

AN ANTIDOTE FOR THE OIL SHORTAGE

1Pacific coast faces a serious fuel oil shortage. ate of $10,000,000$ barrels per year. Storage stocks of oil have been reduced already to an amount situation is steadily growing worse. forced, and unless there ensues at this time a substantial and teonomies in consumption, shatper curtailment will be neces sary in the near foture.
These are the facts disclosed by the report of the special fuel merce two months ago to survey the frel oil conditions in thi state and to recommend measures of relief. board of directors of the chamber of commerce, is composed of Charles H. Bentley, chairman! J. R. Hanify, Wallace M. AlexLeon G Levy; secretary, R. H. Vorfeld.
In its effort to help the present acute situation and to discount the discouraging forecast of the future, the Chamber of
Commerce has received and considered many suggestions and reconimendations.
Some of these recommendations border upon the heroic or
revolutionary. Included among them are the curtailment of reional fuel oil delivery; electrification of railroads; use of Mex-
ican fuel oil by merchant and naval vessels; importation of Mex icen oil; decrease of export of California oil use of fuel oil substitutes; general voluntary curtailment of consumption by fue oif users; encouragement of oil prospecting by amendment of ederal legislation; installation of fuel-saving equipment by oil tric power development.
As of chief importance in the problem of permanent better nent the Chamber names the eariy and rapid development of hydro-electric power. Involved in this is the possmbe electrifi of the California fuel oil supply, and the general substitution of hydro-electric power for fuel oil in industry.
The sound ness of the suggestion that hydro electric energy anould be developed arreams should be harnessed and that as quickly as possible. Pendleton' is now using California oil for fuel purposes in th Cace of an oil shortage while right near us "white coal"
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The projects being too large for private capital, the federal
overnment should take the initiative in developing our big hydro-electríc projects.

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ASINGULAR develiepment since November 2 is the fact that France believes the Harding administration wil
sanction the proposed Anglo-American treaty whereby France shall be guaranteed zgainst any attack by Germany. France shail be guaranteed against any atack by Geaty will be ratified if given to the senate. This is highlly interesting because from the standpoint of "intangling alliances" the pro-
posed French treaty is 1000 per cent stronger than any obligation the United States would have assumed under article 10. This newspaper will not say that the protective treaty should not be ratified, but the Harding administration cannot ratify paign was based on deception and fraud.

Senator Harding has informed Senator Poindexter that he wont appoint a secretary of the interior until he has heard from people in the northwest and elsewhere who ate bour billions of war debt to pay off annually and with a bigger army and navy to maintain there may not be much money for reclamation work.

A Canadian aviator proposes to furnish rain on demand by speaking for a state which has seen whole seasons without a speaking for a state whic hhas seen whole seasons without a
cloud, asks: "Who will furnish the clouds?"-Kansas City Star.
Armistice day means different things to different people.

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