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## SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic Thursday, February 16, 1905.

### THE WEATHER.

<b>FORECAST.</b>	
St. Louis and vicinity.	6 am - 1 below
Fair, with rising temperature to-day; westerly to southerly winds.	9 " - 2 "
For Missouri—Fair to-day; fair and colder to-morrow.	12 m - 7 above
Yesterday's Conditions.	2 pm - 11 "
The weather yesterday moderated slightly, but the thermometer registered higher than 14 degrees below zero at 4 p. m. The mercury fell to 10 degrees at 8 a. m. and rose gradually to 16, afterwards falling toward the bottom of the bulb. The minimum temperature was 12. The weather was clear all day, with a light easterly wind.	11 pm - 7 "
	3 am - 7 "

While the rise in the mercury today will not be sufficient to warrant the abandonment of the heavy overcoat, forecaster Bode said last night that the end of zero weather had come. The storm, which was central over the lake region, has moved to the St. Lawrence Valley, and has been accompanied by snow from the Ohio Valley to New England. Fair, cold weather continues in the South and is general from the Mississippi Valley to the Western coast.

The city news this morning is full and interesting.

The Republic's "Want" Ads Will Be Found on Pages 10 and 11.

### FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

1. Missouri House Inquiry.
2. General Lew Wallace Dead.
3. Kansas to Refuse Oil.
4. Congress to Probe Standard Oil.
5. Equitable Insurance Fight.
6. Doctor Watson Testifies.
7. Republicans Against Home Rule.
8. More Candidates on City Tickets.
9. Hoch's St. Louis Wedding.
10. Girl Detective Recovers Jewels.

### WASHINGTON.

The House authorized a Federal investigation of the Standard Oil Company.

### LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Dr. C. Young, attorney, convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, loses his case on appeal and is ordered to surrender to United States Marshal.

### CHINA WILL PRESENT EMPRESS AN PORTRAIT TO UNITED STATES.

The portrait, which was a conspicuous feature of the art display at the World's Fair is to be formally given to the United States by China. The donation will be accompanied with much ceremony.

### TWO FIRES IN DYE HOUSE.

Two alarms for separate fires were turned in from the dye house at 2741 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., at 10:30 p. m. The first fire was due to the explosion of a gasolene tank on the second floor, which caused a damage of \$200.

### JUDGE'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

Physicians Have Little Hope for Recovery.

### ORGANIZE BUTTER TRUST.

Company Starts in New Jersey With \$17,000,000 Capital.

### MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS.

New York, Feb. 15—Arrived: Kruppings, 10:30 a. m.; ...

## "BEN HUR'S FAMOUS AUTHOR WHO DIED YESTERDAY."



GENERAL LEW WALLACE  
Whose death took place yesterday at Crawfordsville, Ind. The above is reproduced from the last photograph ever made of the noted Indiana author, warrior and diplomat.

## GEN. LEW WALLACE DIES AT HIS HOME

Author of "Ben Hur" and Veteran of Civil War Is at Last Overcome by Disease Which Has for Years Besieged Him.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 15.—Surrounded by his family, General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," one-time Minister to Turkey and a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, died at his home in this city tonight. He was 73 years old.

The health of General Wallace has been failing for several years, and for months, despite the efforts of the family to keep the public in ignorance of his true condition, it has been generally known that his vigorous constitution could not much longer withstand the ravages of a wasting disease.

For more than a year he has been unable to properly assimilate food. At no time has he ever confessed his belief that the end was near, and his rugged constitution and remarkable vitality have been responsible for prolonging his life several months.

The disabled soldier was one of nature's nobles. Besides his physical, only his wife, his son, Henry Wallace, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Wallace were present.

Two grandchildren, although in the house, were not admitted into the room. When told by his physician that he was dying, General Wallace was perfectly calm, and his last words were expressions of cheer to his grief-stricken family.

He is buried in the city cemetery. I am ready to meet my Maker," he said, and passed away peacefully.

No definite funeral arrangements have been made.

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The portrait eventually will find a place in the National Museum.

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Two hours later another machine on the second floor of the building exploded and a still alarm was sent to the company which has been notified of the fire.

Mr. Judge was very feeble during the day. The physicians said that he was grave doubts that he would live through the night.

Physicians Have Little Hope for Recovery.

Company Starts in New Jersey With \$17,000,000 Capital.

Trouton, N. J., Feb. 15.—The American Butter Refining Company, with an authorized capital of \$17,000,000, was incorporated here today, to produce and deal in milk, butter and food products.

