

ALL OREGON FACES GASOLINE SHORTAGE

Gravity Law Waived to Admit Emergency Supply.

GOVERNOR TAKES ACTION

Conference With Oil Companies Attended Also by State Sealer Indicates Necessity for Step.

Portland and Oregon are facing a rather serious gasoline shortage. So serious, in fact, that Governor Wallace and W. A. Dalziel, state sealer of weights and measures, attended a conference here yesterday with representatives of four oil companies to discuss ways and means of overcoming it.

This does not mean that famine conditions have been reached. There is not yet an actual famine and the oil companies hope, with the co-operation of state officials, to prevent one. But reserve supplies of gasoline are low.

While the situation here is in some respects similar to that along the Pacific coast, where for the past 60 days there has been a gasoline shortage, it is made considerably more acute here by reason of the fact that Oregon alone, of all the coast states, has what is known as a "specific gravity" law governing the sale of gasoline. This law requires that gasoline sold in the state must have a specific gravity of 58.

Oregon Requires Gravity Test. This is where the rub comes, and where the state is first to suffer acutely in any general gasoline shortage. While the other Pacific coast states have gasoline laws, none of them has a specific gravity law. California, for instance, makes its gasoline requirements on the boiling point test, and the same standard is accepted in Washington, thus leaving it to the oil companies to furnish good commercial gasoline without bending them with the technical requirements that it shall meet a fixed specific gravity test. The result of all this is that to meet the requirements of the Oregon law, the oil companies have to put the gasoline sold here through an additional refining process. When there is a normal supply of gasoline the state gets its share, but when a general shortage exists it is the first territory to suffer.

Supplies Sent Elsewhere. "Owing to the general gasoline shortage, it is a difficult thing for the oil companies to supply for Oregon gasoline of the specific gravity required here," explained J. E. Balsley, district manager here for the Standard Oil company. This, he pointed out, prevents Oregon from getting available gasoline supplies that can be shipped to other states but not here. Washington uses the California boiling point law, so it is much easier to keep it supplied than Oregon, because of the fact that a special grade of gasoline must be made for this territory.

Oil Companies Doing Utmost. "The oil companies are doing their utmost to relieve the situation and to get in a cargo of gasoline. The next gasoline cargo is due here on September 21. The problem is how to conserve present stocks and obtain enough additional supplies to carry us over until then. In the face of what is an emergency it has been suggested that the governor waive the requirements of the specific gravity law to permit the importation of some available supplies of gasoline from Washington. The Union Oil company asks that the governor be authorized to bring in several thousand barrels of gasoline meeting that state's and California requirements from a cargo that is on its way here by boat. The governor gave permission for this to be done, in consideration of the fact that a real crisis exists. Only by such importations from other points where a supply can be spared, oil men emphasize, can a famine here be averted. At present there is understood to be a reserve supply for only six days in Portland.

SHORTAGE THREATENS OREGON Supply Expected From Washington to Tide Over Emergency.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Oregon is threatened with a gasoline famine and unless relief is forthcoming within the next few days, automobile owners may find themselves without fuel, according to W. A. Dalziel, state sealer of weights and measures, who attended a meeting yesterday for Portland to attend a meeting of representatives of the various oil concerns of that city.

"The Oregonians provide that gasoline sold in this state shall have a specific gravity of 58, and there is said to be a shortage of this class of fuel. A cargo of oil testing 54 1/2 reached a Soud port a few days ago, according to Mr. Dalziel, and it is probable that an effort will be made to have a part of this shipment brought into Oregon to supply present needs. To do this, however, it will be necessary for the Oregon officials to waive enforcement of the law that prohibits the purchase of oil inferior to that provided by law. Although reports reaching Mr. Dalziel's office from officials of the National Oil company of Portland indicate that the present situation is serious, he hopes a sufficient supply will be obtained from Washington ports to tide over the emergency.

BIG AMATEUR MEET IS ON

NATIONAL A. A. U. PROGRAMME DRAWS PEAK OF TALENT.

Six Athletes Wearing Winged M Represent Northwest in Premier American Track Contests.

The national track and field championships of the amateur athletic union of the United States will get under way this afternoon in Philadelphia with six members of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club and one member of the Spokane Athletic club competing against the greatest athletes in America. Every one of those who are on the northwest team, composed of Ralph Spearow, M. A. A. C.; Johnny Murphy, M. A. A. C.; Millard Webster, M. A. A. C.; "Boss" Payne, M. A. A. C.; William Wells, M. A. A. C.; Arthur Tuck, M. A. A. C. and Henry Williams, S. A. C., will be eligible for the national junior

LABOR THREATENS 24-HOUR WALKOUT

Central Council Demands Use of Auditorium.

WILSON TO BE QUERIED

Committee to Ask President "Reason for American Interference in Russian Affairs."

Delegates to the central labor council of Portland and vicinity Thursday voted that if the use of the public auditorium is refused by the city commissioners for a general amnesty meeting of labor, the council shall call for a referendum vote on a general strike of 24 hours' duration.

By a vote of 41 to 33 the delegates refused to concur in the request for support of organized labor to the appeal of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society for the nursery home.

FIREMEN DELAY ELECTION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION WILL NAME OFFICERS TODAY.

C. A. Urbanowicz Strong Opponent of S. A. Fink for President and Close Fight Is Expected.

The annual election of officers which was to have been a feature of Thursday's session of the convention of the International Association of Fire Fighters, now being held at the Multnomah hotel, was postponed. The election is expected to precipitate a fight.

One of the strongest opponents of Samuel A. Fink, now acting international president, for the position of president is said to be Constantine A. Urbanowicz, president of the Cleveland organization. He is the candidate of the Ohio and Cleveland delegations. He is said to have been largely responsible for obtaining an eight-hour day for the firemen of Cleveland. Another candidate is Fred W. Bear of Kansas City, who is with the forces supporting Fink. However, it is said that if Mr. Fink sees that he will be unable to win he will throw his forces to Mr. Bear.

