

BIG WEALTH IN HANDS OF FEW

Fifty Families in United States Control More Than \$100,000,000 Each.

ROCKEFELLER AT HEAD OF LIST

Oil King's Estate Is Now Estimated at Between Three and Five Billion—Veritable Dynasty in Every Important Industry.

New York.—Fifty families in the United States control over \$100,000,000 each, 100 families control over \$50,000,000 each, and 500 families control over \$10,000,000 each.

John D. Rockefeller's estate is now up to \$3,000,000,000.

Five billion dollars of wealth in the United States has been handed down to heirs, many of whom were incompetents, in the last fifteen years.

Two hundred persons in the United States control \$15,000,000,000; in France the same amount is controlled by 480 times that number of people, or 96,000.

Dynasties to Fore.

Industrially the United States is becoming dynastic—there is a veritable dynasty in each important industrial structure, some of which are:

Sixty per cent of the tobacco trust wealth is in the hands of ten families.

Twelve families, with the Rockefeller family away in the lead, control 50 per cent of the oil industry.

The railroads of the country are controlled by 1.8 per cent of the stockholders.

One and five-tenths per cent of the stockholders in the steel trust possess 51 per cent of the stock.

Two families control 51 per cent of the stock in the harvester interests.

These startling figures on the concentration of wealth in the United States were obtained from Henry H. Klein, deputy commissioner of accounts of New York city and a deep student of economic affairs. He has spent ten years collecting concrete facts on the pyramiding of American wealth.

Mr. Klein's attention was called to the recent statement of George P. Farness, managing director of the Farmers' National council, that 33 individuals own 2 per cent of the entire American wealth. He estimated this 2 per cent at about \$4,837,000,000. Mr. Farness gave no names, but the following list of individuals and estates and their vast holdings, checked up to a recent date, was given by Mr. Klein:

| Estate or individual | Amount |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| John D. and William Rockefeller | \$3,000,000,000 |
| Fruit family | 200,000,000 |
| Harcourt | 100,000,000 |
| Carnegie | 250,000,000 |
| Weyerhaeuser estate | 200,000,000 |
| Vanderbilt | 200,000,000 |
| Asstors | 200,000,000 |
| Payne Whitney family | 200,000,000 |
| Prick estate | 150,000,000 |
| Goulets | 100,000,000 |
| J. J. Hill estate | 100,000,000 |
| Hetty Green estate | 100,000,000 |
| Hill estate | 100,000,000 |
| Harriman | 100,000,000 |
| Morgans, \$150,000,000 in | 100,000,000 |
| Flaiger estate | 100,000,000 |
| Anthony Brady estate | 100,000,000 |
| Gould estate | 100,000,000 |
| Widener | 80,000,000 |
| George Parr Babers | 80,000,000 |
| Stimans | 60,000,000 |
| Isaac Stevenson | 75,000,000 |
| Kennedy-Todd group | 75,000,000 |
| Blair estate | 50,000,000 |
| Rhinelanders | 50,000,000 |
| Rogers | 50,000,000 |
| Armours | 100,000,000 |
| Swift | 100,000,000 |
| A. C. James family | 60,000,000 |
| Cleveland Dodge | 60,000,000 |
| Archbold estate | 50,000,000 |
| Hills estate | 50,000,000 |
| Daniel Reid estate | 50,000,000 |
| Plant estate | 50,000,000 |
| Morris | 50,000,000 |
| Fulman estate | 50,000,000 |
| Searies estate | 50,000,000 |

There are many families Mr. Klein mentioned in the \$10,000,000 class, and this includes Mrs. William Leeds, now Princess Christoper of Greece, and Alexander Smith Cochrane, until recently America's "richest bachelor" and now the husband of Mme. Ganna Walska, opera singer.

Mr. Klein's list, which is several pages long, does not go below the \$10,000,000 class.

