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Wanted—Information

On the chance of there being at least one instance where the "muddling in" process conserved gas, the oil editor of this paper would be greatly obliged to anyone who knows of a single instance where gas was "muddled in" and was conserved for future use.

So far as known here in Tulsa there has never been a single instance where even shallow gas was successfully "muddled in" and allowed to remain six months and afterward the well opened and the gas developed. It is said in every instance to have escaped by some unknown means and was simply a dribbling quantity when finally another well was put down to get the gas.

It has always been feared that bradenheading is the only safe method of saving gas from shallow depths and getting the gas into the lines afterward. It has caused no end of expense to the oil men and has resulted in the loss of thousands of miles of pipe which are safely buried in the ground after the "muddling in" process has been accomplished. It is a fact that has long ago proved worthless but has been made much of by the corporation commission when making themselves strong with the dear people.

If the oil men are left alone there will be some pleasure in saving gas as it is a mighty valuable product and no one is to be found these days who is letting gas go to waste except perhaps because of the aggravation of being dictated to by a lot of office holders who know more about drawing their salary than anything else.

There is more gas down around Okmulgee where the corporation commission has been enjoined from bothering the Okmulgee Gas company than anywhere else in Oklahoma and if the corporation commission were to resign it would result in the conservation of more gas and the drilling of more wells for gas than anything that could possibly happen.

Export Trade Will Start

Capt. E. Constantin, president of the Export Oil corporation, who has just returned from France and England, says that the export trade with those countries will begin right now and this in spite of the depreciated foreign exchange.

"We already have three cargoes ready to go at our terminals above New Orleans," said Captain Constantin, "and will begin loading out immediately and soon will begin buying for other shipments. The people over there must have the oil at whatever cost.

"The high cost of living in New York at the leading hotels is more acute than in Paris," continued the Captain. "And furthermore you get more to eat at the hotels in France and England. Some things are much higher than here, to be sure, for instance matches which retail at one cent a box here bring 20 cents in La Belle France.

"Yes, the weather was rough and our steamship, the Baltic, of 28,000 tons lost headway at the rate of one knot an hour even when trying to go ahead at full speed. No, I was not sick. I looked out for that and whenever I felt it coming on I indulged in "an ounce of precaution." Mr. Schock was violently ill at times but we were able to amuse ourselves during the four days of the roughest weather the weather bureau had record of in 50 years.

"Some parts of the devastated country in France will never be rehabilitated. The ground is poisoned by gases and has been turned over and over again by the explosion of shells so that the subsoil, a white clay, is in evidence for miles and miles. It can never be made to produce anything. Mr. Schock visited all the battle fields while I was more interested in visiting my people over there.

"But don't think that Tulsa did not look good to us. We were surprised that in France and England so little evidence of the war was to be seen and were surprised at the prosperity of the people. But Tulsa will do for a while anyhow," said the captain.

Why Not Joint Intervention?

Recently in this column the testimony of a former banker in Mexico City before the senate investigating committee was referred to and it was stated then that it looked like a good proposition that the United States enter into a contract with England and Holland for the purpose of financing the Mexican government and especially the army, and now comes the testimony of H. Graham Richards, former British consul general to Mexico, who says that France, Great Britain, Holland and possibly a South American republic, should join with the United States in intervening in Mexican affairs. He says that with this allied action the United States could not be accused of having selfish aims and purposes in establishing Mexico as she might be accused if she undertake intervention alone. He says that Britain's tremendous war debt will no longer permit that nation to neglect its Mexican investments which total millions of pounds sterling. The future consul proposes that Mexico be governed by this league of allies until a stable government shall have been established there.

Elsewhere will be found a clipping from the Mexican Review showing that there are great developments being made right now and this is in the same as it comes near home which will be readily seen in the fact that it is stated that E. W. Marland and his associates have recently taken over some of the finest looking oil acreage that ever laid outdoors and they way above the mouth of the Huasteca and just across the river from Eagle Pass. It will be from this source that Mr. Marland will obtain his oil for his refinery at New Orleans if things go well.

Mexican people want work and will work willingly and faithfully if given a chance and the crops which include sugar and coffee are essential to the world's welfare. That Mexico is not doing any more than the political ring at Oklahoma City is doing when it demands a gross production tax is understood by every oil man that goes to Mexico.

When Carranza first proposed to nationalize the oil land it appears that the British people placed into his hands and even one of our own concerns, namely the Texas company, was already to comply with his wishes and had its manifests all ready to turn over and would have surrendered its leases to the Mexican government on the chance of having a new lease given them by the Carranza administration. One other small American concern did the same thing.

