

OIL PRODUCTION OF OKLAHOMA INCREASED 5,000,000 BARRELS DURING YEAR 1920

Norman, Okla., Dec. 11.—With an increase of 5,000,000 barrels over last year's figures, Oklahoma still leads the United States in oil production, according to statistics for the period from January 1, 1920, to December 2, 1920, which have been compiled by the Oklahoma geological survey at the University of Oklahoma, and given out by C. W. Shannon, director.

Statistics show that the annual production for 1920 was 94,853,000 barrels as opposed to 89,853,000 barrels for 1919. The valuation for 1920 was \$319,289,175, while for 1919 it was only \$156,512,872.50. Thus, while the increase in production was only five and one-half per cent the increase in value was 103 per cent or \$162,776,302.50.

The daily production, according to the figures of the survey, is more than 200,000 barrels. Since Oklahoma fields began producing in 1910 a total of over a million barrels have been produced.

During the month of September California's production exceeded that of Oklahoma but the annual figures placed Oklahoma still in the lead.

At the present time the survey has a record of 170 distinct pools in the state and 36 of the 77 counties within Oklahoma are oil producers. Between eight and ten thousand companies are operating in Oklahoma and Mr. Shannon believes that 60 per cent of that number can be considered substantial companies.

This year's oil production has seen the development of two new fields, which now rank among the largest producing fields in the state. These are the Hewitt pool in Carter county near Wilson and the Beggs pool.

"While I expect some productive fields to be brought in, in the western part of the state, I believe that the Oklahoma oil production is now at its peak," said Mr. Shannon in discussing future prospects, "for that reason the supply from the larger fields which have been developed extensively is now becoming exhausted."

A map showing the names and distribution of all fields in the state which has been prepared by the Oklahoma geological survey is now available. Mr. Shannon announces, and may be had by application to him at the University of Oklahoma.

OUTLINING PLANS FOR LONG-TIME FOREIGN LOANS TO EXPEDITE OVERSEAS TRADINGS

New York, Dec. 11.—With the object of financing long time foreign loans to build up the export trade of the United States the foreign trade financing corporation was launched here today and a committee of 20 named to perfect the organization immediately. John McHugh vice president of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of New York, was named to head the committee and has consented to serve as permanent chairman of the board of directors.

Following addresses by leading American bankers, industrial and agricultural heads, a committee on plan and scope this morning presented its conclusions to the conference, which was called by the American Bankers' association. The committee named a permanent organization committee of 20 recommended organization of a corporation capitalized at \$100,000,000 with a potential capacity of one billion dollars, and asked for immediate \$100,000 subscription to underwrite organization activities.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted and following adjournment, the permanent committee went into session for its preliminary work. It is planned to perfect organization and have the corporation in operation by January 1, 1921.

THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 11.—Further extensive selling for both accounts in which liquidation probably predominated, forced prices of many stocks to still lower levels for the year, the recurrent reaction coinciding with conditions in the commodities markets.

The steady reversal in leading branches of inquiry was revealed in the dead tonnage statement of the United States Steel corporation for November, which exceeded all estimates and left unfilled orders at the smallest total of the year.

There was heavy selling at intervals of high grade rails offering of that character probably representing the final elimination of over-extended pools, whose commitments have long menaced the market's technical position.

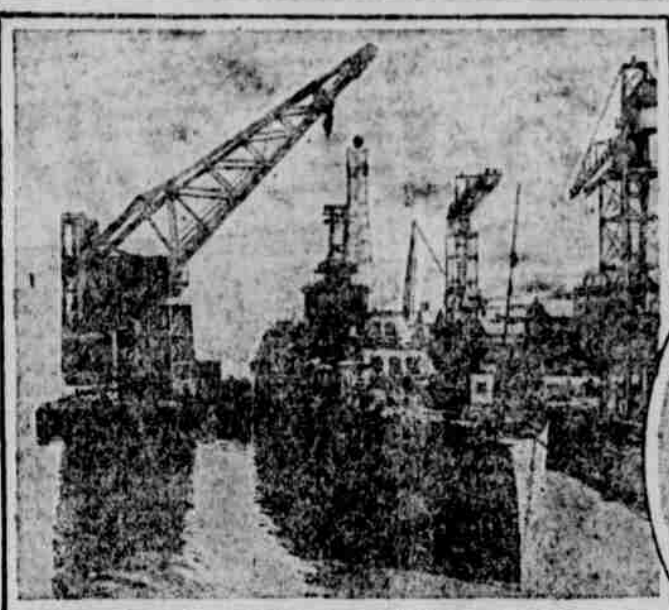
The money market was relatively easy as to the call or demand loans, but firm for time funds, almost all new accommodations of that sort being restricted to renewals for short dates.

MISSOURIAN HEADS THE FARM CONGRESS

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—Judge W. K. James of Andrew county, Missouri, unanimously was elected president of the international farm congress at the closing session today of its fifteenth annual convention.

