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NDURAS REFUGE F CLARA PHILLIPS

an Resembling Hammer elder Is Guest of Hotel here, Says Dispatch

ARREST REQUESTED

rd of Conviction Is Sent Honduran Authorities

STERS AS MRS. YOUNG

Named Carson, Who, with Carson, Is Traveling with s. Young," Said to Be lative of Mrs. Phillips

RAMENTO, Cal., April 20. woman closely resembling Clara Phillips, convicted r murderess who escaped the Los Angeles county jail t at the Tegucigalpa hotel, uras, according to a telegram d here today by Governor Richardson from the state ment at Washington.

telegram was as follows: erican legation, Tegucigalpo, uras, telegraphs Clara Phillreported to be at Hotel Tegalpo, under name of Mrs. t Young, accompanied by registered as Mr. and Mrs.

yng desire this department uest fugitive's provisional and detention with a view radition please so state and hat she had been convicted rder in California."

governor's office immediateified the Los Angeles county of the receipt of the teleand asked that the governor mally notified of Mrs. Phil- conviction, if the detention suspect in Honduras was d.

DER STORY IS RECITED

ff's Office Wires Record of ts. Phillips' Conviction

ANGELES, Cal., April 20. sheriff's office, late today, shed to Governor Richardt Sacramento, formal notifi- of the conviction of Mrs. Phillips for the murder of Alberta Tremain Meadows, rs of age, widow, who was to death with a hammer July 12, 1922.

message also told of Mrs. pe escape from the Los Ac- county jail December 5, last, ked that a woman known at galpo, Honduras, as Mrs t Young be arrested and de- in the belief she is Mrs. pe.

ale Companion Is Fugitive

was stated the man named e, who, with Mrs. Carson, traveling with Mrs. Young, believed to be Jesse C. Carid to be a distant relative of Phillips. He is said to have Los Angeles January 2 for o City. He is wanted here swer an arson charge, and ssage to the sheriff's office governor asked that the st Tegucigalpo be detained at charge and also on the r one of aiding and abetting oner to escape.

officers did not ask that the n known as Mrs. Carson be as they were unable to even her identity, as the wife of Carson is in Los Angeles. said Carson had served terms federal prison at LeavenKansas, and the Oklahoma penitentiary.

M. F. Rodriguez, Honduran l here announced he had to the secretary of state of uras asking the authorities of untry to apprehend Mrs. e and Carson and hold them deportation to the United

arrest of Armour Lee Philhusband of the "hammer ress" as a material witness, cided upon tonight and ofwere sent out to look for He has been detained on the charge several times since his escape but always released short time.

Y KLUXERS PARADE

BANNER BEARS LEGEND, EGON, WE ARE COMING"

SA, Okla., April 20.—White kamelias, "Lady Klansmen' ed here tonight.

parade was the outstanding feature of the two-day con- on here of kamelia delegates Oklahoma, Kansas and Miss- which closed tonight with a ng at convention hall. Be- 30,000 and 50,000 people the procession of snowyd women. Ripples of handing played up and down the march occasionaly, and now hen a shout was heard, but in ain silence reigned.

than 500 women marched. were eight men in the ranks, ing a little red house sup- ly symbolic of the home. parade lacked the spectacu- trappings observed in the Ku Klan parade here last year. were no torches, no red fire, t no display at all save a few rs.

women were all clad in what nnounced as the official ka- regalia. It was a very simstume, a white robe with a K" on the breast and a white Some of the banners displ in the parade: "Kamelia," ection of women," "This 100 per cent Americanism," the flag or cross the pond," on, we are coming."

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MANY FLEE FROM FLOOD

FARMLANDS INUNDATED IN SOUTHERN MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, April 20. — With many districts in central and southern Manitoba reporting a steady rise in the Assiniboine and Red rivers and tributaries during the night, the flood situation showed no improvement today.

Many families have been forced to leave their homes, others are isolated from nearby towns by lakes of water and thousands of acres of farm lands in the low lying districts have been inundated. A few districts reported conditions slightly improved today with the waters receding very slowly.

