

of Columbus Still Arouses Controversy Among Scholars

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—Prob-
ably will argue with you if
"Tuesday is Columbus
anniversary of Colum-
busing in the Western
hemisphere."
"Test of contradiction,
why can even go so far
as to say the old rhyme:
"Hundred and
years sailed the Ocean
blue."
"You say another word
and somebody might
punch you in the nose."
"Hardly an item in
the story has not aroused
controversy among scholars."
"To most well informed
professors, Christopher
Columbus was born in Genoa,
Italy."
"After hand a lot of
people say: "Ah, No! His
father was Cristobal Colon, and he
was of Jewish parents in
Spain, in the province of
Castile."
"The story was first announced
by a Spanish scholar, Don
Alonso de Ercilla, in his
"La Riega."
"The Argued
the date of the discover-
y, scholars used to argue
that he was born in
Spain, in anywhere
between 1446 and 1492. Neither Colum-
bus nor his early biog-
raphers mentioned the date. The
story didn't want people to
know he was young when
he was sailing up interest in
the enterprise."
"The go on:
"Generally believed Colum-
bus was from a family of lower
class wool weavers and
with little formal education.
"The biographers who wrote
after the great man's
death described Columbus' folks
as poor, but modern scholars
all agree that the early

California Oil Output Rallies

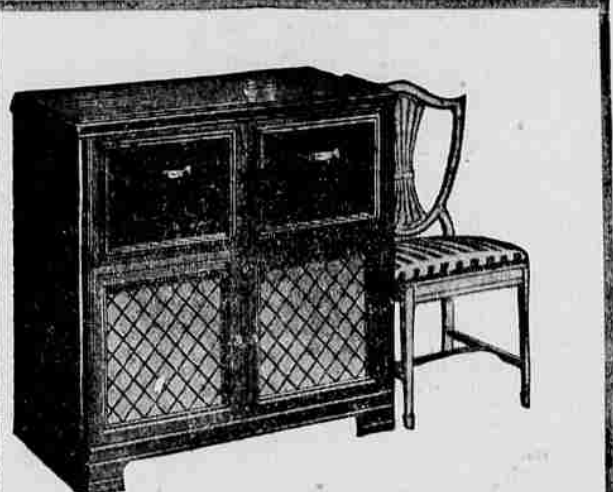
SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Cal-
ifornia oil production has reached
94.1 per cent of what it was be-
fore CIO oil workers struck six
California producers a month ago,
industry spokesman Reese H.
Taylor said last week.
Taylor said in Los Angeles that
current oil production averages
896,900 barrels a day, compared
to 953,000 barrels in August. After
the union struck Sept. 4, produc-
tion dropped to 768,379 barrels.
In the oil industry allocation
committee also announced that
refineries may begin producing
ethyl gas in two or three weeks.
thy of Catholic University here
says the truth is that much of
the money was put up by the
Santa Hermandad (Holy Bro-
therhood), a Spanish society
formed to suppress brigandage.
So you're pretty safe if you say
"Columbus discovered America."

The high-test fuel disappeared
from the retail market as struck
refineries concentrated on pro-
ducing "regular" gas during the
strike emergency.
A. C. Stewart, chairman of the
committee, said sufficient supplies
of heating and diesel oils should
be available this winter for civil-
ian, industrial and military needs
on the Pacific Coast. Inventories
show more than 7,500,000 barrels
with the current rate of produc-
tion at 125,000 barrels a day he
said.
Standard Oil Co. met with
union officers in a negotiation
session Tuesday after the union
halted picket-line violence at the
Richmond refinery. No progress
was reported in the meeting.
Picketing was less quiet in
nearby Martinez, however. About
100 strikers appeared Thursday
morning at the Shell refinery
when they heard the company
would try to move out a train of
loaded tank cars. A score of rail-
road police and five carloads of
deputy sheriffs were on hand.
However, the train crew re-
fused to go through the picket
line into the plant. That ended
the incident.

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