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CLOUDBURST DEATH LIST HEAVY

Gasoline Prices Are Lowered; Effective Now

MIDDLE WEST SLASH OF 6.6 CENTS MADE

Standard Oil Company of Indiana Makes New Price Effective Today.

INDEPENDENTS COME DOWN FIVE CENTS

South Dakota's Drive For Cheap Gasoline Has Desired Effect; Other States Take Action.

CHICAGO, (By the Associated Press)—The Standard Oil company of Indiana announced Monday night that it will reduce the price of gasoline 6.6 cents a gallon throughout its entire territory, effective Tuesday morning. At the same time, L. V. Nicholas, head of the National Petroleum Marketers' association, announced he had notified the independents to reduce prices 5 cents a gallon.

The territory affected includes Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri and part of Oklahoma. The cut is already effective in South Dakota.

"I notified independents to reduce the price 5 cents," Mr. Nicholas said. "A cut of more than 5 cents is unfair and ruinous. A cut of 5 cents is as much out of line one way as the present price is the other."

The new prices were characterized (Continued on Page Five.)

Natron Cutoff Work To Begin Immediately

As a result of the government's decision not to appeal the merger decision affecting the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific interests, William Spence, Southern Pacific head, declared last night that his company would proceed immediately with the \$15,000,000 Natron cutoff in Oregon, states a special dispatch to the Portland Oregonian from San Francisco.

"We pledged the people of Oregon," said Mr. Spence, "that if this appeal was not taken we would proceed with plans for the Natron cutoff, which links the Klamath Falls district with Oakridge south of Eugene. There are three surveying parties already in the field, and we are proceeding with the work as expeditiously as possible. The project will cost approximately \$15,000,000."

THOUSANDS EXPECTED AT FRISCO LEGION CAUCUS

By Robert S. Thornburgh, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 14.—San Francisco is preparing to give the American Legion a genuine Western welcome when thousands of Legionnaires gather at the Golden Gate October 15 to 19 for the fifth annual convention, according to information reaching National Commander Alvin Owsley here.

With a big squadron of the American battle fleet promised by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, himself one of the soldiers of the A. E. F., who officially organized the legion at the Quay d'Orsay, in Paris, in the Spring of



Hun Cabinet Officers Are Named Monday

BERLIN, (By the Associated Press)—The new German cabinet is constituted as follows:

Chancellor—Dr. Gustav Stresemann.

Minister of foreign affairs—Herr Von Bergen.

Minister of the interior—Herr Seemann, Socialist.

Minister for occupied areas—Herr Fuchs, Clerical.

Minister of finance—Herr Brüning, Socialist.

Minister of economics—Hans von Raumer, People's party.

Minister of reconstruction and vice chancellor—Herr Schmidt, Socialist.

Minister of labor—Herr Brauns, Clerical.

Minister of justice—Herr Radbruch, Socialist.

Minister of railways—Herr Oeser, Democrat.

Minister of posts and telegraph—Herr Giesberts, Clerical.

Minister of defense—Doctor Gessler, Democrat.

Food controller—Dr. Hans Luther, Democrat.

Diego von Hergen, is ambassador to the Vatican. His consent to accept the portfolio of foreign minister has not been obtained by Doctor Stresemann, although he is most likely to do so.

Wilhelm Seemann is well known as a Socialist leader in the Rhineland. As a sturdy opponent of the Separatist movement, Herr Fuchs has been provisional president of the Rhineland and Herr von Raumer is closely identified with the Industrial activities.

Dr. Otto Gessler, Rudolph Gessler, Doctor Luther and Herr Brauns are holdovers of the Cuno cabinet, while Herr Radbruch, Herr Giesberts and Herr Schmidt were members of the Wirth cabinet.

Chamber of Commerce To Hold Special Meeting Tomorrow

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will hold a special meeting tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock in the local city hall, according to an announcement made late this afternoon by President G. L. Larson.

Every member of the Chamber is invited to be present. Several matters of paramount importance will be discussed.