The most serious condition exists at Brandon, where hundreds of residents living in the section of the city known as the flats, have been forced to vacate their homes, while others, virtually surrounded by the fast rising waters, are making preparations to get to safety.

LAFEE SLAYER UNKNOWN

SUCH IS VERDICT OF JURY IN RABBI MURDER CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20. —A verdict stating that he was "murdered at the hands of a party or parties unknown" was returned by a coroner's jury today in an inquest into the death of Rabbi Alfred G. Lafee, of a Bush street temple, was fatally beaten and choked in a hotel room recently.

Clarence B. Hicks, naval yeoman, who is charged with murder in connection with Rabbi Lafee's death was present throughout the inquest, but did not testify.

G. L. Burdow, a juror, fainted while Policeman T. L. McCarthy was describing the condition of the room in which Rabbi Lafee was attacked. Hicks is on the police court calendar for a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

TELLER IS MUM ON STAND

PATTERSON DOES NOT ANSWER IN EMBEZZLE CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20. — Earl E. Patterson, former teller and assistant cashier of the Lumberman's Trust company bank, on trial on a charge of embezzlement of $34,000, today refused to answer when Deputy District Attorney Sam Pierce asked him "Didn't you know you were doing wrong?" and "Didn't you know you were deliberately stealing your employers' money?"

By introduction of records from other banks where Patterson had accounts, Pierce undertook to attack the statements made by Patterson on direct testimony yesterday that he had given the missing money to J. C. Osler, automobile dealer, on Osler's note.

BRITISH KILL DRY BILL

MEASURE LOSES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS 236 TO 14

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, April 20. — For the first time in its history, the house of commons today debated a liquor prohibition bill and at the expiration of the arguments on it killed the measure by rejecting its second reading, 236 to 14.

The bill was that recently adopted by Edwin Scrymgeous of Dundee, who has devoted his life to the cause of prohibition.

PIERCE SEES PERIL IN MONGOL INFLUX

Governor Issues Warning Note of Yellow Menace Which, He Says, Exists on Coast

GETS FOOTHOLD IN STATE

Finds Aliens Share Benefits of One Water Project

DENIES HE HANGS CREPE

Says He Is Not Preaching Tale of Woe But Can See No Harm In Facing the Truth and Taking Stock

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20. — (Special to the Register.) — A warning note against a Mongol civilization on the Pacific Coast and a declaration that he is "unalterably opposed" to such were the high lights of an address delivered by Governor Pierce before members of the City club today.

"I am unalterably opposed to a Mongolian civilization on the farms and gardens of Oregon," said the governor. "On that I shall stand even though it should mean political defeat. At a certain irrigation project which I recently visited, I regret to say that half of the farmers who would benefit from the project were Mongolians."

Deploring the fact that newspapers and individuals of the state had seen fit to characterize him as a pessimist and "crepe-hanger," the governor tactfully pursued the course of an optimist in his address, but small immediate relief could he vision for the great agricultural population, although he believed a readjustment in the offing would eventually eliminate excessive production, which he held to be at fault.

Denies He Is Crepe-Hanger

"I am not preaching a tale of woe," he protested. "I am not teaching a doctrine of despair. They say I am a chronic kicker, yet I can see no harm in facing the truth and taking stock to see where we are. America is an excess producer yet and if Europe fails to buy, curtailment will take place." And it is with this curtailment and the gradual elimination process of the farms that the governor sees the relief to an "era of hard times" which is prevailing in many parts of this state.

"As long as the man who wades through the mud and snow to feed his cattle finds himself a little more in debt at the end of each year, he will curtail production," said the governor. "And this steady elimination surely must result in the readjustment of things material."

As he expressed it, the survival of the fittest must go on, although eventually there will be an end to it and the survivors again will come into their rightful profit.

Survivors Not Designated

Just when this might come about and just who the survivors might

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PLANES DROP FOOD UPON LAKE ISLAND OF FAMINE

TWO MACHINES WRECKED ON THE MAINLAND

Occupants of One Airplane Report Having Seen Six Persons on Lake Michigan Atoll

(By the Associated Press)

CHICAGO, April 20.—After two government airplanes had been wrecked on the mainland and another was forced to make a landing before reaching its destination, two planes from Chicago today succeeded in carrying food to the ten men and one woman reported marooned and starving on South Fox Island in ice-locked Lake Michigan.

