

STANDARD OIL CONGRER ARRESTED

Attacks English Rivals by Raising Price of California Crude Oil.

Brother of Former Ambassador Thrown Into Mexican Jail.

Calabrian Earthquake Fund Committee Says Report of Misuse of Money Came From Misinformed Persons.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 12.—As was only to be expected, the disclosure of the Commission appointed to inquire into the administration of the Calabrian earthquake fund, collected in 1905, have led to strong protests on the part of the Calabrian deputies in the Italian chamber, headed by Signor Chimirri, the minister, and the most important representative of that district.

The gist of their arguments is that the commissioners obtained their information from the wrong people—a fact which may be rather in favor of the commissioners than otherwise, for every newspaper editor knows that the "right people" that is, the officials, are not always the best sources of information for the seeker after the actual truth.

It is to be hoped that the Calabrians will succeed in convincing public opinion in other parts of the country that they were not so black as the commission depicted them, otherwise the extreme generosity of two years ago will be regarded as a waste of money.

The Paris "Reclair" publishes the following telegram from Cherbourg: "As a result of the first channel flotta with a view to providing submarines with buoys fitted with telephone apparatus in order to enable the crew to communicate with the surface in case of accident, the minister of marine, after hearing the evidence of the technical committee, has ordered the adoption of metallic floats of great buoyancy and capable of withstanding a depth of water at a depth of 50 metres. These floats have been experimented with at Cherbourg on the submersible boat Albatros, and where practicable, they will be fitted to all vessels in commission or in the dockyards as speedily as possible."

The consul-general of Roumania in London has received the following telegram from Bucharest: "The government and the opposition have come to an agreement on the principal point in the bill relating to agricultural arrangements between the great land owners and the peasants, namely, on the question of the passage of land to be granted to the peasants. Owners of more than 150 hectares of land will voluntarily sell to the peasants pasture lands not exceeding 50 hectares of the extent of their estates. All the abuses of agricultural usury are suppressed and penalized under severe penalties as the result of this agreement. The law will be voted by parliament and put into force with the least possible delay. The agricultural crisis of last spring will thus find a solution which will be accepted by all political parties."

The arrangement made between the Italian government and that of western Australia for planting a colony of 100 Italian families on lands to be assigned to them by the western Australian authorities, provided that the lands shall consist of two sections—the first, near the coast, devoted to fruit-growing; the second, on the railway, intended for raising cereals and other crops. Houses will be erected at the expense of the colonial government and a large part of the passage money will also be paid by the government. The experiment is regarded with favor here, and the 100 families will shortly be selected from four provinces beginning with Venetia and the Emilia.

Quite some attention has been excited by the statement, published with official sanction, to the effect that English from next Easter onwards will become a compulsory subject of instruction in all Prussian gymnasia. The true state of affairs may be gleaned from a telegram from Berlin, according to which the Berlin city council has, in compliance with a request presented through the local education authorities, sanctioned a tentative scheme whereby English will become a compulsory subject for the upper second-class course in the Friedrich gymnasia. This scheme will be put into effect with effect from the beginning of the next school year. The result of the scheme will be that every pupil educated there, during his three years, receives a course of a week instruction in English and one in French, instead of as hitherto three in French. The experiment is regarded with favor here, and the 100 families will shortly be selected from four provinces beginning with Venetia and the Emilia.

The secretary of state for India has received the following telegram from the governor-general: "Good rain has fallen in Madras presidency and light rain in the rest of southern India, eastern Bengal and Assam and in part of Burma. Moderate rain which fell in northern Bengal, Orissa, and Chota Nagpur and part of the Central provinces has benefited the spring crops and has facilitated sowing. Elsewhere the week was practically rainless, and rain is urgently wanted in northern India. There are indications that distress is deepening in the United provinces, especially in cities where those who are unable to work are feeling the pinch of unemployment. Famine has now been declared in five districts. The number on relief are: Relief works, 12,500; rest works, 8,500; gratuitous relief, 3,100; poor houses, 500. It has been found necessary to start village relief works in the Damoh district of the Central provinces."

Cotton States League.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Meridian, Miss., Jan. 12.—The directors of the Cotton States league are gathering in Meridian today for the meeting recently called by President Crowder. Much important business is to be transacted in the way of getting affairs in shape for the opening of the season. There has been talk of increasing the circuit to eight clubs, but the present indications are that the membership will continue with six clubs as last year. No difficulty is expected in getting a good city to take the place of Mobile, which is to drop out of the Cotton States and enter the Southern league.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The Standard Oil company has declared war on its most powerful rival in California and has undertaken to force opposition from the state by raising prices.

The Standard is directing its attack against the big English corporation which operates in the state under the name of the California Petroleum Refineries and California Oil Fields. In the Santa Maria territory the concern goes by the former name and in the Kern county districts by the latter designation.

CIVIL SERVICE AT ASYLUM FOR INSANE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—The announcement that Superintendent Steiner of the state insane asylum would follow civil service principles in the administration of that institution has been strengthened by his summary dismissal of five male attendants for violation of the rules. One of the rules is to the effect that all employees must be in bed and the lights out by 10 o'clock at night. It was reported to the superintendent that some of the male attendants were in the habit of walking away the hours of the night with a friendly game of cards, and in this case were up as late as 2 a. m. Investigation followed, the men were given a hearing and the case was proven beyond a doubt. In place of the usual 10 days' suspension for infraction of the rules the five offending employees were discharged and warned that no immediate restoration to the state payroll could be hoped for, although one had been employed at the asylum for 14 years. Superintendent Steiner took the view that attendants who kept such hours were not fit to have the care of insane the next day, as the rules require all employees to be up at 5 o'clock. So far no employee has been removed for political or personal reasons.

