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MAMMOTH OIL MERGER IS DUE

Standard and General to Combine \$60,000,000 Corporation

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—(United News)—Major details preliminary to the merging of the General Petroleum corporation of California and the Standard Oil company of New York have been completed and formal announcement of the consolidation will be made soon, according to statements issued by the presidents of the two concerns Friday.

"Negotiations for the merger are progressing favorably and will result in the exchange of two shares of Standard Oil for one of General Petroleum," Lionel T. Barneson, president of the General Petroleum, said.

H. L. Pratt, head of the Standard Oil, said:

"Tentative agreements have been made for the merger. It is the intention to continue the business relations and general business policies of the General Petroleum corporation as heretofore, and the present officials of the corporation will be retained."

The deal is said to involve \$60,000,000.

BALMY WEATHER HITS MID WEST

Winter in Nebraska Is the Mildest in Ten Years—2 Days Sub-Zero

CHICAGO, March 19.—(United News)—Two days ahead of spring's official arrival balmy weather has overspread the middle west.

Friday was the warmest day of the year in widely separated sections and weather bureau here predicted temperatures would remain well above the freezing point for another ten days.

A spring-like shower with an occasional flash of lightning was falling on Chicago Friday night, but clear skies were promised before afternoon Saturday.

Nebraska reported temperatures ranging from 62 to 78 degrees. Thousands of wild geese are flying over the state on their annual journey to the north land.

As far north as St. Paul temperatures are rising. The heavy snow of last week over Minnesota is disappearing rapidly with the thermometers registering 40 degrees above zero. Agriculturists of the northwest, however, say the frost is slow leaving the ground and that spring sowing may be delayed.

Only a few patches of ice remain on Lake Michigan between here and Milwaukee.

Despite several severe blizzards the middlewest has experienced a mild winter, according to records of the weather bureau. The average temperature for the last four months is one degree above normal. Nebraska's winter was the mildest in ten years. There were only two days of sub-zero weather.

Move to Secure Old Age Pension

SALEM, March 19.—(United News)—A move to secure enactment of old age pension legislation for Oregon was launched here today when such an initiative measure was filed with the Secretary of state by G. A. Von Schultz of Portland, president of the Oregon League for Old Age Pensions.

The measure will be submitted to the attorney general for a ballot title and then petitions will be circulated throughout the state to get it on the November ballot.

ENTOMOLOGY EXPERTS TO EXAMINE BEETLES

Investigation of pine beetle infestation will bring Paul Keene, an official of the U. S. bureau of entomology and J. E. Patterson of Ashland, also connected with the department to Klamath Falls by April 1. It became known yesterday.

Keene is said to have inaugurated the pine beetle control project in Klamath Falls several years ago.

PROHI HEARING WETS NEXT MOVE; DRYS CONFIDENT

Wets Force Drys to Permit Hearing

FAVOR CANADA'S PLAN

Wet Leader to Offer Constitutional Amendment On Plan

WASHINGTON, March 19.—

(United News)—Prohibition will be examined fore and aft in the hearings which are about to be authorized formally by the senate judiciary committee. After great reluctance, four of the five senators on the sub-committee have consented to the hearings and it is expected that the full committee will order them in a few days.

Wets finally forced the dry senators on the committee to permit the hearings by threatening to talk indefinitely on the senate floor.

"We should worry," said one of the dry leaders when advised of the new plans. "The only effect of them will be to arouse our workers out in the country and cause them to work harder for dry candidates. We expect the next congress to be dryer than this one, just as it is dryer than the one before it."

Favor Canadian Plan

Canada's system of modified prohibition, under government supervision, will be emphasized by the wets. Canadian officials will be asked to come here to tell the senators about the operation of the system of government stores and controlled distribution.

Senator Bruce, Maryland wet Democrat, has a proposed constitutional amendment pending, modeled on the Canadian plan, which all wet forces are endorsing. It would amend the eighteenth amendment by substituting local option and providing government distribution of liquor in localities desiring it and absolute prohibition in localities voting dry.

"I think some such compromise offers the solution which we must reach," Senator Bruce told the United News. "The Volstead act is not enforceable. I have proposed something which I believe will be enforceable because it is flexible enough to adjust itself to all shades of local sentiment. Where the majority of the people want liquor it could be had. Where the majority is dry liquor would be forbidden. It is a controlled system of local option. I think it better to have such a system under control than to continue the present system of actual local option illegally."

States Must Approve. Drys contemplate the outlook with confidence since three-fourths of the states must approve any constitutional change.

"Do you know that with just 200 votes we can prevent any modification of the eighteenth amendment?" Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, suggested to the United News. "There are thirteen of the smaller dry states in which action can be blocked by a total of 200 state senators. Furthermore we control the legislatures of 29 dry states. The wets have no more chance of modifying the eighteenth amendment than they have of turning the sun around."

It was pointed out that this small number of state senators could have prevented adoption of the prohibition amendment originally, but that the wets could not muster that strength where it was needed.