A De Haviland from Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ills., carrying 200 pounds of food and a reporter of the Chicago Tribune, left Chicago early this morning and passed over the island and dropped its cargo of food shortly after 4 p. m.

The plane piloted by Lieutenant Harry E. Woodridge, after passing over the island and dropping its food cargo, flew to Gaylord, Mich., where it landed for the night. Its occupants reported seeing six persons on the island.

TWO WILLS OF INTEREST

ONE BY CHAS. ZINK, MURDERED; OTHER BY BROTHER

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 20.—Two wills of especial interest have been filed for probate in Umatilla county, Oregon, according to word which was received here today. One is that of Charles Zink a Milton farmer, whose charred corpse was found in a burning shack on Government mountain recently, and who is believed to have been murdered. The other is that of his brother, Alfred Zink, whom the petitioners declare has been missing for more than 16 years and who is believed to be dead.

Legatees in both estates are the members of the Zink family, four brothers and one sister who survive. The papers of Charles Zink reveal that his will was executed and signed just seven days before he met death.

The estate covers 840 acres of wheat land leased out by the family and is valued at between $12,000 and $15,000.

DEFEND PRIEST KILLING

REV. P. S. GRANT AND OTHERS SAY OUTCRY HYPOCRISY

NEW YORK, April 20. — The outcry of protest against the recent execution by the Russian soviet government of Vicar General Butchkavitch was characterized as a "colossal hypcrisy, inspired by political hatred," by four clergymen whose statements in defense of the soviet action were made public today by the National Labor Alliance for Trade Relations with and Recognition of Russia.

The clergymen are Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community church; the Rev. John Howard Melish, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn; the Rev. Norman Thomas, Presbyterian, connected with the League for Industrial Democracy and the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

MULHEIM CITIZENS ARM TO REPEL MALCONTENTS

THIRTY HEADS OF JOBLESS MOB UNDER ARREST

Newspapers Claim Rioters Not Unemployed Men But Criminal Elements Under Red Orders

(By the Associated Press)

BERLIN, April 20.—According to newspaper accounts published here of the disorders in Muelheim, there is little doubt that a regular communist "putsch" had been arranged in the Muelheim district.

Those who participated in the outbreak, the correspondents say, were not unemployed men as they claimed to be but criminal elements under communistic orders and plentifully supplied with armlooted from the shops.

MULHEIM, April 20.—Citizens of Muheim and its vicinity tonight are organizing for self-protection against the unemployed bands which were dispersed this morning from the center of the town and now are assembling on the outskirts.

Armed with ax handles and other improvised weapons, the people of Muelheim are going about the streets ready to repel any further invasion of the town by the malcontents.

Ten Dead, 70 Wounded

The Red Cross society's representatives say that nine or ten persons are dead and seventy wounded in consequence of the three days of mob rule; but this count is not an accurate one, inasmuch as those who had besieged the Rathaus and other parts of the town carried away some of their dead and injured. Most of those among the unemployed who were injured were beaten over the head with clubs. Ten of the defenders of the Rathaus received bullet wounds. In the suburbs where the bands driven out of town are gathering, it is reported that they are holding up pedestrians and plundering. Some of the men entered a restaurant owned by a man named Rosenthal and ordered meals and drinks. When the bill was presented a fight was started and Rosenthal was killed and his son shot four times.

German officials assert that some of those engaged in the disorders are communists. About 30 of the leaders have been arrested but some of them are still at large.

OLD ROMANCE REVEALED

ROBERT J. DUNHAM WEDS EDITH PRESTON BROWN

CHICAGO, April 20.—News of the marriage in San Francisco yesterday of Robert J. Dunham, former vice-president of Armour and company, and Edith Preston Brown, a society matron of that city, marked the culmination of a romance which attracted wide attention in both business and social circles in Chicago.