Called Fire Department to Quench Flames Inside Him

Seeing a man rush up to a fire alarm box and turn in an alarm, Patrolman Winner of the New York city police department, inquired where the fire was. "Inside me," gasped Joseph Marone of Westchester, O. "I drank some and want the firemen to run a hose down my throat and extinguish the flames."

The patrolman told the firemen where the fire was, but took Marone to the police station.

Belgium Reclaiming Its Soil

Washington.—Belgium is making good progress rebuilding farms and rehabilitating agricultural production. Reports from the American consul at Brussels show that at the end of the first nine months of 1920 more than 61,775 acres out of about 148,200 acres of war-swept soil had been put into condition for cultivation.

The Presbyterian Guild will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Ed Anderson, with Mrs. Orpha Eastman assisting. The ladies are substituting for the regular hostesses and members and friends are requested to make a special effort that all may learn of the meeting place.

The "Get Together Club" will give another of their popular dances at Bar View on Saturday evening, Feb. 19. It will be a masquerade this time.

MOON AFFECTS RADIO

American Fleet Officers Make Interesting Discovery.

Efficiency of Air for Transmitting Radio Communications Affected by Changes of Moon.

Paris.—The changes of the moon have been found by the radio officers of the small American fleet in the Adriatic sea to have a striking effect upon the efficiency of the atmosphere for transmitting radio communications.

The officers have succeeded in drawing curves and other diagrams, based upon months of observation, which, they assert, reliably serve to indicate what atmospheric and celestial conditions affecting radio service will be met at any particular date in the future.

The discovery apparently has special application to the vicinity of the Adriatic, for there the changes in the atmospheric conditions caused by the moon are much more marked than anywhere else in the world so far as yet discovered.

The Adriatic fleet under Admiral Andrews depends almost entirely for its communications upon radio service, and having only receiving and sending apparatus of moderate efficiency it has specially benefited from the discoveries. The powerful land wireless stations, such as the new Lafayette station near Bordeaux, manage to overcome unfavorable conditions by using great power and so are not concerned about which way the moon turns.

SMALL BUT IT RUNS



This isn't a toy auto that Miss Mary E. Sisk of Los Angeles is holding, but a miniature working model of a big car, complete in every detail. It was built by J. A. Seefelder, a Los Angeles auto expert.

PLANS LAW BY DIVINE RULE

Washington Judge Will Practice the "Principles of New Thought" and Trust Clients.

Yakima, Wash.—Harcourt M. Taylor, retiring judge of the Yakima superior court, has announced he will resume practice of law "in accordance with the principles of new thought." "As I shall apply the teachings of Jesus, the Christ, to legal service," he states, "I shall accept no employment to fight lawsuits, as counsel or assist others to do so, nor attempt to collect debts; though if I can assist people in keeping out of lawsuits or settling litigation in which they are already involved I shall consider I have rendered the highest legal service. I shall trust in God, not those whom I serve, for my compensation, making no fixed charge. My clients will pay me what they think is right and their means justify."

HAWAII PRODUCING ALCOHOL

Manufacture of Motor Fuel From Sugar Molasses Insures Emergency Supply.

Honolulu, T. H.—Within two years the territory of Hawaii will produce enough motor fuel for its own needs, including the requirements of the army and navy forces here, should their bases of supply be cut off, according to Col. Howard Hathaway, collector of internal revenue.

Commercial manufacture of fuel alcohol from sugar molasses has been made practical on a large scale by amendments to internal revenue regulations governing the manufacture of denatured alcohol. Colonel Hathaway said.

A small plant operated on a sugar plantation on the island of Maui is producing sufficient motor fuel for the plantation's own needs.

Woman Branded

Bloomington, Ind.—When she failed to give food to a tramp who called at her home near Kirksville, Mrs. John Carmichael, forty-five years old, a farmer's wife, was attacked and branded in many places with a flat iron she had been using. Her screams attracted persons passing by and a posse was organized to search for her assailant. Bloodhounds followed the trail of the Dixie Highway, nine miles south of here, where they lost it.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning Monday, the 14th, we will have an income tax expert to assist our friends and customers in making up their income tax returns. This service will be continued for one week.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY BANK.

