

# Oil and Gas Development

Latest News of the West Virginia and Nearby Fields with Review of the Week's Operations.

The feature that brought the most gratification to eastern oil men during the last week was the second ten-cent advance in the credit balance market, making the quotation for crude of the Pennsylvania grade \$1.55. This is just twenty cents higher than it was for the corresponding period one year ago. The second rise came in the early part of the week and the week that times and the close of the week the market in the Mid-Continent and Middle-West was advanced, giving rise to the belief that the eastern market is in line for another advance in the near future.

There is no doubt of conditions having improved materially with the last two months. The production of the Oklahoma fields is not so menacing and the demand for crude has been steadily increasing. Over production has been the principal cause of the depression and once it has been removed—and no new prolific producing territory in sight—producers will experience a new era of prosperity. It is the army of producers, having small wells and no new territory to develop who will be most benefited by the recent advances in the market.

Operations Not Increasing. In the eastern fields there is no indication of an increase in development work, occasioned by the rise in the market. August is usually a busy month for operators, but the advance came too late and has not gone far enough to encourage operators to resume operations. Light territory is all that is available for an immediate resumption and the price of crude has not yet reached that point to make it attractive.

In the Big Injun sand territory, a new development, on Fishing creek, seven miles west of Pine Grove, Green district, Wetzel county, W. Va., the New Martinsville Oil Company has completed No. 8 on the S. B. Morgan farm and has a forty-barrel producer. No. 7 on the same farm was completed a few days ago and is good for thirty barrels a day. The completion of these two wells improves the prospects for the development of a Big Injun pool. Owing to previous development work in that locality it is not expected to be large.

In the West development on Blue creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the South Penn Oil Company drilled its No. 1 on the Anna C. Skinner farm through the sand and has a show for a forty-barrel producer. In Spencer district, Boone county, the company has drilled its test on the Cook heirs' farm through the Big Injun sand and found nothing but a light gas pressure. It will be abandoned.

On Yellow creek, Center district, Calhoun county, the Spear Oil Company has drilled No. 11 on the James Metz farm through the Berea grit sand and has a gasser. On Tanners creek, Troy district, Gilmer county, the Crude Oil Company has completed its test on the F. J. Waggoner farm and has a light producer in the Gantz sand. On Sugar creek, Clay district, Wetzel county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company has now drilled its test on the J. B. Pettit farm through the fourth sand and has a duster. In the same district, the Hope Natural Gas Company has started to drill a test on the J. S. Toothman farm.

Harrison County. On Limestone run, Clark district, Harrison county, the Philadelphia Company has drilled its test on the Mary R. Shinn farm through the fifth sand and has a gasser. On Lost Creek, Grant district, Ernest Randolph is due in the sand at a test on the W. C. Cookman farm. On West Fork river, Union district, the Fisher Oil Company has the rig completed for a second test on the L. Perine farm. In the same district, on the same stream, the Grassell Chemical Company is due in the Gordon sand at a test on the J. L. Davis farm.

On Dunkard creek, Battelle district, Monongalia county, the Fisher and West Virginia Gas Company has started to drill a test on the George Renner farm. On Coal Run, Sheridan district, Calhoun county, the Hope Natural Gas Company is down 2,100 feet at a test on the Mary A. Johnson farm and fishing. On Little creek, Spencer district, Boone county, L. S. Barker has started to drill a test on the Sheddick Truman farm. In Harper district, the Algoma Oil Company is down 800 feet at a test on the G. W. Gaudes farm and fishing.

Southeastern Ohio. The southeastern Ohio fields are completing nothing better than light pumps. In the Reas Run district, Grandview township, Washington county, C. F. Casper & Co. have completed No. 7 on the McMahan heirs' farm and have a duster in the Keener sand. In the same locality, Bykes, Berry & Co. have completed No. 4 on the Knowlton farm and had a gasser in the salt sand. Thornly & Heister have the rig completed for No. 17 on the Eckert heirs' farm. In the Payne district, Lawrence township, Shay, McMullen & Co. are drilling a second test on the E. A. Hune farm. In Independence township, C. L. Brown has the rig completed for a test on the William Moffatt farm. In the same township, Wright & Recker have the rig completed for a test on the C. L. Brown farm.