Following the meeting of the two here six years ago, Dunham, who was said to have been slated to succeed J. Ogden Armour as head of the packing corporation, resigned and went west. Later Mrs. Brown obtained a divorce.

In 1912 Mrs. Dunham, who had remained in Chicago with her four children, also was granted a decret on the charge of desertion.

WONDER IF EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY CAN EXPLAIN THIS?

DAUGHTERS ELECT MRS ANTHONY COOK

Pennsylvania Matron Chosen President General By D.A.R. In Stormy Session

POLICE, FIREMEN CALLED

Feverish Excitement Marks Balloting on Candidate

MRS. HANGER NEAR RIVAL

Announcement of Result Which Placed Mrs. Cook at Head of Daughters Sweeps Away Bitterness of Campaign Conduct

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Election of Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook of Cooksburg, Pa., as president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution was announced at today's session of the society's annual congress. Tabulation of the ballots cast yesterday by delegates showed she had received 940 votes to 779 recorded for Mrs. G. Wallace W. Hanger of Washington, her only opponent.

Announcement of the result which will place Mrs. Cook at the head of the organization for the next three years as a successor to Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Connecticut, swept away the bitterness that marked the triennial election campaign. Mrs. Cook and other executive officers whose election also was announced, will be inaugurated at the concluding session of the congress tomorrow.

A number of resolutions embodying principles of policy for the new administration were adopted today. The delegates spent the afternoon on a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, and tonight's session was addressed by General Pershing and Baron De Cartier, the Belgian ambassador.

Restricted Immigration Espoused

Secretary Davis of the labor department, at this morning's session asked the delegates to support proposals for selective immigration and the enrollment of aliens in the United States, and immediately after his address a resolution endorsing "restricted selective immigration" was adopted by acclamation.

A resolution favoring the placing of government aid to disabled soldiers in the hands of state officials and their treatment in their home states was referred to the organization's legislative committee with power to act.

The result of the balloting was announced when the annual congress renewed its sessios today in an atmosphere of almost feverish excitement. While the voting was in progress police and firemen had been called upon to help preserve order and when the result was made known the congress went into a prolonged and noisy demostration for the successful candidate.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison of New Jersey, was elected chaplain general by a vote of 871 to 746 over Mrs. Rhett Goode of Alabama, who was Mrs. Cook's candidate. All the remainder of the Cook ticket was elected.

The other successful candidates follow:

List of Other Officers

Mrs. Frank H. Briggs, of Maine, recording secretary general, 874; Mrs. Franklin P. Shumway, of Massachusetts, corresponding secretary general, 963; Mrs. William DAUGHTERS—GAL TWO .. .... S. Walker of Washington, organizing secretary general, 923; Mrs. James H. Stansfield, of Illinois, registrar general, 972; Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, of Michigan, treasurer general, 924; Mrs. George Debolt, of West Virginia, historian general, 919; Mrs. Alvin H. Connelly, of Missouri, recorder general, 953; Mrs. Larz Anderson, of the District of Columbia, librarian general, 980; Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, of New York, curator general, 947.

Vice-presidents general: Mrs. Henry A. Beck, of Indiana, 1435; Mrs. Charles R. Booth, California, 1435; Mrs. E. C. Drake, Nebraska, 1470; Mrs. Gerald Livingston Schuyler, Colorado, 1425; Mrs. Henry D. Fitts, New Jersey, 1436; Mrs. William McGee Wilson, Ohio, 1413.

OREGON WOMAN AGED 104

MRS. E. GODFREY VIEWED HALEY'S COMET TWICE

UNION, Ore., April 20. — Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey was 104 years old Wednesday and now regards herself as the oldest person in Eastern Oregon, if not in the state. She was born at what is now Waldo, Me., April 18, 1819.

During her lifetime three great wars have occurred, asde frm the enflicts with Mexico and Spain, conflicts with Mexico and Spain, grow from a struggling child nation to the greatest of world powers. Twice Mrs. Godfrey has viewed Haley's comet, and in the span of her life travel to the West has evolved from the ox cart and two-wheeled wagons to the auto and the sumptuous palace car.

