

CHAPTER 24

The Industrial Age, 1865–1900

1. Railroad Expansion (pp. 528- 536)

a. The government gave away land bigger than the state of _____ to various railroad companies. What benefits did the government get in return and why did private companies need these land grants or similar subsidies before they would build the transcontinental railways?

(1) Benefit to government:

(2) Need for subsidy:

b. Besides the first transcontinental railroad built jointly by the _____ Pacific (building from the east) and the _____ Pacific (building from the west), which was completed in 18____, three other transcontinental lines were built with public funds while a fifth, the Great _____, was built by financier James J. _____. An ex-shipping magnate named Cornelius _____ consolidated the New York _____ railroad empire in the East and Midwest. In addition to creating our four standard time zones in 18____, what impact do the authors say (p. 534) that the post-War railroad boom had on each of the following?

(1) Industrial Expansion:

(4) Immigration:

(2) Agriculture:

(5) Great Plains:

(3) Cities:

(6) Wealth concentration:

c. The monopolistic economic power of railroad moguls such as Jay _____ and Cornelius's son William H. _____ finally motivated the government in 1887 to enact the _____ Commerce Act. Even though this act didn't do much to crimp the style of the "Robber Barons," why do the authors on p. 536 call it a "red-letter law"?

2. Industrialization (pp. 536–537) Define the four factors the authors say came together at the end of the 1800s to create the industrial boom:

(1) Liquid capital:

(3) Labor:

(2) Natural resources:

(4) Innovation:

3. Titans and Trusts (pp. 537–543)

a. The steel interests of Andrew _____ are cited as an example of “vertical integration,” while the Standard Oil Trust of John D. _____ is an example of “horizontal integration.” What is the difference between these two merger forms?

(1) Vertical integration:

(2) Horizontal integration:

b. The financier with the bulbous nose who dominated Wall Street, bought out Carnegie, and formed the U.S. _____ Company was J. P. _____. Rockefeller consolidated what appeared to be a dying petroleum industry that was given new life by the internal-combustion engine used to power the _____. *** If the “New-Rich” of 100 years ago were concentrated in finance, transportation, and heavy industries, the “New-Rich” of today such as _____ (name a person) are concentrated in the _____ industry.

c. How were the biological theories of Charles Darwin used (or abused) to rationalize the accumulation of vast wealth by a few and the relative poverty of the masses?

d. After the 1887 Interstate Commerce Act, the first government effort to control business excesses was the _____ Anti-Trust Act of 18____. Though not effectively enforced, it put Congress on record as placing “public need” over “private greed.” *** What’s so bad about a big company monopolizing an industry? Can there be anything good about a monopoly?

4. Impact of Industrialization (pp. 543–549)

a. How did industrialization affect the South?

b. List three major areas of American life permanently affected by the Industrial Revolution:

(1)

(2)

(3)

5. **Workers and Unions (pp. 549–555)** (Note: As you read this section, think of the similar industrial transformations going on today, where older skills are being rapidly replaced by computerized applications.)

a. Postwar industrialization changed the nature of work from small units and farms to the regimented factory. This increased real wages, but the income gap between rich and poor was widening at an alarming rate. Unions tried to balance the power of big employers to hire and fire at will and to control working conditions. The _____ of Labor, organized in 18____ under the leadership of Terence V. _____, was an all-inclusive union, meaning it accepted skilled and unskilled, minorities and whites, women and men. What do the authors say caused this union to lose influence after the violent incident in Chicago’s _____ Square in 18____?

b. The “elitist” _____ Federation of Labor (AF of L), organized in 18____, was headed by Samuel _____. How did the conservative AF of L differ from the Knights of Labor in each of the following:

(1) Membership:

(2) Philosophy:

VARYING VIEWPOINTS

Capitalists and Workers

1. Notice again the loaded terms that we often use to describe people or events. The authors point out here how the same nineteenth-century industrial leaders have been called everything from “Captains of Industry” to “Robber Barons.” After reading this chapter, how would you characterize people like Carnegie, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt, and Morgan?
2. The labor movement in Europe, reacting to many of the same industrial conditions found in America, has been much more heavily based on class considerations - i.e., the working class versus the capitalist class. It has tended to be more Marxist and socialist in orientation - i.e., looking to overthrow the capitalist system of private ownership of the means of production as opposed to simply trying to secure better terms for the working person within the existing capitalist system. *** After reading the “Varying Viewpoints” essay, do you have any ideas as to why the American labor movement has been less revolutionary and more accepting of the underlying capitalist structure?

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Northern Pacific Railroad (1883)

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Great Northern Railroad (1893)

James J. Hill

New York Central

“Commodore” Cornelius Vanderbilt

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Jay Gould

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“Vertical integration”

“Horizontal integration”

“Trust”

Standard Oil Trust

“Interlocking directorates “

Bessemer process

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National Labor Union (1866)

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American Federation of Labor (AF of L) (1886)

Samuel Gompers

“Mother” Jones