

WHO IS THE RICHEST MAN?

By Richard Spillane

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—Just before dinner Mr. Ford said to his wife: "Remember 17 years ago? Seventeen years ago when you and I tramped the streets of Detroit to get a chicken for our Thanksgiving dinner and none of the stores would trust us?"

Ford was quiet for a moment and then said in a semi-undertone: "Seventeen years ago... and I paid Uncle Sam \$76,000,000 in taxes last year."

From Babson's report of his interview with Henry Ford.

It used to be common for people to refer to John D. Rockefeller as a billionaire, but not now. He may have had that much money at one time but it is questionable. At any rate he has disposed of so much of his fortune through various channels that it is considerably reduced. Nine or ten years ago there was a dispute with the authorities of Cleveland as to his tax bill. At that time one of the foremost statisticians of America was employed to investigate as to Mr. Rockefeller's wealth. His estimate was \$600,000,000. Sixteen years ago Mr. Rockefeller has given away a large amount of money.

In the first year of the war taxation it was reported semi-officially that the largest individual tax paid that year was somewhat less than \$35,000,000. The supposition at the time was that it referred to Mr. Rockefeller. Possibly it was Henry Ford.

Is Mr. Ford the richest man in America? Is it possible that a man who couldn't get credit for a chicken for his Thanksgiving dinner 17 years ago is today America's one billionaire?

A tax expert has figured what that \$76,000,000,000 in taxes paid for 1920 represents and his finding is that Mr. Ford's income for the year in question was \$103,959,241.10. That would mean about \$282,329 a day, Sundays and holidays included. But is Mr. Ford a billionaire?

Opinions differ as to what constitutes a billionaire or a millionaire. A man with an income of \$103,959,241.10 a year might be considered a billionaire by some persons but after paying \$76,000,000 out of his income to the government he would have only \$27,959,241.10 left and that is not consistent with a billionaire's income.

Under the present rate of taxation it doesn't seem possible for a man to be a millionaire.

Ford struck the right note in his Thanksgiving day reverie. There was no suggestion that he grudged the paying of the \$76,000,000 but rather was humbled by the marvel of the man who 17 years before could not get credit in his home town for a Thanksgiving day dinner, having come to colossal wealth in such a short time. That's the great lesson, the lesson of opportunity. America no doubt offers more of opportunities than any other land under the sun but it is present in every land and in every clime for those who are fitted to respond to it when it calls.

And there is another great lesson in Ford's millions. The Niagaras of dollars that poured in upon him in the last 17 years have been clean dollars. They have come from furnishing the multitude something that has added to human progress and human betterment. His tremendous wealth refutes the belief that no man can be a millionaire and be honest.

To Henry Ford and not a few other men of great wealth money does not mean ease or luxury but rather spurs them to higher achievements. Some of the very richest men work harder than day laborers. So far as creature comforts are concerned there is no difference between \$1,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

If nothing else Henry Ford's story is a classic in the great tale of America's self-made men, for it is a tale of opportunity well used and never abused.

Twelve Facts Which Show Prohibition Success

- Facts and figures, together with "an even dozen unquestioned points in proof that the eighteenth amendment is being enforced," were made public by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes in a formal statement on the eve of the second anniversary of the national prohibition act which became effective Jan. 16, 1920.
- The twelve points cited as "so outstanding that no attempt can be made in denial, follow:
1. Disappearance of the open saloon.
 2. Abatement of open drinking in public dining rooms.
 3. Passing of the treating evil, which was recognized as the greatest contributing agency in the development of liquor appetite.
 4. Closing of whiskey cure and similar institutions.
 5. Increased saving accounts.
 6. Record breaking Christmas business.
 7. Decreased drunkenness.
 8. Prohibitive price for bonded liquor for beverage use.
 9. Dangerous character of illicit whiskey.
 10. Surreptitiousness of present-day drinking.
 11. Fall of howling minority who would go to the length of undermining the constitution in order to nullify an amendment which their action demonstrates is in actual effect.
 12. Changed attitude of former hostile statesmen, political leaders and the press.
- Mr. Haynes declared that the prohibition amendment was being enforced to an even greater extent than had been anticipated and predictions of opponents had not been borne out by actualities.

