

# From Mines and Coal Fields

## GOVERNMENT FAVORS OIL FOR USE ON THE PACIFIC

Inferior Quality of Coal Here Makes Adoption of Petroleum Necessary

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—A factor that is bound to hasten the adoption of oil by the United States navy is the lack of suitable coal on the Pacific coast for use in war vessels. This fact is pointed out by Secretary of the Navy Meyer in a communication recently received by Congressman W. E. Humphrey of Washington.

Secretary Meyer declares that none of the Pacific coast coal now available is suitable for use in the navy, as it is deficient in "fixed carbon," and has comparatively large percentages of combustible, volatile matter, moisture and ash and that its use has been impracticable in the boilers.

The navy department, however, according to Meyer, will not abandon the idea of using coal on this coast, but will keep up the present investigations in the hope that some Pacific coast coal will be found that will end the present necessity for transporting coal from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast coaling stations.

In this connection it is said that the department contemplates further testing of Pacific coast coals next fall in one or more of the large armored cruisers now on the Pacific coast.

There is a possibility that a suitable coal will be found in Alaska, Secretary Meyer says, but there are no facilities at present for the transportation of it from the mines to tidewater. The secretary declares that it is probable that, as the use of oil for marine boilers increases, the supply of oil for the navy will be more and more drawn from the California oil fields and at present this kind of fuel is being used in the navy yards at Mare Island and at Puget sound.

## INSPIRATION BACKERS WILL FINANCE ARIZONA PROPERTY

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 1.—Thompson, Gunn & company, the same firm which was behind the reorganization of the Inspiration company at Globe, has taken up the financial worries of the Lake Superior and Arizona company and will provide \$200,000 for the development of the company's mines at Superior, three to five miles north of Florence. The company in return gives an option on its property and will, in addition, receive 60,000 shares of the company's stock.

The option expires in eighteen months. Included in the deal is the old Silver Queen, an adjoining property, which is lately owned by the Inspiration, which had an option which was permitted to lapse by the action of the company's own officers. Ore shipped from the Queen within the past few years ran as high as \$100 a ton, the car load in copper and silver. The Superior is a well developed property, with fine bodies of carbonate ore.

It is believed that a greater depth of sulphide will be encountered in which event the establishment of a smelter would be feasible. Plans were made for the building of a railroad from the mine to a suitable site on the Gila river, opposite Florence. This same railroad could be made to serve great copper mines lately acquired in the same general vicinity by the Copper Queen. Superior is in the same mineral belt as Ray, thirty miles distant, though its ores are different in character and in smaller bodies.

## LAKEVIEW PRODUCTION PUZZLES EXPERT JUDGES

BAKERSFIELD, Aug. 1.—The difficulty in judging the production of a well flowing oil is illustrated by the Lakeview. Persons who have stopped to see the gusher lately all say "she appears to be making as much oil as ever" and this remark is made by men who are thoroughly familiar with the business. Yet the famous gusher is gradually falling off in output. Last week the production measured up to 25,000 barrels a day; this week the highest record was 28,000 barrels and the lowest 22,000.

Of course, it's a pretty husky well even yet, but compared to 75,000 barrels, the maximum, or even 47,000, which was the average for many days. It shows a big decrease, a lessening of the forces that have been responsible for the monster.

There is also a slight increase noted in the amount of water contained in the oil, which has mounted up to 3 per cent.

## STRIKE AT NATIONAL GOES RICH IN GOLD

The latest strike of ore at the camp of National was made a few days ago on the property owned by J. Bell, George Ward and E. A. Stauffer on the east slope of Busekinn mountain. The strike was made in a crosscut tunnel that was run through the formation to cut the big ledge that outcrops on the surface. The vein was encountered by the tunnel, and it has not been cut through to determine its width. However, where it was broken into the quartz has a similar appearance to that being taken from the Charleston hill bonanza. The ore is heavily impregnated with antimonial silver and sulphides and while no assays have been made as yet it has every appearance of being rich.

## OIL NEAR PRUNEDALE

COALINGA, Aug. 1.—The oil men of this section are interested in the discovery of what is pronounced to be rich oil sand in the vicinity of Prunedale. Several months ago an oil man discovered a seepage of 25 gravity oil in an abandoned well near Prunedale, and it is the opinion of experts that this territory adjacent to the mountain abundance of petroleum deposits. The wells at Chittenden have been producing 400 barrels a day, and this light output is accounted for by sand in the fact that the drilling was done too far to the north of what is thought to be real oil producing territory.

