

# THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

## THE MONTESSORI AMERICAN COMMITTEE

McCLURE'S MAGAZINE wishes to announce that, in response to a request from Madame Montessori, a Montessori American Committee has been formed to direct the progress in America of Dr. Montessori's educational theories. This Committee already includes the following names:

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BYRON SATTERLEE HURLBUT, *Dean of Harvard University.*  
WILLIAM H. MAXWELL, *Superintendent of Schools, New York City.*  
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EDWARD H. BOUTON, *of the Sage Foundation Homes Company.*  
MRS. HENRY COPLEY GREEN.  
MRS. RICHARD CABOT.

The Committee will work under the direct

instructions of Madame Montessori, and will supervise all matters pertaining to the Montessori movement, with the exception of the manufacture and sale of the Montessori apparatus.

The manufacture and sale of this apparatus is under the control of the House of Childhood, Inc., Carl A. Byoir, president. The Committee has no financial connection with the firm which is to manufacture and sell the Montessori materials. It will deal, under Madame Montessori's direction, with all matters relating to the educational side of the movement, such as discouraging the premature opening of schools by teachers insufficiently trained, seeing that only serious propaganda work is carried on and that only well substantiated statements about the movement are sent forth, and helping in the organization of the courses for teachers which Montessori herself will undertake. Madame Montessori intends to start, this fall, a special course for fitting teachers who wish to open training-schools for teaching the Montessori method. This course is to be given by Madame Montessori personally in Rome. No training-school approved by Madame Montessori will be opened in the United States this year. Until a headquarters has been established, communications may be addressed to the Montessori American Committee, care of McCLURE'S MAGAZINE. An announcement giving additional facts regarding the Montessori movement in America will appear in the July number of McCLURE'S.

## THE FORTUNES THAT ENDURE

IN an article recently published in McCLURE'S MAGAZINE Burton J. Hendrick described the downfall of the Goulds as a great financial and railroad power. Essentially the same story could have been written of nearly all the other railroad families — the Vanderbilts, the Huntingtons, the Stanfords, the Garretts, and the rest.

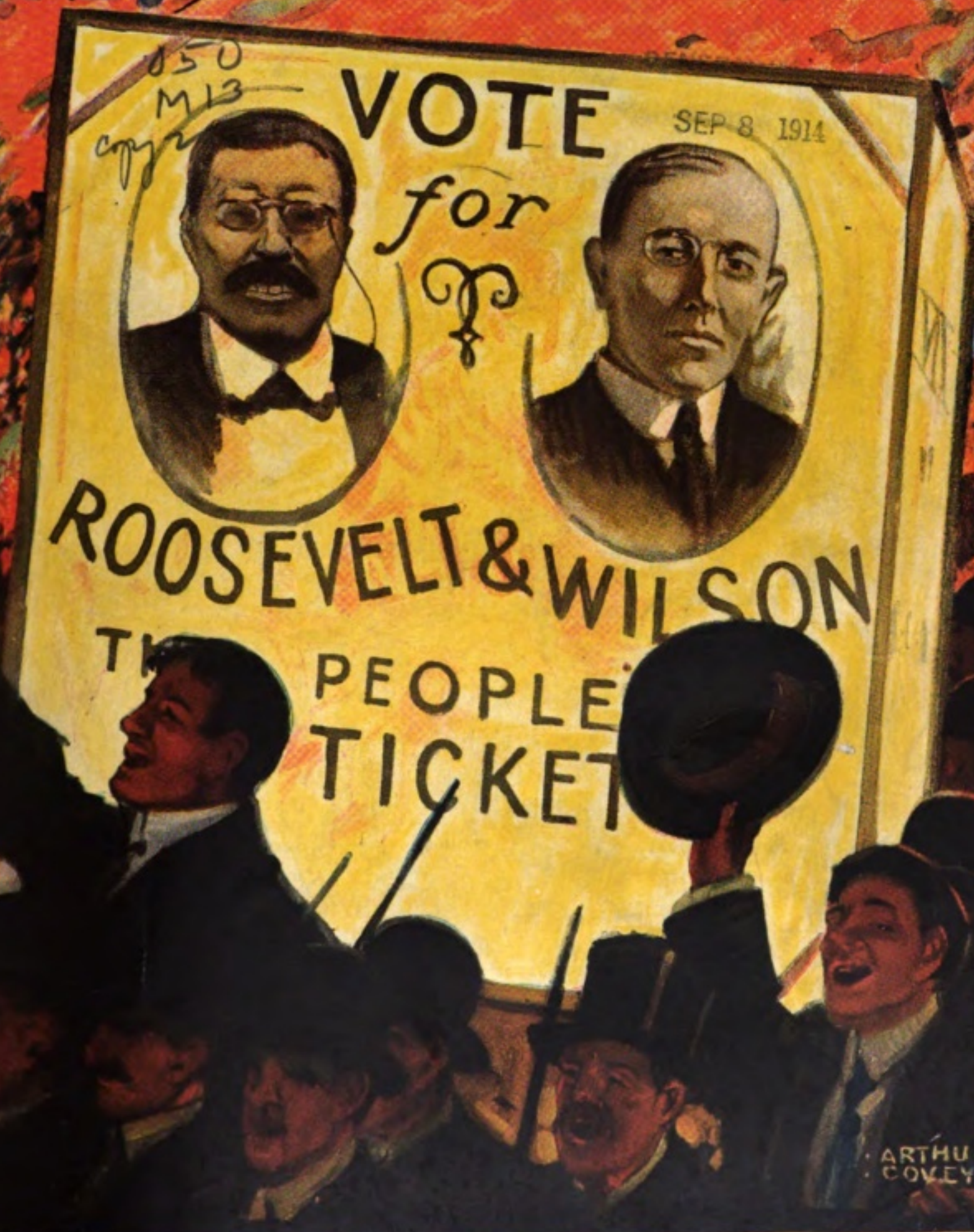
In this issue of McCLURE'S the same writer describes certain great family fortunes which do not disintegrate, but steadily increase in size from generation to generation. The more the general subject of American fortunes is studied the more apparent it is that the only ones that show any particular stability are those which are based upon the ownership of urban land. The Gould fortune, at present only in its second generation, is rapidly going to pieces. The Astor

fortune, on the other hand, is now in its fifth generation, and the young man of twenty, William Vincent Astor, who, as a result of his father's tragic death upon the *Titanic*, has suddenly become the head of the American branch of the family, will inherit in the neighborhood of \$150,000,000, which is at least eight times as much as was left in 1848 by the first John Jacob. It is a remarkable fact that while great fortunes made in railroad and in other economic and industrial enterprises apparently last for only two or three generations, the Golet fortune dates back nearly two centuries and the Rhinelander family almost as long. With the exception of the Astors, indeed, nearly all these great landed families in New York are descended from the old Dutch and Huguenot families who founded the city.

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