The Stuff They Call Whiskey

A young policeman—a man who had won a Carnegie medal for bravery, a man who had a good record on the force, a man of family—drew his pay on Monday and drank some of the stuff they sell in the New York speakeasies as whiskey. Sometimes this stuff blinds those who drink it; sometimes it kills them; sometimes it drives them mad.

It drove the young policeman mad. He commandeered a cab and so seized the driver by firing his pistol that the driver jumped out and ran away. The policeman left the wrecked cab and fled to the house tops. He smashed a skylight and rampaged in the hallways. The householder called a patrolman from the streets. The crazed policeman met him on the stairs and aimed his pistol at him, but it missed fire. The sober policeman's pistol did not miss fire and the bullet went through the drunken one's heart.

Hooch did it—the dyed liquid that the bartender in the blind tiger puts out on the bar in a bottle with a counterfeit label and tells his customers is "real pre-war goods."

Editor's Note: The editor of the New York Herald seems to lay all the above trouble to the fact that the whiskey was blockaded whiskey. That whiskey may have been below the standards for whiskey but it produced only one of the old time tricks of strong drink. It will do this kind of work in some cases whether the intoxicating liquor be in the form of whiskey or brandy or rum or other forms of alcoholic drinking. Even hard cider sometimes runs men crazy.

KILLED CASHIER, TOOK BANK BUT FRUSTRATED

Band of Robbers in Pittsburgh Carried Off \$30,000 But Had a Losing Battle With Detectives

Five men walked into the First National Bank of Crafton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and after killing Harold Moss, assistant cashier, forced five clerks and a woman customer into a vault. They robbed the bank of approximately \$30,000 in cash and negotiable securities, and escaped in an automobile toward the open country.

Within an hour after the robbery a party of city detectives on their way to the bank met an automobile filled with men on the North Side. The order to stop was answered by a fusillade of shots, and the car kept going. The detectives lost a little time in turning, but soon overtook the bandits, who abandoned their car and scattered. They dashed in buildings in the vicinity of Pennsylvania and Irwin avenues, with the detectives closely on their heels.

While some of the officers followed the fleeing robbers, who were answering their firing shot for shot, others took charge of the car, and found what they believed to be all of the loot stolen from the bank.

Meantime the bandits had run through the buildings facing the street, and cut out of the back doors into byways and alleys. They were so closely followed by the police, now reinforced by all the available reserves on the North Side, and motorcycle men from the downtown district, that they took refuge in a house on Pennsylvania avenue.

Stationing themselves at advantageously located windows they opened fire on the police, who prepared to rush the building.

A great crowd, attracted by the firing, gathered in the vicinity and watched the battle.

After an exchange of shots between the house and policeman in the streets, firing from the house slackened and finally ceased. The suspicion grew that the bandits had escaped and a cordon of police was thrown around the entire section. The automobile used in the robbery was taken to central police station, where it was found that the rear had been riddled with bullets.

MR. COX MAKES HIS FIRST SPEECH SINCE LANDSLIDE

Former Democratic Candidate is Hopeful and Condemns Policies of Present Administration

James M. Cox, democratic candidate for president in 1920, and former governor of Ohio, told Democrats gathered at Dayton, Ohio, at a Jackson day banquet that their party stands just where it did "when the votes were counted" and is "ready for the next fight."

Public opinion, he declared, has "steadily borne the destiny of America nearer each day to the seat of the league of nations at Geneva."

In his first public address since the campaign of 1920, Mr. Cox assailed the policies of the present administration, condemning the work of the Washington armament conference, declaring that America had refused to accept world leadership and that financial depression was due to the "treachery of Logdism." Thousands of Republicans, he declared, "now realize that the leaders of their party in the making of policy have profaned Republican history by forsaking the soul of Abraham Lincoln for the spleen of Henry Cabot Lodge."

