

MONEY TRUST "MYTH"—MORGAN

(Continued from page 1) "by word of mouth or by correspondence."

"I can't recall any but I think there were some," he said. Mr. Morgan said the firm had handled several hundred million dollars worth of securities and in the last ten years he thought those securities had all been handled on a commission basis.

Mr. Morgan thought the New Haven too had issued securities not handled by Morgan & Co. in the last ten years. Mr. Untermyer read from the papers furnished by Mr. Morgan the proposal from the Morgan house accepted by the New Haven. Morgan & Co. proposed in return for being made sole fiscal agents for the New Haven lines to lend the New Haven railroad 90 per cent of the agreed sale price of its securities, at a "reasonable rate of interest and to give the road the benefits of counsel or advice."

The proposal was accepted January 11, 1911, by the Maine Central, December 28, 1910, by the Boston & Maine, and December 19, 1910, by the New York, New Haven & Hartford, the acceptance in each case being signed by Charles H. Mellen. "Can you give us from memory a list of other interstate corporations for which you are fiscal agent?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

Mr. Morgan could remember no other except the United States Steel corporation and could not estimate the number. Mr. Morgan said his firm had supplied the committee with data on that point. Mr. Untermyer replied that such data included only those corporations with which Morgan & Co. had formal agreements. Mr. Morgan said his firm acted for the American Telephone & Telegraph company, the Northern Pacific and the Southern railroad, although it had no agreements with them.

The Northern Pacific reorganization. Mr. Untermyer took up the Northern Pacific re-organization. "Was that property re-organized under a voting trust?" Mr. Morgan said it was and that he was a member of the voting trust. "In that connection he added, 'I like to present these reports of the voting trustees for the Northern Pacific and the Southern railway.'"

Mr. Untermyer asked if they were not "arguments by the voting trustees in behalf of their good management." Mr. Morgan replied they were the reports of the trustees and Attorney Lindbury interposed to say they were "accounts of the stewardship of the voting trustees."

"Don't you think that interstate corporations should be entirely free to sell their securities in the open market and not be tied up to one firm no matter how just its methods?" asked Mr. Untermyer. "No, not necessarily," replied Mr. Morgan.

Opposes Selling in Open Competition. Taking up the Southern railway situation he said as a lawyer no objection to directors appointed by himself as a member of a voting trust, entering into a fiscal agreement with his own firm. Mr. Untermyer asked if Mr. Morgan did not think securities of interstate corporations should be sold in open competition as were United States bonds.

"I don't," said Mr. Morgan. He said there was plenty of competition for railroad securities. Mr. Untermyer asked where there could be competition between the New Haven road and Morgan & Co. in the sale of New Haven securities. "They may want a great deal more for them than we think they are worth," said Mr. Morgan.

"Do you think it would be better for the railroad to be able to offer its securities to another banking house?" "No, I do not," returned Mr. Morgan who added that the position of the banking house often had much to do with the stability and success of corporations. "There is another point about it,"

The members of Beauty of the West lodge, No. 40, and Venus lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M., are hereby notified and requested to meet in the Masonic temple Thursday, December 19, 1912, at 8 o'clock p.m., to arrange for the funeral of Bro. Geo. L. Greenlee, which takes place at the residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. J. A. WILSON, W. M. E. Z. GOODMAN, Sec. 267-21

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Scott Lumber Co., a Corporation vs. R. H. Bryant.

The undersigned, Commissioner, having been appointed as such, and directed so to do, by judgment and order of His Honor H. A. Foushee, entered at the November Term of the Superior Court of Buncombe County, North Carolina, for the plaintiff and against the defendant, in the above entitled action, WILL SELL at public auction, on Monday, January 20, 1913, A. D. at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House in Asheville, N. C., to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the lands with the appurtenances described in the Notice and Claim of Lien, and judgment filed in the above entitled matter, to satisfy the judgment in the above entitled action; which said lands are bounded and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Adjoining lands of Buxton and others: BEGINNING on the Smith Northeast corner in the line of Main Street, and runs with Main Street to where Church Street leaves same, to a stake in said Church Street at its junction with Main Street; thence with the said Buxton line to the said Smith line; thence East with the said Smith line to the BEGINNING; containing one acre more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Wm. Fisher by J. E. Rankin, Trustee, by deed dated September 15, 1906, and recorded in Book 87 at page 107, and conveyed by the said Wm. Fisher and wife R. A. Fisher to the said R. H. Bryant by deed dated September 15, 1905, and recorded in Book 131, at page 138, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Buncombe County. This the 18th day of December, A. D. 1912. VONNO L. GUDGER, Commissioner.

he added. "You must remember that all securities sold and issued are not always good, and when there is a responsible fiscal agent there is moral strength behind them."

