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OIL TRADE INQUIRY

President Directs Commissioner Garfield to Begin an Investigation.

WANTS RIGID AND COMPREHENSIVE WORK

Order Issued in Response to Resolution Passed by the House.

MR. CAMPBELL AT WHITE HOUSE

Author of the Res. Has a Conference with Oil Executive.

HITCHCOCK DENIES MESSAGE LEASE

Secretary of Interior Says Arrangements Have Been Made to Carry Out Intentions.

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 inquiry will be pressed as rapidly as possible. The scope of the investigation and the time it will occupy cannot be indicated at this time.

Hitchcock Denounces Lease. Secretary Hitchcock today gave a statement arising as a "gigantic monopoly" the present lease by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company of the right to prospect for oil and gas throughout the entire area of the Osage Indian lands.

The statement sets forth that while known as the "Osage lease," the exclusive right to prospect, develop and sublet for oil and gas throughout the entire 1,600,000 acres of the Osage Indian lands, was granted for ten years by the then secretary of the interior, Hoke Smith, on March 16, 1896, to Edwin B. Foster, but that "after a checkered existence" the lease is known as the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company.

Secretary Bliss investigated the lease with a view to cancelling it, but found he could not legally do so. The statement says Secretary Hitchcock opposed the extension of the original lease because the company is obtaining from the Indians practically 50 per cent of the royalty accruing to the Indians who own the property.

Company Will Assist. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16.—William J. Young, president of the Prairie Oil and Gas company of Kansas, against which the oil investigation resolution in congress yesterday was directed, in an interview with the Associated Press declared that the company was not afraid of an investigation.

Another new feature of the senate bill is as follows: All income at any time received by the United States from rentals, dividends or otherwise in respect of the canal zone, including the Panama Canal zone, shall be turned into and credited to the fund for the construction of said canal and works.

RUSSIAN MINISTERS AT SEA

Rumors Current as to Changes in Personnel, but Nothing is Definite.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Many rumors are current of ministerial and military changes, including a report that War Minister Maklakov will be sent to relieve General Kourpatkin; also one to the effect that M. Bogulin, minister of the interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of General Treppoff, governor general of St. Petersburg.

M. Amnensky, editor of Russian Wealth, who was arrested simultaneously with Maxim Gorky, the author and reform leader, was released yesterday.

BALFOUR WINS FIRST MOVE. Asquith's Amendment to Speech from Throne Rejected.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The majority of sixty-three by which Mr. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was rejected by the House of Commons last night is regarded as giving the government the first move in the political game and as finally disposing of any present prospect of dissolution of Parliament.

The real event of the night's debate was the brilliant speech delivered by Lord Hugh Cecil, which is admitted both by friends and opponents to have been his finest. The speech was delivered in the House of Commons since the Gladstone-Salisbury period, and as placing Lord Hugh Cecil in the forefront of possible leaders of the conservative movement.

"In time," the speaker said, "you will forget your bad economics. The future is with us. It is needless that we secede from the party. Why should we symbolize metal stability by an act of physical motion?"

ACCIDENT ON A SUBMARINE BOAT. Explosion on British War Machine Kills Four Men.

QUEENSWAY, Feb. 16.—Four men were killed and fourteen injured, of whom three are in a critical condition, was the result of two explosions on board the British submarine boat A-5 in the harbor today.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

President Explains Purpose of Protocol with Santo Domingo.

ACTION TO PROTECT MONROE DOCTRINE. Provides for Administration of Customs in Interest of American and Other Creditors—Attracts Wide Attention.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt's message, transmitting to the senate the new Dominican protocol of an agreement providing for the collection and distribution of the customs revenues of Santo Domingo for the adjustment of all the obligations of that government, was today made public by order of the senate in executive session.

Few documents that have come to the senate in relation to any of the South or Central American or West India republics have attracted so much attention. Because of the controversy that has arisen as to the right of the executive to enter into treaty arrangements with any foreign government without advice and consent of the senate extraordinary interest has been aroused.

Text of Message. To the Senate: I submit herewith a protocol which is an agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic and the United States.

Violations of Contracts. One of the difficult and increasingly complicated problems which often arise in the Dominican Republic are the violations of contracts and concessions, sometimes made by the government, and which are not infrequently disregarded and violated by the governing authorities.

Terms of the Protocol. At the request of the Dominican government we have entered into the agreement herewith which is a general agreement in which the government of the Dominican Republic will be administered peacefully, honestly and economically.

