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WHO TOLD THE TRUTH.

For a generation John D. Rockefeller has been held up before the youth of the land by a certain type of moralists as a high and noble example of the man of wonderful resources, embodying a profound grasp of details, a matchless skill in handling men and an unequalled capacity for work. Yet when Mr. Rockefeller is put upon the witness stand he takes solemn oath to a painful ignorance of practically everything in relation to the great organization of which he is the head. He knows next to nothing of its workings. He is in touch with none of its operations. He doesn't know anything of its ramifications. Even its capitalization is a matter of guess-work as far as he is concerned and he doesn't know what dividends it has been paying. He tells this under oath. He frankly pleads the same degree of ignorance of all that the Standard Oil company has been doing that Pennypacker, Snyder, Mathues and the rest pleaded in connection with the \$9,000,000 capitol graft. Mr. Rockefeller has been innocent of any knowledge of rebating or other illegal practices. He has known nothing of the business or other details of the greatest of all trusts. Yet he is the same man who has been lauded to the skies for more than a quarter of a century as the financial and organizing genius of the age. He is the same man who has been held up as the highest type of the successful man whose success has been due to patient industry, to thrift and consummate skill and knowledge. Now which view of Mr. Rockefeller is correct? Shall we believe the oil king himself or shall we believe those who have made him subject to unstinted eulogy?

—Johnstown Democrat.

An Admirable Candidate.

The Democratic State convention justified the highest estimate of its wisdom in the selection of its standard bearer for the coming campaign. John G. Harman represents the best element in the political life of the country, the highest type of American citizenship. He is an able lawyer, an upright man, an honorable gentleman. He didn't seek the nomination but he accepted it with a complete understanding of the obligations involved. Fully aware that acceptance meant a hard campaign before the election and a royal battle against corruption afterward, he has assumed the burdens.

No party could have made a better nomination. Recently William H. Berry, the present admirable State Treasurer, stated that it required all the courage and determination that he could command to resist the suave gentlemen with whom he became associated upon his induction into the office. They exhausted every effort to induce him to "go along" with their schemes. He said that the election of a successor of the same sound fibre is essential to complete the reforms he has begun. The Demo-

cratic convention selected such a candidate in the person of John G. Harman. He can neither be coerced nor beguiled to acquiescence in anything which has not the approval of his keen and active conscience. He abhors corruption and will fight it incessantly and uncompromisingly.

It was the consensus of opinion among the leading Democrats that legal learning is almost as requisite as probity and courage in the impending battle for civic righteousness in Pennsylvania. John G. Harman is splendidly gitted in all these essentials. Few of the lawyers of the State stand higher in mental and moral equipment. No lawyer of his age is his superior in learning and ability. He will not only know how to trace corruption but he will have the courage to assail it. If he is elected the treasury looters will not only be prosecuted. They will be adequately punished.—Bellefonte Watchman.

WICKED WAR TALK.

Possibly the fact that the two most progressive nations of the world are Japan and the United States is the reason for the unanimous efforts of the other nations of the world, backed by the foolish, wicked, empty-headed jingoes of our own and the mikado's realms to provoke a war between us. The other nations cannot keep up unless they emulate the sublime self-sacrifice and patience and courage of the Japanese, and the liberty and enterprise of the United States.

This they cannot do, and they must therefore see themselves outstripped on both shores of the Pacific by powers which stand for a new order of things unless they can set these two rivals at each other. Both the United States and Japan have already done a good deal more than is wise to feed this wicked war spirit, but both fortunately are dominated by influences that would go to any honorable end to avert war.

There is no doubt that in a rush Japan could effect considerable loss and damage on the United States. But there is just as little doubt that in the end Japan would be smothered by our superior resources. It would be a sorry conflict for both peoples. The Japanese could gain nothing that they now want, and we should lose much, with no profit whatever, from so wicked a war.

The only gainers by such conflict would be the decadent, land-grabbing monarchies of the old world, which would rejoice to see us reduced to their level, and the warriors and war contractors of both nations, which would rather fight than work. It is well that the public should once and for all understand that this talk of war is animated by a tawdry, venal treachery, that makes Benedict Arnold's treason splendid by comparison.

—Pittsburg Sun.

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. July 12, 1907.

After just about a year of preliminary work and investigation, the government this week made its promised move against the Tobacco Trust. This legal fight will be interesting in a number of ways. It will be against a trust almost as powerful financially as the Standard Oil Company and if successful it probably will be the first of the producing monopolies on which the government will try the receivership plan of dissolution. This fight against the Trust proper follows a number of preliminary skirmishes in which the government has won. It discovered soon after the investigation of the Trust had started that there were more things than tobacco controlled by it. It had the control of tin foil and more important still it had the absolute control of the licorice industry without which it is impossible to make chewing tobacco. The licorice monopoly was brought to its attention by the complaint of some small producers who had been shamefully run out of business by characteristic trust methods, to wit, that the trust would not sell to them or allow anyone else to sell to them if they dealt with independent licorice firms.

