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SHELL OIL PEOPLE SECURE CONTROL OF COWDRAY INTEREST

NEW YORK, April 4.—Royal Dutch Shell oil interests have acquired control of the Mexican Eagle Oil company, limited, a Lord Cowdray property, with oil concessions in five states in Mexico, according to a cable message received here today at the New York offices of the latter concern.

This announcement follows receipt of news that the British government is fostering a combination of British oil interests.

The Royal Dutch-Shell group consisting in large part of British capitalists, is one of the world's largest oil combinations and becomes a still more powerful combination by its acquisition of the Eagle oil concessions in Mexico. The British government, it is said, has been buying recently the holdings of British citizens in the Royal Dutch combination, which owns oil properties in many parts of the world, including districts of Oklahoma and California.

The cable message received by the Eagle company here read: "Deal has gone through"—with no details.

The Mexican Eagle Oil company, capitalized at \$60,000,000, was incorporated under Mexican laws in 1908 to operate the Cowdray concessions which lie in the area north and west of a straight line from Vera Cruz to Puerto Angel on the Pacific coast.

During 1918 the company shipped from Tuxpam and Tampico 15,000,000 barrels of oil in addition to what was refined in its Mexican plants. Profits last year were reported as \$28,857,121 Mexican gold.

Letter of Appreciation In the recent sorrow that has come upon us in the death of our darling baby, the loving sympathy and kind solicitations in so many ways expressed by our friends and neighbors, alone made our grief possible to bear. The memory of the floral offerings, so beautiful, and the many acts of kindness during those last sad hours will dwell in our hearts forever. We take this means of thanking you, and showing our appreciation.

(Signed) MR. AND MRS. I. R. FRIDEGER AND RELATIVES.

Gas in the Stomach Is Dangerous

Recommends Daily Use of Magnesia to Overcome Trouble, Caused by Fermenting Food and Acid Indigestion.

Gas and wind in the stomach accompanied by that full, bloated feeling after eating are almost certain evidence of the presence of excessive hydrochloric acid in the stomach, creating so-called "acid indigestion." Acid stomachs are dangerous because too much acid irritates the delicate lining of the stomach, often leading to gastritis accompanied by serious stomach ulcers. Food ferments and sours, creating the distressing gas which distends the stomach and hampers the normal functions of the vital internal organs, often affecting the heart.

It is the worst of folly to neglect such a serious condition or to treat with ordinary digestive aids which have no neutralizing effect on the stomach acids. Instead get from any drugist a few ounces of Bismarck Magnesia and take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water right after eating. This will drive the gas, wind and bloated right out of the body, sweeten the stomach, neutralize the excess acid and prevent its formation and there is no sourness or pain. Bismarck Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and the best form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion. Adv.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP FAILS

AT LEAST one issue has been laid on the shelf,—government ownership. The experience with the railroads, the past few years, has, we think, conclusively demonstrated, that government ownership in a democracy is a failure. A democratic form of government, can not function efficiently in practical business administration. Government ownership may be workable in an autocracy,—royal or socialistic,—but it isn't workable in a world made safe for democracy.

Not only does our experience with the railroads demonstrate this but our experience with ship building, telegraphs and cables, in fact every business in which the government has entered, inefficiency, waste and extravagance have been so gross and glaring, that only our tremendous natural wealth and unlimited material resources, have prevented economic disaster.

This does not mean that the country must return to unregulated competition, or supreme control of private business. But it does mean that the only place for government in practical business, is as a judge and regulator, a dictator of broad policies of economic and social justice, not as a board of actual operation and administration.

Even Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board grants this and frankly declares government ownership should only be attempted as a last resort. In our railroad operation, not only have many communities like ours been deprived of essential transportation, as with the Pacific and Eastern, but the freight and passenger service throughout the country has never been so poor. And with the lowering of efficiency has been a steady increase in cost of operation. The people have had to pay double for what they secured, and they have secured only half as much.

Study government operation in any department and the same melancholy lesson is learned. Peruse the Hog Island scandals, where hotel clerks secured salaries of \$6,000 a year for taking jitney rides, look into the costs of cantonments, investigate the steadily increases in costs of telegraph, cable and telephone operations, look here, there, anywhere, and government operation ever points down the path of business chaos and financial disaster.

And the people realize this. The overwhelming defeat of socialist candidates throughout the country at the recent election, demonstrates that the people as a whole, want nothing to do with any party that bases its claim to recognition on the policy of increasing, rather than decreasing, this program of federal operation and monopoly.

In fact the following poem entitled the "Reveries of a Bolshevik" fairly reflects, we believe, the prevailing sentiment of the rank and file in the United States at the present time:

When all the trains are Uncle Sam's And all the tracks are his, When Uncle Sam owns all the mills, And all the other "biz"; When all the forests and the mines, And fish, and fowls, and game, And all the streams and waterfalls Are in our Uncle's name; When all the wires and wireless, too, And ships and motor boats, And all the farms are Samuel's own, With cattle, sheep and goats; When all the gardens, orchards green And pastures, hill and dale, Have passed to Uncle's Sam's domain, Along with cotton bale; When baseball games and movie shows, And theaters as well, Have put their tickets 'mong the things Our Uncle has to sell; When all the lawyers and the doc's With briefs, and pills, and bills, Are Uncle Sam's, as also are The dentists with their drills; When all the idlers and the bums Are worryless because Their sustenance is well insured By Uncle Samuel's laws; When Uncle Sam employs us all For six short hours per day, And keeps us smiling with his gift Of eight hours' scale of pay; When Uncle Sam's fat purse supplies Our ev'ry little need, And no man feels concern about His house, or clothes, or feed; When plutocratic heads recline Beneath our glistening axe, And all the joys of earth are ours,— —Pray, who will pay the tax?