The vice presidents who were elected unanimously including I. T. Fryer of San Antonio, Texas, formerly president, a member of the executive committee of the American Livestock association.

FIRE WORKS CHRISTMAS. FRESH DE LUX CAKES, NORRIS GROCERY CO. 12-6



THE GIANT CALIFORNIA NEARING COMPLETION CREW TO BE RECRUITED FROM NATIVE SONS.



Workmen are driving the finishing rivets into the super-structure of the great super-dreadnaught California—sister ship to the Tennessee—and ere many months go by she will be making her trial trips. The California is a true product of the Golden state and represents its workmanship, built at Mare Island Navy Yard in California, and, like the Tennessee, will be named by native sons of the state.

The keel of this monster fighting machine was laid October 18th, 1916, but during the war workmen assigned to fabricate her turned their tools to building destroyers, so she is somewhat late in being completed. In the use of electricity as means of propulsion, the California follows the example set by the New Mexico and Tennessee. Besides being electrically driven the ship will be electrically operated from her guns, galley, and bakeshops to her potato peelers and sewing machines. The inset above shows a Chief Petty Officer standing inside one of her rotors before it was put in place in her engine room.

The California was launched November 20th, 1919, at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, and was sponsored by Mrs. Randolph T. Zane, daughter of Governor Stevens. The ship is the latest addition to the American Navy and was designed by master minds sharpened by the urge of war and represents the ultimate in fighting fitness. Many lessons learned during the war in ship construction have been built into her.

The normal displacement of the California will be 32,000 tons; length over all 624 feet; beam 97.1-2 feet; draft 31 feet; speed 21 knots (24 land miles); and an armament consisting of twelve 14-inch 50 caliber guns, one of which is shown above with fifty or sixty Bluejackets comfortably standing upon it, and fourteen 5-inch 50 caliber; four 3-inch 50-caliber anti-aircraft; two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes.

When commissioned the early part of 1921, this great vessel will be assigned to the Pacific Fleet and it is said that she will be made the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of that important station. A crew of all Californians will man her, and great strides have already been accomplished in recruiting and assembling these men.

charges. The verdict was given notwithstanding that two members of the alleged gang had confessed and are serving terms in the penitentiary and that a secret service man who had lived among the conspirators, and one of their own, number who had turned states evidence, testified as to the criminal intent in the plotters.

Their plot, according to the confirmation obtained, was to plunge the train over a 60 foot embankment at Sangamon river, and then to rob all passengers and to kill all who survived. The alleged plotters were all rounded up before the time of the wreck. Necessity of such a premature arrest spoiled the state's best case of "conspiracy."

Other charges remaining against them are conspiracy to rob, conspiracy to destroy railroad property, conspiracy to commit felony and having explosives in possession with intent to destroy life and property.

GRAPE JUICE BILL AND GAMALIEL TO CONFER

Miami, Fla., Dec. 11.—W. J. Bryan said today he had accepted the invitation to confer with President-elect Harding on the proposed association of nations. Mr. Bryan expects to leave for Marion tomorrow.

LOCAL NAVY RECRUITING STATION RECEIVES GOOD NEWS: OKLAHOMA NOW RANKS FOURTH IN U. S.

All previous records have been surpassed in recruiting for the navy in the state of Oklahoma, according to a wire received by the local recruiting station which bears the information that during the past week the record for recruiting for the navy has brought Oklahoma into the line—light, for the reason that the state has jumped to fourth place among the list of forty-eight states in the union.

Oklahoma may feel proud of this record in that the navy requires the

strictest physical examination of any other organization in the world of its accepted personnel.

So well pleased is the navy department with the showing which Oklahoma has made that it has wired the Oklahoma department to the effect that from now on all men enlisting may be granted leave immediately after they enlist and remain at home over the holidays, after which they are to report in and receive transportation to either Chicago, Ill., or San Francisco, Cal., or Hampton Roads, Va., giving the men the choice of either of the stations to be trained.

During the past week the following named men were enlisted at Ardmore: Folsom F. Ward, Oklahoma City; Marshall E. Britton, Ardmore; Joseph H. Hamilton, Rockville; Russell B. Morgan, Ada; Ernie Cotton, Ardmore; Ernest J. Holt, Durant; Walter E. Wilson, Durant; John B. Wehba, Wirt; Thomas W. Chanes, Eva; and Cecil J. Bondurant, Bonnar.

DENVER YOUNG DEMOS REFUSE TO ACCEPT WILLIAM JAY INTO THE POLITICAL FOLD

Denver, Dec. 11.—A motion to elect William Jennings Bryan honorary member of the Young Men's Democratic club of Denver was lost last night at a meeting of the organization when it failed to receive a second. The suggestion that President Wilson resign was one of the reasons assigned for the club's refusal to elect the Nebraskan by E. V. Dunklee, president.

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