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YOUNG ROCKEFELLER AND THE MINERS

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., should not be blamed his whole life for his foolish speech when a young man about the American Beauty rose. As he grows older there are increasing signs of a serious effect on his part to discharge the duties to his fellowmen which his father's great fortune cast upon him in a conscientious, intelligent and sympathetic manner and spirit.

The father believed too much in judging of things and of treating men in the abstract, as if they were mere machines and not living suffering souls.

The young man's visit to the Colorado mines and miners has proved that he is determined at last to understand at first hand the facts of that grave problem. Managers, especially managers who have risen themselves from the ranks, are the least to be trusted in a labor crisis.

A half-breed overseer was always the cruelest on the slavery plantation.

It is real progress for Young Rockefeller to discover that he is his brother's keeper to the extent, at least, of knowing at first hand how his employes are treated and that for this knowledge he cannot depend wholly upon reports of managers.

Under the plan now proposed by Mr. Rockefeller, and accepted by his employes, the miners are to be represented by one delegate to be elected for each 150 miners. There are to be four committees selected by the delegates thus chosen and by the mine owners, with six members, three miners and three owners, on each committee. One of these committees will deal with settlement of labor differences, one with safety first accidents, one with health and housing and one with recreation and education.

The company pledges itself that there shall be no discrimination on account of membership in any society or union.—This of course means open shop and will be the chief bone of contention.

The plan of operation as to labor disputes is as follows: Any miner who, or group of miners, have a grievance must submit the case to the member of the proper committee who is elected by the miners of his own camp or mine. This representative must first try to settle the trouble with the man's foreman or superintendent. If this fails he may go before the joint committee which deals with disputes of its kind, and if this committee fails to adjust the difference it shall be settled either by arbitration or by the Colorado state industrial commission as the miners may choose.

It is interesting to note that pending the discussion of this plan the company agrees not to increase the rent of houses or cost of light beyond a price agreed upon; that there shall be no charge for water except where the company purchases it and then the miners get it at cost; the company will remove garbage without charge; to encourage cultivating gardens the lots will be fenced without charge; the company will continue to supply bath houses and club houses in the nature of social settlements, and eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all underground workers, excluding the noon hour.

And all this comes from Young Rockefeller's personal visit to the miners—and therein lies the hope of his successful operation of the great properties of which he is the head. Personal investigation and close contact with conditions as they really are. He will come to know their wishes and desires and they will feel that he is interested in their welfare as well as in the profitable operation of the mines.

The Philadelphia Record notes that the man who would rather lose a friend than argument sometimes loses both. So, did you ever take notice of how readily some fellows seize an opportunity for argument? Take away their food and drink and they will still thrive on argument.

The rising price of wheat may indicate that it is conceded that the allies are still a long way from forcing the Dardanelles.

SAVING HIS BOOTS

A New York reporter had an extremely good time recently writing up the story of a man who had gone to sleep, drunk, upon the trolley tracks of upper Broadway, taking great care to put his new shoes out of harm's way, but allowing his head to rest on the rail. The fender of an approaching car threw him from the tracks, inflicting a scalp wound. His shoes, however, were altogether uninjured.

We can think of no greater folly than the attempt to put one's shoes out of danger, disregarding altogether the safety of one's head. But, after all, do we not, every day, see people doing things equally absurd? What about providing for the safety and pleasure of the body with utter disregard for the safety of the soul? We plan to have seventy years of pleasure and prosperity, while the preparation for eternity is neglected.

We plan to protect the trifling things we have accumulated here, jewels, money, houses, land, and take no care to protect the immortal soul. Is that saner than the sleepy mutterings of the drunken man: "I will save my shoes. Never mind my head."

John Smith, one of a numerous and respectable company by that name, made complaint the other day at the free legal aid department of the board of public welfare at Kansas City, and he gave all his testimony in writing; not a word would he speak. His companion explained that at the time of his mother's death twenty years ago Smith took a vow that he'd never speak another word, and so far he has kept it. The vows of men are oft-times strange and past finding out.

Today all the baseball experts of the country are explaining that it wasn't much of a game anyway. If the public paid any attention to this class of fellows it would refuse to buy tickets for the remainder of the series.

It must have been a real hard earthquake. Some of those eastern Oregon towns were never shocked before.

Some old story Serbians are whipping the Germans and the Germans are licking the Serbians.