"Will you name any instance of a railroad bond proving bad, where your firm has had to pay the loss?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"Named Entire Steel Board. 'I can't remember any case but I know there have been several,' said Mr. Morgan."

"All of that comes out of the security holder?" "No, out of the property."

"But that eventually come out of the security holder. Look over the whole history of the railroad business and see if you can find one case where the banker has had to stand the loss."

"Well, I've had a good deal of railroadings"—interrupted Morgan with a smile.

"Yes, that's why I'm asking you about it," rejoined Mr. Untermyer.

"Mr. Morgan said he could recall no special case.

Mr. Untermyer turned to the fiscal arrangement with the United States Steel corporation.

"Did you not name the entire board of directors of the United States Steel corporation?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"I think I passed on it."

"But did not you hand out a slip containing the names?"

"If passing on the board is naming it I am quite willing to assume all the responsibility," said Mr. Morgan.

"But didn't you say who should go on and who stay off?" persisted the lawyer.

"I possibly did the latter," replied the financier and a laugh swept out from the crowd.

Mr. Morgan said he had not passed on all who went on the board of the steel corporation but said no member had ever gone on the board against his protest.

Choose Gary as Chairman. Mr. Untermyer asked if Mr. Morgan had not named Judge E. H. Clary, for chairman of the Steel corporation finance committee when George W. Perkins resigned.

"I think so. It's very probable. I don't remember now."

"Who fixed the prices at which the various subsidiary companies should go into the organization?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"I approved the prices," said Mr. Morgan.

"But it was left to you to determine the price at which they should come in?"

"Yes but I was not always able to get the price we wanted."

"Which committee of the steel corporation selected the banks where its funds shall be deposited?"

"The finance committee."

"Who selected J. P. Morgan & Company?"

"Why, it was sort of ex-officio. J. P. Morgan & Company then had the whole company and its funds naturally came to us."

"You thought it would be a profitable business?" suggested Mr. Untermyer.

"We did not know then whether it would be profitable or not," said Mr. Morgan.

"It did not look much like it when it went down to \$8 a share."

Mr. Morgan agreed he had bought all the steel stock he could get hold of, that he had never lost confidence in the steel corporation and that he had never advised any one to sell. He knew of no pool or syndicates formed to deal in steel stock.

Mr. Untermyer took up the sale of large issues of stock. Mr. Morgan said that in some instances stock issues were underwritten by syndicates formed by his firm. He explained that the personnel of the sales agency generally was different.

The certificates have been profitable to the banks and those who participated, have they not?" asked Untermyer.

"Yes, generally."

Mr. Untermyer asked if there were not many banks in New York not allowed to participate in the Morgan underwritings.

"Many don't want to participate," replied the witness.

"Mr. Morgan's throat became husky and he turned to his daughter, Mrs. Satterlee and asked for a throat tablet.

Mrs. Satterlee produced it from a handbag.

"Do you want a glass of water?" asked the lawyer.

"No thanks," responded Mr. Morgan.

"If you get tired," suggested Mr. Untermyer, "don't hesitate to say so."

"I'm not tired," returned the financier.

"Can you tell us of the amount of securities marketed by your firm year by year?"

Mr. Morgan could not say. He did not believe it would amount to \$1,000,000,000 a year. He agreed to furnish a statement to show the amount.

"I think its generally over estimated," he remarked.

At Classic Theater.

The Classic theater is presenting four very fine reels that come entertainment, including two excellent comedies, "Stolen Glory," "Mamma's Boy" (featuring King Baggot, the famous fun maker); a masterful dramatic story by the famous Thanhouser company, "When Mercy Tempers Justice," and a western drama, "The Promise." Since the Classic adopted the policy of securing six to eight reels daily and selecting the best four from the entire lot, the capacity of that deservingly popular theater is taxed daily, no better advertisement can be had than a satisfied daily clientele, which the Classic now has in an unlimited measure. The Brunswick brothers today are singing the "Holy City," than which there is no more beautiful song. The scenes that accompany the songs are indescribably beautiful and impressive.

