

PRESIDENT ORDERS PROBE THRUST IN STANDARD OIL; WARNS SENATE LATIN-AMERICANS MENACE OUR PEACE

MONROE DOCTRINE MEANS BIG STICK

Menace of Offense to Powers by Little Nations Might Bring War.

MEANWHILE CASTRO IS IN DEFIANT MOOD

President of Venezuela Takes Radical Action Against American Interests.

New York Sun Special Service.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has put responsibility for war between the United States and one or more European powers in defense of the Monroe doctrine squarely upon the senate. He does not desire to be held accountable if such complications arise as may cause fighting to prevent the acquisition of territory by a foreign nation on the western hemisphere or an abandonment of the principles of the Monroe doctrine.

In transmitting to the senate the treaty negotiated between Minister Dawson and the premier, Sanchez, for guaranteeing the integrity of Santo Domingo, supervising that republic's finances, the president, in a special message, late yesterday afternoon, fully set forth his reasons for having engaged in this unusual undertaking.

He called the attention of the senate to the conditions prevailing in the South and Central American republics. These governments, he said, had contracted indebtedness abroad far beyond their means to repay. In view of the Monroe doctrine, European nations had requested the United States to assist them in collecting the sums due, or to permit them to secure payment in their own way.

The president believed that a time was rapidly approaching when the money borrowed from European brokers must be repaid or the governments whose citizens had advanced it will take steps to secure reimbursement. The question of defending or abandoning the Monroe doctrine will then arise, and it should be decided now.

He believed that in the immediate future, unless the United States exercises a general supervision over some of the South and Central American republics, foreign nations will become so impatient that they will begin the collection of their claims in their own way, and if they cannot secure money they will seize territory.

The purpose of the present treaty, he said, was to supervise the affairs of Santo Domingo for a limited period and then turn matters over to the government of the republic with a warning not to again become involved with foreign nations.

The treaty accompanying the letter from the president provides that the integrity of Santo Domingo shall be maintained by the United States. This government shall assume control of the customs houses and collect the revenues. The four ports of entry on the north side of the island were devoted to paying the claims of the Santo Domingo Improvement company, under an arbitrary agreement already in effect.



SENeca E. PAYNE, New Yorker Who Champions the Rights of the House.

HOUSE DEMANDS DRAWBACK BILL

Representatives Stand on Their Rights as Superior to the Senate's Action.

By W. W. Jermans. Washington, Feb. 16.—The Payne resolution sending the agricultural appropriation bill back to the senate because it contained original legislation affecting the revenues was adopted by the house today on a roll call, 261 to 5.

Representative Payne's motion directed the return of the bill to the senate with a request to strike out the Hansbrough wheat drawback amendment. The motion precipitated a debate in which the northwestern members participated largely.

Instead of Minnesota was one who declared his opposition to the motion, and his intention to vote against it. Spaulding of North Dakota said he would vote for the motion, after he had accused Chairman Payne of becoming suddenly attentive to the privileges of the senate, during Payne's incumbency of the chairmanship of the ways and means committee.

THREE KILLED IN SUBMARINE WRECK

Gasoline Explosion Shatters a British Boat—Besides Dead Fifteen Are Injured.

Queenstown, Feb. 16.—An explosion of gasoline occurred on board the new submarine boat "A5" today while the officers and crew, eleven men, were engaged in charging the tanks. The crew were hurled in all directions. Two were killed. Nine of them were picked up by boats and taken to the hospital.

CHAMBERLAIN NOT AFRAID OF A VOTE

He Tells Parliament He Is Ready to Submit Fiscal Question to People.

London, Feb. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain, former colonial secretary, had a full house when he rose to address the house of commons today on the fiscal amendment to the address, in reply to the speech from the throne proposed by Mr. Asquith (liberal) yesterday.

\$400,000,000 STAKE IN HYDE CONTEST

Battle Headed by Alexander to Oust Equitable Life's Main Stockholder.

New York, Feb. 16.—The crucial point in a contest involving control of four hundred millions of dollars will be reached this afternoon when the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society meet to consider changing the association from a stock to a mutual company.