In Lawrence township, J. E. Needs has completed No. 4 on the Lucretia Dye farm and has a show for a five-barrel producer in the first Cow Run sand. George D. Berry has drilled No. 4 on the James... through the... formation and has the same kind of a producer.

Eight Wells in Noble County. Near Harriettsville, Jefferson township, Noble county, the Elba Oil & Gas Company have completed a second test on the John Deeman farm and has a light producer in the Berea grit. In the same district, the Bright Oil Company has drilled its test on the Samuel Armstrong farm through the Bull Run sand and has a duster. In the Caldwell district, J. R. Merry & Company have completed a second test on the Eno Wickham farm and have a light producer in the Bull Run

sand. In Marion township, Barry & Archer are drilling a test on the Kinsey Jones farm. Near Warner station, Salem township, Washington county, Stephens & Company have completed Nos. 2 and 3 on the George Montgomery farm. The first is a duster and the last a light producer in the 800-foot sand. Near Stockport, Penn. township, Morgan county, the Ross Oil Company has completed a test on the Scott farm and has a duster in the Pecker sand, located 1,500 feet west of production.

## GERMANY

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on the ocean lanes only with difficulty and often it was necessary to await their return to home ports. It is realized that so far the state department has been

Unable to Secure Reports from the German foreign office in the case of the Orduna, shelled more than a fortnight ago, and the same delay has been experienced in the Lelanaw and Nebraska cases.

Notwithstanding the possibility of delay it has been decided that in a matter of such gravity and importance the amities of diplomatic intercourse as well as a sense of exact justice require that the German government be given full opportunity to present each side of the case before the action be taken by the United States is determined upon.

Some official thought there were inconsistencies in the statements of some of the survivors as to what actually took place. They also noticed the action of the British news censors in suppressing press despatches dealing with details of the tragedy and the fact that there might be some condition surrounding the sinking of the Arabic which materially qualify first judgment passed upon the work of the German submarine commander.

At any rate official dispatches today referred only to the casualities in the tragedy on the vessel and the department seeks information; considering the department's instructions yesterday to the vice consul at Queenstown to secure affidavits from all the American passengers and if possible from the officers of the Arabic some disappointment was expressed that so far only one such affidavit had been forthcoming in the form of a statement from Mrs. Zella Covington, which was not complete.

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## WAR IS DECLARED

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the terms of which it pledged itself to withdraw all Turkish troops and officers from the Cyrenaica district in Tripoli and help bring about the submission of the Senusi tribesmen in this locality. Instead of doing this, it was alleged, Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, last march sent his brother to Cyrenaica to foment rebellions.

It was announced on the fifth of August that Italy had asked for categorical explanations concerning Turkey's alleged refusal to withdraw its troops from the Cyrenaica district in Tripoli and it was charged that Turkey was pursuing what was described as its usual policy of procrastination.

Ultimatum to Turkey. In official circles in Rome the feeling was held that hostilities on the part of Italy might begin at any moment as its last note to Turkey was almost in the character of an ultimatum. Shortly after this it was reported that declaration of war by Italy against Turkey would be simultaneous with the sending of about 150,000 men to the aid of the Franco-British force on the Gallipoli peninsula.

It was announced on August 19 that a strong squadron of fast Italian cruisers was being held in readiness to sail from Tarranto, Italy, at a moment's notice. It was of this nature that was expected the warships would be sent against Turkey if the latter country declined to satisfy Italy's demands for the release of Italian subjects.

Provocations Intolerable. A meeting of the Italian cabinet was held yesterday (Friday) at which the Italian foreign minister, presented an exhaustive report on the Turkish situation. He asserted that the Turkish provocations had become intolerable. The cabinet's decision was kept secret.

Despatches today stated that the Italian ambassador at Constantinople had been instructed to hand to the porte a note asking for a formal categorical statement as to departure of Italians from Turkish possessions. It was unofficially stated that the note was in the nature of an ultimatum and that a reply was expected Saturday.

