

### WHAT THE OIL DECISION MEANS

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The United States supreme court's order dissolving the Standard Oil company means that many hundred plants, large and small, throughout the United States and our possessions abroad will be forced to wind up their business.

Evidence taken in various suits appears to have established that the Standard Oil monopoly is composed of sixty-eight domestic and fifteen foreign corporations controlling 123 refineries, eleven lubricating oil works, one vaseline plant, twenty-four pipe lines and sixty-four selling agencies, to say nothing of the oil tanks and product located at every important railroad station in the country which are so familiar to railroad travelers.

#### Forty-four Subsidiaries Named.

In the government proceedings reviewed by the supreme court only forty-four subsidiary companies of the monopoly are named. These were the companies in which the ownership of the monopoly's holding company, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was established beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey in 1896. Previous to and including June, 1896, dividends were paid on Standard Oil trust certificates. After that date disbursements were made on the stock of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The capital stock of the company was increased in 1880 from \$98,338,392 to \$10,000,000 6 per cent noncumulative preferred and \$100,000,000 common. The \$10,000,000 preferred was held in the treasury, and no announcement of its sale has ever been made.

Standard Oil stock is dealt in on the New York curb market. Because of its exceptionally high price it has been commonly termed a "millionaire's stock." The floating supply of the stock in the financial district is very scant, practically extinct. Only in times of acute financial depression, like the panic in 1907, is the stock ever really pressed for sale.

#### Has Sold at \$843.

Because the stock is so closely held large changes have been witnessed in the price of the security. It is not unusual to see a difference of twenty points on a very small block of stock.

The highest price the stock has ever brought in the last ten years was \$843 a share in 1901. A low figure was established in the 1907 panic, when the price fell to \$390. Since the panic the stock has almost doubled itself in value. During the last ten years the stock has struck an average of approximately \$600 a share.

#### DOUBT T. R.

Students Can't Find the Bullet Hole in Elephant's Hide.

"When you see the elephant think of me." That was the way Colonel Roosevelt, African hunter, referred to his gift of a big African bull elephant to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California when he recently spoke to the students at Berkeley, Cal.

The elephant has arrived, and the students are thinking of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt hard, all because Curator Barry Swarth of the university museum has so far been unable to find any bullet hole in the hide of the beast. And the students are wondering if a bullet from the colonel's rifle really brought the big pachyderm down.

#### SWALLOWED 50 CENTS.

And Papermaker "Coughed Up" \$25 to Have It Removed.

Charles Connors of Dalton, Mass., employed in Senator W. Murray Crane's paper mill, waged that he could catch with his mouth a dozen half dollars tossed to him ten feet away. He caught them all, but the twelfth slipped down his throat.

Since then Connors has been in a hospital, and it cost him \$25 to have the coin removed. He says he will try silver dollars next time, because they will slide down less easily.

#### Great Desert of Africa.

The great desert of Africa has nearly the dimensions of the United States.

### BOY STOLEN BY GYPSIES DIES IN AN ASYLUM.

#### Two Years With Nomads Wrecked Mind and Health of the Lad.

Broken in mind and health as a result of treatment received in two years of captivity by a band of gypsies, Leonard Allen, the sixteen-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Allen, is dead at Middletown, N. Y., after three years of illness and suffering.

In August, 1906, when the boy was twelve years old, he went to a pond with four companions. The other boys went for a swim, and while young Allen was waiting for them to come out of the water he wandered off into the woods looking for berries. His companions did not miss him until they left the water and even then thought he had gone home without them.

That was the last seen of the little fellow for two years, and although in all that time his mother spared neither money nor effort in searching for him, not a single clue was found.

It was not until March, 1909, that the police of Fall River, Mass., acting on a mere chance bit of evidence, discovered the lad with gypsies camping near that city.

