

JOSEPH L. LAUK'S STANDARD OIL

Company Announces Pleasure Car Owners Can Have But 20 Per Cent of Nominal Supply of Gas, Others to Get 50 Per Cent.

City, county and state officials this morning agreed to a virtual suspension of the law fixing a specific standard of quality for gasoline following announcement of the Standard Oil company that it would reduce the quantity it would sell to automobile owners to a fraction of the normal amount.

The company has notified its selling agents, including private garages and filling stations, that only 20 per cent of normal quantity be sold to owners of pleasure cars, and 50 per cent to commercial cars. Sales stations were notified that their supply would be only 30 per cent of normal.

MEER CALLS EXPERIENCE
To meet this situation Julius L. Meier called a conference this morning. Present were Mayor Baker for the city, Assistant District Attorney Joseph Hamerley for the county prosecutor and representatives of all the oil companies. Governor Olcott was appealed to by long distance telephone, as was State Treasurer Holt, who is in charge of oil inspection. As a temporary solution of the threatened famine, the governor, treasurer, county prosecutor and mayor discussed a proposed agreement that no prosecutions of violations of the state law fixing the legal specific gravity of gasoline would be instituted until the situation is relieved.

DIVERSION IS SUGGESTED
Should this step be taken by state and city authorities representatives of the oil companies announced that the shortage could be relieved by immediate diversion of 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline destined for Washington consumption, but which is now being held in waiting for the company's terms. Washington has no specific gravity standard. The oil companies have for years been attempting to have the gray test stricken from the state law, alleging that the quantities produced for the government and for other states are satisfactory and the special kind produced for Oregon has to be handled in a special run, involving additional cost in distillation besides extra care in handling and special tank cars and tank ships.

Representatives of the Standard Oil company asserted this morning that they had only a six days' supply on hand and have no assurance that they will receive relief for another 21 days. The Union, Associated and Shell Oil companies said they are likewise short and would have no force to allocate their supply had not relief been afforded them, they announced.

NOTORISTS ARE HARD HIT
At Standard Oil filling stations motorists were able to get only one fifth of their normal allotment today. Enormous increase of motor vehicles over the entire country is given by oil companies as the reason for the wide shortage. They state that the situation is particularly acute on the Pacific coast, and the special kind of motor number of motorists who will be in Portland during the Shrine convention in June will tax the local supply to the utmost, say representatives of the companies.

Need of economy in gasoline despite the increased allotment through letdown in the requirements was expressed by oil companies.

Farm Work Delayed
Eldridge, Ore., May 8.—The gasoline shortage hit the city Thursday night, but dealers ran completely out. Several farm tractors were forced to shut down until a new stock arrived.

Albany to Clean Up Before Arrival of Ad Club's Caravan

Albany, May 8.—Tuesday was set by Street Commissioner G. M. Junkins as the opening day of Albany's annual cleanup week. Municipal trucks will haul rubbish from residence sections free of charge.

"We want to have the town looking respectable when the Northwest Ad club and other visitors arrive," said Junkins.

The Ad club caravan is due to reach Albany, May 18. The county court has ordered the city to have the town graded in compliance with a request from the club.

Rev. A. D. Thompson has accepted the pastorate of Grace Presbyterian church, offered in a call issued Wednesday by Williamette Presbytery.

Geologist's Report To Be Favorable to Benham Falls Site

Washington, May 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Sinnott was informed today by Director Davis of the result of a geological survey, noted geologist, who examined the Benham Falls site last year, that his report will be favorable. It is expected Crosby's report will be received about May 15. This apparently settles the doubt concerning the availability of the Benham Falls site for the storage of water from the Deschutes country irrigation, which has been a disturbing factor for some time. Director Davis understands that Crosby's report deals with geological structures, and how conclusive it may be in other respects will not be known until the report is received.

FISHING CRAFT KNOWN AS BEACHED MEN ADJUSTING O.D. ARE MISSING COMPLEXES

Three Operators of Small Boats Believed to Have Met Death in Breakers Near North Head; Life Savers Are on Lookout.

