

THE GILDED AGE

Post Civil War circa 1870-1896

“Chicago, the city is the nerve center of our civilization. It is also the storm center”.

-Josiah Strong 1885





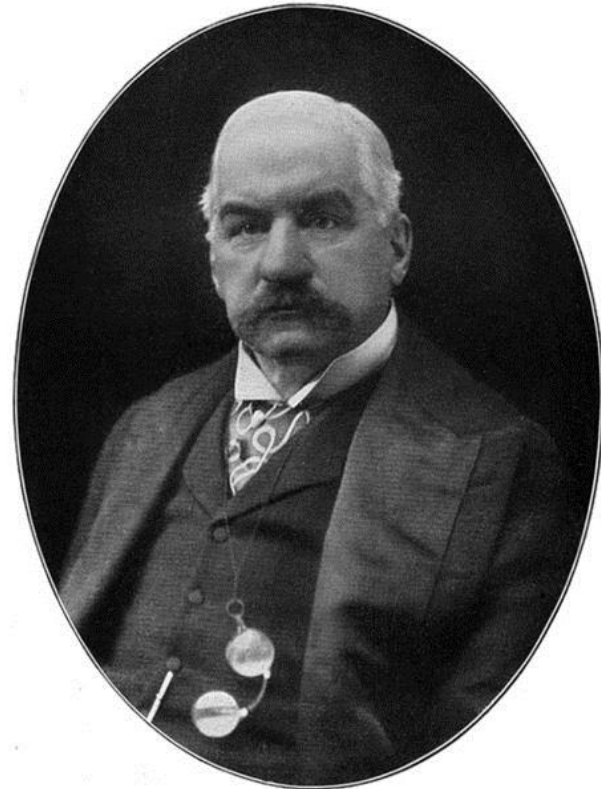
- Gilded: “to be gold-covered”
- Business is king !

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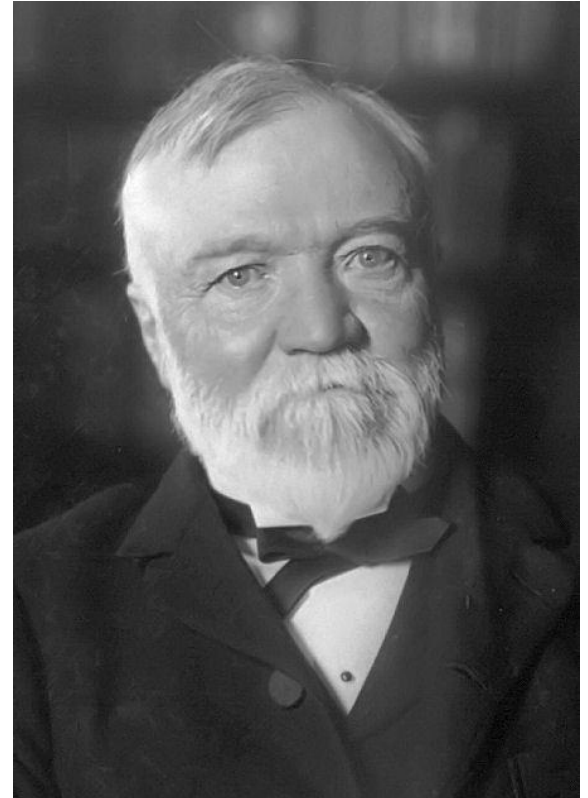
TITANS OF INDUSTRY

- John Pierpont Morgan
- Banking and Finance
- “House of Morgan” Trusts
- Worth \$1.4 billion (2005)



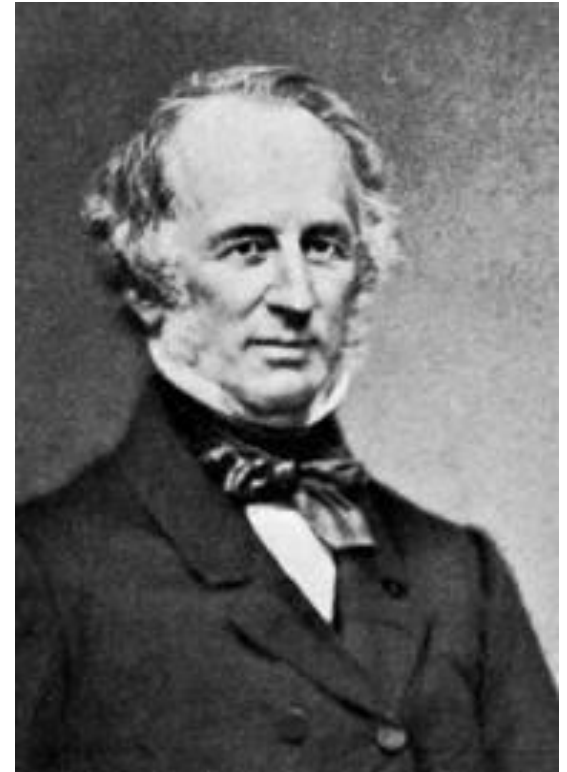
TITANS OF INDUSTRY

- Andrew Carnegie
- Steel
- “Gospel of Wealth” Philanthropist
- Worth \$75 billion (2008)



TITANS OF INDUSTRY

- Cornelius Vanderbilt
- Shipping/Railroad
- University
- Worth \$178 billion (2007)



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

- Ranked 17th by U. S. News and World Report
- Commodores
- Engineering
- SEC
- Nashville, Tn.



THE BREAKERS









WEALTHIEST AMERICANS



TITANS OF INDUSTRY

- John Davison Rockefeller
- Oil
- Manhattan
- Spelman College
- University of Chicago
- Worth \$668 billion (2007)