On one side is James H. Hyde, vice president and holder of a majority of the society's capital stock, while arrayed against him are James W. Alexander, president of the association, with thirty-eight other officers.

Hyde Holds Most Stock. It is said that at the meeting of the directors a week ago Mr. Hyde offered to place the shares which he controls in the hands of the directorate for five years.

TOTS PERISH IN FIRE; PARENTS BADLY BURNED

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 16.—Fire of a mysterious origin in the house of Manning Harris, a coal miner living at Edwards, four miles from this city, burned the bodies of three small children to a crisp today.

IRON MEN'S EYES ARE ON ITASCA

Steel Trust Gobbles Rich Properties—To Extend Railroad from Hibbing to Bovey.

There is something doing in Itasca county. This vast domain hitherto supposed to be important chiefly for its great timbered tracts has suddenly become the center of interest to the iron mining interests.

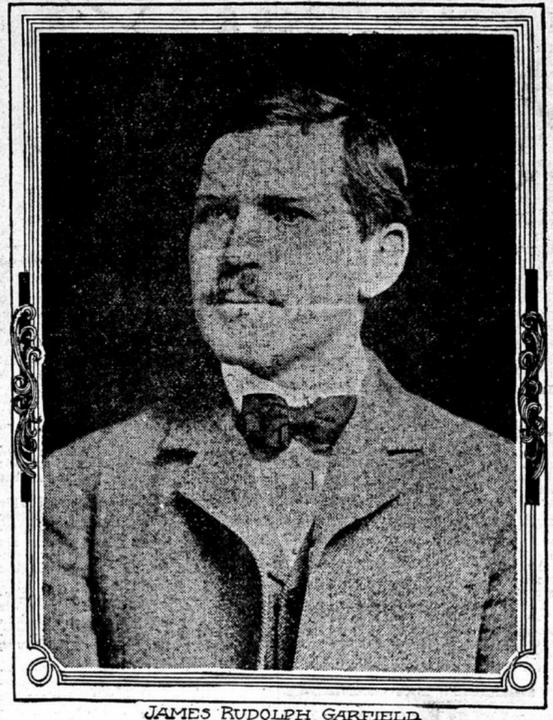
Now, very much to the surprise of the experts, the westernmost of the mines has been found to yield perhaps the richest Bessemer ore located on the range. This is the Canisteo mine at Bovey, seven miles east and north of Grand Rapids.

LOW-GRADE PROPOSITIONS

But Virginia Declares the Deal Is of Great Importance. Special to The Journal. Virginia, Minn., Feb. 16.—The taking over of the Canisteo holdings by the United States Steel corporation is the most important mining deal that has been closed on the Mesaba range in months.

FIRE IN PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 16.—Fire at Edinboro, the state normal school town, eighteen miles south of here, today, fanned by a high wind, caused a loss estimated at \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.



JAMES RUDOLPH GARFIELD. PHOTO BY C.M. BELLS.

Now, however, the trust has stolen a march by securing these properties and will head off the Great Northern extension by building in. The Great Northern is understood to be interested in some recent ore discoveries around Snowball lake, just west of Nashauk, and some north of Bovey.

DULUTH ATTORNEY FALLS FIVE STORIES

Claude S. Snively Meets Instant Death—Theory of Suicide Discredited. Special to The Journal. Duluth, Minn., Feb. 16.—Claude S. Snively, a young attorney, fell from the fifth story of the Lonsdale building on the principal business corner of Duluth at 8:25 o'clock this morning and was instantly killed.

ROCKEFELLER IS SILENT

Rogers, Too, Refuses to Talk About the New Fight. New York, Feb. 16.—John D. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil company, who is now in Lakewood, N. J., has been informed of the action taken by the house of representatives, requesting the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the crude-oil and petroleum situation, with special reference to recent developments in the Kansas field.

RATE BILL WILL PASS, DECLARES TOWNSEND

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the authors of the Ech-Townsend freight rate bill, talked with the president today regarding the prospects for the enactment of the measure into law.