Astoria, May 8.—Two fishing craft have been washed ashore at North Head, and it is believed that the men who operated them have been lost. The first vessel to come ashore was that of a crab fisherman, who is believed to have come from Astoria. The Port Canby coast guard crew are positive that the craft came in too close to the breakers on the north side of the jetty, causing the boat to capsize. The man was drowned.

The second was a trolling boat, occupied by two fishermen. This vessel is believed to be the property of Mayor Johnson, living on Thirty-fifth street, near Franklin. From the statements received from friends of Johnson, he had been out fishing this morning when, at Johnson's residence in Portland. Johnson is well known in this city, having lived and fished here for a number of years. He has a wife and four children, who are living at home. No further report has been received from him since he left out Thursday. The men of the life saving crew at the lookout station stated this morning that one of the vessels washed ashore was painted white and bore a license number of Oregon.

The life savers have been on the lookout for the past 16 hours, but no trace of the men has as yet been found. They believe that all were drowned.

MOSES ANSWERS DUPONT THREATS

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Senator Moses, New Hampshire, today replied to a statement contained in a letter from Charles K. Weston, publicity agent of the Dupont company, that Senator Moses, by opposing the dyestuff bill was opposing preparedness.

Weston's letter was read in the senate yesterday by Senator Kenyon, Iowa, who characterized it as a threat against Moses and General Leonard Wood, whose presidential campaign Moses is helping to manage.

In the letter Weston said he would find it difficult to support Wood if Moses insisted on an amendment to the dye bill he had introduced. A statement issued at Moses' office today said:

"Senator Moses earnestly desires the fullest protection to the dye industry, but wishes it to cover textile and associated interests as well. He therefore has offered an amendment to the present bill, which is a similar article made and provides for an automatic tariff which shall be the difference between the price of the foreign article and the price of the domestic article made domestically, plus 30 per cent."

Moses considers this explanation of the measure a refutation of the charge in the Dupont letter.

DYE TARIFF DENOUNCED BY THOMAS AS TRUST WORK

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Denouncing the dye tariff as "little shill of infamous in its purpose," Senator Thomas, Colorado, today declared in the senate that it was a trust work. American interests seeking to monopolize the market.

He read what he said was a contract between the Dupont company of Wilmington, Del., and I. Livingston & Co. of Manchester, England, dividing the dye market of the world between them. Exchange of patents was arranged for by the contract.

The letter which was read by Senator Kenyon and which constituted a threat by the Dupont company to withdraw its support from General Wood unless Senator Moses changed his attitude on the dye bill, is one indication to me of the interests behind this bill," said Thomas.

Help of Portland In Columbia Basin Irrigation Sought

Seattle, May 8.—(U. P.)—Tacoma and Portland will be asked to join with Seattle and Spokane in the fight to put over the Columbia basin irrigation project and the result of a also caught between committees of the Seattle and Spokane Chambers of Commerce here next Friday.

The Columbia basin project is not a Spokane affair," N. W. Durham, chairman of the Inland Empire delegation, declared, "but a magnet that will draw attention to the whole Northwest."

Hogium City Hall Destroyed by Fire

Hogium, Wash., May 8.—(U. P.)—The Hogium city hall, a large two-story frame building, was practically destroyed by fire this morning. Prisoners in the jail were released. The fire threatened that portion of the building. All records were moved. The damage is estimated at \$35,000, which is covered by a fire insurance. Eagles hall and other buildings were also caught but the flames were prevented from spreading. The Aberdeen fire department aided the Hogium fire fighters.

Mother Love's Given Precedence Over Order Made By State Court

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—The Republican presidential situation, already complicated, has been rendered even more difficult of solution by the growth of favorable reaction to the candidacy of Senator Philander C. Knox.

There is a fairly general understanding that when Senator Boies Penrose endorsed his colleague for the Republican nomination, it was intended largely as a "feeler" to learn the sentiment of the rank and file of the party and of the candidates regarding a possible "dark horse."