Food Shortage Disorder Fatal

ALIX LA CHAPELLE, Aug. 14.—Twelve persons were killed and more than eighty wounded last night when crowds attempted to storm police headquarters and rescue prisoners taken during the day when the police broke up the food shortage demonstration.

1919, and with convention arrangements in charge of Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, U. S. A., retired, who during the Meuse-Argonne offensive commanded the greatest American army that ever took the field, Commander Owsley is confident the 1923 convention will be a tremendous triumph.

More than 150,000 visitors are expected to be present, word from General Liggett indicated. Through arrangements with hotel men of San Francisco the convention committee finds it will be able to house all delegates and guests in hotels and that it will not be necessary to send convention visitors to private homes, as has been the custom at previous Legion gatherings.

General Liggett, who, after retirement from the army, won the hearts of San Francisco Legionnaires by donning overalls and taking up hammer and saw to help remodel a veterans' clubroom, is assisted in preparing for the convention by some of the most successful business and professional men of San Francisco. National Legion Headquarters, said the committee, with wide previous experience in handling big conventions, notably the Mystic Shrine gathering of 1922, is assured of success in its undertaking.

Elaborate arrangements are being made from the Atlantic to the Pa-

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DUBY TELLS WHY ROAD IS TO BE FIXED

State Highway Commissioner Says He Believes in Saving What the State Now Has.

While headed for Elgin where in company with Judge Couch and Engineer Baldock he will decide some minor points with reference to the road construction in the part of the county, State Highway Commissioner William Duby of Baker stopped in La Grande long enough this morning to discuss the proposed re-surfacing of the Island City section of the Wall-lowa highway.

"It will be remembered that when the highway commission announced a few days ago that it contemplated re-surfacing this piece of road many questions were asked as to why such was needed."

"The policy I am trying to follow," said Commissioner Duby this morning, "is to save the state's property just as I would endeavor to save my own under like circumstances. The Island City section, which is paved, is going to pieces. It is all in waves now, and it never had but a two inch surface of paving. The question which we are confronted with is whether we will save this piece of road by re-surfacing it at a reasonable cost or shall we let it go to pieces and return to macadam construction for this piece of highway. In the meetings of the commission I have stood for re-surfacing the Island City road and I believe it should be now. My reason as to the time is because the paving plant is now located at the road while the company is doing paving in La Grande. If we repair this road now it will mean a saving of probably \$10,000 on a set-up of a plant. Unless the road is re-surfaced all loads of any weight must be ruled off the road and we must sit by and see the paving slowly go to pieces and wait until the day arrives when the scraper will end the paved period between Island and La Grande installing in its place the crushed rock road. That is why I am for the re-paving of this road, and I know I am right."

Canadian Wheat Estimated at 382,514,000 Bushels.

OTTAWA (AP)—The dominion bureau of statistics yesterday forecast Canada's total wheat crop for this year will be 382,514,000 bushels, or 17,272,400 bushels less than last year's final estimate.

THE CUP CHANGES HANDS



Two Hundred Miners Entombed By Blast; One Body Recovered

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 14.—A special dispatch from Kemmerer says that rising waters in the mines stopped work precluding possibility of any of the entombed men escaping alive.

KEMMERER, Aug. 14.—A runaway trip car, plunging from the rails, caused the dust explosion, according to reports from the mine.

KEMMERER, Wyo., Aug. 14.—Two hundred miners in No. 1 mine of the Kemmerer Coal Co. were entombed today following an explosion in a lower level. A cave in at the entry of No. 15 cut off communication with the men working around the 26th and 28th entries. One body was recovered. As volunteers dug frantically hundreds of women and children waited for word from within.

Stresemann Outlines Views Regarding Ruhr Resistance

German Chancellor Gives Conditions Under Which Passive Resistance Would Be Abandoned.

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the new German chancellor, outlined in an inauguration address to the Reichstag today, conditions under which Germany is ready to abandon passive resistance in the Ruhr Valley.

