

Department of Justice Begins Suit at St. Louis to Kill Giant Trust.

The Petition Filed Asks That the Combination Be Declared Unlawful and Restrained from Doing Business—History of the Monopoly and How It is Alleged to Restrict Trade and Its Enormous Profits.

The War on the Standard Oil Company—Petition filed in United States district court at St. Louis, Mo., charging that the Standard Oil trust and its constituent companies are engaged in a conspiracy to monopolize the oil business.

New York—Standard Oil shares dropped 15 points, making net loss of 150 points since Roosevelt's war on the trust began; total depreciation in stock since president order issued, \$150,000,000.

St. Louis, Mo.—The suit to break up the Standard Oil trust has been filed in the United States district court here.

The petition asks that the combination and conspiracy are unlawful under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The Standard Oil company, its subsidiaries, and its officers and directors are enjoined, restrained and prohibited from exercising any control over its allied corporations, or any of them.

The Standard Oil company is charged with conspiring to monopolize the oil business.

The petition contains 184 pages of printed matter, and about 100,000 words, and an additional 84 pages of exhibits, consisting of 107 letters and minutes of Standard Oil meetings and organizations, and a map showing the relative prices of oil in every state and territory of the union.

What the Petition Alleges. It is alleged in the petition that John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil company, and the individual defendants, formed a conspiracy to monopolize the oil business.

History of the Conspiracy. The petition is logically divided into three periods. During the first one of these periods, from 1870 to 1882, the combination assumed the form of a trust agreement.

In March, 1892, the supreme court of Ohio declared this trust agreement void and ordered its dissolution.

The manner of liquidation was not set by the trust agreement, but the proceeds under the certificate holders, or to return to each person individually the property placed in the trust.

Testing Butters. Here is a certain butter test: Melt one-half pound of hominy in water. Here is a certain butter test: Melt one-half pound of hominy in water.

All is Vanity! "At first," said the apartment-house philosopher, "life in a flat seems—"

Misjudged Man. A Pennsylvania man asserts that his wife hasn't succeeded in being a success. Yet the misjudged man is suing for a divorce—N. O. Times-Democrat.

It is alleged that the defendants, through the Standard Oil company and the other corporations, are engaged in producing, purchasing and distributing the oil.

Control the Pipe Lines. It is alleged that the Standard Oil company has had control of the carrying business by pipe lines in and from all the oil producing regions of the United States.

How They Control Railroads. It is alleged that the individual defendants, through the Standard Oil company, have caused themselves to be elected or have caused other persons acting in their interest to become members of the boards of directors of such railroads.

Enjoy Preferential Rates. It is alleged that one of the principal reasons for the success of the defendants has been enabled to monopolize the commerce in petroleum and its products throughout the United States.

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Tells of Stupendous Profits.

It is alleged that by reason of its monopoly the Standard Oil company has made enormous and unreasonable profits.

Upon the stock valuation. The Standard Oil company has a surplus of \$131,301,000, so that the total value of its property controlled by the Standard Oil company is \$1,300,000,000.

Perch Up to Better Use. A church in London still draws an income which was bequeathed it by a woman who was a Jew.

A Dangerous Case. One of the surgeons of a hospital asked an Irish help which he considered the most dangerous of the many cases that he had treated.

Check on Scrochers. Cyclists in Roumania, to facilitate identification, are compelled by law to have their names on the lamp.

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