A passenger in a trolley car on the outskirts of the city heard a child screaming and, looking to see where the sound came from, caught a glimpse of a hollow-eyed, frightened boy running from a man. He left the car and tried to follow them, arriving at the gypsy camp. He immediately reported to the police that a boy was being mistreated. Police, bearing in mind the disappearance of Allen, made a raid and rescued the boy. Two gypsies were arrested and convicted.

His mother, happy almost to the point of breaking down, took him home and began to build up the little fellow's health. Two months after he was returned to his mother the little fellow became a raving maniac. While he was in the kitchen watching his mother at work he suddenly snatched a large carving knife and threatened to kill her. So weak was he that she was able to take it from him. He was sent to an asylum.

### RECTOR TO GO ON STAGE.

#### Leaves Ministry Because He Believes He's More Fitted For Actor.

The Rev. F. S. Carroll, assistant rector of the Church of the Ascension, one of Washington's fashionable Episcopal churches, has announced that he intends to go on the stage. Mr. Carroll is a collateral descendant of Bishop Carroll, the first Catholic bishop of America, and of the Carrolls of Carrollton, Md. He was born in Baltimore and is the son of Duddington Carroll, a famous globe trotter. While residing in Spain at the age of five years young Carroll was placed under the care of Jesuits who prepared him for college.

"I have thought for some time of leaving my place in the ministry," said Mr. Carroll. "The only reason I have is that I do not consider the church to be my proper vocation. I shall follow the theatrical profession. Drama, I hope, is the branch I will finally arrive in. If I am not successful in the theatrical business I may drive a cart."

Mr. Carroll is twenty-nine years of age and has been connected with the Church of the Ascension for nearly a year. His present plan is to enter a local school of acting and prepare himself for the stage.

### TIP FOR THIN WOMEN.

#### Surgeon Says They Should Sleep on Their Sides.

Something is the matter with every thin woman, Dr. C. W. Moots, a surgeon of Toledo, told the Ohio medical convention. While his address was not exactly a defense of portly women, it was to be inferred that, although given to avoidpoids, most of them were healthy and cheerful, in cold weather at least.

"Every time I see one of those frangible women coming into my office with her sharp face, flat chest and inelastic muscles I am in doubt whether to feel sorry for the patient or for myself," said Dr. Moots. "The reason they are too thin is that something is wrong with their internal workings, and they ought to be operated upon."

"As a remedy I would advise them to sleep on their sides. Women sleep too much on their backs. This brings about internal disorders and takes them to the surgeons."

### WIFE'S REVENGE.

#### She Steals Her Quarreling Husband's False Teeth.

When Daniel O'Connell of Waterbury, Conn., quarreled with his wife last she declared she would have revenge. So while he was snoring snugly Mrs. O'Connell confiscated his false teeth and refuses to give them back. After a day's rations of milk and beef broth Mr. O'Connell told his troubles to the police.

Probation Officer Combella has the matter in charge, the prosecuting attorney having referred it to him. He will endeavor to effect a reconciliation and save Mr. O'Connell from starvation or a change in the caliber of his liquid food.

### Holland to Build Railways.

The government of Holland has announced its intention to build railways in south Sumatra to cost nearly \$15,000,000.

### Another Break in Cabinet

The retirement of Mr. Dickinson, the secretary of war, is the second break in the cabinet of President Taft. As administrations go, the present cabinet has thus far been compact and stable, although it has been by no means a thoroughly popular group of ministers, and there has been criticism enough to shake it to pieces on more than one occasion.

The cabinet's stability during the past two years can be mainly accounted for by the president's unusual loyalty to the men whom he asked to share with him the burden of government; a "born politician" in the office of the chief executive would long since have sought to gain popularity or increase his political strength, by making over the so-called official family. But Mr. Taft has made no change, on his own initiative. Those who have gone, Messrs. Ballinger and Dickinson, chose their own time for resigning.