LANE'S PRODUCERS ARE ORGANIZING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Jan. 12.—The Lane County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association, which was organized here two weeks ago, has filed articles of incorporation with capital stock of \$5,000. The incorporators are H. F. McCornack, George A. Dorris, J. O. Holt and H. H. Harlow and the principal place of business is Eugene. The association has elected the following directors: J. H. Chase, M. H. Harlow, H. F. McCornack, Dr. Scarborough, J. O. Holt, J. Beebe, W. Bristow, H. Bowers and George A. Dorris. Another meeting will be held Saturday, at which permanent officers will be chosen. Of the \$5,000 stock in the corporation, \$3,000 was subscribed for by the members present.

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Some people have a faculty of losing umbrellas—others for keeping them. When the ordinary person keeps one umbrella in his possession more than a few weeks he is usually proud of the feat. Some people are so careless that they always buy a cheap umbrella and when they lose it they are not surprised. They simply go and get another for six bits or a dollar.

EXPENSIVE ENGLISH DOG FLESH ENGAGES IN MORTAL COMBAT

Not because there was any clearly manifest reason for the conflict or because any of the participants bore any particular ill-will against each other, but just because it was pleasant pastime, a family of English bull pups indulged in a bloody battle the other morning at the poultry show that upset the entire house; threw the aristocratic fowls into paroxysms of terror; had the managers of the show guessing what to do and made the merchants on Grand avenue wonder what the calamity was. Frank Fenwick owns the family. He brought them to the show to display them in one of the large windows of the old store in which the show is being held on East Alder at Grand avenue. He thought they might be a drawing card—and they certainly were. The pups were six in number, highly bred and full of life. They are less than five months old and ungainly looking. When placed in the window their playful antics drew a large crowd, which rather astonished the inexperienced dogs and made them nervous. Edgerton and Strathendrick were amusing the onlookers biting each other's ears and having a good time generally when pretty soon Strathendrick refused to let go his hold on Edgerton's ear. The latter became vexed and took firm hold on Strathendrick's neck and both began to growl dangerously. That amused the crowd outside, and they laughed and shouted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) City of Mexico, Jan. 12.—J. E. Conger, train auditor of the Mexican Central railroad, has been placed in prison at Jimenez, Mexico, on complaint of a Mexican passenger who boarded the train with his wife and four children and only two tickets and was put off when he decided he had no money to pay for the others. Conger is a brother of the late former United States Ambassador Conger. The railroad company sustains the auditor in his action and its officials are trying to secure his release from prison.

CELLULOID COMB CAUSES FATALITY

Baby Playing With One Touches Red Hot Stove With It.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Condon, Or., Jan. 12.—The year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Townsley was fatally burned yesterday afternoon. It was playing with a celluloid comb near a red hot stove, the comb touched the stove, there was a puff of flame and instantly the child's clothing was ignited. The parents were totally unaware of the highly inflammable nature of celluloid, which at a high temperature ignites almost explosively and, for the volume of matter, generates an intense degree of heat.

HOOD RIVER G. A. R. POST ADDS MEMBERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Jan. 12.—At a meeting Saturday evening, Canby post, G. A. R., of which Colonel S. F. Blythe, state commander, is a member, held its installation. A report made by the retiring commander showed five members added in 1907, a fact that is considered rather remarkable, as most of the posts throughout the state show membership decreasing.

EIGHT FOR FINAL U. OF O. TRYOUT

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 12.—The following eight debaters have been chosen to compete for places on the Oregon teams which will take part in the triangular debate: Bonard, '09; Townsend, '05; Wheelton, '10; Lyons, '08; Eaton, '08; Kilpatrick, '09; Strong, '08, and Nicholas, '10. The first three were members of last year's championship teams. The final tryout will be held January 24 and two teams of three men each will be selected from the eight chosen Saturday.

Free to Ladies.

At the Oaks rink this week there will be free skates and admission to ladies afternoon and evening. Everybody is learning to skate. The roller skate craze is on in earnest. Thousands are being taken particular care to learn from leaving his present owner. The 20-year-old umbrella has a bear tusk handle, the butt of the handle being carved in representation of a dog's head.

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(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 12.—The fear of remaining "old maids" prevails with women after a certain age without the presentation of an acceptable partner. Possessed with this panic, 1,000 maidens of not too mature years have gone to New York with the intention of distributing themselves over Canada and the western states of the union. But these are only a vanguard of new maidens, many are to be followed, if successful, by the reserves, 600 beauties, who have already passed their youth, and who will go in three different instalments sailing simultaneously.

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L. O. O. F. LODGES AT CANBY INSTALL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Canby, Or., Jan. 12.—Canby lodge, No. 155, L. O. O. F., has installed the following officers: Ralph Knight, noble grand; Frank Weed, vice grand; C. L. Bates, R. S. N. G.; J. L. Eckerson, L. S. N. G.; George Mbeke, R. S. V. G.; Calvin Koehler, L. S. V. G.; Howard Eccles, secretary; W. H. Luck, conductor; Horace Patch, warden; Roy Bates, inside guardian; George W. Dixon, chaplain.

Kirk Rebekah lodge, No. 124, has installed the following officers: Mrs. Annette Bates, noble grand; Mrs. Ida B. Knight, vice grand; Mrs. Laura Bair, secretary; Miss Harriet Bates, financial secretary; Mrs. L. T. Hatten, treasurer; Miss Marion Swanby, R. S. N. G.; Miss Grace Patch, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Carrie Setton, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. James Evans, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. Edna Penman, conductor; Mrs. J. Eccles, warden; Mrs. Bertha Sturges, inside guardian.

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