This was not accomplished, however, as the rest of the American oil companies stood pat and refused to turn in their properties but the Mexican government seems to be stopping drilling of new wells while the older wells are rapidly turning into salt water producers. It would seem that a new field away from the old drilling would be welcome by all producers of especially where the climate is good and the people anxious to make a living by working in the oil fields.

Carranza claims he needs money for schools, which is probably correct as there are churches galore but no schools in sight down there. It would be a good thing to have a commission that would see to it that schools are established and that the people are taught just as the Philippine islanders were brought within the pale of civilization.

The finest thing that America ever did was the establishment of schools in the Philippines and the sending of teachers who lived through the cholera in the worst form and showed the world what the American people are made of. Not one of them asked for leave of absence under the most frightful conditions imaginable. It would look as though it were far better to educate Mexico than to kill off a lot of her people.

To Build Pipe Line to Mexico City

Announcement is made in the public press that the Huasteca Petroleum company is about to commence operations in the construction of a pipe line for conveying petroleum from the Tampico region to the city of Mexico, in accordance with the terms of its concessions obtained from the Diaz government in the year 1908. Under that concession work was to have commenced at once, but various extensions of time were granted and nothing was ever done in connection with actual operations. The proposed line will commence at Cerro Azul, where the Huasteca company has some of the largest wells, and will ascend to the Central plateau and pass through the various industrial centers of that region before reaching Mexico City. It is proposed to establish an extensive refining plant here. The estimated cost of the work is upward of 20,000,000 of pesos and it is expected that from 10,000 to 15,000 men will be employed thereon. It will work a revolution in the industrial situation in the capital, where the lack of a local supply of fuel and the high cost of that brought from elsewhere has always been a serious drawback.—Mexican Review.

Foreigners Investing Millions In Northern Mexico

Reports received from the state of Coahuila, Chihuahua and Sonora, coming from the various consuls at important points, state that during the past few months Americans, mostly from Arizona and Texas, have purchased extensive tracts of mining and other property, and that upward of 10,000,000 pesos has been invested in this manner within a period. Representatives of American capitalists are also investigating in the state of San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, Nuevo Leon, Guanajuato, Queretaro, etc., with the same object in view. Among other investments are the erection of two extensive cyanide plants, one in Durango and the other in Chihuahua for handling the products of the newly acquired mines.—Mexican Review.

Oil War Talk Has Contrary Effect.

It would appear that all the propaganda that has been published in papers throughout the country has had a contrary effect and that the people of the United States are coming back to a desire to give Mexico at least a fair deal. The following has been going the rounds during the last few days and is self explanatory:

The Other Side of the Story of Oil Difficulties in Mexico.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—If the oil companies engaging in Mexico will adopt the laws of that republic there need be no decline in production of Mexican crude unless it be the result of inadequate transportation.—W. B. Hunt, vice-president of the Tampico Producing Pipe Line & Refining Co., with offices in Dallas, is quoted as saying by the Dallas News of December 14. "Whether the law in Mexico is an equitable one than allowing the laws in the United States and the Mexican law on oil to call for some form of tax on the business in this country, after you consider the state taxes and the income tax imposed by the federal government.

"Mexico has the greatest oil field yet discovered in the world. Mexico can supply the world's needs for fuel oil for many years. It was first discovered by Americans and Americans should be given first opportunity to develop it, but they should do so legally without robbing either Mexican citizens or the Mexican government, which is entitled to the right to regulate and tax oil production.

"Brought right down to bed rock, the trouble in Mexico is the disposition of certain interests to disregard Mexican rights, both individual and national. Some of these interests have secured for a few cents, many thousands of acres of oil leases, which have been held in an undeveloped state for many years without producing income to the owner or taxes to the government. Other interests have gone ahead and fenced large tracts of land without asking anybody about it, have erected derricks and drilled.

"There has been an utter disregard for the rights of the natives and the Mexican government. They do things in Mexico that no oil company would think of trying to do in Texas. If an oil company has a lease in Texas, it is bound to drill that lease within a specified time, if in wildcat territory, or in case of proven territory he will have to drill within a reasonable time or else forfeit it. In Mexico thousands of acres have been under lease for many years and it will be many years more before a drill will be sent down in search of oil. The Mexican government declares these leases forfeited, as it should. Again, the Mexican government requires a permit before a well can be drilled. There is nothing wrong about that. There is a good deal of formality in drilling and producing oil in Texas.

