

ROOSEVELT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY

In Message to Senate Says He Consented to Purchase of Tennessee Iron Company by Steel Trust.

Denies Right of Congress to Question Heads of Executive Departments on Any Such Matters.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's message to the Senate yesterday, notifying it that he would not permit Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney-general to respond to its inquiry regarding the acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, was couched in plain terms.

The President declines that he does not conceive it to be within the authority of the Senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department.

The message is in response to a resolution introduced by the attorney-general, calling on the president to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern.

While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt, his attention was called to it by Attorney-General Bonaparte.

Commenting on the attorney-general's letter the President says: "As to the transaction in question, I am personally cognizant and responsible for its every detail."

His letter to Bonaparte. "For the information of the Senate I transmit a copy of the letter sent by me to the attorney-general on November 4, 1907, as follows:

"My Dear Attorney-General: Judge E. H. Gary and Mr. H. C. Frick, on behalf of the steel corporation, have just called upon me. They state that there is a certain business firm (the name of which I have not been told, but which is of real importance in New York business circles), which will undoubtedly fall this week if help is not given, among its assets are the shares of the securities of the Tennessee Coal Company. Application has been urgently made to the steel trust to purchase this stock as the only means of avoiding a failure.

Explains to Roosevelt. "They informed me that as a matter of fact the policy of the company has been to decline to acquire more than 60 per cent of the steel properties, and that this purpose has been persevered in for several years. They have the object of preventing the acquisitions, and as a matter of fact their proportion of steel properties here is only 50 per cent, so that it is below this 60 per cent, and the acquisition of the property in question will not raise the percentage above that which they are willing to accept. But they feel it is immensely to their interest, as to the interest of every responsible business man, to prevent a panic and general industrial smash-up at this time and that they are willing to go to any lengths, which they would not otherwise go into, because it seems the opinion of those best fitted to express judgment

HISTORY OF A FAMOUS REMEDY ITS SUCCESS DUE TO MERIT ALONE. Its Growth from the Start Was Simply Due to the Fact That It Would Invariably Effect a Cure.

In New York that it would be an important factor in preventing a break that might be ruinous; and that this has been urged upon them by the commission on the responsibility of the bank in New York, who are now thus engaged in endeavoring to save the situation. But they asserted that they do not wish to do this if I stated that it ought not to be done. I answered that while of course I could not definitely agree to take the action proposed, I felt it no public duty of mine to interpose any objection to the proposed course.

"Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Charles J. Bonaparte, Attorney-General."

Denies Senate's Right. "After sending this letter I was advised orally by the attorney-general, that his opinion on the sufficient ground existed for legal proceedings against the steel corporation, and that the situation had been no way changed by its acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company."

FRENCH GRAFTER LEAVES MANY WEALTHY DUPES

PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 7.—"Count" Louis Hamon, known in the United States and Europe as Clelio, the palmist, and before that as plain John Warner, is a fugitive from justice, charged with embezzlement, and his numerous victims who he lured a newspaper called 'The American Register,' and conducted a bank in New York, and in which the Americans lent capital, are empty, creditors having descended and seized everything.

Hamon has been a dashing figure in Paris since his arrival here six years ago. He lived in costly style, in the Rue du Bois de Boulogne. It is reported that his mysterious disappearance is due to a fight with a rival palmist, who claims to have inherited from his father, who received in from the Pope. His real name is said to be L. E. Warner.

UNFORTUNATES TELL ROAD TO BREAD LINE

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 7.—Human derelicts, unshaven and unkempt, told in the streets of New York that the bread line on the Bowery last night why they were "down and out." The men gathered at the door of J. Hallmond, the dominie, who conducts the bread line at the very mission.

Underwriters End Convention. SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Jan. 7.—With the election of officers for the ensuing year and a banquet with 200 guests present at the St. Francis Hotel last night the thirty-third annual gathering of the Fire Underwriters of the Pacific came to an end yesterday.

Japanese Question Up Again. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Thursday, Jan. 7.—Three bills dealing with the Japanese question were introduced in the California Assembly. Foster, Cong. Representative Grove L. Johnson has prepared all of the Assembly will make a bill for their passage.

Jailer Accused of Embezzlement. SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Jan. 7.—A warrant yesterday for the arrest of Benjamin Goodman, a jeweler whose place of business is at Sixth Avenue and Mission Street.

Milwaukee Change Announced. CHICAGO, Thursday, Jan. 7.—It was officially announced here today that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company of Washington has changed its corporate name to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway Company, and taking the possession of all the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul property existing individually in Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota.

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