Mrs. Godfrey, despite her age, is still possessed of all her faculties, and assists in the household work at her daughter's home here. She was married 81 years ago to E. H. Godfrey, and of their four children, two are still living, although Mr. Godfrey has been dead some years. Her descendants reach to the fifth generation. Since her husband's death she has been living with Mrs. Sarah Ricker, a daughter, here, and as her present state of health is remarkably rugged, she anticipates many more years of life here.

KLANSMEN ARE SUED FOR DAMAGES IN BALLOT MIX

T. GARLAND, PORTLAND, SAYS GOOD NAME WAS HURT

$52,500 Asked For Alleged Injury to Reputation In Primary Illegal Vote Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20. — Echoes of last year's political campaign were heard today in circuit court here today when selection of a jury was begun to try a $52,500 damage suit which Thomas Garland, attorney, has brought against Charles Hall, R. R. Coster, Fred L. Gifford, Luther S. Powell "and other members of the Ku Klux Klan." Hall was candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the primaries last May and Coster was secretary of his organization.

Garland alleged he had been injured because his name had been published in a list of voters who were charged in the recount proceedings instituted in behalf of Hall, with illegal voting in the primary at which Governor Ben W. Olcott received the Republican nomination. Te list was published when attorneys for the Hall forces in the recount proceedings brought to show that several hundred votes had been cast illegally.

Religious and political issues figured in the questioning of talesmen by Garland, who is conducting his own case.

BISHOP RESTS WITH KIN

REV. TUTTLE BURIED BESIDE WIFE, SON AND RELATIVES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle, of the Episcopal church rests tonight in Bellefountaine cemetery beside the graves of Mrs. Tuttle, a son, grandson and mother-in-law.

Thousands of persons today streamed past his bier as he lay in state in Christ Church Cathedral the seat of his activity for the last 25 of the 56 years of his Episcopate. Since 1903 he had been presiding bishop of the church in the United States.

There was no eulogy and the simple funeral office of the church which serves for priest and layman, rich and poor, was adhered to strictly in compliance with the aged churchman's wishes. As the cortege left the church the bell tolled 86 times, once for each year of his life.

Floral offerings came from various sections of the country. Flowers lanked the large altar of the stately edifice and a large blanket of smilax and calla lilies covered the casket.

FIRE WIPES OUT BURKE

MORE THAN THOUSAND PERSONS LOSE HOMES

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 20. —More than a thousand persons were rendered homeless and property valued at a million dollars destroyed late today by a fire which completely wiped out the town of Burke, McDowell county, 25 miles west of Bluefield.

The fire was checked tonight after it had spread to the adjoining village of Keystone and had destroyed three buildings there. More than 100 buildings in Vlurke were burned, including 25 cottages belonging to the Houvon Coal and Coke company. Three smal structures in the entire village escaped damage.

The town was without fire protection and most of the buildings were of wooden construction.

McDowell county authorities were making every effort tonight to provide shelter for those homeless. The fire was believed by officials to have started from a defective flue.

LEWIS FRANKS DETAINED

IS SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY IN SLAYING OF DANCER

CANADIAN, Texas, April 20. — Lewis Franks, arrested yesterday at Miami, Texas, on instructions of California authorities for alleged complicity in the slaying of Fritzi Mann, dancer, at San Diego, January 14, is one of three men arrested at Miami, Texas, about a month ago in possession of a stolen automobile bearing a Bakersfield, California licenuse tag, telephonic advices from the Robert county sheriff's office today revealed.

Upon receipt of the description from California authorities of the man wanted in connection with the slaying of the dancer, Sheriff Logan Coffee, who made the arrest yesterday, said he believed the evidence sufficient to justify Franks' return to California.

FINE ORCHARD STARTED

SOIL OF EXCEPTIONAL DEPTH NEAR WALLA WALLA

WALLA WALLA, April 20. — What is destined to be one of the finest orchards in Walla Walla valley, is under process of development at the present time on land owned by C. N. Foster, whose farm lies six miles southeast of Walla Walla in the Russell creek district foothills.

More than 2000 trees of apples Jonathans and Delicious, covering a field of 25 or more acres of land have already been planted.