Passenger Steamer Ashore. Vessel with Mail and Passengers for Australia is Reported Aground.

PERTH, West Australia, Feb. 16.—The Pacific Steam Navigation company steamer Orizaba, with passengers and mails for Sydney, New South Wales, is ashore off Garden Island, twenty miles out of its course.

Explosion Injures Six. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Six men were injured and property valued at \$100,000 was destroyed in the plant of the Brooklyn sulphur works in Brooklyn today.

AKINS POSES AS DICTATOR

He Tells Postmaster that He Personally Represents the President in Distribution of Patronage.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—The senate investigation committee today examined W. H. Haughtwout, postmaster at Webb City, Mo., with reference to the senatorial situation in Missouri.

BOYSEN'S CLAIM CUT OUT. Bill for Opening Wind River Reserve Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram)—The Mondell bill opening the Wind River reservation to settlement passed the house today, but without the preferential clause giving Amos Boyesen of Council Bluffs the right to stake out 60 acres of land.

MEANS BUILDING OF MUCH RAILROAD. Grand Commander Richardson of Scottish Rite Masons to Tour the Northwest and Will Visit Omaha.

HYDE RETAINS HIS OFFICE. Attempt to Oust Him from Vice Presidency of Equitable Life Assurance Society Fails.

OMAHA MAN APPOINTED. Michigan Governor of Omaha has been recommended for the position of special agent of the census bureau.

WILL PAY RADIOLINE CLAIM. The house committee on claims today authorized a favorable report on a bill to pay William Radcliffe, a British subject, \$25,000 in settlement for his fish hatchery in Delta county, Colorado.

STANDARD HILL COMES UP TODAY. The house committee on rules tomorrow will present to the house a rule sending the standard hill to conference.

BRIBERY FIASCO IN COLORADO. Representatives Who Make Charges of Corruption Present Written Apology to House.

NEW LONDON, Mo., Feb. 15.—The taking of evidence in the case of Dr. T. Jones Watson of Denver, Colo., charged with the murder of his wife, concluded today.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Colder Today, Saturday Fair.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temperature, Degree, Day. Shows temperature forecasts for various hours from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday.

TESTIMONY IN THE CODY CASE

North Platte Woman Rehearses Some of the Family History and Dolings.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram)—The taking of testimony in the divorce case of William F. Cody against Mrs. Louisa F. Cody commenced in the district court here today.

JAY COOKE PASSES AWAY. Famous Financier is Dead at Home of His Son-in-Law Near Philadelphia.

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YOUNG MUST GO TO JAIL. St. Louis Attorney Will Serve Sentence for Using Mails to Defraud.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—An order was issued today by the United States court of appeals commanding Ira C. Young, an attorney of St. Louis who was formerly a member of Governor Dockery's staff, convicted of mail fraud, to surrender to the United States marshal by February 18 to begin his term of eighteen months in the Missouri penitentiary.

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TRYING DOCTOR FOR MURDER. Taking Evidence in Case of Denver Physician Charged with Murder Concludes.

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TALK OF RATE BILLS

General Opinion No Such Measures Will Pass the Legislature.

MOVE FOR ELECTIVE RAILWAY COMMISSION. General Opinion This is Most Effective Means of Reaching End.

RESOLUTIONS READY IN BOTH HOUSES. Perry Cites Success of Other States Through This Method.

REQUIRES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Cody to Push the Matter in Upper Branch and Perry to Champion it in the House of Representatives.

Commission the Best Plan. "I have been devoting considerable time to the study of the freight rate question and the best method of dealing with it," said Mr. Perry.

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SMALLPOX RULES THE TOWN. No Means of Communicating with Smithfield, Illinois, Since Telegrapher is Ill.

REPORT ON INTERURBAN BILL. The house railroad committee tonight voted to report for general release the interurban bill, giving the right of eminent domain to the interurban company.

ADDRESS BY MISS ADDAMS. Final Meeting of National Child Labor Committee Held at New York.

DISCUSS OMAHA CHARTER. The Omaha delegation held another meeting at the Lincoln this evening and took up the Nelson charter, section by section.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS FEB. 16. At New York—Arrived: Georgia, from Liverpool; Barabara, from Bremen; Princess Irene, from Genoa; Furusua, from Copenhagen; Sailed: La Lorraine, for Havre.