"Going Some," Well yes! About eighty per. Rex Beach story Gem Wednesday.

HISTORIC TRACT BEING RECLAIMED

Famous "Campagna Romana" Is Being Cultivated and Is Yielding Big Crops.

LAYS IDE FOR MANY YEARS

Since the Fall of the Roman Empire This Once Fruitful Tract Has Been Uncultivated—To Reclaim Many Thousand Acres.

Ostia, Italy.—Efforts are being made to reclaim and plant parts of the vast tract of land which stretches for several miles around Rome and goes by the name of the "Campagna Romana." It has been allowed to remain idle and uncultivated ever since the fall of the Roman empire.

Before that time it was a sort of terrestrial paradise; villas and gardens were dotted all over it as far as the eye could see. It was luxuriant with fruits and flowers, it supplied food and work for thousands upon thousands of men, it was one of the most beautiful and intensely cultivated spots in the world.

When Rome, however, was obliged to resign her position as "the mistress of the world," the "campagna" was abandoned and gradually became a marshy, malaria-infected desert, inhabited only by a few hardy shepherds.

New Law Having Effect.

Now, however, the law which was recently passed, decreeing that anyone who does not cultivate his land to the utmost of its capacity, is liable to have the land confiscated, is beginning to have its effect. Prince Aldobrandini has engaged a company to reclaim a huge estate of several thousands of acres, which he owns in the "campagna."

The work already has begun and an experimental station has been set up at Ostia. The land was first of all drained and then arrangements were made to obtain water from the Tiber for irrigation. Electric tractors to draw the plows were then bought and various kinds of fruit, vegetables and cereals were cultivated in order to find out how fertile the land is and what kind of crop it is most adapted for.

Yields Proliferous Crops.

The results were beyond the wildest hopes of any of the promoters of the company. The land, after lying idle for centuries, seems to have stored up its fertility throughout all that time and now yields crop upon crop with unflinching hand.

An attempt has even been made to grow cotton here and the experiment has been successful, but how successful it has been impossible to determine, as the cotton used was of the worst quality obtainable. This year, however, it is proposed to plant American or Egyptian cotton. So happy have the results at the experimental station been that it is hoped that soon work may be begun for the total reclaiming of the whole of the "campagna."

BLACK CAT RESTORES SIGHT

War Veteran Sees Dimly After Fright—Ducking in River Does the Rest.

London.—Charles Appleby, who went to France in the Royal air force in 1914, was severely wounded in the Ypres salient. He lay unconscious in Havre hospital for ten months with a fractured skull, and when he recovered, he was blind. He was sent to St. Dunstan's hospital.

While there, a black cat jumped on Appleby's head. The shock had the effect of enabling him to see just a glimmer of daylight with his left eye. He left the hospital and returned to Kingston, being able to go about with a dog to lead him.

He wandered into the river a few weeks ago, but was rescued. It was then found that the shock of the immersion had partly restored the sight of the right eye.

He was given several powerful electric shocks, and now, after having been blind for four years, he has fully recovered his sight.

\$100,000 Book, 700 Yrs. Old, Is Brought to U. S.

Philadelphia.—A book, 700 years old, valued at \$100,000, was placed in the University of Pennsylvania for translation by Dr. William R. Newbold. It is said to have been written by Roger Bacon, some time between 1216 and 1262, and is an exposition of the laws governing life. The volume is the property of Dr. Willfried M. de Voynich, exile from Poland.

To Teach Hondurans to Fly.

Tequigalpa, Honduras.—Two American aviators have arrived in Honduras with American-built flying machines bought for the war department. They are engaged for a certain period to teach flying and how to care for the airplanes. It is expected that in peace times the machines will be used to carry mails over the country where railroads are scarce and roads bad.