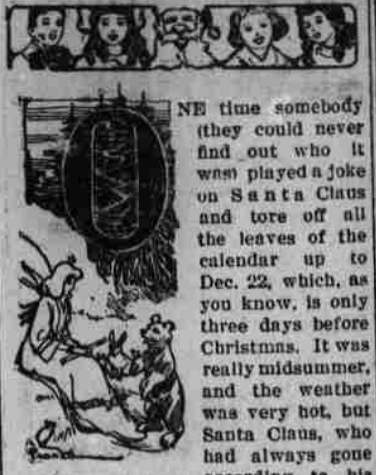
Tomorrow the Classic offers as one of its special feature pictures a "101" Bison, "On the Flying Line," that is replete with sensational battle scenes, with the confederates as the victors, also showing wonderful acting by a little girl. Remarkable horsemanship is displayed in this picture of intense action.

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Will Train at Albany.

By Associated Press. Newark, N. J., Dec. 18.—The Newark International League club today announced the choice of Albany, Ga., for its training grounds. The team will go there about the middle of March.

A Midsummer Visit From Santa Claus



NE time somebody (they could never find out who it was) played a joke on Santa Claus and tore off all the leaves of the calendar up to Dec. 22, which, as you know, is only three days before Christmas. It was really midsummer, and the weather was very hot, but Santa Claus, who had always gone according to his calendar and had never found it wrong, believed time must have slipped by him without his realizing it.

He had been rather taking his time in the workshop and had scarcely had enough toys to go around, so he was much worried how to give presents to all his children. A fairy heard him talking to himself about his troubles and had a splendid idea. She hurried into the woods and told the other fairies and all the beasts and birds and bugs about Santa Claus' trouble, asking their help in the matter.

"I don't see how we can help much," said a little bear cub. "We can't make toys."

"No," said the fairy, "but you can be toys. My plan is for us to offer to take the places of the toys that Santa Claus needs. We fairies can be dolls, for there are lots of dolls' dresses in Santa's workshop, I know."

"Splendid!" Santa said. "Just hop aboard my sleigh, which is hitched in the front yard, and we'll be off."

So the animals and fairies and every thing else hopped into Santa's great sleigh, and he, climbing to the seat, clucked to his reindeer and bade them



SPREAD THEIR WINGS AND FLEW OFF.

fly over the ground. But they could not move the sleigh, for there was no snow on the ground. Santa Claus did not know what to do, but the fairy declared that she could fix that difficulty.

She blew a little whistle, and hundreds of white wild geese came flying from the sky. She told them what was the matter, and the geese, catching the end of a long rope in their beaks, spread their wings and were off with the sleigh and its precious load, bearing it as lightly as a feather, so that it hardly touched the ground.

By morning Santa visited all the towns and left presents everywhere. He hadn't a single thing left in his sleigh and thought that he had done a very good night's work. The children when they awoke in the morning and found the presents wondered where they could have come from. Some of the little bears had cards around their necks, which read "A Merry Christmas." The children were surprised, but joyously began to play with their strange toys. The little baby bears, who kept their claws curved in so that they wouldn't scratch, were the most delightful things. The children were very fond of the gifts.

The gnomes made splendid clown dolls, and some of the fairies were particularly pretty dolls. The birds in the cages sang sweetly, the beetles drilled like armies of real soldiers, and the field mice apun on their heads and skipped over each other's tails to the amusement of their small owners.

In a few days, however, the children began to tire even of these wonderful new toys, and the forest people said it was time to return to their own homes.

When they reached home they started in to help Santa Claus make toys as fast as they could so that no time would be lost for the real Christmas. The dear old man had by this time found he had made a mistake in the date and that the children would be expecting their regular call from him at the usual time.

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Tomorrow night the cameraman will photograph the audience from the Auditorium stage and develop the film right in front of the audience and it will be shown in Saturday's program at the Auditorium. This is the biggest novelty ever offered in motion pictures in our city and it is safe to predict that the big Auditorium will be taxed tomorrow night when the audience is photographed. Saturday's program will include the Asheville pictures from start to finish, also four other new reels that have not been shown at any of the previous performances. It.

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