The Richest Man in the World.

John D. Rockefeller, the money ar of the world, is said to be bout to retire from active identi- ation with the Standard Oil mpany. This does not mean at he will sell his interest in the siness of the great monopoly, t simply that he will retire from e direction of the company and ve its interests largely in the nds of Colonel O. H. Payne, says e Philadelphia Times.

The reason for the contemplated tion is the desire of Mr. Rocke- ller for relief from the active res of business. He will still vote his attention to the conduct f his own personal business and so doing will still be actively be- re the commercial world. If he uld, he would gladly abandon , too, but he has been grasped r the huge octopus which he has ated, and to release his hold upon now is practically impossible.

John D. Rockefeller is today the hest man in the United States ubre, indeed, the richest man in e world. His fortune is an in- mprehensible one to most people, beyond their wildest imagina- n. He is valued at $250,000,- 00, but it is likely that his wealth ceeds those figures considerably. it does not, it soon will, for it is creasing at a remarkable rate. s income is upward of $40,000 a y, or over $14,000,000 in a year. this rate alone, leaving aside e marvelous profits which he akes through the appreciation d depreciation of his stocks, he uld in the course of his ordinary e, should he live to no unusual , become the first billionaire in history of the world.

His history is most extraordi- ry. When he started in the rld, he had scarcely a penny. s accumulation of money was at w, but through his marvel- s shrewdness he acquired a hun- d thousand dollars in ten years. d he ceased his efforts then, he uld have been a millionaire to- y, so well devised were his in- stments. But he did not. Where had laid the foundation for a illion, he raised beside it similar structions on a larger scale. oday, as a result of that marvel- s foresight, not unmixed with tle ingenuity and a little good rtune, he has attained his pres- t position as a modern Croesus. Rockefeller's millions have been rgely made through the Standard l Company. He has been the ving spirit and largest holder in s company. He has operated s wholesale monopoly which the mpany represents and he alone ows how valuable the stock real- y is. It is safe to say the present otations of the stock market, $60 a share, for it are not too low. or have those who have believed to be too high found it profita- e to act upon this belief in the rchase and sale of the stock.

Rockefeller's interest in the andard Oil Company is repre- nted by fully $150,000,000, $25,- 000,000 represents iron interests ndred to the Standard Oil Com- ny, while $5,000,000 represents interest in natural gas indus- es and in the land trust, all wing out of the Standard Oil mpany's business.

The rest of his wealth is invest- in real estate, in railways, in nsportation lines, bank and mis- laneous securities, but these rep- nt hardly $65,000,000.

The vastness of interests may be ter appreciated when it is real- d that he has controlled in the great railway systems as per- ctly as if they were toys in his rsery, that he has owned every r in the United States, 20,000 es of oil tubing, that he has 200 mers owned outright by him d over 70,000 delivery wagons, at he employs over 25,000 men d controls the income of at least many more. Truly he is the st influential man in the United ates today.

But just a word more about his ome. It may be better under- od when it is stated that it not ly exceeds $14,000,000 a year in timate lines, but often scales high as $8,000,000 a day by culation. He rises every morn- g $20,000 richer than when he tired. He draws, in other words, re than $23 a minute.

Music That Comes High.

There is a class much affected the question as to who is going haul down the stars and stripes Manila. This is the sentimental ature of the business. The heavy nd of taxation has not fallen th all the force that is in store r the people. There is practical ouble ahead. Before we allow r enthusiasm to run away with let us remember that the fid- ler is to pay, and that he is a ghtpriced musician.—Cincinnati nquirer.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. Howard Gardner.

Views of Admiral Colomb.

LONDON, March 11.—Vice Admiral Phillip Howard Colomb, retired, lectured this afternoon on the lessons of the Spanish-American war before the members of the United States Institutions. After dealing with the impossibility of secrecy in warfare hereafter, owing to the vigilance of the press and the necessity for protecting cables in shallow water, he said he thought that if Spain had showed real comprehension of strategy, the United States would not have been so successful. The sure way for the United States would have been for her to send a sufficient force to the coast of Spain to balance the forces known to have been in Spanish ports and to send a squadron to the Cape Verde Islands the moment it was known a Spanish flotilla was assembling there. If, he added, the island of Minorca had been seized as a base, nothing offensive on the other side of the Atlantic would have been attempted by Spain.

