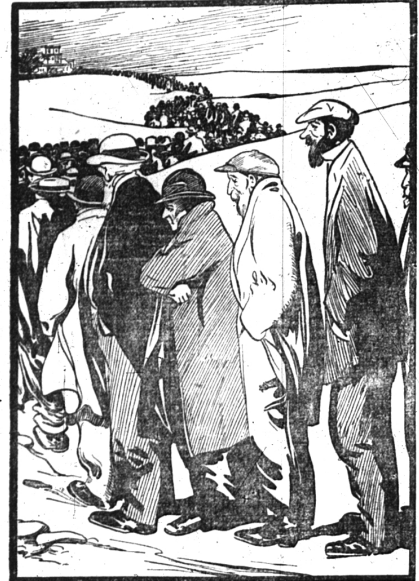


Rockefeller's \$32,000,000 Gift to Education

That Sum Could Support in Comfort 304,762 Persons for One Year, Could Build Homes for 100,000, Could Pay Off One Year's Interest on the National Debt, and Could Provide for All the Yearly Expenses of the Governments of Denmark and Greece Combined.

Socialism Views the Great Gift With Only Partial Approval; Mylar Tom L. Johnson Says It Is an Anchor Cast to Windward Against the Time that People Will Become Aroused; the French Press, Astonished at Its Size, Differ as to the Motives for It.

New York—Thirty-two million dollars for education! This latest gift of John D. Rockefeller so overtops anything ever known in the line of philanthropic giving that it requires some analyzing to comprehend the vastness of the sum. In recent years



Interest—\$4,259 daily—would give bread to Filistinian line of 82,000 men, or 22 million tons—22 miles from city hall to Filistinian house in Tartarvton.

The American people have had their financial sense of proportion soundly expanded by talk of millions tossed about to various institutions. It is worth while to look first into the enormous amount of labor required to produce this sum which Mr. Rockefeller is able to give away, says the New York World. The United States census report for 1900 contains some statistics upon oil refineries. The Standard Oil company, of which Mr. Rockefeller is titular president and from which he made his wealth, owns or controls nearly all the refineries in the country.

What Gift Means in Labor.

The census report says that the average wages paid in oil refineries in the whole year at the average rate in 1899 was \$557 a year, or a trifle over \$1 a week. Dealing with the matter of labor alone, in the accumulation of these thirty-two millions it would require the unremitting work of an army of 57,450 men giving all their wages to Mr. Rockefeller for a whole year at the average rate of Standard Oil men were paid to make up his gift.

That would be equivalent to all the workmen in Providence or Kansas City or Rochester turning over their wages for a year to Mr. Rockefeller—a whole city working for him so that this gift might be accumulated.

The production of crude petroleum

SOMNAMBULISM A FORM OF HYSTERIA

Popular Understanding of This Affliction Far from Clear, According to Lecture on "Mind and Modality" Cases That Have Come Under His Observation—Frequently the Result of Long-Continued Mental Strain.

Prof. Pierre Janet of the Paris Sorbonne in McCoy hall of the Johns Hopkins university recently delivered a lecture on "Mind and Modality" and dealt with hysteria, particularly that form of hysteria which evidences itself in somnambulism.

"What is somnambulism? Popularly, a somnambulist is an individual who thinks and acts while he is asleep.

That answer is not very clear, for we do not know very well what sleep is. You will find nowhere a more beautiful description of the popular form of somnambulism than in Shakespeare's tragedy of "Macbeth." Modern examples are much less dramatic, but you will let me cite a few which have come under my observation:

"There is a young woman, 29 years old, whom I will call 'Gib.' She heard one day that her niece, who lived next door, had drowned herself in the window in a fit of delirium. She rushed downstairs and was confronted with the sight of the body in the street. After the first shock she seemed to be but little moved, prepared the body for the funeral and was as quiet and calm. But from that time on she grew more and more gloomy. Nearly every day now she enters into a strange trance. She seems as if asleep and she speaks fitfully to her niece, calling her by name, Pauline. She tells her that she admires her courage, that her death would be a window, open to her, and she will not let her niece die. Her friends do not stop her. She would us-

family income. The education gift will build 10,000 of such houses, giving happy homes to 100,000 people who now merely exist in crowded tenements.

