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STANDARD OIL IS BLAMED FOR GRAFT

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on such common owners the responsibility for the acts of each of the several subsidiary companies which prevent competition.

Segregation of ownership of pipe lines from the other branches of the petroleum industry.

Congressional enactment to fix standards for gasoline.

Federal collection and publication of accurate statistics and information concerning the industry.

Conditions in the gasoline industry as uncovered by the investigation are declared to be:

Gasoline marketing is divided into 11 territorial divisions at least nine of which are said to be under Standard Oil domination.

Stockholders of the Standard companies to a great degree are the same individuals or interests with more than half of the stock of the various companies in their hands.

Standard Controls Field. Leading officers of the Standard companies hold considerable in two or more companies.

Standard Oil refineries produced more than 80 per cent of the gasoline output in 1915, sold about 65 per cent of the total marketed and held more than 70 per cent of gasoline stocks.

"Correspondence of the different prices in 1915 with Standard marketing territories," says the report. "Itself points to arbitrary price-fixing. But the arbitrary character of the inequalities in price is conclusively demonstrated by the facts that as between most of the territories there were no such differences in demand and supply . . . and the margin between cost and price was widely different in the different territories."

Enormous Increases. Wholesale gasoline prices rose between 75 and 85 per cent in 1915, says the report. Retail prices kept close behind them. The part increased demand and scarcity of the product played in the increase is shown in figures giving the increase in demand 25 per cent in 1915 and the production 7 per cent below the year before. The Standard books show large earnings, says the report, as also was evidenced by the enhanced stock market value of Standard securities.

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FEDERALIZE THE OIL INDUSTRY

THE report of the Federal Trade Commission shows that the people of the United States have been robbed out of a good many millions of dollars by the Standard Oil company during the past two years. Without other excuse than cupidity, avarice and greed, the price of gasoline has been arbitrarily increased from 75 to 85 per cent, when the increased demand was but 38 per cent, and the production arbitrarily cut seven per cent.

The oil trust robs the people because it can. It is just like other trusts that have a monopoly. It has taken advantage of the European war and the ensuing elimination of foreign competition, to charge all the traffic will bear—and the many must pay the bill in increased cost of living that the few may be burdened still further by unnecessary and unneeded wealth.

The Federal Trades report is a severe indictment of the methods at present employed by the Standard Oil company, though it does not go into the history of the crimes perpetrated to establish the monopoly. These are familiar to every student of the past half century. Railroad rebating has gone, but arbitrary price fixing remains. Inequalities in price, regardless of the laws of supply and demand, to control competition continue. Pipe lines, the common carriers of the oil product, are still managed in the interest of monopoly.

It is doubtful if any or all of the suggestions made by the commission will bring relief to the people. Dissolution of the combine by the courts proved a farce that magnified the evils sought to remedy. It increased the price of products to the public and multiplied many fold the profits of the producers. Only a fundamental change, such as government control or government ownership can bring needed relief.

The war has made it possible to accomplish many needed reforms almost over night by executive action—reforms that would otherwise have involved tedious years of agitation and education. Among these reforms should be federal seizure and operation of the oil industry. European belligerents have found it necessary to carry out similar programs in their industries and America should profit by the lessons of Europe.

The oil fields, the coal mines and other natural resources belong to the nation. Individuals who discover and develop them are entitled to a fair profit, but they are not entitled to systematically and unnecessarily conduct campaigns of robbery, to exploit the public and secure profits out of all proportion to the service rendered—and that is the system under which they are at present operated.

Production cost of oil, production cost of coal, or production cost of any necessary of civilization is known to a penny. Capital invested is also known. The selling price should be fixed by the government, so as to give a fair margin of profit, but no more—and if such arrangement is not satisfactory, the property should be confiscated and operated directly by the government. Only by some such radical action can the exploitation of the many for the benefit of the few be checked and the common good be served.

RESISTANCE OF GERMANS AGAINST BRITISH INCREASES

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in which often in the past they inclined to seek refuge during a period of assault, were urged by their officers to make every sacrifice. During attack and counter attack the cries of the officers to their men could be heard above the grinding tumult of battle.

"This is the last and deciding push for we soon shall be able to hold out no longer," reads the diary of a German officer who was captured yesterday. It is evidently in this spirit that the present fighting is going on.

Struggles About Monchy. The struggles of the opposing troops about Monchy may be seen plainly from the neighboring hillsides. The patches of woods beyond Monchy have served as shelter for the Germans in the last ten days and it was behind these late yesterday that the German commandos rallied their forces. With reserves brought on quickly they formed counter attacks against the newly advanced British positions where khaki-clad men were fighting from shell holes and shallow bays of trenches previously dug by the Germans.

From these woods the Germans issued in great solid ranks. As they emerged the British artillery was quick to spot them and shells began to break in their midst. The line wavered and some men behind pushed them forward. They then broke into a run toward the British lines. The machine gun barrage closed upon them and they fell by scores. British rifles spoke for a time and then, as the German waves rolled on, hand-to-hand fighting ensued.

The counter-attack lasted half an hour before it was driven off. Within an hour a new one was formed and on the day wore on.

French Artillery Active. PARIS, April 24.—The artillery was very active last night in the vicinity of Hattiesheim in the Euzon valley and near Craonne, says today's

official announcement. French patrols took prisoners. Two German attacks during the night were repulsed. In the Champagne there was grenade fighting.