## MOVES CEMENT PLANT

GLOBE, Ariz., Aug. 1.—The Rosevelt cement plant, which was used to manufacture all of the cement used in the construction of the big irrigation dam at that place, has just been sold to the Arizona Cement company and will be moved to Winkelman at once, where it will be operated on a commercial basis.

## GIFFORD PINCHOT WILL BE MET IN OIL FIELDS BY SIERRA MADRE CLUB

A committee of representative oil men to meet Gifford Pinchot at Bakersfield, September 11, and accompany him on a trip through the interior oil fields, will be appointed this week by E. A. Macdonald, president, of the Sierra Madre club.

## MINING QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for NEVADA STOCKS, GOLDFIELD DISTRICT, MANHATTAN DISTRICT, and BOSTON MINING STOCKS. Lists various stocks and their prices.

## NEW YORK CURB

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including sugar, coffee, and other goods.

## SAN FRANCISCO OIL STOCKS

Table listing oil stocks in San Francisco, including various oil companies and their share prices.

## STRIKE IN LOST HILLS

It was reported on the street yesterday that oil has been struck in the Lost Hills by the Lake Shore Oil company, which has been drilling there. Details are lacking, however, as to the quantity or quality, and at a late hour it was impossible to confirm the report.

## PRICES OF METALS

Table listing prices for various metals such as copper, silver, and gold.

## SANTA FE BRINGS IN GUSHER NEAR MARIKOPA

Well Reported Flowing 30,000 Barrels May Rival Famous Lakeview

A new rival of the Lakeview gusher has just been struck on section 36, North midway, which produced at the rate of 20,000 to 30,000 barrels a day for eleven hours before sanding up. The well is the property of the Santa Fe railway and is located about fifteen miles from the Lakeview. Before sanding up the well shot over the derrick and scattered oil over an extensive area. It is believed that when the sanding up ceases the well will be entirely secured from sand and it may become as large a producer as the Lakeview.

Owner No. 2 well, the sensation of the Santa Maria field, the production of which has been rapidly increasing during the past few weeks, is now yielding 850 barrels daily, while No. 1, known as "Old Reliable," which has been producing in the neighborhood of 1500 barrels daily during the past year, has increased its output to 1650 barrels. The Palmer Oil company delivered 170,000 barrels of oil to the Associated and Union companies in July, for which it is receiving 52 1/2 cents a barrel. The regular monthly dividend of one cent has also been declared by the company, payable August 25. The company is in a position to pay a much larger dividend if the oil continues to flow at the present rate, which will materially increase its output during the next few months.

## POWER COMPANY EXTENDS LINE TO CAMP LIBERTY

GOLDFIELD, Aug. 1.—The Nevada-California Power company is now constructing a branch power line to the property of the Topopah Liberty Mining company, at the camp of Liberty, within a few miles of the line connecting Topopah with Manhattan.

Negotiations have been pending for some time past for the extension of the company's lines to the Keane Wonder mine, near Death Valley, but the work of construction has not yet begun. It is also expected that a line will later be run to the present time work in that district is not being carried on upon a scale which would justify the expenditure.

It has been rumored for some time that certain mergers of large interests of the Hornsiver district were in progress, but information which will eventually result in the inauguration of extensive development on the Great Western and other properties there and in the event of these negotiations being successful, the Hornsiver company will shortly have a line into that district. The recent interruption in power service was due to the electrical storms that have been so prevalent, which duplicate lines little further trouble of this nature is anticipated.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Following are the permits issued since the last publication of the list and classified according to wards:

Table listing building permits issued in various wards, including addresses and permit numbers.

Jefferson street, 1560 West—William W. Schuerder, 1249 West Thirty-seventh place, owner and builder; one-story five-room residence, \$850.

Jefferson street, 1562 West—William W. Schuerder, 1249 West Thirty-seventh place, owner and builder; one-story five-room residence, \$850.

Hollywood—142 South Francis avenue—G. K. Patterson, 149 Iver street, owner; one-and-a-half-story eight-room residence, \$4000.

Hollywood—414 West Hollywood boulevard, owner; Al. Wright, builder; one-story six-room residence, \$2900.

## MANY TAX REFORMS ARE SUGGESTED IN MADRID

## Spain's Minister of Finance Would Collect Big Surplus

MADRID, Aug. 1.—The minister of finance has introduced in the chamber of deputies the new budget with several supplementary bills reforming taxation. It is calculated that the new measures will yield a surplus of \$15,722,220.

The greatest novelty in the proposals is the proposed progressive system of taxation on inheritance. In addition to a tax graduated according to the kinship of the persons inheriting the whole property will first have to pay the treasury a fixed sum varying from 5 per cent to 8 per cent, according to its value. Another novelty is a proposed tax of 25 per cent on the value of all property belonging to corporations and associations and therefore not subject to the inheritance tax.

