

WAR ON TRUSTS

Kansas May Investigate Them All

AND THEN PROSECUTE

Monett Will Conduct Campaign Against Standard,

HAVING FOUGHT IT IN OHIO

Hearst's Lawyer Prepares to Prosecute Oil Trust Under Sherman Law—Many States Support Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 21.—The sentiment in favor of making a clean sweep of the corporations in Kansas is growing. Today a resolution was introduced in the Senate providing for an investigation of the following alleged combines:

Beef, grain, implement, milling and lumber.

The evidence gained in the investigation will be presented to the Governor and Attorney-General for action. The Standard Oil Company will be closely watched in the meantime.

The Oil Producers' Association announced that the fight against the Standard will not be relaxed, no matter what may be the outcome of the state oil refinery plan and pending legislation. H. E. West, president of the association, announced that Frank E. Monett has been retained to assist in gathering evidence. During his term as Attorney-General in Ohio, Mr. Monett brought suit against the Standard Oil Company to revoke its charter for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws. He made a desperate, but unsuccessful effort to drive the company out of the state and gained much evidence that will be of use in the Kansas fight.

C. A. Walsh, of Ottumwa, Ia., a former secretary of the Democratic National Committee, is here representing William R. Hearst. His instructions are to look the field over with a view of learning all he can for the use of the officers in the prosecution of the Standard. He says that Mr. Hearst will assist in forcing the investigation to a conviction. He says Mr. Shearn, the lawyer who prosecuted the anthracite coal cases, has been retained to assist in the Standard Oil investigation. Hearst's plan is to bring proceedings against the Standard under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The Senate oil and gas committee today brought in majority and minority reports on the anti-pumping gas bill. The minority favors the measure, which has already passed the House.

Kansas officers have today received assurances that the Legislatures of Illinois, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and California were strongly in favor of the oil campaign being waged by Kansas.

CABINET CONSIDERS OIL LEASE

Difficulties in Way of Cancelling Lease—Garfield's Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Careful consideration was given today by the President and members of the Cabinet to the proposed extension of the ten-year lease of oil rights on the Osage Indian lands in Oklahoma. Both the President and Secretary Hitchcock have received in letters and telegrams protests against all of the extension of the lease, because it is urged the oil rights practically are controlled by the oil trust. Many of these protests have come from Kansas, one being received today by the President from the Kansas Legislature.

It has been decided with the approval of the Cabinet that it would be unjust to some of the lessees, who have acquired assignments to the lease with the Indians, not to extend the lease. Secretary Hitchcock told the Cabinet it was not true that the \$80,000 acre agreement upon which the proposed extension is based covers all of the oil lands in the Osage reservation. He said it was quite likely all of the lands contained oil.

The subject of the proposed investigations of the operations of the oil operators in the Kansas field was discussed, but no definite conclusions further than those already announced were reached. The investigation will be conducted by the Bureau of Corporations under the direction of Commissioner Garfield.

His report will be made to the President for transmission to Congress later. It is quite certain that if the facts developed by the inquiry should warrant action by the Government the matter will be brought by the President to the attention of the Department of Justice.

ILLINOIS OFFERS KANSAS AID

Would Loan Money for Refinery, and Will Investigate Pipe Lines.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 21.—The House today adopted two resolutions affecting the Standard Oil Company. One, offered by Representative Allen, offers to loan the State of Kansas the sum of \$100,000, without interest, for a period of six years, to aid in establishing a state oil refinery, and refers to the Standard Oil Company as that "merciless octopus whose tentacles now encircle every state in the Union." The resolution was adopted by a viva voce vote, amid considerable confusion and laughter.

SHOULD INVESTIGATE LEASE

Oklahoma Believes Standard is the Real Owner.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 21.—By a vote of 15 to 10, the Lower House of the Legislature tonight passed a joint resolution, introduced this afternoon by Senator Decker, memorializing President Roosevelt to investigate the blanket lease of the oil lands of the Osage Nation, a part of Oklahoma, held by the Indian Territory Oil Illuminating Company, commonly believed, as the resolution states, to be a representative of the Standard Oil Company. It

is expected the resolution will pass the Upper House tomorrow.

The perpetuation of the Osage lease, it is asserted, will really injure the commercial interests of Oklahoma, as well as the Osage Indian tribe.

The President is asked to investigate, first, the conditions under which the original lease was approved; second, whether the lessees have complied with their contract, and, third, whether or not the Standard Oil Company is the actual owner of the lease.

INDIANS OPPOSE OIL LEASE

They Make Charges Against Hitchcock and Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—William T. Leahy, a member of the Council of the Osage Indian tribe, in a statement given out today, says the Indians are opposed to the extension of the lease on their lands upon the existing terms, and are protesting against a renewal. The original lease given to E. B. Foster for a period of ten years, the statement says, was approved contrary to the wishes of the Indians. The statement asks that the President have an investigation made to disclose all the facts, that those for whom it speaks have been obliged to fight their battle alone, and that they have been unable to secure the consent to employment assistance, which can be done only with the approval of the department.