The preliminary licorice fight was won and then came the assault on the main trust citadel. It will be a notable fight for the nation's tobacco bill is larger than its liquor bill. Also the American Trust is connected very closely with the English Tobacco Trust. It is a question what effect the American prosecution will have on this. But the way the two came to be combined is interesting enough to bear relating. It was in 1903 when the so called American commercial invasion of England was proceeding that the Tobacco Trust decided it might as well get a share of the spoils. It accordingly started in and before the British public realized it had bought up one of the oldest and most widely advertised tobacco manufactories in the United Kingdom. It had planned to buy a number of others, but there was a howl of indignation that swept over the country. The Britain is stolid and long suffering, but woe to the man who interferes with his tobacco or his beer. There was immediate and patriotic opposition to the Trust. The British Imperial Tobacco Company was formed and that resulted in England having a Tobacco Trust of its own before it knew it. The war between the American Trust and the local trust was long and bitter. The invading trust followed the usual American line of premiums and bonuses and before they got through were giving away a present with each five cent package of cigarettes or some such matter. The fight was too hot to last. It was costing the invaders a fortune and the home manufacturers were actually losing money which is an awful thing for an English tradesman. Thomas F. Ryan, who was not then the evermastering figure in the financial world that he is now, was brought over and displacing J. W. Cobb, led the American fight. But Ryan soon found that he had an expensive fight on his hands and that it would be more profitable for all hands to compromise and take it out of the public. This they promptly did. The British Imperial Company and the American Trust coalesced, each electing its own officers on the directorate of the other company. The British Company pledged itself to keep out of American territory and the American company pledged itself in the same way to keep out of the United Kingdom. But there was the rest of the world left, and they organized between them the British-American Tobacco Company in which they had approximately equal interests, and this company was to go after the trade of the rest of the world. The truce has continued up to date and the interests of the three companies are so closely connected that it will be hard for the government to fight the one without fighting all of them. The Americans got an idea from their English experience too. The bulk of the retail tobacco trade in the United Kingdom is held by a chain of stores all under the same management and known as Salmon and Gluckstein. The American trust was quick to take the hint and on coming back home organized the United Cigar Stores company which now has retail establishments in practically all the cities of the country. Thus the Trust is in both the wholesale and retail trade. It owns and controls the licorice, the tin foil, the leaf tobacco, chewing and pipe tobacco and cigar and snuff business. There are more than 70 subsidiary companies under the control of the Trust of which P. A. B. Widner and Thom-

as Fortune Ryan are the active heads. It consumes 500,000,000 pounds of the 800,000,000 pounds of tobacco raised in this country. The remainder goes to the British Trust and a few of the European governments who keep up tobacco monopolies of their own.

It will be easily seen what an immense business it is and if the Government wins its suit for dissolution and manages to throw the whole concern into the hands of a receiver, he will have his work cut out for him. At the same time there is no reason why a receiver should not be found to run the business satisfactorily and on law abiding lines. If the law as to rebates and commercial piracy are observed, the competition of the smaller firms will take care of itself. Then if the trust lowers prices to meet the new conditions, it will mean an uphill fight for the trust management to put them back again when they eventually get back into the saddle.

This is a bad week for trusts. The government has entered suit against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for rebating with the Garden City Land and Sugar Company. It is a case involving 65 counts and a matter of only \$12,000 in rebates. The minimum fine at \$1,000 a case is \$65,000 and the maximum \$1,300,000. The case will be pushed for trial as soon possible and while the maximum fine probably will not be exacted, it will be heavy enough to be a warning to all the other roads to be either extra good or very careful. In the same connection, the question of prosecuting or not prosecuting in the Harriman case is still hanging fire. It is thought that the Interstate Commerce Commission will forward its recommendations on the subject to the President at Oyster Bay within a few days. But it is hard to see if Mr. Harriman is prosecuted how the government could escape doing the same by Hill, Morgan and half a dozen other equally prominent financiers.

Huntington Valley Camp.

Campmeeting at Huntington Valley Campground will open earlier this year than usual on account of the Luzerne county fair. The date of the opening is Thursday, August 15th. The meeting will continue over two Sundays, closing Monday evening, August 26th, the opening day of the fair. Rev. Fred Hiller, of Honesdale, will preach the opening sermon and with Rev. F. W. Brunstetter, of Conyngham, will be the speakers on Epworth League day, Friday, August 16. The Saturday following will be Sunday-school day. Mrs. H. W. Palmer, Rev. A. H. Snyder, county secretary, and Hon. E. A. Coray, will be the speakers. Saturday night, Dr. R. H. Gilbert will deliver his famous lecture, "A Bunch of Hits." The Sunday preachers will be Dr. E. H. Yocum, of Lewistown, and Dr. Van Pelt, of Lewisburg. Dr. M. K. Foster, of Danville, will preach the sermon on the Monday following, Old Folks Day.

Dr. G. M. Klepfer, of Altoona, will be the musical director and Mrs. G. M. Remley, of White Haven, will have charge of the children's meetings. There has been a generous response from the ministers of the Danville district which guarantees a strong ministerial supply.

Dr. McDermott, of West Pittston, will be the preacher on the second Sunday morning.

May Fine 100 Clergymen.

Nearly 100 ministers in Schuylkill county are to be compelled to pay fines of \$50 each for failing to make returns of marriages performed by them.

The law is very strict on this matter, and if there are any ministers in Columbia county who are not complying with the legal requirements in this regard, they should take warning, or they may have to pay the penalty.

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