## BREAKS COUSIN'S NECK IN WRESTLING MATCH

PITTSBURG, Aug. 1.—Harry Coleman broke his cousin's neck in a wrestling bout and is in jail awaiting hearing on a formal charge of murder. The cousin, Joseph Smith, died yesterday.

## Shipping News

SAN PEDRO, Aug. 1.—Arrived: Steamer Yellowstone from Portland via Redondo Beach; steamer Klamath from Portland via San Francisco; steamer Francis H. Leggett from Eureka; schooner Esther Buche, ten days from Portland via San Francisco; steamer San Gabriel from Eureka; steamer Rose City from Portland via San Francisco; steamer Rose City from Portland via San Francisco; steamer Rose City from Portland via San Francisco.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Three steamers arrived today from Portland via San Francisco. The steamer Klamath, owned by the Klamath and Portland Steamship company, is discharging 1,000 tons for the Southern Pacific and 11,000 for the Southern Pacific and the Klamath W. W. Leland.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Table listing arrivals and departures of ships, including ship names, destinations, and dates.

## TIDE TABLE

Table listing tide information for various locations, including high and low tide times.

## URGES STUDY OF IRISH LANGUAGE

## Member of Senate of National University Speaks on New Requirement

Dr. Cox Tells of Reasons for Its Adoption Into the Curriculum

DUBLIN, Aug. 1.—Dr. Michael F. Cox of this city, one of the vice presidents of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, a vice president of the National literary society and also vice president of the American Irish Historical society and a member of the senate of the National university of Ireland, who, during a long number of years, has done much to advance the cause of the Irish language revival and to stimulate Irish literary studies, has given his views on the resolution adopted by the majority of the senate at its recent meeting in favor of making Irish an essential subject at the matriculation examinations from 1913 onward.

## CHANGE FOR AMERICAN COMMERCE IN MOROCCO

## Extensive Program of Public Works Is Planned, Writes Minister Dodge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—In the following report Minister H. Percival Dodge of Tangiers to the American consul and business men to investigate the development of Morocco, which seems at hand, with a view to their taking a part in the development of the country, the minister writes: "There can no longer be any question of the country refusing to rally to its support in a whole-hearted manner. The country is now bound in honor to make the most favorable resolutions and promises so universally made by various public bodies, to the effect that if Irish were made an essential subject at matriculation, ample funds would be forthcoming to place the university on a sound financial basis."

## NOT BID FOR POPULARITY

"It is the business of the senate of the university to see that the educational standard of the university shall be maintained at the highest level, a department of human knowledge in all the arts and sciences. In recognizing Irish as essential for the curriculum of the university, the senate cannot be accused of bidding for popularity at the sacrifice of education. It should be remembered that of old, when Ireland stood forth as the university of the world, it was the language of her schools and of her scholars. Irish is a language rich in grammar, rich in idiom, rich in vocabulary, rich in literary and historical references. It has unfortunately been thrust out of university education to a large extent, Irish may be for Irish students at least to some extent supply the loss."

## A MUSICAL DOG

Roger's Goshen Band, a musical organization nearly half a century old, has bred a big St. Bernard dog as drum major. The dog first attracted attention one day when the band was marching at a park and broke away from the small boy that was leading it and took its position at the head of the band. It climbed into the band parading in front of the drum major, the double circle of musicians. When the band began to play a selection it at once strode to the center of the circle and gravely set up a drum major's work. The dog's tail lashed to the music now, and the animal manages to keep perfect time when marching.—Indianapolis News.

## PREVENTABLE FIRES

Reports have begun to arrive from Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin and New York State of sundry forest fires. A Minnesota hamlet has been wiped out by a conflagration, and a Canada report a \$2,000,000 loss in the Rainy River district. The dry season has begun and the work that costs the nation an estimated \$50,000,000 each year. Government regulations are stringent and state supervision has been highly organized in some cases, but the last two years have proved the most destructive in twenty-five, according to government statistics. Unattended carelessness of individuals, campfires and cigarette indulgence, along with slovenly campfires, are chiefly to blame.—Boston Herald.

## 78 KILLED ON SIBERIAN RAILWAY DURING YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Consul Lester Maynard of Vladivostok has compiled the following items relating to Siberia:

The statistics of the Siberian railway for 1909 show that 1922 men were injured and 78 killed. A new company has been organized in Chelabinsk to export Siberian butter to the far east and abroad. Japanese fishermen of Kamchatka have formed an association for the purpose of working on a joint account.

