

QUEST FOR OIL IS WORLD WIDE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Looking forward to the day when the American petroleum fields will fail to produce oil in sufficient commercial quantities to meet the ever-increasing demands the Standard Oil Company (California) today is drilling wildcat wells in the Philippines, Alaska, Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina, Montana, Texas, and California, according to reports issued here by the company's officials. The company is spending millions upon millions of dollars on these wildcat wells, and its oil-searching crews are suffering hardships said to be equal any pioneering efforts in the history of modern business.

Although the California oil supply today exceeds local demand, this may be no more than a momentary phase, the Standard Oil Company officials state, and the quest for new oil fields goes on without cessation. The determination for a world-wide search for new oil fields, was made by the Standard several years ago during a critical period when the United States faced an actual petroleum shortage, and the temporary excess of oil will in no way interfere with the well formulated development plan, officials of the company here assert.

Since the early part of 1921, almost three years ago, twenty-one Standard Oil men have been hunting for oil at Bondoc Peninsula, on the island of Luzon, in the Philippines group. For nearly three years these twenty-one have been drilling incessantly without producing a drop of oil, but the operations will be continued as insurance against the future, against the day when the supply of old line fields play out.

The pioneer oil drilling work in the Philippines has been fraught with heart-breaking hardships, involving the building of roads virgin roads through dense tropical jungle, the hauling of foodstuffs from the mouth of the Pagsanjan river to the Standard Oil camp by carabao (water buffalo), and the drilling of wells in caving formations which forced the abandonment of the first well after nearly a year's continuous work. Road building in the tropics, where there is an annual rainfall of 130 inches to control, offered play for engineering ingenuity and persistence, the Standard Oil engineers in the Philippines report. The men were compelled to cut down trees pull up tree stumps, bridge rivers, only to find their road a quagmire after the first heavy rain fall. In between times the crews were compelled to police the native carabao, deer, wild pig, and the roving band of monkeys which infested the virgin forest through which the road was being constructed.

The drilling site at Bondoc is about seventy-five miles from the Manila railroad, but the twenty-one men are kept in touch with the events of the world by wireless. Typhoons, high tides and strong currents which have the company's motor launch, California, out to sea, have hampered drilling operations, but the work goes on with no accidents to mar the record, officials report.

From the intense heat of the tropics to the frozen and barren regions of Alaska in quite a jump, but white Standard crews toil in the tropical sun other Standard crews are battling the snow, sleet and ice inland from Portage Bay, northwest of Kamatak, on the Shelokof Strait, Alaska.

The big problem facing the Alaska crews was the building of roads to insure adequate transportation facilities for the drilling equipment. Time was required to build roads, and the continual rains during the fall washed out the road work over night, changed the course of streams, destroyed bridges, formed bog-holes in the tundra-covered lowlands, and made the mountain grades slippery and impassable.

When the Standard first rigged out its Alaska outfit, it sent in the usual California housing equipment, but with double floor material for the several houses generally making up camp facilities. It was found necessary, however, to consolidate the camp housing into a single building. This combination cookhouse, bunkhouse, etc., was built into the side of a hill to prevent the gales from blowing it away.

When November snows fell and

everything began to freeze, obstacles of another kind were encountered, one of the Standard's Alaska pioneer states. Adverse weather conditions delayed the actual drilling operations from August, 1922, until January 1923.

A report on oil prospecting in Alaska, written by one of the Standard's men, says:

"Since the wind always blows snow-drifts form and must be dug out; the creeks and rivers freeze, but the ice breaks under a ton-ton tractor, which causes trouble in getting through as well as danger of injuring the machine, especially the radiator, since it takes the brunt of ice-breaking. To all of this there are many other hold-ups and hardships. On one occasion a bridge washed away, and, in crossing, the water was too high, causing the engine to stop; it was then necessary to remove the gasoline-tank and 'crank out' with a bar in the flywheel holes. This operation took three days of hard work in the water."

In February 1918, a party of seven Standard Oil geologists and research men sailed out of San Francisco Island for South and Central American ports. This party has been greatly augmented from time to time, and research work is being done in various Central and South American countries, in some of which land has been acquired by the Standard. A summary of this work, as it stands today, shows:

Ecuador: A total of 24,700 acres under lease. Drilling of one well commenced October 5, 1922.

Colombia: A total of 2,470 acres under lease, and 3,720 acres owned in fee, with from 225,000 to 200,000 acres controlled through a subsidiary company. Two wells are being drilled. One of the latest oil fields to be brought in in California as the result of wildcatting on the part of the Standard in the Wheeler Ridge district, in an isolated section of Kern County. Some of the difficulties and obstacles encountered by the Standard crews on the Wheeler Ridge in their pioneering efforts are comparable with those overcome in Alaska, South America and the Philippines. Five wells are now producing in this virgin field, one well is being drilled, and rigging for three more are nearing completion. Roads were cut through the solid rock of mountain grades and the nearest water supply is seven and a half miles away, and more than 2,000 feet below the operating base on Wheeler Ridge.

In Montana, the California Company, a Standard subsidiary, is wildcatting in the vicinity of Shelby, Shavemut, and Cat Creek, and in Texas, the California Company is carrying on its pioneering work near the town of Colorado.

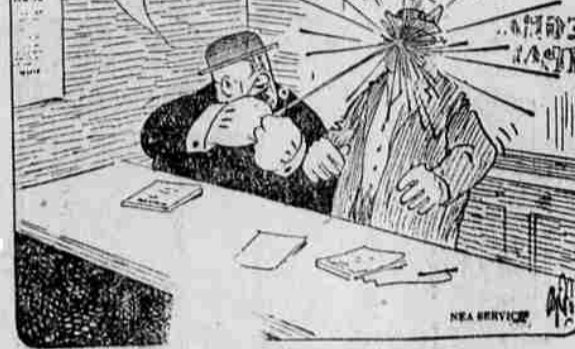
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"dog" have caused this condition, he believes.

"Farming conditions are surely on the upward trend," says Dean Cordley. "The nation has passed a low point in agricultural depression, and prices for farm products are rising while the cost of farm commodities is falling. The student who does not allow his future to be influenced too much by present conditions is making a good investment in common sense, because agriculture is a basic industry, and in the long run it must be profitable. We are approaching a period of agricultural prosperity, and when it comes, it will bring increased opportunities and demand for trained leaders."

A statement made this week by Senator Arthur Capper, wheat belt publisher and chief of the senate farm bloc, corroborates Dean Cordley's belief as to the upward tendency of agriculture. The income of farmers this year will be a billion dollars over last, the senator predicts, and although conditions are still not what they should be, progress is rapidly being made, and the vast majority of farmers are feeling better.

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