

ILLEGAL OIL WELL RETURNS FORTUNE TO TEXAS COUPLE

Huge Uncontrolled Flow Near Houston Is Worth \$7000 Daily — Standard Pays for Drilling Mistake

By TED H. MALOY (United Press Staff Correspondent.) HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—Jim Abercrombie and Dan Harrison, independent oil operators and staunch supporters of the N.R.A. oil code, have been tapping their underground mine.

Each day for more than six months 6,500 barrels of oil bubbled from a crater 240 feet across that swallowed the Alexander No. 1 well being drilled by them. Each day they added approximately \$7,000 to their bank accounts.

In the six months their revenue from the illegal oil reached \$1,200,000. That, in addition to \$300,000 the Standard Oil company of Kansas gave them for admittedly ruining their well, and \$300,000 the Humble Oil and Refining company gave them for the privilege of attempting to kill the well.

Standard of Kansas made its settlement voluntarily because drillers caused its Madley No. 1 to blow in out of control. Chasing the water, sands 1,000 feet underground followed the blowout, and the earth began cracking, forming the crater about the nearby Alexander No. 1.

First, the surface connections and the derrick disappeared. Oil bubbled from the bottom of the pit for a short while, then stopped.

The well was inactive until June 19, then with an ominous rumble it blew great quantities of oil up.

Humble Oil company bought the right to attempt to shut off the flow. Abercrombie and Harrison reserved right to all oil from the crater as long as it flowed.

Hope of the other companies with holdings in the area has been placed in a California driller, who has pushed a pipe down to the crater well from another 2,100 feet away.

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Great Elk Herd Evades Hunters; Now Faces Death by Starvation



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JACKSON, Wyo.—(AP)—Starvation is menacing the Jackson Hole elk herd, the largest in the world.

Game wardens and old settlers of the region south of Yellowstone park fear a repetition of tragic scenes during hard winters when thousands of the animals died.

The very mildness of last autumn is what threatens the elk this time. There was no early snow on the higher ranges, and they remained in re-

side forage for thousands of the wapiti and the supply of hay grown and stored by the United States biological survey farm just outside of Jackson will be inadequate to keep alive the thousands expected to come into the valley later in the winter.

The state legislature extended the open season until January 1 in an effort to allow more hunters to get their game.

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WILCOX WILL CONTINUE, he said, until Pierce Williams, Pacific coast director, returns from Honolulu and is able to reach Portland for a conference. This will be about February 1.

The state director recently submitted his resignation to Washington, D. C., and to Governor Meier, announcing that "press of personal business" made it necessary for him to quit.

PORTLAND GAS WILL PAY 75 CTS. DIVIDEND

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A dividend of 87 cents a share on 7 per cent preferred stock, and 75 cents on the 6 per cent preferred, will be paid February 1 by the Portland Gas & Coke Co. to stockholders of record January 18, for the quarter ending January 31, 1934. This is one-half the regular rate.

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CAR ON TRACK JAN. 19TH

Our first car of LAND PLASTER will arrive here January 19th. Arrange now for your requirements. Let us quote you price on Land Plaster delivered direct from car to your ranch.

NEW SPRING SEEDS

We are now ready to supply you with Garden and Field Seeds. If you buy the best—SURE-GROW seeds. See us before you buy—WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

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13 Ounce Army Tarpaulins

6 by 8 ft.	\$3.15
9 by 12 ft.	\$6.45
12 by 14 ft.	\$9.50
12 by 16 ft.	\$10.95
14 by 20 ft.	\$16.00

HUBBARD BROS.
HARDWARE PAINTS-IMPLEMENTS
INCORPORATED ESTABLISHED 1884

\$200,000,000 FOR WORKERS OF PWA NORTHWEST AREA

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—More than \$200,000,000 and 25,000,000 man-days of work have been provided in the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to date by federal and non-federal projects, it was announced today by Marshall N. Dana, regional advisor for the fifth public works region, comprising these states.

Since the PWA administration was organized, 136 non-federal projects have been approved for the district, and 41 federal projects have been authorized.

Dana revealed that the 136 non-federal projects so far approved will cost \$18,468,226, and will provide 1,635,607 man-days of work. The 41 non-federal items will cost \$190,174,000 and give 23,608,734 man-days of employment.

Washington leads the four states with 90 non-federal and 11 federal projects thus far authorized, for a total of \$87,643,425. Montana has 31 projects to cost \$81,339,900; Oregon 22 at \$31,753,313, and Idaho 23 projects totaling \$5,885,868.

Dana announced that in addition to the federal work already mentioned, a total of \$762,217 had been approved for Oregon for irrigation re-financing. These projects include Hood River \$63,373; Ocochee \$286,612; Talent \$375,000, and Gold Hill \$37,200.

MASONS WILL ENJOY FORESTRY PICTURES

Following a short business meeting at 7:30 Friday night, members of the Masonic lodge will be entertained by motion picture reels shown by John Gribble, through the courtesy of the forest service.

