

OIL MEN'S PROTEST TO BE CONSIDERED

Confiscatory Taxes Assessed by Mexico, Is Charge.

HUGHES SAYS HE MAY ACT

Oregon's Right to Levy Charges Is Denied in Hearing Before Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—A group of oil operators who called at the state department today to protest against the increase in export taxes on petroleum in Mexico, were assured by Secretary Hughes that he would give the subject careful consideration.

The right of Mexico to collect the new tax, an increase of 25 per cent, was challenged by the representatives of practically every American company operating in Mexico. They placed before the secretary a memorandum setting forth the history of oil taxation by the Mexican administration since the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz, expressed their opinion that in the latest levy unfairness and injustice had been displayed and asserted their conviction that not only was the tax an indication of an intention to confiscate their properties, but that it was illegally imposed.

Secretary Hughes asked them to submit their assertions and their arguments in the form of a brief. He was said to have told them that if the department should consider it necessary action would be taken. The delegates included more than a dozen representatives of the various oil companies mobilized by the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico. At its head was E. L. Doherty, president of the Mexican Petroleum company, and the Pan-American company.

UNION SUED FOR \$20,000

Typesetting Company Asks Damages for Strike.

Concern Which Does Better Than Men Ask Is Injured Because Others Close, It Says.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Suit for \$20,000 damages was filed against the International Typographical union today by the Pacific Typesetting company. The action was based on the assertion that although the typesetting firm is complying with all union demands its place of business has been closed because of other places refusing the demands of the union.

PENDLETON HONORS HERO

Business of City Is Suspended During Funeral of Soldier.

MEDFORD, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Business houses closed during the funeral this afternoon of Artemas Spooner, young Medford, who died in an army hospital in France of pneumonia, after having participated in a number of the most important battles in that country as a member of battery E, 5th artillery.

BAN ON OPIUM PROPOSED

Police Conference Offers Solution of Narcotics Evil.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Cultivation of opium-producing poppies on the Pacific coast, where experiments by the department of agriculture have proved that opium can be produced in America, was given by the national police conference as a solution of the narcotics evil in America. Information was given taken by the conference was sent today to Hans Damm, inspector of the Seattle police department.

J. H. Edwards Is Killed. CORVALLIS, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—J. H. Edwards of this city received a telegram today from Slawell, near Calgary, stating that his

nephew, J. Homer Edwards, has been killed as a result of getting under the wheels of an engine. There were no details. Young Mr. Edwards was in Corvallis two weeks ago for the June week-end festivities. He was a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college two or three years ago and had since married. Three sisters and two brothers survive. The body will be brought to Corvallis.

GAS CUT IN VANCOUVER

Reduction in Rates Ascribed to Cheaper Crude Oil.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—The price of gas dropped 5 cents a 1000 feet here, effective June 18, according to word received today from Olympia. The reduction is ascribed to cheaper crude oil in Portland. Gas rates in Vancouver for the same grade as Portland is getting are: Minimum, 500 feet, \$1.15 per 1000; for the next 2700 feet, \$1.55; for the next 7000 feet, \$1.55 per 1000; for the next 50,000, \$1.05 per 1000; over 60,000 feet, 95 cents.

CRIMINAL RECORD FOUND

Man Wanted in Astoria Said to Be Murderer and Navy Deserter.

ASTORIA, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Sheriff Nelson has received information showing that B. L. Sherman, who is wanted here to answer charges of forgery, embezzlement and grand larceny of an automobile, has a criminal record and is wanted for murder. The report says he shot two Mexicans in Texas, was found guilty and sentenced. He escaped, it is said, and was recaptured and then escaped the second time.

BONDS TO BE APPORTIONED

Douglas County Court Will Lay Plans for Road Outlay.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The Douglas county court will meet in special session June 27 for the purpose of outlining the procedure in handling the \$1,100,000 bond issue approved by the voters of the county at the June 7 election.

I. W. W. TAKEN TO PRISON

Seven Convicted of Armistice Day Murders Start Sentences.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Walla Walla prison guards arrived at noon today this afternoon and at 4:45 P. M. left for Walla Walla with the seven I. W. W. prisoners, who were convicted of participation in the Centralia Armistice day murders.

WALKER BUMPS INTO CAR

Pedestrian Who Collided With Auto Is Fined \$7.40.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 20.—H. C. Reimer, a pedestrian, was arrested and fined \$7.40 today because he started to cross the street and bumped into an automobile.

Woman Killed in Auto Crash.

VISALIA, Cal., June 20.—Mrs. Mina M. Swinnerton, Los Angeles, was killed instantly and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Merrill, and her aunt, Mrs. Mary P. Merrill, of the same city, were seriously injured today when an automobile in which they were riding backed over a 200-foot embankment at the entrance of the Sequoia National park. The Merrills were not expected to live.

Probe of Flood to Be Made.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 20.—Representative Albert Johnson will introduce a resolution in the house tomorrow authorizing the war department to investigate the flood conditions near Woodland, Wash., where a dike between the mouth of the Lewis river and Martins Bluff went out on June 1.

Remarriage Fails; Divorce Granted.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Kernal Christensen today obtained a divorce from Robert Christensen a second time. They were married about five years ago and were divorced after a child was two years old. They were remarried on January 21, 1920.

THREE BATTLESHIPS ORDERED TO PACIFIC

Oil-Burners Will Compose First Line of Fleet.

ECONOMY PROMPTS SHIFT

Four Capital Ships on West Coast That Use Coal Are Ordered to Return to Atlantic.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—The battleships Arizona, Nevada and Oklahoma today were ordered transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet by Secretary Denby. The battleship Maryland, now under construction, will, when completed, also be sent to the Pacific fleet.

By the same order the battleships New York, Texas, Wyoming and Arkansas were transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic fleet. Secretary Denby said the redistribution of ships had been made with a view to assigning the coal burners to the Atlantic fleet and the oil burners to the Pacific fleet as an economic measure.

California Remains on Coast. As soon as the new superdreadnaught California is completed by the Mare Island navy yard, she will replace the New Mexico as the flagship of the Pacific fleet. The Maryland will be the most powerful ship in this fleet and will be the first battleship to be equipped with 16-inch rifles.

Utah Ordered to Europe. The battleship Utah was assigned as flagship of the European squadron, Secretary Denby said. The Pittsburgh, flagship of the European squadron, will be returned to this country. The squadron then will comprise, in addition to the Utah, the cruisers Chattanooga and St. Louis and three destroyers totaling 18 destroyers.

Three destroyer divisions will be transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic, Secretary Denby said. Atlantic and Pacific fleets, he added, will be united for about three months each year in either the Caribbean sea or the Pacific, near Panama bay, for training in combined tactical operations.

STUDENT OFFICERS TRAIN

Oregon Agricultural Unit at Monterey Camp.

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the method of payment would be brought to the attention of the commission.

LOAN BILL IS FAVORED

Measure Would Authorize Deposit of \$25,000,000 for Relief.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—The house banking committee today favorably reported a bill authorizing the treasury department to deposit with the federal farm loan bank system the difference between the paid in capital of the banks and \$50,000,000. Passage of the measure would result in a \$25,000,000 deposit. It was estimated, which would be available for the relief of agricultural interests. Certificates of indebtedness, which would be issued to cover the deposit would bear 5 1/2 per cent interest.

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Action of Allied Reparations Commission Hurts Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Action of the allied reparations commission requiring payment of the installment of the German indemnity in American dollars caused a sharp drop in American exchange, Secretary Hoover said today, and this resulted in damage to trade.

While he did not discuss the question of this government making known its attitude to the commission, officials were understood to believe that the desirability of a change in

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