The conditions are a complete restoration to Germany of her right of control over the Ruhr, the reestablishment of the condition of the Rhine vouchsafed by the Versailles treaty, and liberation of every German citizen who has been outraged, evicted or imprisoned.

Stresemann made no mention of evacuation of occupied areas.

While there is much consternation over the opening of the deer season on August 20th the fact remains that the season will open on that date.

This was made positive today when Game Warden John Walden received a telegram from State Game Warden A. E. Burghdoff telling him August 20th is the day set by the statute and there is no power to change it except a proclamation of Governor Pierce who can claim that the season's opening on that date would create a danger to standing (Continued on Page Five.)

12 BELIEVED TO BE DEAD; DAMAGE HUGE

Five Boy Scouts Reported Drowned in Canyon Near Utah City.

FARMINGTON KNOWN DEATH LIST IS FOUR

Property Damage Near Million Mark; Northern Utah Suffers Heavily.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 14.—Twelve lives are believed lost in Northern Utah as the result of cloudbursts last night and early today.

Property damage upwards of one million dollars was believed caused according to early estimates today.

Four are known dead at Farmington, Utah.

Two men and one woman are reported dead at Willard, Utah.

Five boy scouts are reported drowned in a canyon east of Farmington.

CABINET WILL REMAIN INTACT. LATEST REPORT

Harding's Official Family Will Continue Under President Coolidge; No Special Session.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Following Coolidge's first cabinet, officials now in Washington have agreed to continue and there is every prospect that Harding's official family will remain intact.

The President at present sees no reason for a special session of Congress.

Plans were approved to furnish necessary substitutes to relieve the fuel situation from the anthracite coal strike, but hope is expressed that the coal commission would find a way to avert a strike through a conference with the miners and operators which will open in New York tomorrow.

The administration will stand by a position laid down by Hughes in his New Haven speech last December on the German reparations. The government is willing to help any way without involving itself unduly.

Consider New Exchange.

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—An agreement organizing the northwest apple growers exchange is being considered at a meeting of the apple growers of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia today.

Hamburg Scene of Rioting.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Hamburg is the scene of further rioting today. Many were killed and wounded. Communists seized Wilhelmshafen, near Hamburg, disarming the militia. Berlin reported that the Reichstag gave a vote of confidence to Stresemann.

WHEAT GROWERS FAVOR FEDERAL BUYING BOARD

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 14.—A resolution calling upon congress for passage of legislation providing for the organization of a government wheat purchasing corporation, with \$500,000,000 capital stock, of which \$250,000,000 would be paid in, was approved Monday by the resolution committee for presentation to a conference of wheat growers of Pacific northwestern states, in session here.

With the money thus provided, the resolution recommends, the government would purchase wheat in any quantity at any time for a basic price of \$1.75 a bushel, subject to decrease for inferiority and with sufficient variation to provide for carrying charges and to control distribution of the grain.

Unity of action by wheat growers of the United States in support of a definite plan of congressional relief was urged by Senator William E. Borah at the conference.

He urged that a resolution sent Sunday night by officials of the American Wheat Growers, associated to President Coolidge, be given as a model for action by other organizations.

Opening of foreign markets will prove the eventual solution of the wheat price problem, Senator Borah declared, adding that there is no over production of wheat, but that all the present crop would be taken if it could be delivered to countries which want it.

French Maker Address.

A plan for payment by the government of a fixed price per bushel on all 1923 wheat in warehouses, or in farmers' hands on May 1, or June 1, 1924, was asked by Representative Burton L. French of Idaho, who said he considered a proposal for an export bounty by the government least likely to meet the approval of congress of any plan advocated.

Purchase by the government of some 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, he said, would involve large taxation, which would not be popular, and he declared, a proposal for a wheat tariff also was undesirable.

Representative French warned the growers that the plan he advocated would necessitate creation of a government agency to handle the wheat, and declared that "you pay the fiddler when you get the government to do your business for you."