The lesson to be deduced was, according to the lecturer, that the American strategy was hazardous, in so far as it departed from the stereotyped rules of naval warfare. Admiral Cervera's ships were lost sight of, causing anxiety on the American coasts, and obliging the Americans to keep considerable squadrons wholly in a defensive attitude, instead of maintaining command of the sea. It was clear, he added, that if there had been coal supplies at Santiago de Cuba and if Admiral Cervera's squadron had been reasonably efficient, instead of a "miserable abortion," all it could have purposed to effect by entering Santiago might have been effected without the interference upon the part of the United States navy.

From the actions between the Spanish forts and American ships, the speech deduced the idea that very inefficient batteries were able to keep ships at a distance. Regarding the purely tacital questions involved, the admiral said it was plain that Admiral Dewey took full advantage of the superiority of his guns and gunners and placed himself in so distant a position that neither the Spanish ships nor the Spanish batteries were able to adequately reply to his fire. "The whole thing," continued the lecturer, "was terribly business-like on the American side, with a pathetic parade of quixotic gallantry on the other." In conclusion, Admiral Colomb commented upon the fact that all orders to the ships were sent from Washington, which he considered was a momentous change in naval warfare.

Dewey Breaking Down.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—When his attention was called to the statement coming from Vancouver to the effect that Admiral Dewey is breaking down and cannot last a month longer, Secretary Long said that he had no information whatever on this point. The stories of the Admiral's ill health have been in circulation with more or less persistency for the past four months. They are all traceable to private reports, and though officers of the navy who have returned from Manila state that Dewey's health so far as it could be guaged from his appearance, appears to be about the same as it has been for the past years, they agree that the private reports probably have a fair basis of fact.

It is not denied by these officers that the Admiral has aged in appearance notably within the past year; his hair is undoubtely whiter, and his figure shows signs of that weakness which might be expected to come with advancing years. Dewey will be sixty-two next December, and for many years has not been a strong man physically. Meantime, he has had imposed upon him the most severe and exacting duties so that it is but natural that his frail physique should show the effect of the tremendous strain. It is said by persons familiar with the Philippine climate that the second year is the hardest to bear for a Caucasian, and Dewey soon will begin his second year there. In addition to this he labors under the draw-back of having undergone a most severe surgical operation for the relief of his liver. A man needs a sound liver in the Philippines of all places. These facts lead naval officers to believe reports that Dewey is showing signs of physical strain.

Monument to Miss Davis.

RICHMOND, Va., March 11.—The design of the statue to be erected in Hollywood over the grave of Miss Winnie Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," has been chosen and approved by Mrs. Davis.

The design, which is by Volvey, of New York, is the figure of a sitting angel. It is to be of Italian marble and will be erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Trusses and Crutches at Gardner's, cor. opp. postoffice.

Basil Hayden's Thirty-Year Sulk.

BARDSTOWN, Ky.—Living ten miles east of this place is one of the most singular characters in the state. Now in his seventy-fifth year, he has not touched his foot to the earth for over thirty years. Living in a comfortable residence, surrounded by many acres of the best land in Nelson county, he is spending his declining years in solitude.

Basil Hayden is one of the wealthiest farmers in a district composed of half a dozen counties, and is descended from a family well-known in the pioneer annals of the state. Many of them have also been distinguished in the different lines of life.

Basil Hayden, or "The Hermit," as he is known throughout the section in which he lives, in his youth was a social leader and very popular with a large circle of friends. When the war broke out he entered the Confederate army and made a good soldier to the end. When he returned home he found his slaves free and his property greatly damaged. The emancipation of his negroes affected him seriously and he brooded ever it constantly. He became silent and morose, declining all overtures of friendliness on the part of his neighbors. He declared the Lord had dealt harshly and unjustly with him in depriving him of his slaves, and out of revenge he registered a terrible oath that he never again would put his foot to the Lord's ground. And so far he has kept his vow.

Never since his registration has he appeared without his door, nor will he have converse with any save two, and then his words are of the briefest possible character. His land interests are extensive, and, under the management of a competent overseer, yield him a handsome income. The overseer makes his report to the queer old man in his darkened retreat, who gives his orders as tersely as possible. He has never spoken to a woman in any maner since his self-imposed exile, nor will he allow one to be employed upon his place.

A Parallel.

