CEMENT SUPPLY NOW AVAILABLE

City Engineer Finds One Company Asking 'Time' Can Get Material

OTHERS WELL SUPPLIED

But Parker-Washington Company Has Order It Cannot Get Filled, It Claims

That all paving contractors are obtaining cement except F. P. McCormick—the Parker-Washington Paving company—that 415,000 barrels of cement is being shipped each month by the cement companies operating within a reasonable distance from Tulsa; although the Parker-Washington company has an order for 10,000 barrels with it, the Ada Portland Cement company is shipping large quantities to Alabama on a contract of more recent date than that of the Parker-Washington company, is the substance of a report written Wednesday by City Engineer C. E. Briggs.

The report was prepared after the action of the mayor and city commissioners Tuesday morning in refusing to grant an extension of time to the Parker-Washington company in districts 233, 234 and 235, which contracts were let last April. William Fuller, representing the paving company told the commissioners his company was unable to obtain materials and that its scope is narrowed by the present financial stringency.

Cement Available.

Griggs' report indicates that cement is now available for the Parker-Washington company to complete its present contracts and that cars may be obtained in which to transport it, but that the paving company is not making a serious effort to obtain its pro rata of the cement.

The report explains that the contracts call for 180 working days. This determined by excluding Sundays, legal holidays, bad weather and delays due to failure to obtain materials, provided the contractor has made due effort to get materials. Strikes also give them an extension of time.

"In figuring the termination of their contracts, I have excluded all these reasons, together with days on which the temperature was below 35 degrees.

Cement Main Alibi.

"Their strongest and best plea is that they have been unable to get cement. From the investigation I have made in the last 30 days, we find that the cement situation is indeed, acute. The railroads are filling only 30 per cent of the car orders at the mills. Yet, I find that the mills in continguous territory are shipping considerable cement. I have reports from the plants at Humbolt, Independence, Chanute, Dewey, Fredonia, Ada, and Iola, which indicate that 1,660 cars of cement are being shipped each month. This amounts to about 415,000 barrels of cement.

"There is no doubt but what the cement trust is favoring concrete paving in preference to asphalt, yet all contractors except the F. P. McCormick company are getting some cement. It requires but five per cent of the cement being shipped from the above mills for one month to complete their contracts.

"Reports indicate that the Ada plant shipped 535 carloads of cement in the last six weeks. Eleven cars that were furnished were not loaded by the mill, indicating that they had loaded out the storage supply.

"The McCormick company has an order for 10,000 barrels of cement at this plant. It claims to be receiving practically no cement, yet the Ada plant is shipping, or was shipping at a very recent date, cement in large quantities to points in Alabama on contracts of more recent date than the McCormick company's."

If the city enforces the penalty against the Parker-Washington company for alleged unnecessary delays, the city will be richer by more than $6,000, according to the city engineer.

Nut Balls Find Favor.

Special to The World.

TAHLEQUAH, Dec. 15.—Kanuche balls, composed principally of hickory nuts well beaten in a mortar are selling like the proverbial hot cakes. An aged woman from the hills a few days ago sold 21 balls in about that number of minutes.

City Briefs

E. CONSTANTIN, local oil man, has returned from inspection of his gas holdings in El Dorado, Kan. C. Mazeret and Mr. J. Filhol, both men from Paris, who returned last summer with Constantin from France, have left for their homes abroad. They were here on official business.

A NEW FORD, belonging to A. R. Thomas, 722 South Boston avenue, was stolen from his garage at 810 East Eighth street, Tuesday night. The theft was reported to the police department, but no trace of the vehicle was found.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church has appropriated a fund of $20,000, which is to be used for the purchase of a new manse, to be occupied by Rev. C. W. Kerr, and his family. The old residence, just north of the church, which for many years has been occupied by the Kerr family, will be used for the overflow of the Sunday school.

GOLDEN PERKINS, son of R. L. Perkins, is just out of the hospital, after two weeks of confinement from injuries received when he was run down by an automobile. The boy, who is 10 years of age, sustained serious injuries about the head, which have temporarily impaired his hearing.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hicks of 66 North Zunis, December 15, a daughter. Mother and child are at Oklahoma hospital.

THE CHILDREN'S story hour of the public library, which is held each week on Saturday afternoon for boys and girls of the city, has been deferred for the holiday season, to be resumed again Friday, January 7, 1921.