The League Will Change

It is a poor senator who could not enormously improve the Ten Commandments, or the Sermon on the Mount, or the constitution of the United States. If the authors of the first two utterances should appear with the most painstaking arguments in support of them, it is the poorest kind of lawyer who could not pile up objections in detail, under hypothetical cases, twice as fast as the authors could adduce reasons for accepting the utterances. That is more or less the trade of lawyers. Given a body of men who want to raise hypothetical objections, the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence would have provoked so many arguments that the document would have been under debate to this hour, and our half dollars would be adorned with the image of King George. If you take any possible constitu-

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forever the terms of international relations, and then set yourself to conjuring up hypothetical cases under which it might not work well, you would never get a League of Nations. And that—do not forget—is exactly what some of the senatorial objectors want: no League of Nations, but substantially the old international system, which gave the great war its ample opportunity. The draft of the league's constitution affords a working basis to begin with. As soon as the breath of life is breathed into it, like all living things it will begin to change. There will be modifications and amendments as experience shows the need of them. The precise form in which the constitution of the league is cast is comparatively unimportant. The great thing is to accept the underlying principle of friendly international organization and to get a settlement of Europe's affairs now that will reduce the danger of war to the lowest practicable point. That is what the objecting senators never would do. Whatever form the constitution was cast in, they would still find objections.—Saturday evening Post.

BRITISH WARN U. S. BUSINESS MEN REGARDING IDEAS

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A new era in Great Britain's industrial system is being fostered by the government, the employers and the workers, declared the Employers' Industrial commission sent abroad by the department of labor, in its report to Secretary Wilson made public last night. American business men, said an announcement accompanying the commission's findings, "must quickly revise their ideas regarding methods of handling labor, if the movement toward radical socialism, general described in a loose way as Bolshevism, is to be offset in the United States." "In general," said the summary of the commission's investigations in the British Isles, "the government and most employers and conservative employers appear to be agreed that the spirit of cooperation between labor and capital is highly desirable. "The spirit of a genuinely better, new—and not novel—era is thus being fostered by widely varied elements of Great Britain's industrial system." The commission, composed entirely of employers, was headed by E. T. Gundlach of Chicago.

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L. L. HOOKS SAYS HIS TROUBLES ARE OVER

Tanlac Built Him Up So He Is Now Working Hard Every Day.

"When I weighed the other day I found I had gained thirty-five pounds and that's only a part of what Tanlac has done for me," said L. L. Hooks, of North Rowell, Ga., in relating his experience with Tanlac.

"I suffered from such an awful case of stomach trouble," he continued, "that I could hardly eat a thing and nothing tasted right. The little I forced down didn't give me any strength and at times I would almost choke from the gas that formed in my stomach. I was so weak and miserable I just couldn't do any work at all and was just about all in."

"I commenced to take Tanlac because I saw the good it was doing others, and I could feel all the difference in the world right from the start; it almost made me feel like a new man. My troubles are now over, it built me up wonderfully and I am working hard, using pick and shovel every day, and never have any more trouble with my stomach."

Tanlac is sold in Medford by West Side Pharmacy, in Gold Hill by M. D. Bowers, in Central Point by Mrs. M. A. Mee, in Ashland by J. J. McNair, in Eagle Point by Von der Hollen, Adv.

Advertisement for Swift & Company featuring a large circular diagram showing a profit of 2.04 cents on each dollar of sales. The diagram is divided into sections for expenses (12.96%), profit (2.04%), and stock raiser (85%). Text includes 'A "Close-up" Swift & Company's Profit of 2.04 cents on each dollar of sales' and 'UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS'.

Advertisement for Morse's Seeds featuring an illustration of a seed packet and text: 'Not alone do you save money by you get all the flavor that home-canned foods can give... MORSE'S CALIFORNIA SEEDS... C. C. MORSE & CO. San Francisco'.

Advertisement for Gim Chung's China Herb Store featuring text: 'Herb cure for: earache, headache, catarrh, diphtheria, sore throat, lung trouble, kidney trouble, stomach trouble, heart trouble, chills and fever, cramps, coughs, poor circulation, carbuncles, tumors, cracked breast, cures all kinds of colters. NO OPERATIONS. Medford, Oregon, Jan 13, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 214 South Front street, Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses: M. A. Anderson, Medford; S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point; Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point; W. L. Childroth, Eagle Point; C. E. Moore, Eagle Point; J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point; Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point; Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.'

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Advertisement for Bellans featuring an illustration of a bottle and text: 'BELLANS FOR INDIGESTION... JOHN A. PERL Undertaker Phone M. 47 and 47-J2 Automobile Hearse Service Lady Assistant 82 SOUTH BARTLETT Auto Ambulance Service. Coronet'