"We have large holdings in the oil fields of Mexico. We have material on the ground to build derricks and machinery on the way. We are having no trouble with the Mexican government, nor do we expect to be bothered so long as we comply with the law. Neither do we feel that the law's requirements are burdensome. To me it appears that certain oil interests have had their own way in Mexico so long that any effort on the part of the government to take a hand in the regulation and control of its natural resources is resented. The government of Mexico is getting far less from Mexican oil than Uncle Sam. In a recent report of the Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., it is shown that the Carranza government received from this company $1,917,541, while the American taxes on the company's Mexican oil output was $5,000,000. The report shows a gross income of $26,359,545 and in spite of Mexican tax of 60 per cent in this country the net profits of the company were $6,699,644, or more than 100 per cent greater than for the previous year. American and other foreign oil companies in Mexico are making millions out of Mexican oil. Why cry 'robbers?'"

Steve Frasier in The Sadan Times-Star.

Ed Millison stopped smoking his favorite pipe the other day long enough to explain why no complaints were made before the Chautauqua county fair prize committee. He said: "With gas at 90 cents per 12 doubtful hen fruit, wheat $2.25 per bushel, drillers $11 per day, gas 35 cents per thousand, oil $2.45 per barrel, teams $10 per day, gasoline 25 cents per gallon, a pair of knee breeches and diminutive coat for a 12-year-old boy $18.50 howin'ell can you expect anybody to complain, we are all profiteering."

Andrew Benson has at las drilled his No. 6 Moffet, 35-33-16, and has a well in the Peru sand that is showing up for 50 barrels. The location is half way between the Rogers pool and the Berry & Griffin pool and makes a connection possible. This test was started six months ago and holds the record for fishing jobs and drilling trouble. Everything happened from plugging two holes to pulling down the derrick. This well is very important as to location, opening up a new pool which is on the Burt dome. This is another Peru sand pool that can be credited to geology, as Roy Burt surveyed and located this well. Andrew Benson, who has been active in Chautauqua county oil affairs, is being congratulated on his good luck, his 800 acre holdings being on the Burt dome and looks like a great winning. Moffett Bros. & Andrews, cattle men of Kansas City, own the fee, being successors to Hopkins. This ranch covers 3,000 acres and aside from the section held by Mr. Benson is held by C. E. Roth & Co. of Independence. The acreage affected by this well is the O. P. Butcher held by Bell Bros. & McDonald, the Wintermote and Denman Bros. farm held by Roth, Berry & Frazier, the Meuter & Metcalf held by the Independence Oil company and Bennett F. Lies and the Muder held by Benson, Robinson & Burt Carver Robinson of Independence is associated with Benson on the Muder and Roy Burt who is interested in several farms is being rewarded for his faith in the geology of this section.

It is interesting to know that one of the pioneer wells drilled in Kansas was on this ranch by Barnsdall & O'Neal almost 20 years ago, and several wells were later drilled which produced gas.

The oil producers had an agreeable surprise when Kansas crude advanced from $2.50 to $2.75, making a record price for oil. One reason advanced by a close observer of conditions is that fuel men have been so harassed by oil strikes and so harassed by coal strikes and shut down of mines that they will use fuel oil, even if it is a little higher and domestic use of low grade kerosene is only limited by the ability of makers of oil stoves to supply the demand, of course use of gasoline is being expanded by leaps and bounds, so the natural result is increased prices for crude oil.

The coal miners are back at work and coal for drilling wells will soon be available. This will start up many wild cat wells in Chautauqua county that have been held up for fuel, and no part of the west part of the county will be overlooked by the drill, and best of all many will go deep into the Mississippi lime, due to the success of the Guffey-Gillespie well in 28-32-19. This well was shot late Saturday with 20 quarts and is now recasing, being shot with an electric shot. Results will not be known for several days, but enough is known to warrant the prediction that it will make a fine well.

Guffey-Gillespie lost their rig and contents on the Kingston farm in 3-32-11 by fire. The rig burned down at night. Loss about $2,000.

The deep test of the Barnsdall Oil company in 31-32-11 is fishing for a string of tools at 1,600 feet.

Denman Bros are drilling at 1,850 feet on No. 1 W. A. Gray in southwest quarter 18-33-11. Their No. 6 H. B. Wilson in the Wilson pool made 40 barrels. A rig is up for No. 7.

Andrew Benson's No. 6 Moffit ranch (old Hopkins ranch) in 4-33-19, is a 1,000,000 foot gas well at 1,209 to 1,220 feet in the Red Sand. He will drill down to the Peru sand. His No. 1 Muder is still shut down at 1,185 feet for casing. He is spudding on No. 1 Robinson, southeast corner of northeast quarter 29-33-12.

The Elgin Oil company met with a real surprise when they drilled in a dry hole in their No. 3 Carpenter located in the southwest corner of east half of northwest quarter 15-35-10, being but two locations from the big wells of the Ball Oil company on the Wendt.