MR. AND MRS. Harry A. Earns and daughter, Miss Glenn, who have been absent from the city for the past five months, will arrive home shortly to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Earns have been in Tampico, Mexico, while Miss Glenn has been in school at Austin, Texas, where she is a pupil of the White sitt.

DECREES of divorce were granted in district court Wednesday to Gladys E. Widener against R. W. Widener; E. E. Benson against Blanche Benson; Thomas Winegar against Georgia Winegar; Stella Groves against John Groves.

GEORGE W. HANNA, 808 South Boston avenue, returns to his duties as constable in the court of Justice H. G. Gray Wednesday, after an absence from the office for three weeks, because of illness.

MADAME STANLEY, whose engagement in this city was cancelled on account of an unsatisfactory seat sale, was in Tulsa for the day, Tuesday, en route from Dallas, Texas, to New York.

MARRIAGE licenses were issued to the following Wedneday by the clerk of county court: Roy Brady, 24, and Helen E. Wall, 22, Tulsa; Benjamin H. Gilbert, 35, and Bertha Smith, 34, Tulsa.

PETITIONS for divorce were filed in district court Wednesday by Marie Benight against W. M. Benight; Billy Ashe against Arthur Ashe; William Vigelius against Amanda Vigelius.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST JONES

Editor of Tribune Sued for $50,000 by Participant in Fist Fight.

Damages of $50,000 were asked in a libel suit filed in district court Wednesday by Paul Toomey against R. L. Jones and the Tulsa Tribune company, in which the plaintiff sets out that certain printed head lines and paragraphs reflected on his patriotism. The suit was the result of matter printed in the defendant newspaper concerning a fight between Toomey and J. C. Archer on December 5.

A second suit was also filed by Toomey against Archer in which damages of $5,000 are asked on the ground that the plaintiff has been injured to that amount by an assault and battery by Archer on the plaintiff.

TULSANS BANDED IN RELIEF DRIVE

Local Committee to Help Raise 3 Million for Europe Is Picked

Tulsa is organized this morning to shoulder her just part in America's greatest Christmas gift to the world—the feeding of 3,500,000 destitute children of Europe through the barren winter months ahead.

Committee Complete.

The Tulsa committee to direct the local section of the nation-wide campaign to be launched next Sunday by the eight leading welfare organizations of America, operating jointly under the general title of the European Relief Council, was completed yesterday. It comprises the following prominent Tulsans: J. A. Hull, chairman; C. F. Farren, vice chairman; N. R. Graham, treasurer; C. E. Buchner, representing the Y. M. C. A. secretary; Al Farmer, representing Tulsa chapter, American Red Cross; R. L. Jones, state Red Cross; Emil Offenbacher, Jewish organizations; B. M. Gallagher, Knights of Columbus; Miss Edna Pyle, Y. W. C. A., and Ralph Talbot.

Inaugurated Sunday by appeals from the pulpits of all leading churches in Tulsa, the campaign will be pushed throughout the Christmas period by every available agency of the combined charitable, welfare and relief organizations whose national headquarters have joined hands to effect the world's greatest single enterprise for the relief of human suffering.

The Tulsa Rotary club in meeting yesterday unanimously voted to follow the lead of Rotary clubs throughout the United States, and place its every energy behind the movement. C. E. Buchner, secretary of the local committee of the council, addressed the members.

The Tulsa Y. W. C. A. and other prominent local women's organizations, will play a conspicuous part in the campaign.

Immediately following organization of the Tulsa committee, Chairman Hull made public the folowing statement briefly outlining the need and the character of the oncoming campaign.

3 Million Face Starvation.

"Some 3,500,000 waif, undernourished and destitute children today face starvation and miserable death in the severe winter that is now settling down on central Europe. Their governments, struggling to recuperate from the devastation of six years of war and disorganization, are powerless to give them aid. The United States is the sole hope of these children.

"Recognizing the imminence of an appailing world tragedy if immediate measures on a large scale were not taken to prevent it, eight of America's leading philanthropic organizations, headed by Herbert Hoover's American relief administration, which during the past two years has saved 6,000,000 children of central Europe from starvation, have joined in a single great appeal to the American people. But $33,000,00 is needed of America's wealth to tide 3,500,000 children through the winter and spring until the coming of their own harvests. The eight national welfare organizations joined in this greatest humanitarian effort are: The American Relief administration, the American Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Federal Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the American Friends' service committee (Quakers), and the Jewish Joint Distribution committee. These constitute the European relief council."