VANILLA JAGG COSTS WIFE Divorce Testimony Reveals That Ex-husband Had Powerful Kick.

LOS ANGELES.—Introducing the vanilla jagg. The extract form of inebriety was formally presented in Judge York's court at the trial of the divorce suit of Ida P. Goodwin against Andrew P. Goodwin here.

Goodwin, a druggist, said to be in Tucson, Ariz., at present, failed to appear in court to confirm or deny that the allegedly inebriating extract of the vanilla bean induced intoxication as well as giving zest to cakes and pastry.

Goodwin was said to be addicted to the vanilla habit. One witness testified that after he left a house which she rented to him in San Pedro she found about a bushel of bottles which contained vanilla extract.

FLEET MOVEMENT IS GIVEN BATTLESHIP OREGON WILL BE TACOMA REVIEW SHIP.

Historic Vessel to Go to Bremerton Navy Yard Sept. 17; Other Visits Arranged.

VICTORIA, B. C. Sept. 12.—Movements of the Flumb fleet following its visit to Seattle were announced by Admiral Hugh Rodman in detail through Captain N. C. Twining, chief of staff, yesterday.

FIGHT IS MADE ON OPIUM Honolulu's New City Attorney on Trail of Chinese Dens.

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Police officials are waging a campaign against opium dealers because of the growing profit from the recently-elected city attorney, William Heen. As a result of half a dozen Hawaiian girls being found victims of the opium traffic, the campaign against the drug dealers is being warm with half a score of arrests daily.

ALBANY BANK CLERK DIES Miss Zoe W. Trask Succumbs After Three Weeks' Illness.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Zoe W. Trask, clerk in the bank

of J. W. Cusick & Co. here, and a popular and prominent Albany young woman, died yesterday at her home of her parents in this city. She became ill three weeks ago and her recovery was expected until her condition suddenly became serious early yesterday. She was 22 years old. Miss Trask was born at Lyons, where her father conducted a general merchandise store until recently. She graduated from the Albany high school and had been an employee of the Cusick bank the past four years.

Miss Trask is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trask, who recently moved to Albany to be with their daughter; a sister, Miss Mabel Trask of Albany; and a brother, Lloyd Trask of Lyons.

MOTORCYCLISTS ALL SET CRACK RIDERS READY TO GO FOR SPEEDWAY PRIZES.

Entrance of "Slim" Carter, Bear State Mystery, Adds Interest to Outcome of Events. Motorcycle racing men of Portland and the northwest are anxiously awaiting the word "go" and the dropping of the flag in the 15-mile northwest championship race which heads the card of eight races on the last programme of speed events of the year. The exhibitions will be presented at the Rose City speedway Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock.

In addition to the honor of winning, the speedster will carry away a snug little sum of money. All other races are open events. Dealers and fans as well as the participants are now speculating as to what figure "Slim" Carter, the new rider from California, will cut in the open event. Carter, strictly a western rider, has been racing in the Bear state and will arrive in this city today in time to have at least one workout over the track providing the rain and mud does not interfere, before the Sunday schedule. "Slim" has been racing in California and has never before ridden hereabouts. His performance will be watched with interest.

INDIA LEARNS FROM FILMS Position of White Woman Lowered by Compromising Scenes.

VICTORIA, B. C.—An interview with Miss Constance Bromley which appeared recently in a London paper is interesting to read here not only because Miss Bromley has many friends here, but for the sidelight which it throws on international viewpoints. She is a fellow passenger on a liner, manager and editor of the Looker On, a Calcutta periodical which had a wide circulation, and finally as manager of one of the biggest "movie" houses in Calcutta.

The following is the story from the London paper: The position of women in India realizes that she is receiving less respect from the natives than before and a great deal of this is due to the indiscriminate showing of films on social and marriage problems, said Miss Constance Bromley, who has just returned to England after four years in India and who was for some time manager of a large picture theater in Calcutta, mainly frequented by Europeans.

BRITISH STEEL MEN WORRY Retention of Home Trade Now Appears Questionable.

LONDON.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—British iron and steel manufacturers are seriously wondering whether they will be able to retain their home trade, not to speak of extending their export business, in the face of steadily increasing prices of materials and labor. Americans who have looked over the situation, declare the British need not worry if they will adopt modern methods, for wages in the industry are much higher in America than in England.

Bandits Use Drugged Cigarettes. Victims After Giving them Drugged Cigarettes are Attracting the Attention of Scotland Yard.

LONDON.—Criminals who rob their victims after giving them drugged cigarettes are attracting the attention of Scotland Yard. In one instance a



Advertisement for the film 'The Witness for the Defense' including text like 'COMEDY INTERNATIONAL NEWS' and 'THE home she had planned with him, the joyous working together, the full, happy years—gone! Tomorrow, her trial for murder of the brutal husband that "duty" had bade her wed. What was the verdict—of the jury and of fate? Hear it, see it, today!'

Advertisement for a 'SPECIAL LOT SILK UMBRELLAS at \$10.00' by Jacoby Jeweler, featuring an illustration of an umbrella.

Advertisement for 'Hazelwood Special Chocolates' and 'Pause a Moment' during a shopping tour, listing various food items like Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, and Crab Louie Salad.

Advertisement for 'Ki-Moids' digestive medicine, describing its benefits for acid-distress and indigestion.

Archaeologist Is Guest. Dr. Robinson Addresses Progressive Business Men's Club. An interesting programme was provided Thursday for members of the Progressive Business Men's club at the weekly luncheon at the Benson hotel.