A MAN BEYOND THE LAW MR. ROCKEPELLER AS A DODGER

"Savoyard" Writes of the Spectacle of the Richest Man in the World a Facilitie From Justice—His Conduct Making Sodalists Every Day by the Dozen—His Preacher's Remarks as a Commentary—A Product of Republican Rule.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Washington, March 16.—Mr. John

Rockefeller is supposed to be the best man in the world and his life ought to be an example rather than a warning. He has the genius of acquisition and is to business what the rentus of Napoleon was to war. When the Corsican demigod was in field he never failed to bewilder the nemy by the rapidity and audacity of his combinations; when Rockefeller covers a market that he would monopolize he finds a way to destroy ompetition in that market and take it unto himself.

Now, I believe that when mankind becomes civilized there will be no thing as commercial competibut neither will there be any such Midas as Rockefeller, or Care,or Armour, or any of that lay-Things will be produced at the possible cost and sold at the least living profit, and at the same time wages and salaries will not be eaten up in the cost of living. But mankind is far from civilized and this is the age of the fakir in politics and the plutocrat in business.

This age will witness the triumph of State socialism. It need surprise nobody if William R. Hearst is the next "Democratic" candidate for President. The party is headed that way. Certainly he is the most powerful individual Democrat in the country with the possible exception of Mr. Bryan. He and Bryan and Tom John-son can run the show if they shall be disposed. The Democratic party become more radical than the Republican, and God knows the Republican party is radical enough for the devil to chuckle over until another generation rises that shall turn to the teachings of Jefferson, Tilden, Randelph Tucker and men of that ilk for inspiration. But that generation will be after our country shall have got its gorge of State socialism.

This man Rockefeller is the product of Republican rule—he, Carnegie His methods have put and Armour. club into the hands of every Socialist. He is making Socialists every day by the dozen. It is the legitimate and inevitable result of the political sin of the Republican party. It will engulf the country. There will be a revolution and then some fine year the American people will awaken from their debauch of Republicanism and knavery, Bryanism and folly, Hearstism and deviltry and return to the preachments of the fathers-from Jefferson to Tilden, from Mason to Cleveland, from Randolph to Thurmond-rebuild the Democratic party and restore the fabric of the Republic as it existed in the time of its glory and its grandeur. Paternalism give place to individualism, and the Federal establishment will limited to the powers delegated to it, sanely and honestly interpreted.

Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, with an income of \$100,000 every day of the year, is a miserably poor man in the truly philosophic He is, this moment, a fugitive from the law. He is in hiding and cannot be found by the officers of the law, who have been seeking him for weeks to serve a subpoens on him. requiring him to appear before a commissioner to tell the truth in lawsuit to which the Standard Oil Company is a party. He is afraid to appear in public. His preacher says he does not know where Mr. Like master, like man, like lord, like chaplain-Rockefeller's preacher says that Rockefeller's escape from the process-servers the cutest thing Rockefeller ever did," and he continues, in triumph: "Al the cunningest process-servirs. detectives and smartest reporters in the country can't find the richest and most conspicuous man in the world!"

Why can't they find him Because Mr. Rockefeller is above and beyond the law. He is a very rich man and a very religious man. He founds schools and colleges and sits in the sanctuary every day he can safely do so when dodging the law of the land, setting it at naught, contemning it. How would you like to get your religion from a preacher who exults in the defeat of the law? What sort of morality is it that dodges the In one respect Rockefeller is a slave. He is afraid to venture in I am persuaded that he pays too much for that \$100,000 a day. reminds one of the punishment the riotous imagination of Dumas visited on his banker scoundrel., Danglers, in "The Count of Monte Cristo."

But Rockefeller's entire fortuncame from illegality and immorality. so did Carnegie's. Carnegie went to the Pennsylvania Railroad and said, "Haul my steel east and west at a less rate than you give anyone else, or I will build a road that will." Of course the road had to do it, just as the grazier of Lowland Scotland had to pay blackmail to the chieftain of Highland Scotland That is how Carnegie made his mill ions. Every dime he has is the spoil of monopoly. Not only did his rivalhave to pay higher rates, but they could not get their goods shipped at all until Carnegle's were both transported and sold.

Rockefeller did all that and more too. He not only got lower rates, not only kept his rivals' oil out of the market until he had disposed of his oil, but he extocted from the railroads a part of the freight paid by his rivals. Midas never had such a touch. If he is not worth two billions it is because he thought it best to put up with one billion. His business meth-ods are correct. It is here to stay. will be beneficent in its operations whenever the magnate's cupidity is awakened to intelligence, or to conscience. I am not speaking of the re-bate, but of that monopoly that is due to cheapness of production. That is legitimate but, unfortunately, as it has existed under Rockefeller, Carnegle and Armour, it has a maw that simply unfillable.

That is what causes all this uproar over the trusts. The trust is all right if it would put up with a reasonable When a farmer slaughters a beef or kills hogs, there is immense waste. When Armour slaughters an animal, nothing is wasted. Therefore. It is manifest that Armour who makes commodities of the hair, the horns, the hoofs, the teeth, the blood—every ounce of the animat—can produce meats cheaper than the farmer; but Armour would not put up with a reasonable profit. He made millions out of rebates. He monopo-lized not only the markets he sold in, lived not only the markets he sold in, but the markets he bought in.—
What is the result? He is in corn to own it. He might have been the realest of benefactors—as Carnegie and Pocketeller might have been; he preferred to be a mere vulgar and octentations rich man.

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Correspondence of The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., March 16.—The congregation of Central Methodist church, on account of the very large membership, has been confronted with the proposition either to enlarge the present building or build an additional hurch. The latter alternative was decided upon at a mass meeting of the male members held at the Thursday night and a committee was appointed to select a site and arrange other details and report to the body at a meeting to be held later. The action means that the city will have another Methodist church equal in atchitectural construction to any similar structure in Spartanburg. It desire of the members in selecting a site for the new church to find one located conveniently to the greatest number of members. Some of those interested have declared that East Main is the proper street, while others are equally certain that South Church is the proper one. There is some dis-

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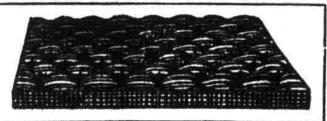


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