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The Monroe doctrine's roll of defenders grows larger and larger. Canada joined the list a short time ago. and now Australia comes over to us. Of course, Canada's reasons for favoring the Monroe principle can easily be guessed. In the event of a war between England and a coalition of the big powers of Europe, in which England's defeat would be probable, Canada would be open to assault. That colony is a very valuable part of the British empire, and an enemy of England would strike it just as soon as opportunity offered. Under the Monroe doctrine, however, the United States would be obliged to resist the conquest of that do with ladies' watches. locality by any other European power or powers.

Australia has discovered an important reason why she should defend the Monroe principle. The establishmen of the colonies of any great European nation in Central or South America would, so Australlians say, be a menace to their independence and safety Consequently, they have as strong ar incentive as the Canadians for being champions of the Monroe idea. The influence of Canada and Australia, it is said, has been exerted in London in the past week to induce England to scrup ulously refrain from doing anything which would arouse any distrust in the United States. These colonies are especially anxious that England should cut loose from the German alliance at the earliest possible moment.

Monroeism's virtues appeal to the enlightened public sentiment of the world because it is a great bulwark of peace. It has saved the American continent from partitioning and spoliation which has gone on in Africa and which threatens China. Obviously, in the American case the partitioning, if it had been permitted, would have led to ceasless wars, for the inhabitants of South America, notwithstanding their follies and ignorance, are far removed above the inhabitants of the African continent. Their enslavement would be a crime against civilization, which its be sure to provoke rebellion among the people directly concerned. and would involve the United States. The Monroe barrier shuts out all spoliation, gives the people of the continent the opportunity to work out their own destiny in their own time and in their own way, and preserves the peace of the hemisphere and of the islands adjacent thereto. This principle will always have stalwart defenders from the United States, England and England's colonies in this part of the world to say nothing of the countries of Latin-America themselves.

The United States Steel corporation the largest concern in the country, with its capitalization of \$1,109',900,000, has set a worthy example for other trusts in providing that its employes shall have an opportunity of buying stock and becoming partners in the concern. Such departures as this create the hope that the socialistic tendency of the times will be stamped out. Every man has the right to acquire something for himself in this world, and if the opportunity to do so is not presented it should be created. Every one of the 50,000 men employed by the steel trust will now feel that his work | . can be made to count-that he will be enabled to net something more than a more living with his labor. The great trust's action is strikingly fair, and it is to be hoped that the idea will spread generally among the coprorations that now practically control the affairs of the country.

The suggestion of a local physician that a state board of health be created is timely. Our health is of more importance than anything else, and if we are too careless to properly look after it, we should be compelled to do so. Epidemics of scarlet fever and diphtheria, with a sprinkling of smallpox, are not conducive to the best interests of any community.

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The Oregonian is charry about admitting that Astoria is the second city in the state. Astoria wouldn't be so backward about an admission of the kind concerning Portland. But, then, some people are very selfish.

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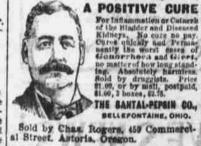
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