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not of authoritative nature requisite to the formulation "of a report to congress and to the public on a question so critical as that of the pros-pective output of oll in Mexico."

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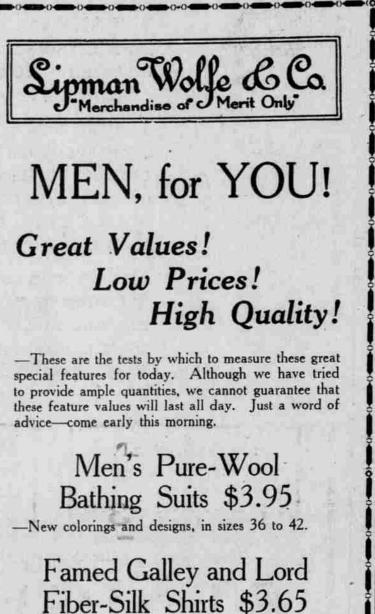
'Mexico contains oil reserves that "Mexico contains oil reserves that have been estimated by this depart-ment at 4.500.000.060 barrels, but the present issue relates to Mexico's ability to maintain her production from this reserve at the rate estab-lished in 1920 in response to market demand. Public concern naturally springs from the lack of unquestion-able satisfaction regarding the re-sults from drilling done and in prog-ress, and the development of new fields of types that yield the present production."

Mr. Phelan reported that the most serious factor in the Mexican situa-tion was that British-owned fields were largest producers and sellers, "control some of the best developed territory," and that they were "re-sponding to the Mexican political de-mands to the detriment of Ameri-cans."

"That the proved oil fields of Mex-ico within a reasonable period are certain to go into salt water is a demonstrated fact." he added. "and this may come sooner than expected."

Total Depletion Predicted.

Referring to the decline in price of Mexican crude petroleum at United Kingdom ports, Mr. Phelan said oil was being offered in the fields at 35 cents a barrel, and that this was due to the activity of competing com-panies to drain the proved fields.



"New straws are being inserted into the pool, which can only contain a certain amount of oil." he said, "and the day of total depletion may come et any minute." Secretary Hughes, in referring to the various estimates of recoverable oil in the Tampico-Tuxpam fields, "the accuracy of which the depart-ment could not guarantee," said: "It appears with respect to the sub-fects mentioned that this department does not possess information which it would seem advisable to transmit or make public which might imply of ficial guarantee."

Information Not Accurate.

"You will realize, I am sure, that It has not been possible for the diplo-matic and consular officers in Mexico matic and consular officers in Mexico to undertake the kind of investiga-tion, which is an essential prelimi-mary to an accurate and well-blaanced estimate of the situation. The re-ports which have not been published by the bureau of foreign and do-mestic commerce and which contain mestic commerce, and which contain information not already circulated in the press, are few in number and are of such nature that it would not seem compatible with the public interest to give them general dis-

semination." The Phelan report, which urged oll development in Mexico by the Ameri-

car government in Mexico by the Ameri-car government, discussed the limited producing area and added: "Stripped of all speculation. Mexico and the United States to a large extent, as well, is depending on an oll field less than 40 square miles, half of which is developed, a field from which more than 400,000,000 barrels had been taken up to June 1. As to the amount still left technologists and geologists disagree and judging from previous estimates, prognostications are useless." In a table on the Panuco-Topia, the

In a table on the Panuco-Toplia, the Chinampa-Amatian, Zacamixtle, Cer-ra-Azui and Alamo-Molino fields, the Phelan report declared that of a po-tential production of 2.875,000 barrels, the output up to November 1 had de-creased 600,000 barrels and that on June 1 the decrease was 2,398,000 barrels.

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