Wets will attempt to confine themselves in the hearings to presentation of new material such as the testimony of Canadian officials. Wheeler will make the chief statement for the drys and some other prominent drys will be called, but leaders indicated they would devote most of their energies to the election of dry candidates for congress.

ANOTHER MILL READY TO CUT

Anna Creek Lumber Co. to Open Up Mill About March 29th.

Opening weeks earlier than usual because of the mild season the Anna Creek mill will begin operations March 29. It was announced by A. E. Whitman, owner, yesterday. Last year the mill was not opened until May, but this year there is scarcely any snow in the vicinity of the mill.

The Anna Creek operations use about 60 men in the woods and mill, all of whom have been engaged. The cut averages 60,000 feet a day.

All the box lumber is sent to the Anna Creek company's own factory, the Crater Lake Box company at Bray. The rest of the cut is shipped to eastern markets.

Whitman expects to get a record run this season with the early commencement of operations.

33 CHINESE DIE IN NEW OUTBREAK OVER FOREIGNERS

Foreign Demands That River Be Opened Causes Student Uprising

PERIN, March 19.—(United News)—Virtual martial law exists in Peking following the killing of thirty-three Chinese students who carried on a demonstration against the recent ultimatum of the foreign powers. Shops have been closed, cable dispatches to foreign countries are being vigorously censored and all public meetings have been forbidden.

American and British residents of Peking are divided in sentiment and some of the most prominent members of the American colony are openly siding with the students against the move of the powers.

The ultimatum which brought about the present outbreak demanded that China remove mines from the Peiho river, the water route to Tientsin, and dismantle the forts on that river in order that foreign shipping might proceed to Tientsin. China guaranteed that this route should be kept open by the Boxer

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PAWNS JEWELS TO BUY "ASHES"

Vera Splits Up With Her Publicity Manager Over Her Play

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(United News)—The royal jewels have been pawned that New York may not miss its opportunity to see "Ashes of Love."

Vera, countess of Cathcart, Friday repudiated a statement given out by her press agent some 12 hours earlier to the effect that she was tired of the stage. It was just Earl Carroll, the producer, of whom she had grown weary.

And so she has purchased her play back from Carroll. They parted friends, it was explained.

To get full possession of her play, Vera pawned her "last valuable possession," a string of pearls estimated by the countess to be worth \$25,000.

POLE EXPLORERS SUFFER BAD LUCK

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 19.—(United News)—Misfortune again has struck at the Wilkins-Detroit Arctic expedition and the flight of exploration over the polar regions may be postponed indefinitely.

The big Detroit, the plane upon which the explorers had pinned most of their hopes for new discoveries, was put out of commission Friday when, after a trial flight of 15 minutes, it buried its nose in the ground while making a landing.

MOTOR TO DORRIS

Mrs. E. W. Staplake and Mrs. William Veckenstedt motored to Dorris Thursday morning to visit with Mrs. Charles Barnath for a few days.

FOES OF LEAGUE REDOUBLE FIGHT ON WORLD COURT

Oppose Entry Into Arms Parley

BORAH AND REED LEAD

Reed Points Out Members Of World Court All Armed to Teeth

WASHINGTON, March 19.—

(United News)—Two unexpected moves at Geneva suddenly have stirred Washington out of its indifference and given it direct reasons for closest attention to the League of Nations situation.

One was the action of the league council in ordering the preparatory arms commission, in which the United States is to sit, to meet May 17. The other was the decision to call a council of world court signatories September 1 to consider the senate's reservations. The United States was invited to attend this session.

The United States already has been pessimistic over the league's disarmament plans for some time, so that the other decision to hold a session to consider the senate reservations monopolized attention here.

Borah Opens Up.

Instant criticism of the league council came from Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee, Senator Reed of Missouri, and Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, all anti-court senators.

It was contended in the senate that this was a world court and that individual nations would have to determine all questions, Borah said.

"But evidence is rapidly sustaining the arguments of the opponents both as to the league and the court."

Senator Reed:

"We ought to have sense enough now to pick up our rag dolls and stay at home. It is another illustration of the fact that we can't be half in the league and half out by joining the world court."

Assaults Bitterly.

He elaborated these views in a three-hour speech on the floor—an assault that equalled in ferocity any that the league has suffered in years past.

Reed gathered up the anti-court speeches he has been making recently and entertained the senate with a two-hour distillation of them in his best style.

"We don't want Uncle Sam soothed to sleep in the lap of an inter-

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Pendleton After New Indian School

PENDLETON, March 19.—(United News)—Following the elimination of the \$40,000 appropriation for a tubercular sanitarium at the Indian agency here, local people here are determined to renew their fight for the re-establishment of their industrial school. They point out as a fallacy the Indian bureau's argument that mixed schools bring good results to Indian children. They are desirous of having a public hearing of the question with the Indian bureau.

LOOK FOR BUTLER.

BOSTON, March 19.—(United News)—Rumors that the unsolved murder of William Desmond Taylor, movie director in Hollywood, Cal., four years ago, is to be reopened were heard in Boston Friday night as District Attorney Asa W. Keyes of Los Angeles prepared to leave for Chicago after spending several days here.

