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THE KANSAS OIL CONFLICT.

What is to be the outcome of the conflict between the state of Kansas and the Standard Oil company cannot be foreseen with absolute certainty...

In view of this situation the legislature of Kansas, after careful deliberation, has passed a bill that provides for the establishment of a state oil refinery...

What is very much in evidence is the fact that the people of Kansas are most earnestly determined to rid themselves, if possible, of exactions on the part of the Oil trust which they have found to be intolerable...

It is interesting in connection with this to note that President Roosevelt has directed the commissioner of corporations to begin an investigation of the petroleum oil industry...

GENERAL LEW WALLACE.

In the death of General Lew Wallace the country loses a man of distinguished literary ability, who had also made a fine record as a soldier, having served in both the Mexican war and in the war of the rebellion...

After the war he was made minister to Paraguay, subsequently becoming governor of New Mexico, and in 1882 he was appointed minister to Turkey...

According to the financial exhibit of the Union Pacific railroad, published by authority, the net earnings of that company for the last six months of 1904 show a net increase of over \$1,000,000 over the corresponding period for 1903...

OIL TRADE INVESTIGATION.

Announcement comes from Washington that the president, in compliance with the request of the house of representatives, has ordered an immediate investigation of the oil trade by the bureau of corporations...

The country will warmly welcome the announcement that the federal government is to institute an investigation of the oil trade, which of course means an inquiry as to the operations and methods of the trust...

An opposition statesman says that Joseph Chamberlain is suffering from a "neuritis of ambiguity," which in plain English probably means that the member from Birmingham desires to be understood as not desiring to be understood, a position in which other statesmen find themselves at times.

Investigation of the oil trade by the federal authorities was in contemplation and it is not improbable that agents of the bureau of corporations have already obtained a great many facts respecting the methods of the Oil trust...

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

Men are judged by their acts and not by their profession. What applies to men individually applies collectively to organized bodies of men, and especially to bodies of men acting in a representative capacity...

There is probably less interest manifested in the legislative proceedings this year than there has been during any session held since the state was organized, but that fact does not justify the conclusion that the people are entirely indifferent...

In other words, if the legislature fails to enact wholesome laws that will place the people of Nebraska on an equal footing with those of other states and decrease their tax burdens, we may look for a revolution, if not a political revolution, in the very near future...

A JEEZ FROM GOPHERDOM.

The Minnesota legislature went on record very quickly in the matter of voting in the affirmative to expend \$10,000 for the purchase of a suitable testimonial for the new battleship Minnesota...

TO STOP EXCESS EXPENDITURES.

The not proposed by the house judiciary committee making an executive officer of the government punishable by fine and imprisonment for expending money in excess of appropriations...

RAILROAD ARGUMENT PUNCTURED.

Light of Daily Experience Turned on Corporate Assertions. United States Investor. The argument is advanced that if railroads are to be government owned...

NO PLANS IN SIGHT.

Architects from all over the world are invited to send plans for the Palace of Peace at The Hague. But the United States senate has no plans for making the peace genuine...

PENALIZING GREED.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Russia admits a loss in Manchuria of 40,000 killed and 120,000 wounded, to say nothing of the mortality and disability from disease...

SILVERING ON THE BRINK.

Chicago Record-Herald. The attitude of the senate toward the house rate bill is a good deal like that of a boy who has his clothes off, but stands shivering on the bank because he is afraid the water may be pretty cold...

RICHNESS DENIED THE DREAM.

Chicago Inter Ocean. It is difficult for the modern dramatist, whose mind is centered on the elevation of the stage, to contemplate, without sighing, the dazzling scenes that could be arranged with Johann Hoch and his fifty-three wives...

WONDERFUL GENEROSITY, THIS.

Portland Oregonian. The United States Steel corporation will divide a cash bonus of \$1,000,000 among 5,000 of its employees. The money will be distributed on a pro rata basis...

Union Pacific into Southern California. It is divided half and half between Senator Clark and E. M. Harriman, but that merger will not be enjoined by Omaha if the construction of the road is expedited so that it may be open for travel and traffic by next New Year's day...

Vienna and Budapest are anxiously awaiting decision as to which place the emperor of Austria and Francis Kosuth will choose for their meeting, but probably the police of both places are in training for the event.

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN FACTORY.

Eight Workmen Injured by Explosion, Which Caused Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Eight workmen were badly injured by an explosion of sulphur in the Brooklyn Sulphur works in Brooklyn today. Firemen and policemen brought them out of the building...

LAUGHING LINES.

"Finnigan called ye a liar, did he?" "He did that." "An' what did ye do?" "Finnigan.—Philadelphia Ledger.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Commander Peary and his North Pole projects do not excite much interest just now. If Peary wants sympathy, let him talk North Pole in the middle of August, with the thermometer soaring and humidity trying to beat it.

THE DEAD ROSE OF DESIRE.

Roy Farrell Greene. The things that we longed for, once upon a time—In dim perspective wondrous fair they seemed—Perchance of villa quaint in foreign clime, Or forest lodge of rough-hewn logs we dreamed...

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