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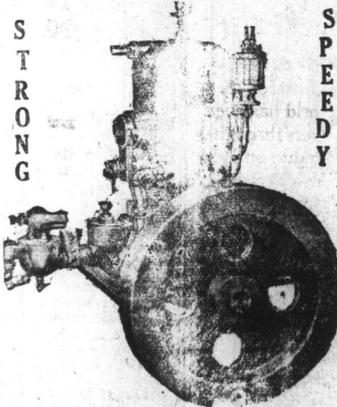
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How Science Brings to Industry

"COURAGE WHICH COMES OF KNOWLEDGE."

"As dull as a Blue Book" is a saying that is getting less true as the years go by. The report of the Privy Council Committee on Scientific and Industrial Research has just been issued, and is signed by Earl Balfour on behalf of the Committee. It makes good reading, as is proved by the following:—

"Two generations passed before Faraday's prophecy that his electromagnetic experiments might interest a Chancellor of the Exchequer began to be fulfilled, and although the lag tends to diminish as applied science is consciously and systematically cultivated, it must always be considerable in new investigations of a complex kind and of large industrial significance," boasts the report after the paragraph quoted above.

A Long Business at the Best.
"Twenty years' hard work were necessary to place artificial indigo on the market after its synthesis in the laboratory. The Department itself has been studying the low-temperature carbonisation of coal as a 'works' scale for seven years since Sir George Bellib first put the problem on a sound scientific basis, and commercial success has not yet been achieved. The application of science to industry, if new things rather than improvements in old things are to be achieved, is a long business at the best—and expensive both in money and brains.

"The experimental work necessary for the commercial production of synthetic indigo is said to have cost over a million sterling. The cost of the Fuel Research Station up to the present has been over £400,000 in capital and maintenance. Yet though the production of smokeless fuel, fuel oil, light spirit, lubricants and gas cannot yet be shown to be commercially possible by low-temperature treatment of coal, results have been obtained in other directions that have brought profit and savings to industry and the nation exceeding the total expenditure on fuel research by the Government.

"The new method of gas regulation by means of the 'therm' and the work on 'steaming in vertical retorts,' to mention only two pieces of work done, have sufficed to produce these results. Neither of these successes were foreseen when we appointed the Fuel Research Board and decided to establish the station.

"It is obvious, we believe, that science alone cannot save industry from its present troubles, if only because it takes too long to bring about big changes. But it can help by making many smaller and quicker improvements in existing practice, and above all by giving industry that 'resilience' of which the Prime Minister spoke, the Daily Telegraph, commenting on knowledge."

Eggs, Beef, and Apple Puzzles.

"The field is wide. The comprehensive view of the Committee ranges from the pit-head to the laundry, from the railway bridge to Jerusalem artichoke and the frozen egg," says the Daily Telegraph, commenting on the Committee's report.

"They hope to assist even in a matter which seems to offer so little scope for scientific research as the building of cheap houses.

"A better knowledge of the properties of materials, an investigation of the possibilities of slag and clinker might be worth while, they remark, at a time when we are putting up small houses at the cost of £40,000-000 a year.

"The trade is continually asking the Committee for advice on the keeping and handling of foodstuffs. Science has not yet discovered how to freeze beef to the satisfaction of the consumer, and the egg does not take to cold storage as kindly as could be wished.

"The fact revealed in this report that under the influence of cold the yolk passes permanently into a curdled, stiff, pasty condition' will be of interest to many sufferers. The apple is also sensitive to cold, and very elaborate investigations are being made to ensure that the fruit from Australian orchards comes to us at its best.

Intrinsic and Varied Problems.
There are problems of high temperature as well as of low, problems of what different metals will do under great heat. Metals, like men, become tired, and the fatigue strength of different kinds of steel and the means of increasing its endurance must be studied.

Aeroplane must be silenced for the benefit of the passenger and the miserably inhabitants of the earth beneath. It would be pleasant to have standard tests for motor tyres. The action of micro-organisms on fabrics may not seem of the first importance to the man in the street, but it interests the textile industry. How the unwanted fish may be made to yield a reliable glue is as well worth study as what should be used to fill a tooth and what to make artificial teeth.

"The Committee hope for synthetic products of a permanent colour which will resemble so far as possible that of the human guise. So important are the results of an inquiry into the vibration of bridges that it is expected

ed the design not only of bridges, but of locomotives, will be affected.

All the Activities of Man.

"An investigation of the means of producing power alcohol has led to the rejection of the beet and the mango in favour of the Jerusalem artichoke, which yields cellulose from its stalk in addition to alcohol from its tuber.

"But such a catalogue as this does no more than suggest the work of the Committee. It leaves out, for example, the thousand and one problems of wireless under inquiry. It ignores half the departments of a complex and elaborate organisation. "For we have come to a time in which applied science takes all the activities of man for its province, and to the simplest as well as to the most sophisticated can point an easier and a better way."—Public Opinion.

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The King of Siam Dead PASSES AWAY ONE MONTH AFTER DIVORCING HIS WIFE.

BANGKOK, Siam, Nov. 26.—Rama VI, the King of Siam for 14 years, died today, about a month after he had divorced his Queen and taken another wife in the hope of having an heir to the throne. His hopes were not realized and his younger brother, Prince Praja Dhupok, succeeds to the throne. A daughter was born yesterday to the new queen.

Rama VI, who was 45 years of age, recently underwent an operation for an abdominal abscess, from which he did not recover. Prior to the operation he had suffered from acute gastritis.

Educated at Oxford, Rama on his marriage in 1922 to Princess Lakshmi Lavan, abandoned polygamy and abolished the harem which his father had maintained.

In 1910, it was decided that until King Rama had male issue the succession should be through the Queen Mother's son.

Last month Rama deposed his queen on the ground that she had not carried out her duties toward king and country "in a satisfactory manner."

The daughter born yesterday to the king and the new queen, was the first child to be born to a king of Siam for thirty-two years.

When King Rama last month raised Lady Suradana to the rank of royal consort in place of the childless Queen Lakshmi, the following proclamation was issued:

"The king has observed that the new queen has served him with faithfulness and love, and it is fitting therefore that she should be raised to high estate in order to support the rank of the child she will bear His Majesty in the near future."

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The Biggest Picture in a Long While

"THE MAN WITHOUT A CONSCIENCE" AT THE NICKEL.

"The Man Without a Conscience," which opened at the Nickel Theatre last evening, is one of the biggest pictures of the season, and one that merits a deal of commendation from all angles—story, acting, direction and dramatic intensity.

To begin with, the story is a powerful tale of a strong, ruthless man who overrules every obstacle that stands between him and his selfish desires. He carves his path with the cruel sword of inconsideration and unscrupulous greed, until an entire city is threatened by a deadly disease because of his criminal negligence. He scoffs at love and sneers at ideals, until conscience stays his hand and the law pronounces its verdict.

Then, the acting is nothing less than superb, beginning with Willard Louis, who does his finest work as "The Man Without a Conscience," and continuing with Irene Rich, June Marlowe, John Patrick, Robert Agnew—each giving a well nigh perfect performance.

The high tension of drama that carries the picture along holds the audience enthralled while the direction is another feather in James Flood's cap, because the story moves swiftly and clearly, unafraid and accusing until the final moments, when the tide inevitably turns for the better.

"The Man Without a Conscience" is a Warner Classic of the Screen, having been adapted by Hope Loring and Louis Lighton from the story by Max Kreter.

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