The capital stock is divided into \$200,000 preferred, with 6-per-cent noncumulative dividend, and \$16,800,000 common stock.

The incorporators are Walter E. Hope, Beverly R. Robertson, E. Theo and I. Thayer, all of Jersey City.

## HOUSE ORDERS FEDERAL INQUIRY BY STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Most Drastic Antitrust Resolution Yet Considered Is Adopted Without Single Dissenting Vote—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Authorized to Look Into Organization, Capitalization, Profits and Management of Business—Questions of Favoritism and Boycotts Is to Be Settled—Kansas Agitation Leads to Order Being Issued.

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BY GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATED.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STANDARD OIL INQUIRY.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The resolution adopted in the House today relating to petroleum was presented by Representative Campbell of Kansas, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, requested to investigate the cause or causes of the low price of crude oil, or petroleum, in the United States, and especially in the Kansas oil field, and the unusually large margins between the price of crude oil, or petroleum, and the selling price of refined oil and its by-products; and whether the said conditions have resulted in whole or in part from any contract, combination in the form of a trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce among the several States and Territories, or with foreign countries; also whether the said prices have been controlled, in whole or in part, by any corporation, joint stock company, or corporate combination engaged in commerce among the several States and Territories, or with foreign nations; also whether such corporation, joint stock company or corporate combination, in purchasing crude oil, or petroleum, by any order or practice of discrimination, boycotts, blacklists, or in any manner, discriminate against any particular oil field, also to investigate the organization, profits, conduct and management of the business of such corporation or corporations, or companies, and various combinations, if any, and to make early report of its findings, according to law, to the end that such information may be used by Congress as a basis for legislation, or by the Department of Justice as a basis for legal proceedings."

### STATE REFINERY BILL IS ADOPTED

Washington, Feb. 15.—Without a single dissenting vote or voice, the House today adopted the most drastic antitrust resolution yet considered in Congress. It provides for the investigation of the Standard Oil Company from top to bottom by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The resolution was introduced by Representative Campbell of Kansas, with the special object of investigating the oil situation in his State, but it is much broader in scope, and requires the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the whole organization, capitalization, profits and management of the business.

This resolution is even more sweeping than that presented by Representative Martin of South Dakota, which was the basis of Commissioner Garfield's investigation of the Beef Trust. The fact that it was passed by the House today unanimously, without even reference to a committee, is most significant of the temper of the popular branch of Congress these days in regard to antitrust measures.

Mr. Campbell will consult with President Roosevelt tomorrow on the subject, and has an engagement at the White House for this specific purpose. At a conference with Commissioner Garfield yesterday he made a personal request for an investigation of the situation in the Kansas oil field and the operations of the Standard Oil Company there. The result of this conference was the introduction of his resolution this morning and its quick adoption by the House.

Many members consider this, under the circumstances, the most remarkable action of the House since the passage of the Sherman anti-trust act in 1890. It is a measure which will have a far-reaching effect on the Standard Oil Company.

Representative Campbell does not conceal the fact that he aims at the criminal prosecution of the Standard Oil people.

"I have no doubt," said he tonight, "that the investigation of this wicked monopoly in Kansas will show criminal restraint of trade, and result in action by the Department of Justice."

POWER OF COMMISSIONER.  
The term "according to law" used in the resolution, means that the Commissioner of Corporations is to investigate the doings of the Standard Oil Company and report to the President under the terms of the statute creating the Department of Commerce and Labor. This term was used in the Martin resolution aimed at the Beef Trust, the report on which Commissioner Garfield is now completing.

In addition to the statement given out yesterday by Mr. Campbell, he said tonight that the investigation of the Standard Oil Company in Kansas had resulted in the closing up of 1,000 wells and the throwing out of employment of nearly 50,000 men. The connection between the well owners and the Standard Oil Company was made altogether on false pretenses, and when the trust finally got Kansas producers at their mercy, they reduced the price of oil to 2 cents a barrel and finally closed the wells.

## REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN TO-DAY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

The registration books for the Democratic primaries, March 3, and the spring election, April 4, will be open in the various precincts from 8 o'clock this morning until 8 o'clock tonight.

Those who registered last October for both the primaries and election and have not since changed their addresses are exempt from registration to-day.

If any voters registered last October for the election and not for the primaries, they must register to-day for the primaries if they expect to participate in the nominating of the Democratic ticket, March 4.