Another feature of the program will be a short, interesting talk by Lieut. Soule of the CWA, and to Governor Meier, announcing that "press of personal business" made it necessary for him to quit.

Denies Hoarding



Miss Edith M. Thomas, daughter of former Senator Charles Thomas of Colorado, said she would carry to the Supreme Court her fight to keep the government from taking her \$3,000 in gold. (Associated Press Photo)

LEGION PROGRAM SUPPORT SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP) The American Legion today sought further support for a revised program in aid of veterans and at the same time characterized an interpretation placed upon it by the veterans' bureau as a "trick statement."

This assertion, in a special Legion bulletin, followed an estimate by General Frank T. Hines, the veterans' administrator, that the proposed program would cost around \$113,200,000 a year. Edward A. Hayes, Legion national commander, asserted earlier "it cannot cost more than \$80,000,000 a year."

The revised Legion program, calling for increased payments and liberalized hospitalization has been assured the support of senate Republicans. It was reintroduced as a new measure yesterday by Senator Reed (R., Pa.)

GERMAN WORKER LIKE A SOLDIER UNDER NEW LAW

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The German worker will hereafter be in relation to his boss what a private in the army is to his captain.

Unquestioned obedience is enjoined upon the worker as the first commandment of a new labor law, announced by Chancellor Adolf Hitler last night, and effective May 1.

"It is the most advanced labor legislation in the world," declared Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels before a gigantic labor mass meeting. Under the law, if a factory owner or captain of industry is benevolently inclined, workers may enjoy a patriarchal regime in which the employer and the government, working hand in hand, will give him all material comforts—and even spiritual diversion.

The workers' freedom, however, will be banished forever. If he disobeys, fines or other penalties may be imposed.

In addition, labor's time honored rights of striking to obtain better conditions and collective bargaining are abolished under the law as are lockouts on the part of the employer.

NEWBERG PULP MILL REOPENING JAN. 24

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A steady advance in the price of pulp in the last six months has made it possible to resume operations of the Spaulding pulp mill at Newberg, January 24, Charles K. Spaulding, president, announced here yesterday.

Spaulding said one order for 2000 tons of pulp was on hand from Japan and he anticipates considerable tonnage demand from the east coast as soon as the mill begins operations.

RELIEVE ECZEMA

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PARANOIA SEEN IN KEITH CASE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A second opinion that Margaret Keith was insane also brought a statement today from a psychiatrist, Dr. A. D. Houghton, that the long accepted belief in the immunity of the brain from infectious disease was incorrect.

Dr. Houghton was called as a witness for relative-contestants to the will of the wealthy Palos Verdes residence, daughter of the late David Keith, multi-millionaire Utah mining man, who contended her mind was unsound when she willed the bulk of her \$1,500,000 estate to a nephew, Albert C. Allen, Jr., Oregon orchardist.

Reviewing the behavior of Miss Keith, such as her reluctance to be seen by human beings, sleeping in the hallways of a 30-room mansion, and hiring and firing 300 gardeners in four years, Dr. Houghton said he believed she suffered from paranoia and schizophrenia.

FEWER COLDS

VICKS' Vapo Rub
NEW AID IN PREVENTING COLDS

First Formal CONCERT MEDFORD GLEEMEN

Tues. Jan. 23rd
Medford High School Auditorium
Admission 50c

Associate memberships available at \$2.00, entitling holder to 3 seats at each of the two concerts. On sale at Medford Chamber of Commerce.

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SCARLET FEVER ISOLATES CAMP

With two cases of scarlet fever in the Carberry Creek CCC camp during the past week, a seven-day quarantine was placed on the camp today, according to officers at the CCC district headquarters here.

The second case which broke out in camp today caused officers to take precautions against further spread of the fever. Arthur Sollberg of Klamath Falls, who became ill a week ago and was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital, returned to Carberry camp today and was placed in isolation for a 30-day period. Lieut. George B. Ribble, U. S. N., camp surgeon, is in charge of the cases, and all the boys of the camp are under medical observation.

No men will be allowed to leave the camp unless with special permission from Medford district headquarters, and no visitors will be allowed there. Although the men are under quarantine, they will continue work on the projects underway at that camp, officers said. Those with fever will be placed in isolation for 30 days, in compliance with Oregon health laws.

Anniversary Sale At Western Thrift

L. A. Dell, owner of the Western Thrift store, located at 125 East Sixth street, announces an Anniversary sale event to celebrate the end of the first year's business in Medford. This special sale will run from Friday, January 19, to Thursday, January 25.

The store opened with only two people and a stock of 3500 items, and it now employs five people and the shelves contain over 7,000 items, according to Mr. Dell, who says that during the past year they have sold approximately seven tons of tobacco and 10 tons of Epsom salts. Mr. Dell says the store is operating under N.R.A. regulations.

In Medford Today — Hershel Harper of the Eagle Point section was a business caller in Medford this morning.

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