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By such action could not, in any possibility, be continued, "injure a really worthy and sound corporation. It would protect the public against unworthy and falling corporations. As matters now stand, the secretary of state knows nothing about a corporation after it leaves his office with a charter from the state. He cannot even tell how many of the 40,000 or more corporations chartered by the state during the last fifty years are now dead, nor how many are still living. The state creates the thing, authorizes it to do business, sends it out in the cold, and knows nothing about it forever. It is high time that a change should be made."

Self Help in Philanthropy.

THERE is much timely common sense in a statement recently made by Andrew Carnegie of the reasons which prompt him to give so much of his money for libraries. "I believe," said he, "in philanthropy based upon this eternal truth—that that which is helpful which helps people to help themselves. All other forms of philanthropy are barren of results, false, deceptive, degenerating. Give your money in such form that people using it, as a step, may rise to greater things. Assisting other people to exert themselves is the only genuine philanthropy. Hospitals, nurseries, asylums, all are eminently matters for the attention of a municipality. To give such institutions to cities would be an influence tending to make cities forsake their proper functions and disregard their duties. "To care for the health and physical condition of its citizens is the first duty of organized government. That is why we have the police to protect us against assault, lights at night to insure safety, parks for recreation, a street cleaning department to free us from the contagion of microbe-teeming refuse and dirt, and public hospitals where the sick and injured who are without money can be cared for without charge. Next to public order and health as the prime duty of a municipality comes public education. In that field lie the inexhaustible opportunities for philanthropists. Schools are established, but observation and statistics prove that only the young can attend school, and their period of self-improvement is short. Here, I thought, was my chance. And so I concluded to give my money in the form of libraries, and this I will continue to do to the day of my death. "No one can get any good out of a public library without working. Thus is my idea of philanthropy fulfilled, for let me reiterate that none are worthy of help who won't work to secure it. When my last day shall come I will be glad if I shall be able to know that I have aided others in life's bitter struggle or spurred into greater activities the currents of the world's thought."

The Most Effective Way.

OF THE various suggestions evolved in the course of the canal discussion, none, it seems to us, is more sensible than that congress should authorize the building of a canal, decide upon a maximum sum of expenditure, and then pass the whole matter along to the president, saying: "You hire what engineers you need, have them decide which is the best route, negotiate for such concessions as may be needed and go ahead."

High Time.

G OVERNOR NASH of Ohio in his recent message has carried forward in valuable new detail the much-discussed subject of publicity for trusts. Here is an extract from it worthy of attention: "Because corporations are created by the state and possess certificates bearing the impress of her seal, people are led to believe that they are safer to do business with, and are more entitled to credit, than are private partnerships and individuals. In very many cases they are less worthy of confidence. They are authorized by the state to do business before one dollar of capital stock has been paid. This is an unfortunate condition of affairs. The state, before she gives these corporations her approval, and permits them to do business, ought to require that all their capital stock be paid for in money and invested in the business they propose to transact. She ought to make sure of this fact by a report made to some competent officer. We should go further and require these companies to make annual reports, to be filed with and inspected by this officer. This report should show, among other things, how much of the capital has been paid, how much has been invested, what the assets are, the amount of liabilities and the names of the stockholders. "The governor goes still further. The publicity which would be given