In cases where voters registered last October and have since changed their address in the same precinct, they must have the transfer recorded at the registration places to-day, if they have not already done so at the Board of Election Commissioners' office in the City Hall.

Two sets of books will be open to-day, for election and primaries. Those who wish to participate in the primaries will have to see that their names are recorded in the primary registration books, as well as in the election registration books.

In to-day's registration, the following must qualify if they wish to vote: Those who have moved since the last election from one precinct to another. Those who have changed their address in the same precinct. Those who have become of age since the last election or will be of age by April 4.

Those who have become naturalized since the last registration. Those who have lived in the State one year, in the city sixty days and in the precinct forty-seven days on the day of election, April 4.

Absentees and invalids may register March 29 upon furnishing the proper sworn testimony as to their inability to be at the registration places to-day, but, outside of such person, this will be the last opportunity to register before the primaries or election.

Any who register to-day and change their address before March 11 will have from that date until March 29 to have the transfers recorded at the Board of Election Commissioners' office.



## OUT IN THE GOLD.

## COMMITTEE FROM HOUSE STARTS FOR ST. LOUIS TO-DAY

Jefferson City, Feb. 15.—Chairman Stewart of the House Investigating Committee appointed to-day said tonight that the committee would go to St. Louis Thursday night to begin its work Friday and work over Sunday.

"We will not only go over the work of the Senate Committee," he said, "but we will go further in every way possible. We do not propose to leave anything uncovered."

## FIVE WOUNDED IN PISTOL BATTLE

Four Men and a Woman Shot in East St. Louis; Three Seriously Hurt.

## FIGHT STARTS OVER MATCH. VICTIMS OF DESPERATE COMBAT ARE ALL TAKEN TO SAME HOSPITAL

Poles and Negroes Involved.

A pistol battle, lasting less than thirty seconds, in an East St. Louis saloon last night, resulted in five persons being wounded. All are now in St. Mary's Hospital.

Joseph M. Soroch conducted a saloon at No. 41 Columbia road. His cousin, John Soroch, tended bar for him, and they drove a thriving business among the Poles and Lithuanians.

Last night Nole Lewis, a negro, and Sam Virges came into the saloon, and Virges asked one of the Lithuanians for a match. The man either refused that he did not have the match or refused to give it, and the negro became abusive.

Soroch came from behind the bar and ordered the two to leave. Virges picked up a pool ball and threw it at Soroch, Soroch ran behind the bar and secured a revolver and both the negroes drew revolvers at this time, according to witnesses.

According to statements of persons who were in the saloon, Virges first shot Virges threw the ball, and his bullet struck Soroch in the breast near the heart. Soroch returned the fire and the ball passed through Virges' lungs, causing a mortal wound.

JOHN AND HIS WIFE.  
John Soroch, the bartender, sprang over the bar and ran at Virges, but Lewis fired at him just as Virges ran from the room.

Joseph Soroch raised himself from the floor and fired at Virges, and just then Mrs. Anna Soroch, alarmed by the shooting, ran downstairs, and seeing the battle in progress, ran to the side of her fallen husband.

The negro Virges fired just then and the shot took effect in the breast of the wife. She fell by the side of her husband.

Policemen Thorne, Clarence and Harris were at the saloon soon after the fight had ended. They arrested Virges at Third and Chicago avenues and Lewis on the Vandallia highway tracks. He was seriously wounded, it is presumed by a shot from Soroch's revolver.

All the injured persons were taken to St. Mary's Hospital. Two policemen were assigned to watch the prisoners.

Several shots were fired by the policemen before they succeeded in capturing Lewis. The negro put up a running fight through the railway yards.

## PITTSBURG PHIL'S ESTATE \$3,250,000.

New York, Feb. 15.—George H. Smith, familiarly known as "Pittsburgh Phil," who died on February 1, is believed to have left an estate of \$3,250,000. This is far beyond the expectations of his most intimate friends. His mother has been appointed administrator.

"Pittsburgh Phil" is survived by his mother, a brother, Wm. C. Smith of Westchester County, Jas. McGill, a nephew, who resides at the Hotel Imperial, and Eleanor A. Ewing, a niece, who resides at No. 1204 Chamberlayne Way, Allegheny City, Pa. The mother and brother will each receive one-third of the fortune and the nephew and niece each one-sixth.

## HYDE MARSHALS HIS FORCES TO KEEP POSITION

Vice President of Equitable Assurance Society Claims Thirty-one of Forty-four Votes.