The mayor of Tomsk has commissioned Railway Engineer Korotki to make a survey for a new railway line between Barnaul and Tomsk.

Due to the lack of Russian workmen and the general economic depression, the employment of Chinese and Koreans, the fisheries in the neighborhood of Nikolaevsk are seriously handicapped. A government geological expedition, headed by N. N. Tikonovich, has been sent to Sakhalin Island to study and survey about 4500 square versts (1875 square miles) of the eastern shores of the island.

A. B. Sutor, commissioner in the east for the Australian state of New South Wales, has been in Vladivostok to investigate the railway facilities with a view of establishing direct steamship communication between eastern Siberia and Australian ports. An American representing a plot company of Illinois is in Vladivostok for the purpose of studying the plot situation of eastern Siberia, with the intent of erecting a serious effort along broad lines to introduce American plows in the Maritime, Amur and Transbaikalian provinces.

## DEPUTIES TABLE

## Included Provision for Collective Contracts Which Could Be Enforced by Court

## ALSO FIXED HOURS OF WORK

## Breaking of Contract by Either Party Is Subject for Damage Suit

PARIS, Aug. 1.—In the declaration of ministerial policy which M. Briand read to the chamber of deputies on June 9 the prime minister announced that the government intended to introduce a bill which would enable labor associations to conclude collective contracts with the representatives of capital. The bill, which is backed by the prime minister, the minister of justice and the minister of labor, has now been tabled in the chamber. It provides that an association of workpeople may conclude with an employer or an association of employers a collective contract laying down the conditions upon which alone individual contracts with any of the parties to the collective contract may be concluded. Such collective contracts will be concluded by the authority of the members of a capitalist association or of a labor union, delegated in writing to their representatives, and a contract will be binding upon all the members unless within three days' due notice of the contract has been given they resign their membership in the association or unless the collective contract is in all cases be in writing and a copy must be deposited in every district to which the contract applies with the council of labor arbitrators and at the office of the judge who arranged civil disputes or tries them in the first instance.

The collective contract may be concluded for a fixed period of time or it may run for a predetermined period, which in no case must exceed five years. Contracts thus limited will, nevertheless, continue to run as they were until they are expressly denounced. A month's notice from either party will be required in order to terminate a collective contract. In the case of collective contracts of indefinite duration, any individual member of either of the contracting associations may withdraw from the contract by giving a month's notice to the civil authorities with whom the contract has been deposited and by making a declaration of his withdrawal to the association concerned. Separate contracts between individual employers and employes will be null and void if they are contrary to the stipulations of a collective labor contract by which the parties are already bound.

Breaches of a collective contract can be made the subject for an action for damages against the individual employer or by any of its members. A contracting association is corporately, and its members are individually, responsible for breaches of the collective contract by the association. The associations may act on behalf of their individual members in a special mandamus, provided that the individual member has received due notice and has entered no objection.

These are the main provisions of a bill which will be introduced to facilitate and to improve the relations of capital and labor and to diminish the cause of disputes and strikes. The Chamber of Deputies has already passed in consequence of these proposals, as well as on account of two others which are designed to reduce the hours of adult labor to ten a day and to enable municipal councils to fix the daily closing hour for shops. The clause of the collective labor contracts bill which it most severely criticizes is one which will enact that individual members of an association which is a party to one of these contracts are bound, in default of a special exonerating provision, to observe the obligations of the collective contract in making separate individual contracts, "even with persons who have no part in the collective convention."

## DR. FLEXNER ON WHISKERS

Dr. Simon Flexner, chief of the Rockefeller institution, referred at a dinner in Philadelphia to the increasing number of clean-shaven doctors. "It is cleaner, safer to be clean-shaven," he said. "Certainly, so far as physicians are concerned, there was more truth than poetry in the dialogue of the two little boys on the street corner. 'You've got to have your face washed?' asked the first little boy. 'Oh, don't I, though?' the other answered. 'You bet, when I grow up I'll wear full whiskers.'"—Detroit Free Press.

## Listen to Reason

Any reasonable investor knows the value of oil. He also knows the immense possibilities of the Midway-Sunset fields.

## The Ida May Oil Company

Holds a perpetual lease of 80 acres in this field. It is a producing company. It is incorporated in California for \$600,000 with 400,000 Treasury Stock reserve. Its officers are men of tried honesty, which guarantees every dollar invested. It is selling enough stock at 25c a share to put down ten new wells at once.

The man who waits to be sure of the outcome before he goes ahead never goes.

## Invest in This Stock

THE IDA MAY OIL CO. 207 Mercantile Place, Los Angeles. F 5955 Main 1357