Others in a city of 100,000 people. All of them could be comfortably put into homes that might be built with such a sum. The total assessed real estate value of Albany is \$44,000,000, of which more than one-half is business property. So that the education gift might purchase the homes of an entire city. The cost of living last year in the United States was \$106 per person, giving all the necessities of life. At this rate \$94,762 people could have worked at the food or clothing. The mere interest on the sum would support perpetually the entire population of such cities as Ansonia, Conn., Jacksonville, Fla., or New Rochelle. Any city of 15,000 people could live on the income of the gift.

It is the matter of food along such a sum would do wonders. Its mere interest, amounting to \$4,259,200, would forever feed a Filistinian man and wife for a year, or a day of bread every night. That line would extend not merely around Grace church, as at present, but 22 miles up Broadway to Tartarvton.

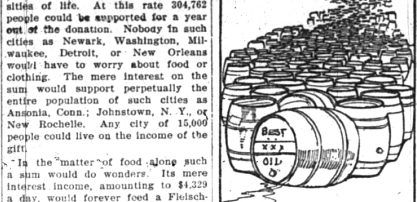
Would Build Another Subway.

It could build another subway in New York. The most marvelous railway in the world, carrying more passengers in a day than any great line do in six months. It is the New York Central line from New York 1,250 miles westward to Kansas City, at the rate of \$25,000 a mile, which is all that roads cost under normal conditions.

The things that could be done for the material benefit of humanity with the sum of \$22,000,000 are of great number. The question arises whether the money might have been better applied to some of them.

Mr. W. H. Mallock, the eminent English antagonist of socialism, has long ago regarded Mr. Rockefeller's bequest.

"To pass any competent opinion on the subject would require careful study," he replied. "Such an enormous gift to overturn anything we have had in England that I hardly know how to



"In one sense I should say that the individual who by extraordinary ability and talent makes a great fortune would do better not to attempt giving it away himself, but pass that duty on to his sons. His genius has been that of work and money-making. The sons would not necessarily be brought up in the same line of accumulation. They could devote their time and talent, therefore, better to the question of proper distribution.

"Mr. Carnegie's bequest to libraries have produced much criticism in England because the baronet had imposed on the taxpayers. In this respect the giving failed of due appreciation.

Gift Should Benefit Labor, Too.

"You ask me how I should have liked to see this bequest of Mr. Rockefeller applied differently? I cannot answer as I have not examined it fully. To a certain extent I would have the philanthropic gifts so made as to benefit labor as well as education. For example, a gift that would employ the excavations of Herculesium and other buried cities to be uncovered would afford not only labor but instruction to the masses.

"Whether such enormous donations will affect the theory of socialism is a question yet to be answered. In the form of a gift that is distribution of wealth. The scale on which it is being conducted in the United States fairly bewilders one."

"The Rockefeller gift, the Rockefeller bequest with partial approval as a means toward the end it desires. J.

Discussion over the gift has spread to Europe. The World's Paris correspondent in a special cable despatch said: "The Rockefeller gift has excited astonishment in the French press. Several studies of his temperament have been published in which the writers seek for reasons which prompted the giving away of such an enormous sum. One editor suggests that the gift is the result of the realization that all American millionaires tremble in dread of laws that may rob them of their wealth.

"The Rockefeller temperament, so the article contended, is resistive against great accumulations, and this enormous bequest is intended to stave off the action of the law by the act of audacious jealousy and envy."

"Still another writer says that Mr. Rockefeller wants to be talked about by the masses. He has the distinction. He cannot do anything great for acts of cultivation. He has no art collection, no intellectual pursuits about which to talk to the public. Therefore he makes his money talk."

"The Parisian, however, takes a more generous view, believing that Mr. Rockefeller, in giving his money away, feels deeply that wealth imposes duties upon its possessor and in pure justice is doing his best to acquit himself."

Cynical.

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- 180 Farm in town of Woodbury, 35 acres of prime land, all cleared, small orchard, well water, all the best of the soil. For sale or lease for small farm.
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- 182 Two lots in Royal Oak, Block A, splendid location.
- 183 One of the best-arranged and most equipped residences in the village, and in absolute the best location, well water, all the best of the soil. For sale or lease for small farm.
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