over the many disputes and questions which are being forced upon us because of the European war. It is no more than right that we should convey our confidence in our president to him by visible means if possible, and a "Wilson Day" will do it.

SEATTLE TIMES: The United States faces the greatest problem ever faced by a peaceful nation; and also it possesses the greatest national opportunity in history. It is a time when a lofty soul like that of Lincoln would retire into the quiet and hallowed precincts of prayer to seek out guidance for his people; and very likely Woodrow Wilson is doing the same thing. For it is the president's responsibility, his vital duty, to map out such a course for the American people as will save their self-respect and spare them any entanglement; he must tell them what to do. And it is the people's duty to back the president as never a president has been backed by his people in the history of enlightened government.

VANCOUVER COLUMBIAN: President Wilson has no cause to complain of the support accorded him in his efforts to settle with honor to the nation the

differences that have arisen between this country and Germany. The press, regardless of party, commend his note, and all criticism is hushed awaiting the reply of Germany.

Deadly Gasses

Newspaper dispatches report that European soldiers are being fed onions, leek and garlic, as these vegetables are beneficial to health. This is true for the person who eats them. Might it not be that here is the truth of the charges that various armies were using deadly gasses to annihilate their foes? If one hundred thousand men all ate garlic for breakfast, and blew mightily toward the foe, we should think that the effect would be overpowering.—The Oregon Farmer.

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