CONSPIRED TO SEIZE THE NOME GOLD FIELDS

From the New York Sun. THE SENSATION at San Francisco the other day of Judge Noyes, District Attorney Wood and C. S. A. Frost, federal officials in the morning, and cases at Nome, Alaska, all of whom were found guilty of conspiracy in refusing to order orders of the higher court, was the final chapter of a remarkable conspiracy. The object of this conspiracy was to secure possession of all the mining claims at Nome through false processes of law. For nearly three months last year, from July until the first of September, the United States well that the camps of Nome were completely in the grasp of the plotters. During that time the supreme dictator was Alexander McKenzie, who had gone out to the Arctic to buy land in Alaska Gold Mining company, formed to get possession of every mine in that part of Alaska. For a time, according to McKenzie, Noyes and Frost, implacable enemies of the government, were at the head of the conspiracy. In the summer of the higher courts issued for them and until they could be reached by United States marshals practically ran things to suit themselves. It was not till late February that punishment came to the leader, McKenzie. Then he was sentenced by the court whose mandates he had served to a year's imprisonment and a fine. He served four months of that and then on the ground of broken health President McKinley pardoned him. Now, by the sentence of the same court, Noyes, at present said to be dying in a San Francisco hotel, must pay a fine of \$1,000 for contempt and District Attorney Wood and C. S. Frost, his assistant, must serve four months and a year respectively in jail. Credit for breaking up the conspiracy is given to Samuel Knight, a lawyer of San Francisco, who was in Nome while it was in operation and who gave the facts of it to the outside world. Another young lawyer then at Nome who became familiar with the case from its inception was Luntz McKee, 43 Cedar Street, this city. McKee said yesterday: "It should be remembered that Nome is only 100 miles from Seattle and 2,000 miles from San Francisco. The first discovery of the gold was made by two Swedes and although the United States mining laws hold that only citizens can locate claims, the Supreme court has held that the government is the only party that can raise that point against claim holders. In the spring of 1899 there was organized here the East Alaska gold mining company with \$1,000,000 capital to operate claims at Nome and this company was the legal owner of the claims. It is, of course, persons who had already sold their claims to the company in the best of the same court. "The genius of the company formed here was Alexander McKenzie, of Dakota, well known in state and possessing political influence at Washington. At about that time congress decided Alaska into three judicial districts and Arthur H. Noyes, of Minneapolis, was appointed to the second division, embracing Nome. By a special Correspondence of The Tribune.

RECOGNIZED AS LEADER AMONG THE NATIONS

The STANDING of the United States with her neighbors, and especially with those of Europe, is illustrated by some statements made by the London Daily Mail Year Book for 1902, a copy of which has just reached the treasury bureau of statistics. In its various chapters it discusses various features of conditions in the United States. Under the head of "The People of the World," it lists the population of the 47 great nations, the figures of weight being 7,100,000,000, United Kingdom, 41,850,000,000, France, 42,000,000,000, Germany, 42,950,000,000, and Russia, 46,425,000,000. While the United States leads this list of countries in its wealth, it shows the smallest national indebtedness, the figures being: United States, \$21,000,000; Germany, 631,000,000; United Kingdom, 705,000,000; Russia, 711,000,000; France, 1,220,000,000. The percentage of debt to wealth is given as: United States, 4.9 per cent.; United Kingdom, 6.0 per cent.; Germany, 8.1 per cent.; France, 11.3 per cent.; and Russia, 12.3 per cent. "Under the head of Commercial Competition it says that "the first year of the twentieth century opened badly for two of the four leading industrial nations. The trade of the United States good and showed no decline from the boom period of 1899 and 1900, but rather in most industries a continuance of the boom of which the United States has had the responsibility. Large a share and France which responded least expansively to the boom, remained unaffected by the decline and progress elsewhere. In England and Germany, however, the decline was felt acutely.

ADVANCE NOTICES OF COMING ILLNESS

From the London Mail. NATURE scarce ever strikes without warning. In so far as disease is concerned it gives clear signs of what is impending day, week, month, and even years before the attack is felt. For these signs and their logical warning from them they would escape much serious illness and five many years longer than they do. It is indeed remarkable how careful one should be. A man who will anxiously scan the sky for signs of coming rain, lest his top hat may get spoiled will never dream of examining his eyes, nose or finger nails for signs of coming illness. He is in the same position. It is always a sign that something is injuring the air passages, anywhere from the nose down to the lungs. Should the air passages be inflamed, or the membrane of the nose is of any consequence. But often it is an indication of congestion. There is inflammation somewhere, with too much blood, and the danger of the disease is increased. It is a warning that every prudent person should attend to. It is at least the forerunner of a cold. But it may indicate an approaching attack of bronchitis or pneumonia. When there is much sneezing, accompanied by something like a small shower of rain, the victim will do well to take a warm bath, go to bed, and adopt the other usual remedies to cure a cold.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Are England, Scotland and Ireland destined, ultimately to become part of "The United States of America and Great Britain" is the starting inquiry which William T. Stead makes in the January Cosmopolitan. He has been one of the prophets of Great Britain, and has, at all times, been in the vanguard of the movement for the union of the two empires. He has been studying the new conditions brought about by the industrial combinations and reaches the conclusion that England and the United States are destined to be more closely united and that as soon as the English people wake up to the absurdity and general uselessness, as has been shown in the Boer war, of a king and aristocracy, the trend will be immediately in the direction with a union with the people of the United States. However much one may differ from Mr. Stead, his speculations will be found to be full of interest. He is a British subject who has lived long in the United States and who has had the courage to suggest such an outcome.

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