A correspondent of a Boston paper calls attention to the similarity of conditions in Hayti and the Philippines and the failure of England and France to conquer the Haytians. Both have a tropical climate deadly to the white races, the great difference being that the Philippines are about four times as large as Hayti. The English, says the correspondent, in 1793 invaded Hayti and left in 1798, after losing $100,000,000 in expenses and 45,000 lives. The first Napoleon then undertook to acquire control. In February, 1802, he landed 22,000 French veterans in Hayti, and in the fall of that year he sent 10,000 more. The French speedily overran the island, but were in turn conquered by the climate. In 1803 Napoleon abandoned the island, after losing three-fourths of his troops. The strongest naval power in the world and the strongest military power were thus successfully beaten—not so much by the Haytians as by the climate. Both powers were too sensible to persevere after they saw the nature of the contest they had engaged in. They were content to "haul down that flag after it had once been hoisted," because it was folly to persevere. It remains to be seen whether our imperialists will be as wise. Our soldiers in the Philippines already complain of the climate, but it will become still more deadly as the year advances and their constitutions are more and more enfeebled. Deaths are already numerous, but it is to be feared that the worst is yet to come.—Baltimore Sun.

Speaker Reed Sarcastic.

Speaker Reed has been sarcastic at the expense of the administration. His opinion of the President's action in mitigating the sentence of Gen. Eagan is shown in a letter which he recently wrote to Gen. I. R. Sherwood, of Toledo, Ohio. Gen. Sherwood sent to Mr. Reed a copy of the recent severe criticism made by Gen. Shafter upon the alleged antagonism of the Speaker to the administration's policies, with the suggestion that, if true, the language called for a court-martial. Mr. Reed's reply is dated from the Speaker's room last Monday. It merely said:

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo, with the inclosure, for which I am very much obliged. I suppose Gen. Shafter was looking for a furlough on full pay.

Very truly, T. B. REED.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by C. E. Holton.

Big Railroad Deal.

It is reported in Washington in railroad and banking circles that a new and powerful company is soon to be formed, in which the Williams syndicate, of Richmond, Va., will form a leading part. This syndicate, which recently acquired the franchises of the Georgia & Alabama, Seaboard Air Line and Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad Companies, respectively, is said to be looking around for new worlds to conquer. Rumors are rife that steps will soon be taken by the syndicate for the construction of a line paralleling the Baltimore & Potomac from Quantico to Washington, with the view of making connections with the Baltimore & Ohio at a point near the Three Sisters, where, reports say, the Potomac is to be crossed by a bridge.

It is believed that the enterprise referred to is the same which, report says, has been under consideration for some time to establish a connecting link between the Seaboard Air Line and the Baltimore & Ohio roads, by which a through route will be established from the North to the South. It is rumored that the Baltimore & Ohio as well as the Seaboard Air Line is much is much interested in the enterprise, and that that road is as anxious to get a Southern outlet as is the Seaboard for a Northern route. Both lines are very friendly, and it is believed each has been looking to the other to help solve the problem of a through trunk line between New York and Florida.

Next Year Problems.

As a matter of fact the cost of war with Spain has thus far been defrayed with borrowed money. About one dollar out of four appropriated by the late Congress was for naval and military purposes. The revenue derived from special war taxes has been eaten up by other forms of extraordinary expenditure. The next Congress will, therefore, be obliged to give immediate consideration to the means of paying accruing debt out of practically empty treasury vaults. The Congress will be confronted with the difficulty that perplexed Mother Hubbard "when she went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone."

With revenue amounting to a little over $600,000,000 per year and appropriations aggregating $800,000,000 per year it requires no particular mathematical skill to estimate the probable deficit. Continuing war expenses and prospective increase in administrative outlay in our new insular possessions must add materially to the sum of necessary outlay. — Philadelphia Record.

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Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his Piles by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. Howard Gardner.

Rioting and Shooting.

RALEIGH, March 9.—The tour of the Tenth Immunes through this State was marked by drunken rioting and shooting at people, houses and cattle along the railroad. During the few minutes that the train stopped here, there was drinking and disorder among the men. Several shots were fired at the ground or into the air.

All along the route their conduct was the same. A dispatch from Henderson tonight says: "The Tenth Immunes, negro troops, passed today over the Seaboard Air Line. They shot at private houses and school children. Several men were wounded. The officers of the regiment seemed to have no control over the men." Similar reports come from other points between here and Weldon.

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