PLAGUE ABROAD IN AUSTRALIA.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—Mail advices were received from Australia by the steamer Moana of the outbreak of bubonic plague in Sydney and Grafton. In consequence war on rats is being waged in Australian cities. Many plague-infested rodents were found.

GARFIELD TO SIFT TRUST'S METHODS

Roosevelt Acts on Request of House, Moved by Kansas Congressman.

KANSAS AS A STATE FIGHTS ROCKEFELLER

Governor Will Probably Sign Oil Refinery Bill and Other Weapons.

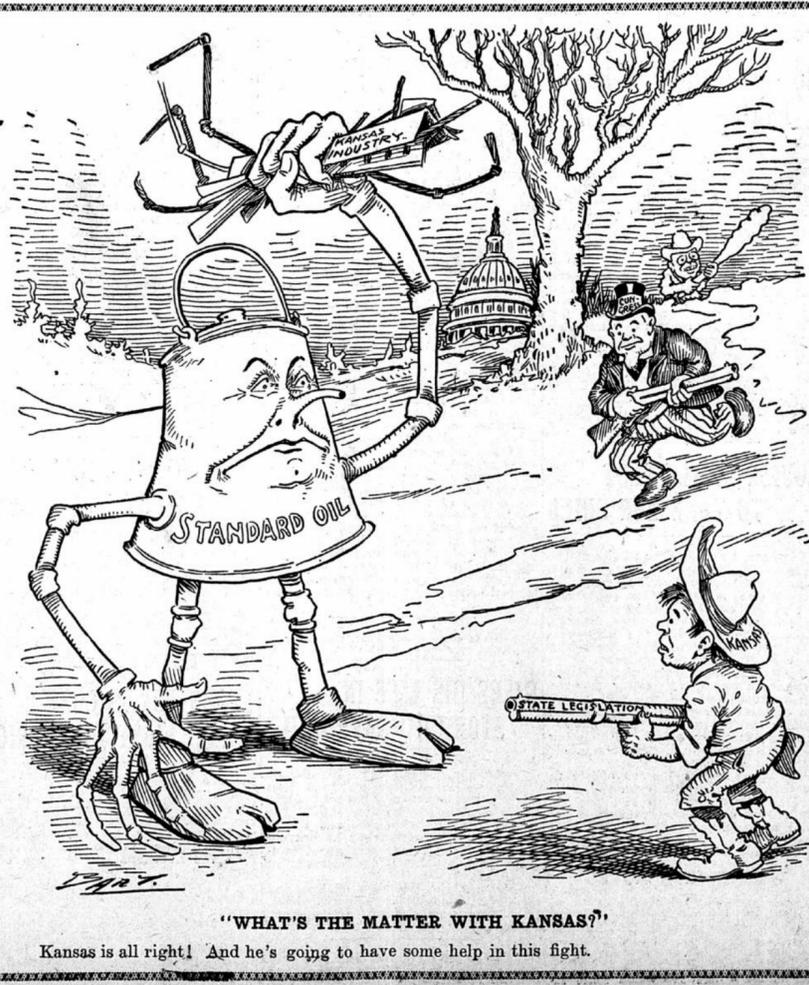
Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, to begin immediately the oil investigation requested by the house of representatives yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously.

The investigation, by direction of the president, will be rigid and comprehensive. The president has directed a letter to Commissioner Garfield in which he has given his directions and presented in outline his views.

What the House Wants. The resolution requests the secretary of the department of commerce and labor to investigate the cause or causes of the lower price of petroleum in the United States, especially in the Kansas field, and the unusually large margin between the price of crude oil or petroleum and the selling price of refined oil.

HIT IN ANOTHER PLACE.

Secretary Hitchcock today gave out a statement attributing as a "gigantic monopoly" the present lease by the Indians of the entire area of the Osage Indian reservation and explaining the agreement reached several days ago for cutting off more than one-half of the lands operative under this lease during the next ten years.



Kansas is all right! And he's going to have some help in this fight.