The "benevolent neutrality" of Greece is something new in the neutrality line.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE EXPATRIATES

Your own country you've renounced, Henry James; it with language you have trounced, Henry James; you have handed out a slam to your good old Uncle Sam, and we do not care a picayune, Henry James. You and old Jack Johnsing, both, Henry James, swore a great and mighty oath, Henry James, to abjure your native land; it was ostracised and banned, by the pair of you, self-canned, Henry James. It is sad, and yet a joke, Henry James, that the Author and the Smoke, Henry James, should line up on foreign shores, there to shut and bolt the doors—what a brace of two-by-fours, Henry James! We have lost our Hank and Jack, Henry James, and we hope you won't come back, Henry James; you have snubbed us pretty hard, soaked us one beneath the guard, and we turn you down, old pard, Henry James. You and Johnsing may abide, Henry Jim, far across the raging tide, Henry Jim, roaming Europe hand in hand, while this desolated land goes ahead to beat the band, Henry Jim!

how
To the still small voice of the Jew!
MARIE CRAIG LE GALL,
Salem, Or., Feb. 9, 1915.

THE PUNCH.
Tell me thy recipe
Author, whose book I see
Bringing prosperity,
Outselling all,
What is the magic rule
Taught thee in life's hard school
So sure that age or fool
May fame forestall!

"This is the method I
Find makes the dollars fly
Into my strong box high—
Voila, the humbug!
Louds of inanity,
Flavored with vanity,
Mixed with profanity—
This has the punch!"
MARIE CRAIG LE GALL,
Jan. 11, 1914.

VICTORY FOR ENEMY
Washington, Oct. 9.—With this victory for the "enemy" the war game ended. The whole fleet including victors, is en route to Newport.

Admiral Fletcher, commanding the "defense," inflicted serious "losses" on the invaders in the maneuvers to get into the bay. The "enemy" satisfied himself with effecting the landing and technically capturing Philadelphia, nearby cities and the League Island navy yard, and did not attempt to push further inland.

Chicago Herald: The French seem to be making a special effort to neutralize the good press agent work that has been done for the German crown prince.



A Galley o' Fun!

THE SLEEPLESS CAR.

Oh! The tedious, mahogany sleepless car,
Now would the wood were bass,
Or poplar or peach or hemlock or beech,
Slippery elm or sassafras.

Oh! The green, green plush of the sleepless car!
Now would that the plush were Jean
Or denim or duck or ticking or huck
Or mercerized nauticaline.

Oh! The green, green plush of the sleepless car!
Now would that the green were pink
Or brindle-gray or cafe-au-lait
Or the hue of the violet ink.

Oh! The inlaid and flagreed sleepless car!
And now that the snores brook loose
For pleasure and glee give a ticket to me
On the end-of-the-freight caboose!

THE EXPLANATION.
She—Miss Flirty? Oh! she hasn't the slightest intention of accepting him.
Grandma—Then, why does she encourage him?
She—Well, just now, there is no one else to encourage.

AROUSING HIM.
Dimpleton—It is time to give the baby his milk and the little soul is asleep. I want him to wake naturally.
Dimpleton—That's easy. I'll snore a few times.



ITS MEANING.

Dillidally (a chorus procrastinator)—I dreamed last night that I—er—ah!—proposed to you. I wonder what that is the sign of?
Miss Lingerlong (desperately)—It is a sign that you have got more sense when you are asleep than when you are awake!

AN EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following remarkable answers were recently given at an examination for teachers in New York. The questions were for the purpose of testing the general culture of the applicants:

1. Who built the ark? Theodore Shonts.
2. Who interpreted Pharaoh's dream? Eusapia Palladino.
3. Who received the Ten Commandments? J. P. Morgan.
4. Who led the Israelites into the Promised Land? Senator Guggenheim.
5. Who slew the prophets of Baal? Lyman Abbott.
6. Who preached in Athens the unknown god? Charlie Murphy.
7. Who wrote the Book of Revelations. Thomas W. Lawson.
8. Who raised the siege of Orleans? Andrew Jackson.
9. Who was the author of "The Divine Comedy"? Ann Dante.
10. Who was the author of "The Declaration of Independence"? Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.
11. Who was the author of "Faust"? Anheuser Busch.
12. Who said "England expects every man to do her duty"? Lillian Pankhurst.
13. Who was the author of Les Miserables? Nell Brinkley.
14. Who said "L'Etat, c'est moi"? Theodore Roosevelt.

ALWAYS.

Naylor—Hello, old man! Are you moving?
Taylor—Goodness, no! We wouldn't be taking all this stuff if we were. We are just going camping for a couple of days!

THE CHANGE.

Mrs. White (to former servant)—Where are you living now, Gladys?
Gladys Lorena Brownback—Well, um,—uh-keel hee! I ain't living now-hubs now. It's mar'd!

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