

BIG-DAMAGE SUIT MAY BE RESULT OF OIL CONTROVERSY

Oil Companies and Business Interests to Fight for Retention of Plants in City Limits—Dusting Dangerous.

The repeal of the oil tank ordinance Wednesday by the city council, while a seeming victory for the residents of South Portland who are seeking to oust the Union Oil company from their section of the city, in reality leaves the situation unchanged except for the fact that the oil companies have more latitude than before the council took action. Unless Councilman Montag's ordinance banning the oil tanks from the city should be passed at the next meeting of the council, there will be no restriction whatever as to where the companies may locate their plants.

Business interests of the city are already getting together to fight the Montag ordinance. Every merchant, owner of a building or other users of oil will be called upon to oppose the measure and the most exciting fight that has been started in the history of the council is impending.

On the one hand there are the Standard Oil and Union Oil companies backed by hundreds of millions of dollars and aided by the big business interests, and on the other the people of South Portland, who expect to collect the help of the small home owners and the laboring classes in all parts of the city to a united effort to prohibit the construction of any more oil tanks inside the city limits.

May Appeal Case.
Seven councilmen voted to repeal the ordinance creating five districts throughout the city in which the oil companies might locate distributing plants. Three opposed the measure. These three are Councilman John H. Burgess, Councilman H. W. Wallace and Councilman Tom N. Monka.

In the event that the Montag ordinance should be passed and the Union Oil company should be ordered to remove its newly erected buildings on the South Portland site to some point outside the city, it is said that the company will appeal to the courts and carry the case clear through to the United States supreme court. If the company should do this it would take years to settle the controversy and meantime the oil companies would continue to operate inside the city. The Standard Oil company's plant on East Water street, it is said, could not be ousted, pending the result of the litigation, and it is probable that the Union Oil company might remodel its plant on East Water street to meet the present requirements of the building code and obtain an injunction prohibiting the city from ousting the company from that site until after the legal questions at issue should finally be decided.

Prepare for Fight.
A preliminary meeting was held yesterday by a number of large oil consumers and a general meeting of all the oil users in the business district on both sides of the river will be called

in the near future to discuss the situation and prepare for the fight to prevent the oil tanks from being forced outside the city limits.

The oil companies say if they should be compelled to locate outside the city limits that the price of oil would be greatly increased in amount of the long haul to the business center. The business interests are alarmed over the prospect.

Residents of South Portland, where the Union Oil company is rapidly establishing a new plant, say that the proximity of such a dangerous installation has materially decreased real estate values in that section. The entire question has shifted down, apparently, to a question of dollars and cents. South Portlanders raise the cry that the oil tanks are a menace to human life.

See No Danger.
However, Councilman Burgess, who was one of the members of the special committee that framed the oil tank ordinance which was repealed Wednesday, says the oil tanks, if constructed according to the provisions of that ordinance, would offer no more danger than that presented by an ordinary warehouse. The National Board of Fire Underwriters upholds the constitution of Councilman Burgess, the board regarding the construction of the tanks and the location in view of the ordinance as being no worse than a warehouse. The board has not recommended any increase of insurance rate on buildings in the vicinity of the South Portland oil plant, thus making Councilman Burgess's attitude a strong one.

"This oil question," said Councilman Montag yesterday, "has assumed such proportions as to overweigh any other at present before the council. I believe the oil tanks, as proposed to be erected in South Portland are safe, and I believe it would be a great injustice to the oil company to oust it to another city in view of the fact that the ordinance authorizing the company to build in that locality.

May Charge Damage to Residents.
"There is no question that the company will fight to stay there and the city will face a \$100,000 damage suit if the council persists in carrying out the ordinance," said Councilman Montag at the council meeting. "I may draft an ordinance assessing this damage on South Portland residents, in case the courts decide the city is liable, and I doubt that the

people of South Portland would be so eager to meet the oil tanks if they are asked to pay the damage. The property owners who are now opposing the plan of ousting the tanks are not opposed to the plan of the oil tank ordinance, but they do not want to pay the damage. The ordinance was given the measure which the council adopted it and the mayor held it on his desk 12 days before signing it. Their present aim is not only to oust the tanks, but it is an intention to the company that has invested heavily in the site at Astoria and nearby towns."

Bond Issue Authorized.
Tugala, Wash., Oct. 25.—The Santa Fe Railroad company has authorized an issue of \$100,000 capital stock and an issue of \$100,000 in bonds. It is understood that the bonds will be bought with part of the funds. The company operates nearly 11,000 miles of railroad.

Severely Sick Open.
Kalon, Wash., Oct. 25.—Yesterday with the opening of the Klondike office the first postal savings bank in Columbia county opened its doors. The first day's deposit was large. A list of depositors were at the window in view of the distinction of being the first to open an account, but a postoffice employee made the initial deposit before the window was opened.

Sheriff Will Speak.
Centralia, Wash., Oct. 27.—Robert T. Hodge, the new sheriff of King county, will speak in Centralia and Chehalis in the near future. Sheriff Hodge is a candidate for governor. While in the Twin Cities he will be the guest of Sheriff Henry Urquhart, who has voted his intention of supporting him.

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