An interesting test is that of the Standard Oil company of Indiana No. 1 Frower, located in southwest corner of northeast quarter 20-34-10. Being a mile north of the Elgin pool makes it an important test.

Steve Frazier will move a rig in next week on Jake Wren, located in the northeast corner of northeast quarter 18-34-10, being three-quarters of a mile southwest of the Wilson pool south of Lowe.

Chas. E. Lelee is drilling at 3,100 feet on No. 1 Fisher, southwest 33-33-9. This test is two and a half miles west and one mile north of Wauneta.

Keith & Co. are drilling at 1,000 feet on No. 1 Geo. Hoiroyd, northeast corner southeast quarter 30-33-9, being four miles west and two and a half miles north of Wauneta.

West & Co. are drilling at 100 feet on a test at the west side of the townsite of Cedar Vale.

Anchor Oil corporation has three rigs running on their Sadler in 2-34-10, being No. 6, 7 and 8. Their big Darnell Power is in smooth running shape and Amos Mills field manager, is busy connecting up the oil wells.

On the Veatch in 1-34-10 Hubbard & Sharpless are drilling at 1,000 feet on No. 3.

Roth, Berry & Frazier are drilling at 200 feet on No. 1 Wintermute & Denman ranch in 36-33-10.

John Stark is drilling at 250 feet on No. 1 Caroline Lenton, located in southeast corner 8-33-10.

In next week's issue a review of the oil and gas activities in Chautauqua county for the year 1919 will appear.

1919 Production Estimated at 370,000,000 Barrels.

Preliminary estimates on the oil industry in the United States for the year 1919, show a production of 370,000,000 barrels of crude oil valued at $310,000,000 and a consumption of 299,000,000 barrels, or 20,000,000 barrels more than production. Stocks on hand amount to 125,000,000 barrels with an oil reserve in the ground estimated at 4,500,000,000 barrels. The statistics will show California ahead in the number of barrels produced, although a major portion of it is of low grade. Texas and Oklahoma are running a close race for second place with more than two-thirds of the production of the east state a high grade oil. Kansas is given fourth place with nearly all of its production high grade. The production of the entire world will approximate 512,000,000 barrels.

Nickle Funeral Wednesday.

The funeral of Al Nickle, old time oil man, who died several days ago in Roswell, New Mexico, will be held Wednesday afternoon from the Stanley-McClure undertaking parlors. The remains are expected to arrive here Wednesday morning. The body is being accompanied by the widow.

Southwest of Muskogee.

On the W. Washington farm NWc SE NE 13-14-17 the Mercantile Oil & Refining Co's No. 7 is drilling at 700 feet.

Boynton Oil & Gas Co. has reached 400 feet in the SEc SE of 2-14-17 on No. 1, D. Peters.

Boynton District.

Mitchell Oil company has a rig standing on the J. Johnson farm SEc NW NE 23-14-16 for No. 1.

West of Wainwright.

Oklahoma Oil & Gas Co. has reached 1,700 feet on the CWL SW NW 21-12-16 at No. 2 Willie Stover.

Booch Sand.

On the Bradford farm CWL SW SE SE 19-14-14, the Simpex Oil company's No. 6 is drilling at 400 feet.

Home Drilling company is shut down at 2,220 feet on No. 4 C. Cable, CSL SW SE 18-14-14.

Eagle Chases Airplane.

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Dec. 28.—A large American eagle was seen chasing one of the postoffice mail airplanes near here recently. After several minutes of pursuit the big bird gave up.

Start Ice Harvest.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 28.—The ice harvest started here and ice nearly 12 inches in thickness is being cut on the Blue river by Hauser Brothers.

Surplus Sales Very Large.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Since the armistice Great Britain has realized $555,000,000 from the sale of surplus stores and property.

Fiction Standards Elevated By H. C. of Printing Today

Because of the high cost of printing, a higher type of fiction is being produced, according to Miss Alma Reid McGlenn, head of the Tulsa public library. "Publishers are wary of accepting manuscripts of an ephemeral nature," Miss McGlenn explains, "so mediocre books are becoming conspicuous by their absence. Indeed, I have difficulty in finding new fiction."

With new books arriving each week there are still a thousand volumes ordered, but not yet received at the library because of delay in shipment. Magazines are also returning from their business trips to the bindery, and 16 volumes of bound magazines have been placed on the sheives in the reference library within the past two weeks. The bound periodicals are more used by the school children than by any other class.

The Tulsa library is 61 per cent non-fiction and it would not require a Sherlock Holmes to guess the extent of the local interest in oil after a glance at the rack containing oil and geological volumes. The collection includes every book on oil that is in print except two—and one of these is ordered and the other on the way.

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