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United States Steel Corporation

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

New York, June 21, 1924.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

The following I believe summarizes points which you and I were to take up more or less jointly, following the talk with Judge Gary on Friday morning:

(1) Try to see William Loeb, Jr., with respect to Mr. Roosevelt.

(2) Add Mr. Leet's name also to the list of those to be seen.

(3) References in Government suit to letters written by Mr. Carnegie from Skibo.

(4) Is there an index to the testimony in the Government suit? This index, giving the names of every one taking part, will be found in a special small volume of 138 pages which is marked "Index of Witnesses and Exhibits".

(5) You will please let me know what is the special process for copying daguerreotypes to give the best pictures for reproducing in printing. Also the name and address of the people who do this work. Perhaps you would rather have us get in touch with Mr. Jewett of D. Appleton & Company in respect to this question.

(6) We are writing to Mrs. Sutcliffe and one or two others in an endeavor to secure good early pictures of Judge Gary and also of the "big white house on the hill."

(7) The dates when the dividends on common stock were reduced and finally passed were as follows:

Oct. 6, 1903 - Reduced from 1% to 1/2%
Jan. 5, 1904 - Passed.
July 31,1906 - Resumed with 1%.

Oct. 27,1914 - Reduced from 1¼% to 1/2%.
Jan. 26,1915 - Passed.
Jan. 25,1916 - Resumed with 1¼%.

(8) Memorial contained in the minutes of the Directors meeting, referring to the loss of Mr. J. P. Morgan and dated April 29, 1913, are as follows:

"It is with profound sorrow that we are called upon to record the death of John Pierpont Morgan, a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corporation from its organization to the time of his death, which occurred in Rome on March 31, 1913.

Mr. Morgan was well known throughout the entire world and expressions of highest praise for the living man and deepest grief on account of his death have been universal.

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As a constructive force in financial matters he had no equal. With keenest perception, with indomitable courage and with unbounded confidence in the future he was a natural leader and as such he was called upon in times of financial stress to lend his influence to avert a threatened storm or to overcome an existing difficulty; and he never failed. His character was such that the greatest men of this country, and of other countries, trusted him and followed his lead.

He was distinguished for his practical interest in other matters, particularly those relating to the church, education, charity and art. He was generous though unostentatious in his benefactions. Simple and modest, he was aggressive and faithful. He measured up to the best type of manhood and of citizenship. Loyalty to his country and to his countrymen inspired his every action.

We, his intimate associates for twelve years, specially mourn his departure. We loved him and have had many evidences of his affection for us. He frequently spoke of his connection with the Corporation in terms of satisfaction and pride. Attendance at our meetings was his delight. In all our deliberations his influence was exerted to protect and promote the welfare of those who might be affected by our decisions. Faith in Mr. Morgan made the creation of the United States Steel Corporation possible. Multitudes of men subjected their fortunes to his decision and they were not disappointed. As its financial sponsor he realized his responsibility; and it was his oft expressed desire, and no less his effort, to aid in maintaining an honorable name for the Corporation."

(9) Arrange for meetings with a number of gentlemen previously listed who would have material to add to your collection.

In addition to the above points mentioned Friday morning, I would like at this time to hand you the attached copy of the Vallette genealogy.

I also enclose a book entitled "A History of the County of Du Page, Illinois", published in 1857 in Chicago. This book is the property of Mr. C.B. Smith of Wheaton, Ill., and will have to be returned to him in due course. Owing to its early date of publication, when Judge Gary was still a small boy, there is little in it of contemporaneous history, but it does tell of the pioneer days and of some of the Gary interests.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Judge Gary.

Enclosures.

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