Mr. Cox said in part:

"As I interpret proprieties, the defeated candidate for the presidency should hold to the unspoken word until time has brought the unmistakable evidence of payment or default by those in power on campaign pledges."

"Almost a full year has elapsed and very properly can we apply an analysis of its developments. The ruins of war still mar the international perspective. Willing industry is without the aid of financial credits. Countries solvent, if not rich in natural resources, are in idleness and misery. The reaction, true to prophecy, is upon us, and every community is affected. The echoing cry of America first is a mockery to human intelligence as unhappy experience tells us that we are a part of the whole world in soul, by the will of Almighty God, and in practicalities by the logic of nature's laws—Republicans' dictum to the contrary notwithstanding."

"Farm products have diminished in price much below the labor cost of production; vast inventories of shop and mill have followed the downward trend until thousands of farmers and business concerns are hopelessly insolvent. Only the resiliency of our banking system has averted the most destructive panics in all history. Inventories have diminished in value, but debts remain the same. There can be but one final result to this situation."

"And how needless it all has been. When peace came Europe needed rebuilding. America had the supplies, Europe required credit. America had a prosperity upon which credit could have been given."

"The distress in Russia is chargeable to the terrors of sovietism; the distress in America to the treachery of Logdism."

WILD WEST SHOWS NOW COME FROM THE EAST

The Dime Novelist Doesn't Have to Go to the Wild and Woolly for His Examples of Crime

Future dime novelists—if there ever are any—will not need to follow the advice of a former editor of this newspaper and go West, says the New York Tribune. Right here in New York they will find material for all the hair-raising thrillers they have time to write. Nothing but Indians is lacking, and the armed ruffians are wilder than was the wildest Indian in his wildest mood.

Automobiles loaded with bandits dash through crowded streets, their occupants exchanging shots with squads of pursuing police as they go. A young woman is waylaid and robbed at the entrance of the Pennsylvania station, with hundreds of people within call and traffic policemen calmly directing motor cars a block distant in either direction. Across the street the guests of a stant hotel could have looked down on the scene. If they had known it was being enacted it is extremely likely they would.

Two or three highwaymen walk into a grocery store and rob the cashier while scores of people are buying their household supplies at the counters. Hardly does a cigar store open in the morning before a couple of gunmen stroll in and demand the cash that is in the safe.

It is not surprising that groups of business men, like the fur dealers, have decided to organize their own police force. New York has a large force of police, most of whose members are brave and heroic men, as was lately proved in the case of the two victims of the assassin Boddy. But the epidemic of crime is plainly too much for any efforts that the city constabulary, as at present directed, are able to put forth. Life and property are more insecure in New York today than they were in the mining camps of the '50's. Burglary insurance is steadily soaring and crimes of violence are so common as hardly to command more than passing attention.

Clearly it is high time for unusual measures, even if they involve the invoking of national aid, as West Virginia was compelled to do to put down violence in Mingo county.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified before R. W. Lemmond, C. S. C., as administrator of the estate of Sallie Long, deceased, claims against said estate to present them duly verified on or before the 26th day of Dec. 1922, or this notice this is to notify all persons holding will be paid in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment.

This December 25th, 1921.

Robert Conder, Administrator of Sallie Long, Deceased.

W. B. Love, Atty.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having duly qualified as the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Fannie E. Clark, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned administrator on or before the 10th day of Dec., 1922, or this will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make prompt payment and save costs.

This the 7th day of Dec., 1921.

B. R. CLARK, Adm'r.
R. B. Redwine, Atty.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of W. T. McGuirt, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 12th day of December, 1921.

MRS. MINNIE MCGUIRT, Adm'x.
Vann & Milliken, Attys.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Union County, In the Superior Court: Eliza McDaniel, Plaintiff, vs. Elihu McDaniel, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Union county to dissolve the bonds of matrimony, a vinculo, heretofore existing between the plaintiff and defendant, on the grounds of desertion, the defendant having separated from the plaintiff more than ten years ago, and having lived separate and apart during that time and his whereabouts being unknown; the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of the Superior Court of said county on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1922, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 3rd day of Jan., 1922.

