Salvador Asks for Statement on Monroe Doctrine; Lodge Res-

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Copyright, 1920 Washington, Feb. 12.—Central and South American countries have become suspicious of the insistence by States senate of a reservation to the peace treaty which would give this the outbreak of the European country alone the right to interpret which upset all diplomacy in this hemithe Monroe doctrine.

of state by the government of Salva-dor, asking the United States to define at this time its interpretation of the by one of the ministers who is in touch with the views of other governments, that Central and South American republics will not enter the League of Nations if they must sign away to the United States the sole right of determining what the Monroe doctrine means without any understanding in advance of what it does include.

FEAR OF AMERICA

The situation is a direct outgrowth of the senate debate and reports here indicate that the prospect of bringing Pan-American countries into the League of Nations hinges directly on States as revealed by the discussion in national police power. the American senate.

To the original statement by Presihave no objection. But they have watched the Monroe doctrine interpreted variously by Republican and Democratic dministrations in such fashion as to evoke suspicion on the part of their to the United States not only a bulwark and developed nations like Chile, Argenagainst European interference, but also line and Brazil, and even smaller counthe privilege of doing as we please tries whose civilization and culture has south of the Rio Grande. GLAD TO ACCEPT AID

South America hasn't forgotten Elihu Root's refusal to make the Monroe doctrine a common principle of international understanding in this hemisphere, nor has President Roosevelt's remark about the use of "international police power" been dismissed from the sensitive minds of Latin American states-

They are gratified that the United States keeps Europe out of this hemisphere, but worried over the repeated interference by the United States in what

they construe as their own affairs. The question asked by Salvador was prompted by the fear that with the United States out of the league. Europe would be left to determine what constituted "an impairment of the validity doctrine by the United States or any of such regional understandings as the Monroe doctrine," as the covenant now torial dignity, political independence or

LODGE AROUSES DOUBT

There is no objection to the statement that the United States alone shall be permitted to enforce the Monroe doc-trine, but there is a decided aversion to leaving blank just what the future interpretation of the doctrine shall be. The moment any Central or South American countries sign the conditions of the covenant of the league, they would of course accept the principle that the Monroe doctrine is not af-fected, but if a reservation is added saying, as Senator Lodge and the foreign relations committee has framed it, that the Monroe doctrine, as interpreted by the United States alone, is outside of the jurisdiction of the league,



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mer crown prince, to surrender him-

self to the allies, and has requested

proceedure, the Kreuz Zeltung said

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as he was working on a second door.

he explained.

picious.

WILSON LESS HARSH They say it would be a plain admis-sion on their part that the United States alone can interpret the Monroe doctrine as it pleases. It will be noted that President Wilson, impressed no doubt by the arguments of Latin American diplomats at the Paris peace conference, used less harsh language when he referred to the doctrine as a "re-

gional understanding." That would seem to imply that there must be two parties at least to an understanding and that the disputes would be worked out purely by pan-American countries without interference by European members of the league. This is a logical consequence of the Wilson polervations Are Seen as Menace. icy toward Latin America, revealed from time to time in the last seven

as the "monkey burglar," worked the On one occasion, Mr. Wilson announced the readiness of the govern- lock on his cell door and nearly escaped ment to pledge itself to guarantee the from the city jail, it became known toterritorial integrity and political independence of the republics south of the Rio Grande. This pledge was accomcertain members of the United panied by a reciprocal piedge to enter into a mutual promise to respect each others' boundaries, but failed owing to

sphere.
Mr. Roosevelt's policies were not The note addressed to the department | tended to hurt the feelings of Latin American peoples, but his annual message to congress in 1904 is still regarded by statesmen south of us as likely Monroe doctrine, means, I am assured to be in the mind of his intimate friend and party colleague, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

In that message Mr. Roosevelt said: RIGHT TO INTERFERE

"Chronic wrong doing, or an impotence which results in a general loosening of the Dutch government to prevent such the ties of civilized society may, in America, as clsewhere, ultimately require intervention by some civilized nation, and in the Western hemisphere the adherence of the United States to the Monroe doctrine may force the United States, however reluctantly, in fiagrant cases of such wrongdoing or the purposes and motives of the United impotence, to the exercise of an inter-"It is a mere truism to say that every

nation, whether in America or anywhere dent Monroe of our national policy of else, which desires to maintain its freepreventing European countries from ac- dom, its independence, must ultimately quiring territory or colonizing in this realize that the right of such independ-hemisphere, the republics south of us ence cannot be separated from the responsibility of making good use of it." The trouble is that wmie the foregoing philosophy will be approved as applying to backward countries like Hayti and peoples that the Monroe doctrine means Santo Domingo, it is resented by proud

> South America would prefer that the American republic should enter into a regional understanding about affairs on this hemisphere and that the Monroe doctrine shall be understood as applying merely to European interference and non-colonizing as originally phrasel by President Monroe.

reached a development as advanced as

RESULTS OF LONG DEBATE

They never will agree to a blanket reservation giving the United States right to interpret the doctrine.

reservations of their own reserving the right to be consulted and to dissent from any interpretation of the Monroe

sovereign rights. Thus are the effects of protracted debate in the senate disclosed.



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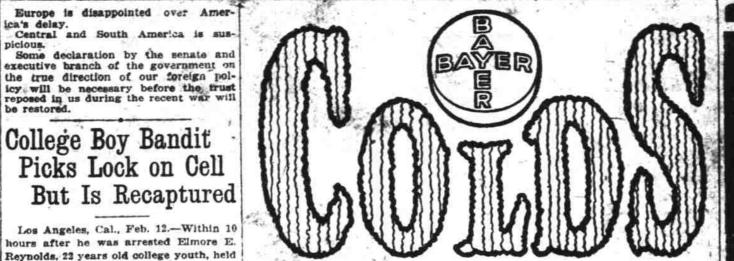
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