

"The Trusts, The People, And The Square Deal"

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—Recent litigation and legislation to regulate the trusts is discussed and a remedy to meet the present situation is suggested by Theodore Roosevelt in an editorial entitled "The Trusts, The People and the Square Deal," published today in The Outlook. "The suit against the steel trust by the government," Mr. Roosevelt begins, "has brought vividly before our people the need of reducing to order our chaotic government policy as regards business."

Returning to the main subject, Mr. Roosevelt, continued: "To attempt to meet the whole problem not by administrative governmental action but by a succession of law suits is hopeless from the standpoint of working out a permanently satisfactory solution. Moreover, the results sought to be achieved are being obtained in extremely insufficient and fragmentary measure by breaking up all big corporations, whether they have behaved well or ill, into a number of little corporations which it is perfectly certain will be largely and perhaps altogether, under the same control. Such action is harsh and mischievous if the corporation is guilty of nothing except its size, and where, as in the case of the Standard Oil, and especially the tobacco trusts, the corporation has been guilty of immoral and anti-social practices, there is need for far more drastic and thorough going action than any that has been taken, under the recent decree of the supreme court. In the case of the tobacco trusts, for instance, the settlement in the circuit court in which the representatives of the government seemed inclined to concur, practically leaves all of the companies still substantially under the control of twenty-nine original defendants. Such a result is lamentable from the standpoint of justice. The decision of the circuit court, it allowed to stand, means that the tobacco trust has merely been obliged to change its clothes, that none of the real offenders have received any real punishment.

"Surely, miscarriage of justice is not too strong a term to apply to such a result when considered in connection with what the supreme court said of this trust. "The effort to prohibit all combinations, good or bad, is bound to fail, and ought to fail; when made, it merely means that some of the worst combinations are not checked and that honest business is checked. Our purpose should be, not to strangle business as an incident of strangling combinations but to regulate big corporations in thorough going and effective fashion, so as to help legitimate business as an incident to thoroughly and completely safeguarding the interests of the people as a whole."

"I will dispute the fact that the present situation is not satisfactory, and cannot be put on a permanently satisfactory basis unless we put an end to the period of groping and declare for a fixed policy, a policy which shall clearly define and punish wrongdoing, which shall put a stop to the iniquities done in the name of business, but which shall be strict equity to business. We demand that big business give the people a square deal; in return we must insist that when any one engaged in big business, honestly endeavors to do right, he shall himself be given a square deal; and the first and most elementary, kind of square deal, is to give him in advance full information as to just what he can, and what he cannot, legally and properly do. "Not only should any huge corporation which has gained its position by unfair methods and by interference with the rights of others, by demoralizing and corrupt practices, in short, by sheer baseness and wrongdoing be broken up, but it should be made the business of some administrative governmental body, by constant supervision to see that it does not come together again, save under such strict control as shall insure the community against all repetition of the bad conduct—and it should never be permitted thus to assemble its parts as long as these parts are under the control of the original offenders, for actual experience has shown that these men are, from the standpoint of the people at large, unfit to be trusted with the power implied in the management of a large corporation. But nothing of importance is gained by breaking up a huge interstate and international industrial organization which has not offended otherwise than by its size, into a number of small concerns without any attempt to regulate the way in which these concerns as a whole shall do business. Nothing is gained by depriving the American nation of good weapons wherewith to fight in the great field of international industrial competition. To sum up, and if possible, it would be mischievous and undesirable to try to break up all combinations merely because they are large and successful, and to put the business of the country back into the middle of the eighteenth century conditions of intense and unregulated competition between small and weak business concerns. Such an effort represents not progressiveness, but an unintelligent though doubtless well meaning torism. Moreover, the effort to administer a law merely by law suits and court decisions is bound to end in signal failure and meanwhile to be attended with delays and uncertainties and to put a premium upon legal sharp practice. Such an effort does not adequately punish the guilty, and yet it does great harm to the innocent. Moreover, it entirely fails to give the publicity which is one of the best by-products of the system of control by administrative officials; publicity, which is not only good in itself but furnishes the data for whatever further action may be necessary. We need to formulate a policy which, in dealing with big corporations that behave themselves and which contain no menace save what is necessarily potential in any corporation which of great size and very well managed, shall aim at their destruction, but at their regulation and supervision, so that the government shall control them in such fashion as to be able to safeguard the interests of the whole public, including producers, consumers and wage workers. This control should, if necessary, be pushed in extreme cases to the point of exercising control over monopoly prices, as rates on railroads are now controlled; although this is

