

OIL SUPPLIES OF NATION AMPLE FOR WAR NEEDS

No Difficulty in Supply of Crude Oil or Its Products for Use of United States or Its Allies, States Standard Oil President—Vital Problem Increase in Supply of Crude Oil.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 19.—There is not the slightest danger of a difficulty in the supply either of crude oil or its products, kerosene and gasoline, for the use of the United States or its allies, in the opinion of A. C. Bedford of New York, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Mr. Bedford expressed this conviction today before the war convention of the American chamber of commerce.

"America," said Mr. Bedford, "is producing and can produce all that will be needed for these purposes." But he added that "our government should receive the full call upon all petroleum produced, either for itself or as it may designate for the use of our allies in their conduct of the war."

To Increase Production. Mr. Bedford declared the vital problem confronting petroleum industry today was to increase the production of crude oil.

"The price," he said, "should be sufficiently attractive to induce more and more people to drill wells, thus insuring a steady supply and offering always the opportunity of finding a great pool which will make the whole situation suddenly easy."

While the whole petroleum production is greater than the present demand, the United States is consuming crude oil at the rate of more than 330,000,000 barrels a year, while the annual production of the country amounts to 312,000,000 barrels. According to Mr. Bedford there was in storage in the United States on July 1, last 164,590,942 barrels of petroleum.

Five Year Supply. "It will thus appear," added Mr. Bedford, "that with the stocks above ground and given the present rate of production and consumption the supply is sufficient to ensure us having enough oil for at least the next five years, provided the production is fairly maintained. So, while the occasion is not one for alarm, it is one for taking intelligent measures toward adequate production of what we need."

The petroleum committee appointed by the council of national defense to cooperate with the government, Mr. Bedford said, "has recognized that the government's requirements shall have absolute precedence and that no consideration of costs, convenience or selfish interest should interfere with our giving everything it asked of us."

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ARMY TO NEED EVERY AVAILABLE AMERICAN SHIP

Within Six Months Needs of Soldiers Abroad Will Require Diversion of Merchant Marine of Nation—Business Urged to Support Bill to Suspend Shipping Laws.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 19.—Within the next six months the demand of the American army abroad will require that the government divert every available American merchant vessel, coastwise and others, to overseas service, R. B. Stevens, vice-chairman of the United States shipping board, today told the war convention here of American business men.

The real pinch in the world shipping situation will come, Mr. Stevens said, early next spring, before the government has begun to turn out vessels in large numbers.

Suspend Ship Laws. Mr. Stevens urged business men to go to congress in support of a bill now pending to empower President Wilson to suspend provisions of the shipping laws that neutral vessels may be permitted to engage in American coastwise trade.

The government, he said, has found that it has no power to commandeer neutral ships tied up in American ports and put them under the American flag. The neutrals, he said, are ready to put their tonnage to carrying cargoes between American ports whenever this government gives permission. Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping, he said, are available for this service.

How American business can help promote the development of transportation on land and sea as a primary factor in winning the war and the functions of commercial organization in war, were the chief topics for discussion at today's sessions of the war convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

Prominent Speakers. The speakers included Judge Robert S. Lovett of the war emergency board; Raymond B. Stevens, United States shipping board; A. C. Bedford, president of the Standard Oil company; Walter Parker of the department of commerce; Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago; Walter S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense, and James A. McKibben, president of the National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries. The increased use of inland waterways and coastwise transportation as a means of relieving the war strain on the railroads and as an economic necessity after the war was urged by Mr. Parker. "Business America," he said, "must augment its transportation system and reduce that system to a dependable, convenient and economic basis if domestic markets are to be kept in order and

RECREATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR NATIONAL ARMY

Theatrical Talent Mobilized for Cantonments—Educational and Social Service Organizations Co-operate—Athletic Work Arranged—Libraries and Movies Provided.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The biggest recreational program ever staged in America, a continuous performance to last for the duration of the war, with an annual supporting fund of at least \$14,000,000, started today at the sixteen national army cantonments. The country's best theatrical talent has been mobilized, under the direction of Mark Klaw, to give free entertainments for the soldiers.

The government activities were organized by the commission on training camp activities appointed by Secretary Baker, with Raymond B. Fossdick as chairman.

Libraries Promised. Co-operation of the largest recreational, educational and social service organizations in the country has been obtained. They include the Y. M. C. A., which has appropriated \$4,000,000; the Knights of Columbus, who have raised \$300,000; the Playground and Recreational association of America, which is to provide libraries in the cantonments from a fund of a million dollars. For a winter service in the camps, a fund of \$1,500,000 has been set aside.

The Y. M. C. A. has arranged for a hostess house in each cantonment, with Miss Catherine Scott of the National Council of the Y. W. C. A. directing the work.

The athletic work within the cantonments has been arranged by Joseph E. Rayeroff, athletic director at Princeton university, assisted by Malcolm L. McBride, former Yale football star.