Mothers are invited to attend a demonstration of an outline of study which will aid them in co-operating with the teacher and child so as to promote more rapid and better progress of the child in the study of music. The demonstration will be given Saturday at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. E. Koch. All mothers are invited.—Adv.

Her First Elopement? Gem Sunday night.

Local News

Sarah Jane White arrived early Sunday morning to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. White. Bill is having a hard time keeping his feet on the ground it seems. The young woman weighed six pounds upon arrival.

J. O. Bozorth of Bay City transacted business in the city this week.

W. A. Sipprell, Garibaldi business man, was a Tillamook visitor Thursday.

W. S. Cone, from up the Killebis river, was a business visitor in town Monday. Mr. Cone's new house, said to be something unique in this part of the country, is nearly completed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Robinson, who have been residents of this city for the past several months left for Portland Friday. From Portland they expect to go on to Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. York who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. York, left for their home in Madras Friday.

Mrs. Harry Emerson left for Wheeler Friday to visit friends and relatives for a few days.

H. B. and Eva Shofer, of Portland, have purchased the "Green Gables" cottage property at Bayocan Park. This property is located on one of the high parts of the peninsula, having unobstructed view in all directions. The Shofers are having extensive improvements made on the property and hope to spend considerable time at the cottage at frequent intervals throughout the year, especially when Bayocan Park becomes more accessible.

Mrs. Swanson, who owns the farm now rented by Adolph Nielson, will soon have under construction a new barn to cost in the neighborhood of \$4500. Bales & Hill are the contractors.

Where do you spend your evenings (and quarters)? The better photography programs will be found at the Gem every night. You can't go wrong. Drop in any time.

The High School gymnasium will be the scene of a fast basket ball game next Saturday evening when the Wilson River team takes on the McMinnville High School five. Both these teams play a tip top game and fans are anticipating one of the best games of the season.

Insure your automobile in the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, W. A. Church, local agent.—Adv.

Word was received Tuesday that an 8 pound girl had been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stam of Mohler that morning.

"Whoop La," just take a squint at the Gem theater program. You'll be in line every night.

Miss Florence Heffley is enjoying a visit from her mother whose home is at Monmouth.

Mrs. W. J. DeBoer, who has been teaching in the public school of this city, expects to leave Saturday. Miss Edra Labare will take her place as teacher for the sixth grade.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 5, Mildred Johnson and Elizabeth Briens entertained ten of their friends. They enjoyed music and games. First prize for games was awarded to Mabel Soderberg and the consolation prize to Helen Kiehm. Those invited were Jane Talcott, Helen Kiehm, Elvira Woolfe, Mabel Seider, Neva Fletcher, Lucile Geider, Margaret Grider, Eloise Vantress, Eleanor Diehl, Helen Johnson. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was spent.

Will J. Lyster of Portland, Oregon automobile inspector for the Fireman's Fund insurance company, spent Friday and Saturday in Tillamook with W. A. Church, local agent. While here Mr. Lyster settled with Joe Plasker for the loss on his Velle automobile which was recently destroyed by fire.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Sunday morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Subject of the morning sermon will be "The Christian Citizen." The birthdays of two great Americans this month, Lincoln and Washington, make this patriotic topic especially timely.

Evening sermon at 7:30. Subject of the evening discourse will be "The Open Window of Prayer." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to all of these services.—C. L. Dark, Pastor.

"THE MAN WHO DARED"

William Russell does best work of his career in this William Fox production to be seen at the Gem Theater Thursday, February 17th. Story of a big burly lumberjack in the big redwood forests of California. He was a man who really dared—gave the pretty Miss his gun for her protection and then proceeded to go back of the soft drink counter and get another kiss. She used the gun, bound up Jim's hand after the fracas, and later was forced to admit that she had fallen in love with "The Man Who Dared."

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