not a power that should be used when it is possible to avoid it. The law should be clear, unambiguous, certain, so that honest men may not find that unwittingly they have violated it. In short, our aim should be, not to destroy, but effectively and in thorough going fashion to regulate and control, in the public interest, the great instrumentalities of modern business, which it is destructive of the general welfare of the community to destroy and which nevertheless it is vitally necessary to that general welfare to regulate and control. Competition will remain as a very important factor when once we have destroyed the unfair business methods, the criminal interferences with the rights of others, which alone enabled certain swollen combinations to rush out their competitors—and, incidentally, the 'conservatives' will do well to remember that those unfair and iniquitous methods of great masters of corporate capital have done more to cause popular discontent with the propertied classes than all the orations of all the socialist orators in the country put together."

TETRAZZINI HAS SURE ANTI-FAT CURE.
The Latest is a Corset That "Peeches and Peneches" When Spring is Ouched.
Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—Mme. Louisa Tetrazzini, the grand opera star, is worrying because she is getting stouter and stouter. She says the fat is not affecting her voice, but if it continues she will not be able to carry around the stage as she has heretofore.
Tetrazzini says she tried Lillian Russell's floor rolling, her electric treatment, punched the bag for hours, took long walks and did almost everything, but everything she did made her hungry and as soon as she reduced her weight she immediately put on with the assistance of a hearty meal.
When she arrived in America Sunday morning she brought with her the very latest thing in the anti-fat line. The latest is a real corset that will make a barrel look like a clothes pole or an elephant like a giraffe. She says shek nows because she has tried them and sheb roughed eight pairs with her.
Madame on't tell who makes them as she is not going to allow other near-fat artists to look syp-like at her expense.
The corsets, according to Madame, are collapsible. They go on easily enough and then all that is necessary is to touch a spring and they "peeche and penech" until the fat person becomes tall and thin.

RED CROSS STAMP BOOTHS.
Sale Will Be Allowed This Year in Postoffice Buildings.
Washington, Nov. 16.—Red Cross Christmas stamps will be placed on sale in all cities about December 1, according to the plans announced by Secretary Charles L. Magee, of the American Red Cross Society.
For the first time sale of the stamps will be permitted this year in all postoffices. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh sent a bulletin order today to custodians of all postoffice buildings to permit installation of booths.
Postmaster General Hitchcock also is aiding the stamp sales by authorizing their use on the backs of all letters and other mail matter. Only use of the stamps on the front of letters is prohibited.
There was a fire in a Kensington shoe factory the other night, and over 2,000 soles were lost.
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POSSIBILITIES OF NEW STYLES IN INTOXICANTS DESCRIBED IN A PROSE POEM.
(New York World.)
No longer will the bibulous extend the invitation: "Come in and have a drink." In future they will say enticingly: "Come in and eat a little whiskey," or "chew some beer," or "let a gin cocktail melt in your mouth."
For, as The World told yesterday, no less an authority than Commissioner Cabell of the Internal Revenue Bureau says that some genius in the prohibition state of Kansas has solidified whiskey, brandy, lager beer, gin and other beverages more or less alcoholic. Commissioner Cabell knows, because the inventor, who doubtless will fill a niche in the Hall of Fame next to Nobel, who invented dynamite, wants to learn if his solid booze must pay a revenue tax.
Whether or not it profits Uncle Sam it certainly has many advantages over the bottled, barreled and kegged refreshments of today. It is understood that the eatable "drinks" can be prepared in any size from that of the worth monument to that of a homeopathic pellet. When tabloid today is put on the market a man can fill his coat pocket with whiskey straight and without leaving his chair in the theatre, take one whenever he feels the need of a stimulant. He may not be able to go away from there when the final curtain falls. But he has not annoyed everybody near him in the effort to carry a bottle of liquor, nor fallen over women's feet, nor trod on gouty men's toes.
When there is solid feed beer there will be no more "growlers;" a man can carry home the equivalent of a gallon in a shawl strap. There will be no need to wink at druggists in temperance towns; you will simply buy an innocent looking box full of brandy pellets. Appropriately, the cafes will hang out signs like that of your "uncle":
"How miserable will a hobo be when he discovers that he is stealing a ride on a car filled with cakes of rum! The altruistic doctors who try to take away a man's thirst will have to watch out for their patients' friends who will be shooting highballs down their throats."
The most perfect lady will be enabled to carry a boboniere full of pousee cafes. At the autumn festivals in the beer gardens a shik of lagers will be set up instead of the accustomed one of fruits and vegetables. What a delightful sight it will be to observe dear, innocent little Gretchens and Hanses with their mouths full of ponies of beer bitten from the pedestal of the monument.
And at certain picnics a huge block of gin—oh! fo' de lawd's sake! Dat sho'ly will be scrumptious.
Saloon Keeper Shot.
By Associated Press.
New York, Nov. 16.—Peter Lenane, a wealthy saloon keeper, was shot to death early today on the threshold of his place of business.
The police arrested Robert Harris, whom they said they found beating Lenane over the head with the butt of a revolver when they arrived. Three witnesses say that Harris fired the fatal shots. According to witnesses Harris was ejected from the saloon shortly before the shooting.
At the station house Harris insisted that it was "all a put up job." He was locked up on a charge of homicide.
Billy—"Huh! I bet you didn't have a good time at your birthday party yesterday."
Willie—"I bet I did."
Bill—"Then why ain't you sick today?"
The quarrelsome man should bear in mind that a chip on the shoulder never won a jackpot.