Keys admitted that he came here in an effort to locate Edward Sands, the missing Taylor butler, who once lived in a suburb of Boston. He said he would do further investigating in Chicago and Detroit before returning to Los Angeles.

2 ESCAPE DEATH WHEN CAR DIVES

Laborers Who Catch Ride Are Treated to a Real Thrill

Jack Blackthorn of Bend and S. H. Benowitz of Chiloquin suffered severe bruises and abrasions about the head and body when the car in which they were riding crashed through the heavy railing of an overhead crossing north of Pelican City late Thursday afternoon. The car dropped 30 feet to the Southern Pacific railroad track below.

C. B. Ennis, said to be a farm hand, jumped from the car which he was driving before the machine left the bridge. He was uninjured.

The car was being driven toward Klamath Falls on The Dalles-California highway and Ennis picked up Blackthorn and Benowitz, who were walking toward Redding for work.

It is thought that Ennis lost control of the car as he turned on the crossing too quickly. A steering rod connection may have come loose, it is believed.

The car, a heavy five-passenger touring, is a total wreck, and was pulled out of the deep cut with great difficulty.

CHAMP BEATEN RETAINS CROWN

Paul Berlenbach Takes Beating From Risko, Giant Heavyweight

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, March 19.—Johnny Risko, a powerful Lithuanian heavyweight from Cleveland, Ohio, met Paul Berlenbach, the world's light heavyweight champion, at his own game of slugging Friday night, and pounded his way to victory over the Astoria assassin.

The result was one of the greatest surprises of the current fight season, but was justified by Risko's gameness and terrific hitting.

The big, rotund Lithuanian from the opening bell rushed Berlenbach, who was a two to one favorite and in the first round connected with a right swing which sent the popular champion to the canvas for the count for four.

Leaping in wildly, but willingly, Risko mixed it with Berlenbach all around the ring, and put Paul through the ropes again with another right to the jaw.

Just before the bell to end the second round the champion went down again for a short count, this time from a sharp left hook.

Risko piled up a big lead at the start, and while he punched himself tired and gave Paul time to recover his strength, the Cleveland heavyweight was there at the finish with a rally which had the title holder groggy, and which aided the judges in awarding Johnny the decision on points.

Arctic Plane Is Damaged Landing

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 19.—(United News)—The Wilkins-Detroit Arctic expedition will be delayed a week while repairs are made on the monoplane Alaskan, damaged when landing after a trial flight.

The landing gear only was smashed and a machine shop here was given the task of repairing it.

Captain George H. Wilkins, commanding the expedition in its attempt to discover new polar lands, made light of this latest misfortune.

WOULD REPEAL TITLE LAW FOR AUTOMOBILE

SALEM, March 19.—(United News)—A proposition asking that the motor vehicle certificate of title law be repealed will probably be on the general election ballot in November it became known today when an initiative measure was filed here with the secretary of state.

It has been referred to the attorney general for ballot title.

BUILD NEW LINERS

HONOLULU, March 19.—(United News)—Three new Pacific liners, of 14,000 gross tons each, will be constructed by Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Japanese steamship company.

BIG WITHDRAWAL REDUCES ASSETS OF DEFUNCT BANK

\$112,000 Paid Out to Bond Co.

CLAIM PAID FRIDAY

Another Suit on Question Of Preferred Creditors May Hit Depositors

Payment approximating \$112,000 was yesterday made out of the assets of the defunct First State and Savings bank to the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company, following out the mandate of the United States supreme court that it was a preferred creditor, it became known yesterday on advice from Saleem.

When Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, was here recently the matter of making the payment was under advisement. He returned to Salem to further consult legal advisors who informed him that there was no alternative. The checks were then sent out by A. R. Campbell, representative of the state banking department here. It was Bramwell's idea that the filing of the claim for \$40,000 by the Aetna company might in some way set up new questions of law, it is said.

The Aetna suit, also brought in the United States district court, it is said.

The Aetna suit, also brought in the United States district court, it means that the assets expected to be divided among depositors will suffer encroachments, according to members of the state banking department. The total claims of creditors claiming preference which might be based on the precedents established in the Aetna suit would total about \$140,000.

U. P. TO INVEST BIG SUM FOR EQUIPMENT

PORTLAND, March 19.—(United News)—Approximately \$9,500,000 will be invested this year by the Union Pacific railway company in new rolling equipment designed to meet increasing traffic requirements, according to announcement made today by H. M. Adams, vice president in charge of traffic.

Adams was accompanied here by E. E. Adams, assistant to the president, and W. Basinger, traffic manager.

Carl Gray, president, is due Sunday.

The group of Union Pacific executives then will make an inspection tour of property in the northwest.

Ore. Income Tax Payment Higher

PORTLAND, March 19.—(United News)—Income tax first payments for Oregon totalled more this year than a year ago, it was revealed here today. Last year the first payment totalled \$1,291,530, while this year the sum was \$1,384,275.

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