Mr. Leahy is one of 10 Indians who came to Washington, and, according to the statement of Mr. Leahy, they came as a delegation to secure adequate royalty for leases on their oil lands. They were fairly treated before the House Committee on Indian Affairs, the statement says.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Secretary of the Interior today received from the Kansas Legislature a telegram signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the House giving the text of the resolution adopted by that body yesterday protesting against the continuance of the Foster lease on the Indian reservation lands in the Osage Indian reservation in Indian Territory.

Monett After His Old Enemy.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—Ex-Attorney General Frank Monett will leave for Kansas tomorrow night for the purpose of investigating the oil situation there for the American Anti-Trust Association of Chicago. The former Attorney-General will thoroughly look over the situation in that state and report to the Chicago headquarters of the association.

Investigate Texas Oil Also.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 21.—A petition being circulated here asking Congressmen Finckney and Bennett to urge President Roosevelt to include the Texas oil fields in the investigation of the Standard Oil operations in Kansas.

GRIZZLY BEARS.

Wyoming Hunter Says Dangerous Only When Attacked.

Louisville Herald.

"In the mountains of Wyoming, where I have hunted for years, you can find any kind of savage animals that you get in America except alligators. Grizzlies, black bears and mountain lions are commonly killed there," says Hugh Silverly, of Sheridan, Wyo. "Some of the men that come out there to hunt think if they see 100 yards away from camp they may be attacked by a bear or a painter and killed. There's a heap more danger of getting killed on account of leaving your gun at home when you go out. Marked men and someone might shoot you on the street in a big city, but it is dead sure that a bear or a mountain lion will never attack you unless you drive him to it. I've hunted grizzlies in the districts for big game in this country and I've never seen one of them go after a man unless he was cornered or wounded. If you run into a grizzly bear in a lonely place you'll hear a grunt, something like that of a mammoth hog, and then there will be a mighty crashing sound as he charges off. Use the opposite direction as fast as he can go. All you can generally see of a mountain lion is a tawny streak as he makes off at incredible speed. If he has any intention of getting you he will catch you in the rear, for if you are standing to the east of him he is sure to get at you from the rear. Mountain lions in the winter time will follow sleighs at a distance, waiting as they go, but there is nothing in that to inspire terror, for I don't think they have ever been known to close in on anybody. Their terror of human beings is the thing which makes them hard to shoot. In all the time that I have been in the mountains I have never seen any grizzly bear attacked by a wild animal that has been left strictly alone. But I've known men to be killed even by deer when the brute was driven to desperation. Grizzlies are the best game in the world. When you once get their danger up they are savage fighters and the hunter's life is in danger every minute unless he is a good shot and has a steady nerve. If you ever get within reach of a grizzly's paw you are a dead one. Those stories of men killing them with knives in hand-to-hand fights are about as reasonable as it would be to talk of stopping a locomotive by getting in the way of the train. If the big fellow gets a chance to deliver one blow it is all over. There was a grizzly up our way that the cowboys called 'Big Ben' who killed about 150 steers before he was finally shot. He would break a steer's neck with one blow and then he would lift him up and eat his entrails as he lay on the ground. Grizzlies look awkward, but they are mighty light on their feet and they can beat any man in a footrace."

OSAGE LEASE TO BE GRANTED

President and Advisers Do Not Believe Standard Oil is Interested.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Long today conferred with the President in regard to the proposed extension of the lease of 1,500,000 acres of oil lands of the Osage Indian reservation. The protest against the extension of the lease were held by the Standard Oil Company through a subsidiary corporation, but this is not the understanding of the President. The Secretary of the Interior or the Kansas members of Congress.

The decision was reached and the announcement authorized that the Administration will stand by the limited extension contained in a Senate amendment to the Indian appropriation bill. The amendment provides that allotments which may be made of the Osage reservation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of a lease dated March 16, 1896, given to Edwin R. Foster. This lease, through assignments, is now owned by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. The extension of the "Foster lease" for a term of ten years is authorized by the amendment to the property actually developed under the lease, and the lands developed amount to about 600,000 acres. No extension is authorized of the lease conferring about 800,000 acres that remain undeveloped.

Senator Long stated today that it was not his understanding that the Standard Oil Company had any connection with the proposed extension of the lease, and it was believed at the Interior Department that the company developing the property should be given an opportunity to get some return for its financial outlay.

STANDARD BOODLE SUSPECTED

Minority in West Virginia House Accuses Speaker of Complicity.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 21.—The report of the joint legislative investigating committee, which probed charges of corruption of the Standard Oil Company, was adopted by the House today. Two reports were made. An effort to substitute the minority report for the majority report was defeated.

The charges were contained in a letter of United States Marshal Elliott to John C. Robinson, a Standard Oil employe. The majority members found that the letter was written by Elliott, and charges contained therein were untrue and the Legislators are vindicated. The minority report states that the conspiracy alleged was investigated and the majority of the committee rejected the testimony tending to prove a political conspiracy.

SAYS IT IS NOT INTERESTED

Standard Denies Any Part in Osage Territory Oil Lease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—H. V. Foster, president of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, which holds what is known as the Foster blanket lease of lands in the Osage River Indian Reservation, has made the following statement: "The Standard Oil Company does not own or control a single share in the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. The controlling interest in

SHUT OUT THE LOBBYISTS

LABOR UNIONS' RETORT TO GOVERNOR ADAMS.