## CLASH WILL COME TO-DAY.

President Alexander Does Not Credit Opponent With Sufficient Strength to Win.

## MUTUALIZATION NOT ISSUE.

Changing of Company's Policy Not the Vital Question at Point—Alexander Faction if Defeated, May Join Competitor.

New York, Feb. 15.—In battle array and each determined to establish his supremacy of command, James H. Hyde and James W. Alexander will come together tomorrow afternoon at a special meeting of the board of Directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, when it is hoped to decide whether James H. Hyde, representing a majority of the society's capital stock, is to be forced from his position as first vice president.

That is the dominating interest in the directors' meeting to-morrow. The question of the mutualization of the Equitable has become a secondary matter for the time, for Mr. Hyde, while the directors who support him are of one mind with James W. Alexander, the president, and those who will support him; that in the near future the Equitable must be placed in the hands with other mutual associations, where the hundreds of thousands of policy holders must be given their right to have a voice as to the selection of directors, in whose keeping must be hundreds of millions of dollars of trust funds.

NOT MUTUALIZATION BUT HYDE THE MAIN ISSUE.  
Mutualization of the Equitable is not a bone of contention, but both sides are by no means agreed as to just how the mutual basis is to be effected. Mr. Hyde's side is not willing that Mr. Alexander and his Executive Committee shall be the custodian of policy holders' money, and by that means control the Equitable.

Mr. Hyde realizes that he is to be personally attacked with bitterness by his antagonists at to-morrow's meeting, and that the votes of Mr. Alexander's following in the society's directorate are to be cast for Mr. Hyde's defeat as first vice president. It is to be the crucial test of the strength of the two antagonists.

When he left his office this afternoon, after a day of conferences with friendly directors and lawyers, Mr. Hyde was convinced he had his forces well in hand, and that he would be re-elected to the first vice presidency by a safe margin.

HYDE CLAIMS THIRTY-ONE OF THE FORTY-FOUR VOTES.  
Names had been counted, and of the forty-four directors who are expected and relied upon to be present, thirty-one would vote Hyde ballots. This would leave the Alexander faction with thirteen votes, but friends of Mr. Alexander, who made up a list of those who are expected to stand by the Equitable's president, were willing to credit Mr. Hyde with only sixteen votes, and held that many of the directors to whom the opponents of Mr. Alexander are looking for support will cause disappointment when the ballots are counted.

It is predicted that the meeting of the directors will be acrimonious, even more so than that of a week ago, when the board took sides over the discussion of the plans for mutualization. During the last few days the combatting sides have been more closely drawn, and the bitterness extending between Mr. Hyde and Mr. Alexander has become intensified a thousand times.

BOTH SIDES PREPARED TO WAGE BATTLE AW.  
That both sides are prepared to wage war for some time was shown by the fact that circulars are in preparation for distribution among the policy holders, in which the support of the latter is asked by each side to its respective plans of proposed management of the Equitable, when the society shall have become a mutual company. What the plans of the Hyde faction are in this connection cannot be ascertained, but it is known that Mr. Alexander has no intention of permitting Mr. Hyde's faction to establish a mutualization of them through proxies, obtain and hold control of the society with its assets of \$14,000,000.

In a statement that emanated from the Hyde side of the controversy, today it was contended that James W. Alexander, since E. Terbell and George T. Wilson were really the active ones in endeavoring to control the Equitable, through their

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## TO DENOUNCE STOSSEL BEFORE COURT-MARTIAL.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Correspondents sent in from General Stossel on his way to St. Petersburg report the greatest dissension among the officers of the garrison and the commanders of the fleet. The land officers continually refer to the "frightened fleet."

Admiral Lockinsky is quoted as making a bitter attack on General Stossel, Admiral Alexoff and others, declaring that he will denounce them before the court-martial.

## TO MAINTAIN MONROE DOCTRINE ROOSEVELT WOULD ADJUST DEBTS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Washington, Feb. 15.—The President's message transmitting to the Senate the new San Domingo protocol was read at the executive session to-day, following the passage of a mass of unopposed pension bills. Not more than six or seven Senators were present.

The leading feature of the message was that in order to maintain the Monroe Doctrine it will be necessary for the United States to see that just claims constructed by South and Central American Republics and those of the West Indies should be paid, and that, therefore, it was in the interest of peace for this Government to take over the control of the revenues in San Domingo.

This subject of the Monroe Doctrine is discussed at some length, and especially as regards the relations of the United States to the Republics of the South.

The protocol was not read at the executive session, but was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.