The events of the past two years have demonstrated that the original Taft cabinet has contributed nothing to the popular strength of the administration; and it is as true today as it was a year ago that no member of it has made a reputation of the first order. Some of them have been worse than negative quantities; they have aroused antagonisms, exceedingly hurtful to the president himself. Of Secretary Dickinson it may be said that, while he has done the administration no harm, he has brought to it no strength. His official career has been, in the public eye, uneventful and colorless. Besides, he is a Democrat. There is no possible reason for condemning him on that account, but the presence of a Democrat in a Republican cabinet has probably been a source of political weakness to the administration. It has all along been impossible for the President to make so much of Mr. Dickinson as an adviser as his great abilities justified, because the mass of the Republican party would not view the establishment of a strong Democratic influence in a Republican administration with approval.

The result has been a very able lawyer, naturally belonging to the conservative wing of the Democratic party, cooped up in the War office, which many other men could have administered no less efficiently and, at the same time, perhaps, have brought to the President some accession of political strength.

The appointment of Mr. Stimson of New York as Secretary Dickinson's successor reminds us that when the President does have an opportunity to change the personnel of his cabinet he makes his new selections with a much surer political touch than was the case when the cabinet was first formed. The appointment of Mr. Fisher as secretary of the interior was an excellent stroke in neutralizing the antagonism Mr. Ballinger had aroused among the protagonists of conservatism. Mr. Stimson comes also from the more progressive wing of the Republican party, and Mr. Roosevelt's fervid support of him when he ran for Governor of New York last autumn insures the cordial commendation of the selection by the Roosevelt following. These two appointments tend to relieve the administration of the weight of the criticism that, however progressive

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the president may have been, he surrounded himself with cabinet ministers of reactionary tendencies and sympathies; and it is certain that this criticism was the earliest sign of that cleavage in the Republican ranks for which the present administration has been notable.—Springfield Republican.

### Branding Loafers.

The brand of "S" figures in an extraordinary act passed by parliament in 1547. An able-bodied man or woman found loitering and not seeking work for the space of three days could be seized and brought before two justices of the peace, who, upon confession or on the proof of two witnesses, "shall immediately cause the said laborer to be marked with a hot iron on the breast the mark of 'V' and adjudge the said person living so idly to his presenter, to be his slave for two years. The said slave shall be made to work by beating, chaining or otherwise." If convicted of running away during this period the justices could cause him to be branded on the forehead and the cheek with the letter "S" and then adjudged to his master as a slave forever. For running away a second time the penalty was death.—London Standard.

### Log Cabin Philosophy.

No use ter try ter see what's ahead er you, kase of you once seen it you'd fall over yo'se'f turnin' back.

De lion in de way is always a lamb w'en you gets clost ter him an' looks him in de eye.

Don't worry kaze you can't git a front seat in de life circus. De last seat in de show is most ingrinally de safest in case er fire.—Atlanta Constitution.

### Then He Took One.

"I wish you'd kiss me, dear," said he. "No; I won't, sir," answered she.

"I won't is rude," said this young wight. "I'd rather not be more polite."

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### KICK! KICK! KICK!

A few suggested subjects at which to kick! The weather, of course. Tight fitting shoes. The high cost of living. The hobble skirt and the Harem trousers. High hats on week days. Suffragism, etc., etc., etc. The funnier the better.

Several people have asked us if the fifty-word letters containing kicks have to be signed. How else will we know to whom to award the prizes? Whether in the event of the letter winning a prize and being published, the name of the kicker would appear is another question. Undoubtedly the writer's wishes would be followed on that score. Our idea of the "Kick Contest" includes everything except direct and offensive personalities. Sit right down now and dash off fifty words about anything you don't like and want to register a kick against. It won't take you five minutes and you may win a prize. The more original the subject the better chance for a prize. One dollar for less than five minutes work is pretty good pay. Of course you can make your kick as short as you wish. A clever fifteen-word kick may win a prize over a full-length fifty-word one. The shorter the better.

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