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DEATH PREDICTION IN WILL.

Fearing Son Cannot Live, Mother Leaves Him No Legacy.

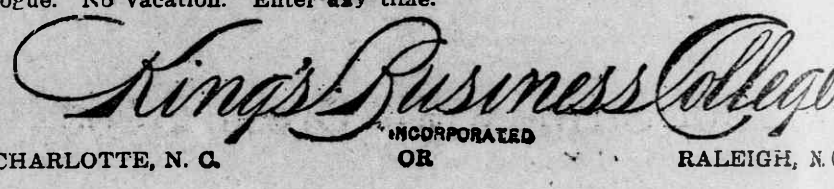
Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—In one of the most remarkable wills ever offered for probate here Mrs. Eliza Peberdy, in bequeathing an estate valued at \$27,000, wrote: "I omit to give or devise any part of my property to my oldest son, George Edwin Peberdy, not because of any lack of affection or consideration for him, but solely because of the fact that he is now stricken with an illness which I believe will, before long, prove fatal to him. "He may die before me and should he not, at the utmost he cannot survive me long."
The bulk of the estate is bequeathed to younger sons. George Peberdy declared today he was in thorough accord with the terms of his will.

NEW TOURIST HOTEL FOR ASHEVILLE.

Special to The News.
Asheville, N. C., Nov. 16.—If present plans do not miscarry and there is no present indication that they will, this city will have within the next twelve months another up-to-date tourist hotel to cost \$250,000. According to the present plans this is to be built by Dr. E. W. Grove, of Asheville and St. Louis, with the aid of the banks of the city. The hotel is to be built on the side of Sunset Mountain just behind the Country Club golf links and will command one of the finest landscape views in Western North Carolina. The site for the building is on a plateau containing about 30 acres of land on the new automobile road that leads from Charlotte street to the summit of Sunset Mountain.

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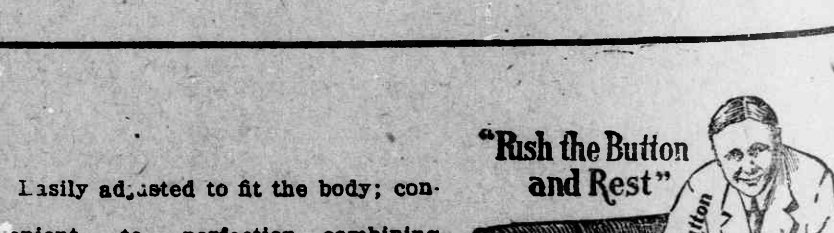
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