Berlin Admits Loss. BERLIN, April 24.—Only on the Cambrai-Arras road did the British gain ground yesterday, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. The ruins of Guenappe remained in the hands of the British. An attempt by the British to break through the German line near Arras, the statement adds, failed with tremendous losses.

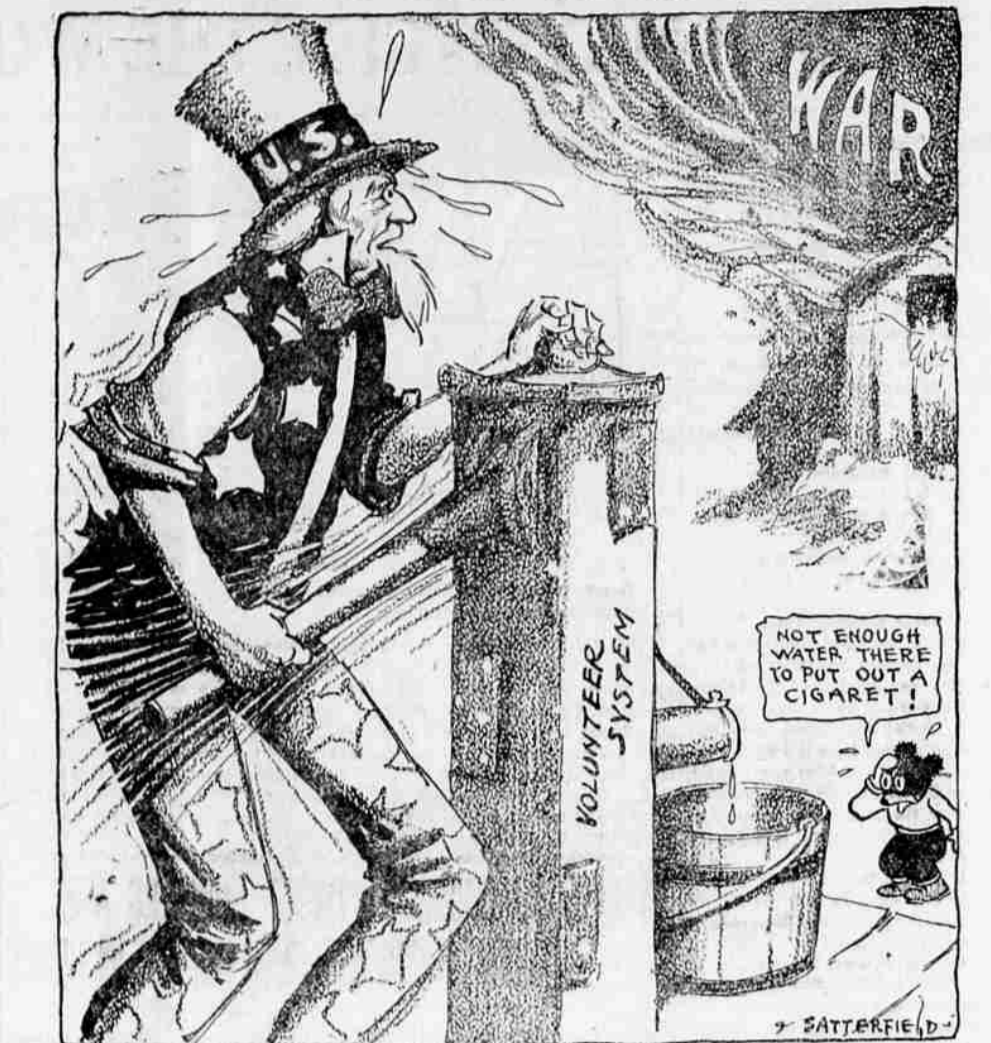
COMPENSATION LAW APPLIES TO FARMERS. SALEM, Ore., April 24.—The Oregon employers' liability law applies to farmers as well as other employes, according to a supreme court decision rendered here today, awarding William Poulles, farmhand, damages against his former employer, R. M. Grove, for damages received when he fell from a loft in Grove's barn while in his employ. The ruling reversed the decision of Circuit Judge Kelly, Lyon county.

BRITISH PURSUIT OF TURKS CONTINUES. LONDON, April 24.—The Turks in Mesopotamia have been driven from their position between Samarra and Intabul, the war office announces. The British pursuing them occupied Samarra station yesterday, capturing 10 locomotives and 224 railway trucks.

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LOCAL COMPANY TO RAISE FOOD PRODUCTS

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The company has already leased 525 acres of land in the vicinity of Medford, and 75 at Sutherlin, a total of 600 acres, a large part of which has been planted to sugar beets. The land not adapted to sugar beet culture will be planted to grain, corn and beans, nearly 75 acres being devoted to the latter vegetable.

In addition to this land the company has 1000 acres of high class range where 125 head of stock have been fed. The stock will later be fattened on silage and beet pulp, the growing of sugar beets entitling the

company to a large supply of the best pulp which is an excellent stock food. Fifty acres of the old circus ground south of Medford owned by Hutcheson, Lumsden and Palm are included in the acreage and have been planted to beets, while other tracts have been leased as follows:

Colonel Ray, 50 acres; English and Trechler, 5 acres; R. K. Phelan, 5 acres; Castor, 32 acres; Wychoff, 100 acres; Anderson, 15 acres; Nichols, 29 acres; Hoke, 35 acres; "76" tract, 40 acres; Houck, 50 acres; Merritt, 12 acres; Heed, 10 acres.

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