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One of the "Good Trusts?"

In his last annual message the president said: "Modern industrial conditions are such that combination is not only necessary, but inevitable. Cooperation and labor union have come to stay. Each, if properly managed, is a source of good and not evil." The editor of Everybody's Magazine says that one of the president's "good trusts" has been found and that its headquarters are in Chicago. The editor of the magazine, which has always been strongly anti-trust and anti-Wall street, has been investigating, directly and through a commission, the International Harvester company, and the result of the inquiry are published under the title "The Romance of the Reaper."

The article, which is the work of the commissioner and is strongly indorsed by the editor, tells the complete history of the formation of the International Harvester company and the courses upon its effect upon prices, the implement trade and the farmers. The editor of the magazine, speaking from information obtained by direct inquiry, says:

"The business methods of this institution conform to the highest standards of fair play and square dealing. The International Harvester combine is not a trust. Its members surrendered their individuality in the name of 'modern industrial conditions' and 'co-operation' and combination 'not only necessary, but inevitable.'"

There has been a heavy decline in immigration, and as a result there are nearly no more immigration officials in the port of New York, and no arrivals of aliens. It is said that there are so many officers at Ellis Island that each immigrant can command the personal attention of one. There is a crying need for a reduction, but there is precious little flexibility in our civil service. Few civil service men die, none resign, and the number of aliens is never diminished.

The Future Canal Traffic.

Trade is fast built up in a day. If the Panama canal is to begin to make a return on the investment during the lifetime of the generation which builds it the government must prepare to meet the competition which will enter the field. The traffic along the canal has been a great advertisement for the regions whose trade is realized. A immense volume of traffic will be required to meet the large expenses of operation and maintenance.

It goes without saying that if any part of the trade which would naturally move through the canal as a matter of convenience can be diverted to other channels other nations will be wise in advance and have their pipes laid, even though it require heavy subsidies to keep them in the field. Great Britain will never look on with indifference while one morsel of the coast or island trade is in danger of slipping into the hands of a commercial rival. The Tehuantepec route is an example of what a wide awake government can do in the way of establishing a shorter channel for trade between the oceans.

Authorities believe they have discovered where the Black Hand bombs are made. Really ought to be no trouble about that. Industry has increased so greatly we should think it would be a trust by this time and all details known to the bureau of commerce and manufactures.

Owen Winter, the author, is running for office on the reform ticket. His experience may teach him that the American people hate to admit they need reforming.

One cannot help admiring the man who can talk baseball when the mercury in the thermometer is trying to crawl out of sight.

Even a chair of banks is no stronger than its weakest link.

Mr. Carnegie's announcement that "this country has the worst money system in the world" may mean that the cash continues coming to him faster than he can give it away.

The New York writers are to have a clubhouse of their own in the fashionable club district. In spite of this New Yorkers will continue to excuse fifty cents by saying that the waiters need the money.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany always held a high opinion of Cecil Rhodes. "I wish you were a German," he once said to Rhodes. "For I would appoint you director of my foreign affairs." "That," replied Rhodes, "is a great compliment, sir, but I respectfully assure you that if you had been an Englishman I should have engaged you as my general manager."

The "Asiatic Peril."

Whether the alarm in parts of our main territory over a possible Japanese invasion by way of immigrant ports was needless or not, this country cannot be put in the ridiculous class because of the high notes of protest that have been aimed against the importation of Asiatics. Our neighbors north and south having Pacific coast interests to guard are more outspoken than ourselves over the proposition of Count Okuma, ex-premier of Japan, to push Japanese expansion until the subjects of the mikado overpowered the face of the earth like a cloud of locusts. Okuma points his countrymen to Chile or Mexico or Peru or Brazil because of the scarcity of labor there. To this proposition the Chilean minister of foreign affairs answered in a recent interview as follows:

"Japanese immigration must be firmly opposed not only in South America, but in the whole world. The same remark applies to Chinese immigration, since everything that provokes racial hatred, and any discrimination in the treatment of any race of white people, and arouse their yet unquelled thirst for blood and military force were intended merely for warlike, in other words, threats of Okuma should induce the United States of America to reiterate the Monroe doctrine, although hitherto it has been applied with suspicion by Europe and with jealousy and fear by the republics of South America for many years."