Knox is a recognized conservative and Penrose, as representative of the old guard, apparently wishes to learn particularly how Senator Hiram Johnson and the progressive wing regarded Knox as a compromise candidate in the event he should be nominated.

Even Penrose is understood to have been amazed at the quick response of sentiment for Knox in both branches of the party. And this strength has grown daily, making the Pennsylvania senator loom prominently among the large stable of "dark horses" Johnson has reported in view of Johnson's obvious popular strength, find considerable comfort in the thought that it would be doubly easy for the Californian to accept Knox, a close personal friend.

The possibility has thus arisen that two men who may not get a handful of votes on the first ballot, may stand good for the nomination as any of the present "big four" of Johnson, Major General Leonard Wood, Governor Hiram Johnson, and Senator Warren G. Harding. These two are Knox and a close personal friend.

2 Iowa Towns Show Population Decrease Since 1910 Census

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Preliminary figures of the census bureau announced today by the census bureau are as follows:

Indiana, 1920 population 2,571,800; increase since 1910, 131,414 or 5.1 per cent. Connecticut, 1920 population 934,319; increase since 1910, 20,282 or 2.2 per cent. New York, 1920 population 14,540,000; increase since 1910, 1,029,000 or 7.1 per cent. Delaware, 1920 population 174,515; increase since 1910, 10,707 or 6.1 per cent. Benton Harbor, Mich., 1920 population 12,227; increase since 1910, 3042 or 24.9 per cent.

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Bluebeard Was Not Here as P. C. Storm, According to Police

Comparison of finger prints on file in the office of Bertillon Experts Hunter and Graves at the police station disproves the belief that James P. Watson, held at Los Angeles as the confessed murderer of seven "wives," formerly lived here under the name of Palmer C. Storm.

Photographs of Storm taken in September 1916, following his arrest and conviction for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, show him to be of slender build and possessed of features of a different type from those shown in pictures of Watson.

Finger prints, as compared today, also show marked dissimilarity.

Sugar Price Raised For Jobbers' Profit

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—(U. P.)—Two cents a pound was added to the retail price of sugar here as the result of a conference between the King county fair price committee and several large jobbers. The decision to allow the profit to jobbers of \$1.60 a hundred pounds, instead of 85 cents as heretofore, is the reason for the advance.

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Soldier Bonus Cut Proposed if Bill Is Revived in Congress

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Efforts to revive the soldier bonus bill were made today with the return of Representative Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee.

Soldier bonus advocates tentatively proposed that the total expenditure under the soldier relief program must be reduced to \$1,000,000,000, instead of \$1,800,000,000 as previously planned.

U. S. NAVY IS THE GREATEST EVER SEEN

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(U. P.)—The United States was the "largest naval power the world ever had seen" at the time of the armistice, Rear Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations during the war, told the senate subcommittee investigating the conduct of the war by the navy department, today.

"We had more than 500,000 officers and men at the armistice, which was a greater number than the British. It was recognized as the largest naval power the world has ever seen," Benson said. "The expansion of the United States navy was great after war was declared."

HOOPER BLAMES BAD MANAGEMENT

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—"Bad business administration" on the part of the government was blamed for present high sugar prices by Herbert Hoover today in a telegram he sent from New York to Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas.

Hoover's message was in response to a letter from Capper asking for his view of the sugar situation, its cause and remedy.

"Hoover declared the cost of sugar was imposed on every American family an additional tax of 50 cents."

Upon the failure of the administration to buy the Cuban sugar crop last September at 16 cents per pound for raw sugar, which he said would have supplied for the American people at 13 cents per pound retail, Hoover placed the responsibility for "unparalleled speculation and profiteering."

In summing up the sugar situation, Hoover said neither the Wilson administration nor the attorney general's office.

GOVERNMENT RENEWS HUNT FOR PROFITEERS IN SUGAR

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Sugar lawmen in practically all of the cities in the East in face of government fight against profiteers, who are reported to be the department of justice today. Appeals for relief came from every quarter.

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