They Make Prompt Answer to His Request Not to March on Colorado Capitol in His Interest.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 21.—The executive board of the Denver Building Trades Council has addressed a communication to Governor Alva Adams, asking him to exclude from the Capitol the lobbyists who are said to be endeavoring to influence members of the Legislature to decide the gubernatorial contest in favor of ex-Governor Peabody. The letter is a reply to Governor Adams' address to the public, advising against the proposed labor demonstration on March 2, when the joint convention of the General Assembly is to receive the report of the contest committee. Following is the text of the letter to the Governor:

"We have read your letter to the public, and readily see the wisdom of your position in this matter. But we ask you, in all fairness: Is it just that the working people of Denver should be denied the right to assemble peacefully and petition the Government for a redress of our grievances, when the representatives of the corporations have made the State Capitol a house?"

"We submit that you, as Governor, are vested with extraordinary responsibilities, which are commensurate as to the public interest. If you deny us the right to be heard, then we beg that you exercise your constitutional right as Governor of Colorado and close the doors of the Capitol against the well-known and notorious lobbyists who are moving heaven and earth to disfranchise us by accomplishing your own ends. The Governor of Missouri, controls the third house of virtue of our state. We said it to be more dangerous to peace, order, property and constitutional government than all members of the Legislature. We believe in the law. They defy it. We uphold it. They subvert it. We respectfully petition you to exclude them, as you have virtually excluded us by your public statement."

"I think the suggestion of the Building Trades Council is wise, and shall look into it," said Governor Adams today, "but it is hard to single out any special lobbyists."

The legislative committee appointed to hear evidence in the Peabody-Adams gubernatorial contest held an executive session today. It is reported that Representative Thomas offered a resolution providing for a committee to investigate charges alleged to have been made by Chairman Griffith to the effect that he had been approached by persons representing Governor Peabody, who wanted him to allow them to make certain changes in the transcript of evidence taken before the committee. However, it is said that Chairman Griffith made a satisfactory explanation. He informed the members, according to report, that it was not within the province of the committee to investigate any charges concerning attempts to influence the committee and explain that it was not appointed directly by the Governor, but by the Legislature. The resolution was voted down, 10 to 4.

MUST SHOW BRIBERY FUND

Missouri Court Insists on Seeing That \$60,000 Boogie.

BUTLER, Mo., Feb. 21.—In the trial today of Charles Kratz, a former member of the St. Louis Municipal Board, charged with accepting a bribe, Judge Deaton issued an order to compel the Missouri Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, to produce in evidence the \$60,000 bribery fund which the state has impounded and which has been in other trials against others charged with the same crime as alleged in the indictment against Kratz. The Trust Company entered a return, stating it could not send the money, as it had been directed by the St. Louis Circuit Court to hold the same until a writ of habeas corpus was issued and the original order stands.

Foley in Temporary Office.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The head managers have unanimously promoted Head Adviser John H. Foley, of the Standard Oil Company, to the position of the Woodmen of the World, to fill the unexpired term of Falkenberg, until the head camp session in April, when a permanent head camp will be elected.

Twenty-Eight Ballots, No Election.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 21.—The twenty-eighth ballot failed to produce any change in the deadlock over United States Senator.

FAVORS CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

City Pride Bubbles Through This Letter From a Citizen.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Many hundreds, more probably thousands of our beauty-loving, order-loving, health-loving citizens are a sad, sorry, and pathetic sight. They are a sad sight because they are so filthy and so unclean. They are a sorry sight because they are so ignorant and so stupid. They are a pathetic sight because they are so helpless and so hopeless.

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senting themselves to my mind in this connection I would be glad to mention. One of them is the old Union-avenue bridge make a "clean sweep" by pulling down and destroying on the spot every vestige of that old eyesore, the dangling remains of the bridge at Grand avenue. This is an inspiring sight for travelers to the Fair to be greeted by that reminiscence of other days.

Many of us as individuals and families are willing to do all in our power for the beauty, orderliness and health of the city; we simply need co-operation and a good example (in some instances) by the city authorities themselves. It seems to me all good citizens are anxious the city shall appear at its best, this year of all others, and, having gotten into good habits of neatness and order 'twill soon become "second nature."

He Telephoned Too Soon. London Daily Mail. For two years John Mankinson, a ship's fireman, has been "wanted" at Bristol for neglecting to maintain his wife and child. On several occasions, it is said, he has gone to sea under fictitious names, and each time before leaving port has telegraphed to the Chief Constable of Bristol the message, "Ta-ta—Mankinson." This

message has been sent from Newport, Manchester and Cardiff, and on each occasion the local police have received telegraphic instructions to arrest him, but have found that his ship had left the dock. The other day he sent the same message from Glasgow, which port he was just leaving. But this time he sent it too soon, for he was arrested just as the ship was leaving.

"Yes, indeed," said the proud mother, "my children are the cream of the household." "H'm!" grunted the crusty bachelor, "Then why don't you whip the cream?"—Chicago News.

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