R. W. LEMMOND,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
John C. Sikes, Attorney.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order and Decree made by R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Union County, North Carolina, in a special proceeding pending therein wherein J. N. Price et al were plaintiffs and Mrs. Bliss Robinson et al were defendant, I will, on Saturday, the 18th day of Feb., 1922 offer for sale to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Monroe, N. C., two certain tracts of land, being and being in Sandy Ridge Township, County of Union and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows:

First tract.—Beginning at a cedar stake on twelve-mile creek by some willows and runs down said creek S. 3 E. 2.29 chs. to a stake on said creek; thence a new line S. 6 1/2 E. 18.80 chs. to a pile of stone in the Monroe and Weddington road; thence with said road 11.50 chs. to the center of bridge and creek; thence with a line of lot No. 3 N. 5 1/4 W. 13.00 to the beginning and containing 7 acres.

Second tract.—Beginning at an iron stake in the N. edge of the New Town Road and runs N. 79 1/2 W. 6.81 chs. to stones on the N. edge of the New Clark road; thence N. 16 E. 3.59 chs. to stones by small pine; thence N. 35 1/2 E. 7.77 chs. to a P. O. stump and stones; thence N. 19 1/2 E. 14.85 chs. to two stones; thence S. 53.52 E. 6.05 chs. to a stake and stones; thence S. 22 1/4 W. 28.80 chs. to the beginning, containing 14 1-10 acres.

The same being the lands which A. J. Price, late of the County of Union and the State of North Carolina, died seized and possessed and same will be sold for partition. Terms of sale, one-third be paid in cash and the remainder on a credit of twelve months with approved security and title retained until all the purchase money has been paid.

The 13th day of Jan. 1922.

R. B. REDWINE,
Commissioner.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND IN GOOSE CREEK TOWNSHIP—ABOUT ONE HALF MILE FROM GOOD SCHOOL

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as agent and attorney of Lonnie D. Pusser, I will on Saturday, the 18th day of Feb. 1922, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all of that tract of land lying and being about one half mile from Carriker School House, on Grassy Branch, in Goose Creek township, Union County, N. C., and being the place whereon I now reside, and described as follows:

Lying and being on waters of Grassy Branch known as the Mary Jane Long place and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in Grassy Branch, Julius Haiger's corner and runs S. 60 degrees 54 minutes E. 28.50 W. 34.14 chs. to a pile of stones; thence N. 48 degrees W. 25 chs. to a stake by a bunch of ash on Grassy Branch; thence with the various courses of said branch 30 chs. to the beginning containing 50 1/2 acres.

Being the same tract of land conveyed to Lonnie D. Pusser by Gilliam Craiz, Commissioner on the 12th day of May 1920. See deed registered in Book 51 page 718.

This land will be sold under the same conditions that land is sold under mortgage.

This January 16, 1922.

JOHN C. SIKES,
Attorney and Agent.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

State of North Carolina, Department of State.

To all to whom these presents may come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Flint Ridge Store Company, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated in the town of Waxhaw, County of Union, State of North Carolina (K. C. Craig being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 13th day of January, 1922, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now in file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1922.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

LAND SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to W. S. Blakeney, trustee, by G. W. Kennington on the 12th day of January, 1920, and recorded in book A X, page 611, in the office of Register of Deeds for Union county, N. C., I will, on the

27th day of February, 1922, at 12 o'clock, at the court house door of Union county, in Monroe, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands in Union county, N. C., adjoining the lands of J. W. Martin, Ralph Chambers and others and known as a part of the Gulledge lands on Brown Creek, conveyed to the Monroe Insurance & Investment Co., by deed dated March 29th, 1913, and recorded in book 47, page 377, etc., office of Register of Deeds for said county and described as follows, viz: All those five tracts or plots of land numbered 18, containing 21 1-4 acres, No. 19, containing 32 1-4 acres; No. 21, containing 36 1-4 acres; No. 22, containing 30 1-4 acres, and No. 23, containing 21 acres, a total of 144 acres, more or less, being shown on a map of the Monroe Insurance & Investment Company Brown Creek land as the Martain road, leading from the Marshallville & Hornsboro road through the J. W. Martin land to the above described tracts and being fully described in a deed from J. W. Martin to The Monroe Insurance & Investment Company, dated November 9th, 1916, and recorded in book 52, page 461, office of Register of Deeds for said county. This 21st day of Jan., 1922.