Entertainment Provided. Lee F. Hammer, formerly of the recreation division of Russell Sage foundation, is in general charge of the organization of camp libraries and theatricals. Song leaders chosen on account of experience in college glee clubs or as cheer leaders have been appointed in each camp.

Joseph Lee, president of the Playground and Recreation association of America, has organized the entertainment activities in communities surrounding the camps. The assistance of churches, societies, clubs, fraternities and community organizations has been obtained.

Sixteen big theaters are now being completed and thirty-two large circuses are already up at the national army and national guard cantonments.

if the gate to foreign markets during the period of keen competition after the war is to be kept open."

PRESIDENT URGES SCHOOL CHILDREN TO AID RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—President Wilson issued a proclamation today calling upon the school children of the nation to do their part in the war by joining the Junior Red Cross to assist in the mercy work of the senior organization. The proclamation follows:

"To the School Children of the United States: "A proclamation: The president of the United States is also president of the American Red Cross. It is from these offices joined in one that I write you a word of greeting at this time when so many of you are beginning the school year.

"The American Red Cross has just prepared a junior membership with school activities in which every pupil in the United States can find a chance to serve our country. The school is the natural center of your life. Through it you can best work in the great cause of freedom to which we have all pledged ourselves.

Be Good Citizens "Our Junior Red Cross will bring to you opportunities of service to your community and to other communities all over the world and guide your service with high and religious ideals. It will teach you how to save in order that suffering children elsewhere may have the chance to live. It will teach you how to prepare some of the supplies which wounded soldiers and homeless families lack. It will send to you through the Red Cross bulletins the thrilling stories of relief and rescue. And best of all, more perfectly than through any of your other school lessons, you will learn by doing those kind things under your teachers' direction, to be the future good citizens of this great country which we all love.

Chance for Teachers "And I commend to all school teachers in the country the simple plan which the American Red Cross has worked out to provide for your co-operation, knowing as I do that school children will give their best service under the direct guidance and in co-operation with their teachers. Is not this perhaps the chance for which you have been looking to give your time and efforts in some measure to meet our national needs? (Signed) Woodrow Wilson, "President."

Plans are now under way in co-operation with the boards of education of various states for beginning membership campaigns. Schools are to be recruited as units with membership fees of 25 cents for each pupil. The juniors will aid in the making of the simpler articles and supplies needed in the hospitals abroad.

SWEDEN LEADER MAKES DEFENSE FOR GERMANS

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19.—The conservative leader, M. Trygger, in an address at a political meeting Monday night, while expressing regret that Sweden, through her good na-

ture, had given Argentina occasion for displeasure, made a fervent appeal for continued neutrality. He denied American press charges that Sweden lacked a sense of honor.

Fought for America "The seeds of America's existence scarcely had begun to grow when Sweden already was fighting her battles for freedom, of religion and conscience, and in the peace of Westphalia had firmly laid the foundation of the European state system and the rights of its peoples."

He argued Sweden's efforts during the war to protect the rights of peoples which had been infringed upon oftener than ever before, ought to secure her against suspicions of desiring to favor unduly any combatant. He asserted it was quite absurd to characterize the war as a fight between the freedom of peoples on one side and ruthless imperialism on the other, or as a fight between civilization and barbarism.

Not Crush Kultur "Sweden," he said, "is too deeply indebted to the leading powers on both sides for the culture and ideals of which she has availed herself for centuries to stamp either one or the other as the enemy of culture or civilization, especially not our kinemen-

across the Baltic. Sweden can never join those who would crush the great culture bringing German nation."

In conclusion, the conservative leader declared that those who hoped to persuade Sweden to participate in the war would deceive themselves greatly.

MEATLESS DAYS FOR BAY STATE

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—This was the first of two meatless days a week proscribed by the state food administration. Responses to the appeal received from hotels, restaurants and clubs throughout the state indicated it would be difficult to buy white bread with any meal today. Thousands of housewives also have agreed to cooperate in the movement to save wheat.

Dr. Lydia S. Dow was operated upon for appendicitis in the Dow hospital Wednesday morning. Drs. Otis F. Akin of Portland and Clara Dunlap of Medford performed the operation.

GOMPER'S GREETING GIVEN KERENSKY

PETROGRAD, Sept. 19.—David R. Francis, the American ambassador, tonight presented to the Russian provisional government the telegram addressed by Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, to Premier Kerensky, pledging the support of American labor in the war and urging the aid of Russian democracy.

KING TINO OFF TO NEW CHATEAU

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 18.—Former King Constantine of Greece, accompanied by his wife and five of their children, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende, has left St. Moritz for the Eris mountains near Thun, Switzerland, where they intend to live.

A report from Amsterdam said that Constantine had purchased the Chateau Chantreuse near Thun from Baron von Gedlitz, a German.

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