Pan-Americanism has indeed no reason for its existence as far as regards Europe, for the tendency of European expansion is toward the commercial and pacific. It ought, however, to be adopted as an insidious weapon against the plans and projects of that empire of the orient which has so lately risen up to new life and conquest.

Unlike the South American states does not come within Japan's "sphere of influence on the Pacific" outlined by Count Okuma. Nevertheless, the aggressiveness of the Japanese immigrants brings no little alarm to the thoughtful people of the Dominion of Canada. Referring to the partisan attitude referred by certain statesmen who have tried to adjust the Vancouver matter amicably with the Japanese government, the Toronto Globe said recently, "What Canadian will hold on to its that our Pacific shores shall not be overrun with Asiatics." The Toronto Saturday Night declares that the admission of Asiatics to English speaking countries "on their own terms" must stop and continue:

"We must possess the country more completely than we do before we can expect it to impart an invasion from the east. You can work along with either Vancouver or Victoria and by where a moment before you were in Asiatic buildings, filled with stores, and are now in a close packed warren of tenements. Public opinion which might have been lulled and lulled where one white man used to sleep five or six, now must sleep but make that population equal to that of a long street of houses occupied by a hundred or more people, each with a stove, a dining table in a box. You come to the feeling that you have to live with the back and legs, and you wonder for the rest of your life who must turn up Asia upon to fasten upon and grow in such places. Since the world is worth conquering, and we should down as ours, it would be foolish to give away points in this great race game."

While a nation under the banner of pan-Americanism is often as a reminder in South America, the Canadians are exhorted to crowd the yellows out by bringing more and more whites in. This had is a compromise measure as things stand and might result merely in passing on to posterity the inevitable battle for white man's rule.

An executive order to abolish the evil of absenteeism among army officials would doubtless breed more indifference, but those who might be hit by it would not receive a great amount of sympathy from the public. Absenteeism is perhaps the most demoralizing officers. It is so much difficult to prevent. Here the much talked of "punishment" is used effectively, and it is time that the United States military authorities take some action against it.

Now the Russian reactionaries want to bring Finland under the iron heel of centralized despotism once more. If the pendulum keeps on swinging that way, we shall soon have to forget that there was ever so much as a beginning of political reform in Russia.

Some one has said that "Mark Twain can see humor in anything." Then he ought to be near "anything" every time his \$51,000 balance with the Knickerbocker trust.

It is easy enough to write verses without a particular theme, but a paragraph takes an hour and a half. And that's no ridiculous dream.

This year somehow every installment of real wintry stuff is greeted with a hearty encore.

He is indeed, wise who keeps his snow shovel in good working order during an "open winter."

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The "New York to Paris" Dream.
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In Alaska Mr. De Wint says there are 1,900 miles of "precipitous mountains and dense forests, intersected by numerous rivers and practically unexplored." The water between the continents is seldom frozen over, and if it should happen to be bridged with ice when the cars got there they would confront "towering hummocks and deep crevices through which a man can scarcely thread his way." And as a matter of fact, this writer says that for one stretch of over 4,000 miles no gasoline or other motor fuel can be had and that in places the temperature is so low that gasoline would be scarce. In places fuel of all kinds is so scarce that explorers and natives live on raw food. But many likes to do what man has never done before, and although seasoned arctic travelers may poolpoh the New York to Paris auto dream, it will doubtless require half a score of failures and half a dozen catastrophes in this field before the daring will give it up.

A duty may be a very difficult thing, a very disagreeable thing, and what is strange, it is often a very foolish thing. It is present, close before us and yet we don't see it; somebody shouts it into our ear, "Duty!" and straight it towers before us as a grim giant.

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