W. S. BLAKENEY, Trustee.

LAND SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed to G. B. Caldwell, trustee, by John Medlin on the 15th day of May, 1920, and recorded in book A X, page 755, in the office of Register of Deeds for Union county, N. C., I will, on the

27th day of February, 1922, at 12 o'clock at the court house door of Union county, in Monroe, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following lot of land in Union county, N. C., described as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone, the southwest corner of said White's lot and southeast of this lot in the old original line and runs thence North with said White's line five chains and ninety-six links to a stone in the south edge of the East Avenue or street, White's northwest corner; thence with south edge of said Avenue South 88 West to a point in the South edge of said Avenue, from which point a line being run due South and parallel with said White's line to the South line of lot from which this lot is taken; thence with the old line North 77 1-4 East to the beginning, containing one acre and being and intending to be, the East half of the two acre lot conveyed by J. H. Benton to John Medlin October 14th, 1905, recorded in book 43, page 217. Subject to the right of way of the public road late laid out by the said lot and excepting and reserving the wire and post consisting of the fence around said lot with the right to enter said lot and remove the said fence therefrom.

This 21st day of January, 1922.

G. B. CALDWELL, Trustee.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Union county that after the expiration of thirty days, after the first publication of this notice, the Board of County Commissioners of Union county will issue bonds of said county under the provisions of a Special Act, ratified by the General Assembly on the 14th day of December, 1921, authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars of bonds for county highways and bridges. Notice is also given that the question of issuing bonds will not be submitted to the voters at a special election, unless within said period of thirty days there shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners a petition for an election on such questions, signed by at least 25 per cent of the registered voters of Union county, as provided in said Act.

This notice was first published on the 3rd day of January, 1922.

M. C. LONG, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of R. A. Gaddy, dec'd, this is to notify all persons holding claims against my intestate to present same, duly authenticated, to me at my residence in Wincate, N. C., on or before Dec. 20, 1922, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of recovery on said claims.

This 19th Dec. 1921.

ELIZABETH GADDY, Adm'x.
Vann & Milliken, Attys.

This Church to Be a Business Institution

An innovation in church architecture and ideas in the South is being planned by the First Baptist church members of Asheville, who are discussing the erection of an 8-story church building, to cost more than half million dollars, within the next two years. Tentative plans and drawings for the proposed building, which will be a radical departure from church architecture and planning in the South, have been made. The new building will have swimming pools, basketball courts, reading and club rooms and shower in the basement, the church auditorium for worship on the ground floor and a modern Sunday school system on the second floor. The remaining stories will be given over to business offices, from which the church will derive sufficient revenue to meet the running expenses in part of the church.

Preparedness

In a private school for children in Dallas the pupils were required one day to use a given word in a short sentence.

"Now, Jimmy," said the teacher to the young son of an automobile dealer, "I want you to write a sentence with the word closets" in it."

Without hesitation Jimmy stepped to the blackboard and wrote in a large, flowing hand: "Some men keep liquor in their closets."

Legal Advertisements

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Court of Union County as executrix of the estate of Felix Griffin, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of said Felix Griffin to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of January, 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, will please make prompt settlement.

This January 16, 1922.

MRS. ADA GRIFFIN, Executrix of the estate of Felix Griffin, dec'd.
John C. Sikes, Attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified before R. W. Lemmond, clerk of the Superior court of Union county, as administrator of the estate of Julia A. Tarlton, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them duly verified on before the 24th day of January, 1923, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement.

This January 24, 1922.

H. N. GREEN, administrator of the estate of Julia A. Tarlton, deceased.

W. B. Love, attorney.

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