The soil at this point is of exceptional depth, according to a statement made last evening and is fertile and well drained and being highly sub-irrigated is especially adapted to the growing of fruits and vegetables.

ONTONAGON SUBMERGED

DEPTH OF EIGHTEEN INCHES IN HEART OF TOWN

ONTONAGON, Mich., April 20.—The Ontonagon river overflowed its bank today and the water was the highest in 40 years. Two blocks in the heart of town are under 18 inches of water and the water is rapidly rising.

Bridges are reported going out and more ice than three years ago when a railroad bridge went out, also is reported.

WORLD COURT PLAN THEME OF HARDING

President Is Convinced That Much Opposition Is Due to Lack of Information

WILL EXPLAIN PROPOSAL

Course Decided as Result of Conference With Wood

LATTER VERY SKEPTICAL

Committee Chairman Asserts That Court Espousal Has Aroused More Party Opposition Than Did the League of Nations

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Convinced that lack of information is responsible for much of the opposition to the administration for American membership in the permanent court of international justice, President Harding is understood to have decided to explain the proposal carefully and in detail at the first favorable opportunity.

The explanation contemplated by the chief executive is expected to take the form of a letter or an address, more probably the latter. It is considered unlikely that the presidential announcement will be delayed until the proposed western speaking trip to start the middle of June.

Some of the President's advisers are of the opinion that it should be made in the near future and this opinion became more decided after Representative Will R. Wood of Indiana, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, during a call at the White House today asserted that the world court proposition had aroused more opposition among Republicans in the Middle West than the league of nations.

Finds G. O. P. Leaders Opposed

Mr. Wood on leaving the White House explained that the views that he had presented were purely his personal ideas but added that scores of telegrams from Republican leaders and conferences held during a recent trip to Indiana had convinced him that he stood far from alone in believing the court issue was freighted with danger to the solidarity of the Republican party and to its success in the 1924 campaign.

Mr. Wood's statement to the President constituted the first open opposition to Mr. Harding's proposal among Republican leaders outside of the "irreconcilable" group of senators. Mr. Wood said afterward the President was not weakened in his advocacy of the proposal as outlined in the message to the senate just before adjournment of congress.

Fears Schism in Party

Continued advocacy of the world court proposal in the opinion of Representative Wood would either create a schism in the Republican party or deprive the party of a clear cut issue with the Democrats in 1924, inasmuch as the Democrats seemed generally favorable to American membership on the court.

He said he presented his views as his own, but added that he was sure they were shared by a large group in the Republican party. He told the President he had recently visited Indiana and found there and in other parts of the Middle West strong opposition to membership in any tribunal connected with the league of nations.

Not Understood, Harding's View

The President in his talk with Mr. Wood, is understood to have taken the position that the opposition was based largely upon a misunderstanding of the conditions which would attend acceptance of membership, and it was learned that the chief executive planned shortly to make a statement or an address explanatory of the proposal as advocated by the administration.

"The world court is so closely interlinked with the league of nations that I cannot see how it can be separated in the public mind," said Mr. Wood. "There are many in the Republican party who believe in the general proposition of adhesion to an international court to adjust differences between nations, but they are of the opinion that the court should be established separately from any of the existing agencies such as the league of nations."

GAS TAKES DROP IN EAST

REDUCTION OF CENT ON AT ATLANTIC COAST POINTS

NEW YORK, April 20. — The Standard Oil company of New Jersey reduced the price of tank wagon gasoline one cent a gallon in New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Texas company met the cut by announcing a similar reduction and other large eastern refining companies are expected to follow suit.

In a statement announcing the cut, the Standard Oil company stated that it was made possible by the large increase in the production of California crude oil, the output amounting to more than 700,000 barrels a day. This has created a surplus above market requirements with a consequent drop in price.

By reason of its ownership of a large number of tankers, the company stated it has been able to move California crude oil by water to the Panama canal to its refineries on the Atlantic seaboard and so take advantage of the opportunities to buy cheaper crude.

Kerosene also has been cut by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey a half cent a gallon in the same territory.