

Henry S. C. - Part V

To be or not to be a milk-taker -

Self-
choice

... .. a politician & reformer -

Let the immortal stick to his last - See Bradman
letter -

The journalist - who became advocate of a
party - & method - & cause - adopted an ideology
must give up his freedom - Jefferson's letter on this
must embody the principle of Golden Rule in
practical political system - Why may an
individual - same is his right of opinion - to
have his own supplanting - to put ^{his} system into
working - & to decide his will -

I could not see it - it was to be myself
I had abandoned a club - I had not
the club - I could not be myself & any
one else - certainly not - no individual
contradiction - to democracy of the simple
form in which I conceived of it - I was therefore
a martyr -

So I could not follow the trail - could
not - except on suggestion of David Belasco -
see letter - box - later call -

Could not - accept a line & he stated it -
as the original of the Morse in the house &
the Morse - I was not a milk-taker

- a reformer -

I was simply a

hard working journalist trying to get the
matter that - came to me & handle
down as honestly as I could & certainly
not - with any bias & did not believe.

Still the joy of the time was on me &
 since I seemed to have succeeded in
 making my point in the ^{quite} great public
 as I also it is something contrary to common
 and ^{well} understood to be apt to be identical
 in practice. I hoped by attacking the
 policy which seemed to me to ~~be~~ to
 do more to weaken the foundation of the
 American plan than any other - that was
 the protective tariff of prohibitory -

Vol. for m.c. By this time m.c. is

[illegible]

^{Wagner} ^{Hale}
 I repeated it as ^{Wagner} ^{Hale} - friends - I decided to
 call it - all of us committed to one set of
 ideas - what we need - a thing in our minds -
 the case of a unit. We found - I attempted
 to read your work
 He tried to care - I think it unusual
 with my things. I was not convinced - if men
 were not kept of order as well as the others -
 down with my things was common - the
 same.

I had no objection to my things - I was
 against the calculated expense of the
 small - by my things that I want - done
 by men like myself.

there something terribly true in being con-
vinced with a great deal of human sym-
pathy - or smaller ~~vision~~ of a man
vision of what must be done - a man who
feels in himself the power to do what he
feels is the imperative - to be freed with
your sympathy to refuse. At ~~the~~ ~~the~~
I had to make a decision - Mr P. had
made his at once - the M.C.P. - company
could not - I would not - with his counsel
go on and allow to ~~represent~~ replace
the greatest - paper of the day with ideal
popular substance - Europe surely
would like to see it done - their business
in getting rid of these papers was to
express their ~~not~~ to set up moral
corporation - ~~to establish your~~
~~was the~~ ? Really your vision if you
will but we cannot - later it - on - make a
separate company but do not mislead
what - we is built - up - But to Mr M. this
was proof of our ~~unhappiness~~ to be his man -
He looked at us with the same pity
that the idealist - the idealist for all there
who on the days do not "see" - Mr saw - but
we saw also that we could not do -
A cruel choice for all

see correspondence in Mr. H. H. H.

V.

Standard Oil Co.

6/18 '36 - writing Ida M. C. this a.m. about Anti-trust
 case that H. was S.C. "brought up to date" Had not
 thought of that before - success. How the mind keeps on
 turning up the thing to do - lets it flow off the top
 of the head - I suppose that idea coming in the
 process of doing things -

There is a good notion - I can tell full
 story of after M. left of work - why I changed
 publication - what I thought of S.C. was. What do I
 think. Supreme Court decision -

It is hard to believe that ~~was~~ ~~there~~ ~~since~~ ~~I~~
be any But - should be free while young
of us 20 may year old stay on But that
did on the war ephemeral time -
with the local city time in the of and
in - 1929 - J.S.P. My left the my person
of my personally my life - in company
But who else stayed on set down
quite in death in 1931 the my person
about of time - my personal my aspirations -
my liberty - gained by J.S.P. (dedicated) the
that a little merchandise where much in
one of the most hateful which I have seen
seen to a human being - *

Suddenly died
That appointment was never made for Mr. Rogers.

The coming months were difficult
Mr. R. for
A soon had a relapse. *He died* I was never to see him again. He died in May 1909 two years before the ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Supreme Court dissolved the Standard Oil Company

It was not only the government suit and the death of Henry Rogers which cut short my Standard Oil Company activities. There was another and impelling reason for seeking a new field. I was leaving McClure's Magazine, a connection that I had come to believe was to be the permanent and satisfying professional relation of my life. The break was a logical result of the temperment and methods of that man of genius whom I had been following - S. S. McClure. As I see it now it was inevitable, he being what he was, I being what I was. He was a man of professional visions/^{who} depended on his associates for their realizations. I was a plodder, able to follow only when the undertaking seemed to me within the range of the slow and painful processes of growth. That in which Mr. McClure now asked my cooperation was beyond my powers.

*and could not separate
play but Henry had
never played before. That
wanted new questions
for me.*

Better make a
trial copy

The legend of the
immortality in the novel
was weakened.

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for
and
His business affairs continued to be complicated &
more each was the ^{business} ~~feeling~~ in the S. of the
S. a. a. on the government suit. That I
doubt if he or his associates would have
considered it ~~safe~~ safe in time to
talk to me. They probably thought he had
lashed all ready in which to little pro-
pose. They were he ^{independently} ~~had~~ ^{was} ~~ready~~ ^{was}
more he had done to make me ready
that I called ~~the~~ ² ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~the~~ ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~legend~~ ^{the}
goodness of the S. a. Company. How much
he had done to make ^{me} ~~understand~~ ^{and comprehend} with the
partners of the ~~provision~~ ^{provision} after the
among group they had of these. Their
complaint against me. The complaint ~~was~~ ^{was}
I now had been able to ~~post~~ ^{post} ~~submit~~ ^{submit} my
contempt for their ~~disrespect~~ ^{disrespect} practice & method in my
admission for their ~~efficiency~~ ^{efficiency} - given an organization
their ~~boldness~~ ^{boldness} & ~~magnificence~~ ^{magnificence} as executives. That con-
tempt had increased rather than
been diminished as I worked. I now had
more ~~anxiety~~ ^{anxiety} against their ~~eyes~~ ^{eyes} in which I was
with the ~~acknowledgment~~ ^{acknowledgment} ~~should~~ ^{should} as he & not one