## GERMAN TORPEDO

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ready is across the railway from Brest-Litovsk to Bilaystok threatening to divide the Russian forces at Brest-Litovsk from those holding to the line to the northwest as far as Osewiel. The Russians still are making an orderly retreat along all the lines they can and except for the guns and men taken in fortresses the Austro-Germans do not claim any large captures.

On the other battlefronts there have been no events of importance.

## IMMIGRATION FALLS OFF.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Preliminary figures issued today by the immigration bureau show a sixty-six per cent decrease in immigration during the first of August, compared with the same period a year ago, while every month this year has shown a decline from sixty-five to seventy-nine per cent.

# NO WARNING GIVEN DECLARE SURVIVORS OF THE ARABIC LINER

### Who Reach Liverpool and London and Captain's Assertion is Confirmed.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Numbers of survivors of the Arabic have reached Liverpool and London and all those who have been seen confirmed Capt. Finch's assertion that no warning was given by the submarine and the oncoming torpedo was the first intimation of the impending disaster.

"We're done boys; they've got us this time," Capt. Finch shouted to his officers on the bridge and the next minute the torpedo struck the vessel.

The fumes from the explosion were suffocating, survivors said, and a great column of water rose high in the air and landed on the deck with a roar. Strong men were knocked down and washed overboard, passengers declared, and two women were left dead on the deck. All the survivors paid tribute to the wonderful record of the officers and crew in saving so many persons in ten minutes' time.

The only hint heard there that the Arabic was under convoy came from an American and has been contradicted by the categorical denial of the British government that the Arabic was being convoyed when it was torpedoed.

Numerous passengers also have attested to the fact that the steamer's boats rowed for two or three three hours before they were picked up. As to the other suggestion that the Arabic possibly attempted to ram the submarine, Capt. Finch's statement is to the contrary.

## DEATH TOLL

### In the Sinking of the Arabic is Now Announced as Thirty-Nine Persons.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 22 (12:10 a. m.)—Thirty-nine persons lost their lives in the sinking of the steamer Arabic, the White Star line announced late last night after completing an investigation regarding the total number of persons aboard. It is stated that twelve passengers, six steerage passengers and twenty-one members of the crew cannot be accounted for and must be put down as lost.

The coroner has decided that no inquest will be necessary over the bodies recovered and consequently Captain Finch, who was waiting to give evidence, left for Liverpool. The woman whose body was found in the bottom of a drifting lifeboat was identified last night as Mrs. Eaton of Bolton, Lancashire, who was on her way to New York to meet her husband. Her daughter who was with her, was saved and has returned to Bolton.

## GOD THANKED

### By the Emperor of Germany for the Teuton Victory at Russian Fortress.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A message expressing deep gratitude over the capture of Novogorodievsk and paying high tribute to the courage of German troops has been telegraphed by Emperor William to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, according to the Nord-Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, of Berlin, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. The emperor's message as given by the newspaper follows:

"Thanks to God's gracious assistance; the tried bravery of the conqueror of Antwerp, General von Beseler; the heroic courage of our brilliant troops; and the excellent German and Austro-Hungarian siege artillery, the strongest and most modern Russian fortress—Novogorodievsk—is in our hands.

"Deeply moved I have just expressed my thanks to my brave troops, whose spirit was splendid. It is of this nature that was expected the warships would be sent against Turkey if the latter country declined to satisfy Italy's demands for the release of Italian subjects.

## ONE FRANK LYNCHER

### Is Said to Be Known and the Information Will Be Given to Governor Tomorrow.

ATLANTA, Ga., August 21.—It was intimated in official circles here tonight that the identity of a number of the so-called "vigilance committee" that lynched Leo M. Frank was known to some officials and that the information probably would be placed before Governor Harris next week.

Nothing that seemed likely to lead to identification of any of the men had come to the governor today, he announced. He said early in the day that he was not making public all steps he had taken to investigate the abduction and lynching and this caused some speculation. The state-ment even was interpreted by some to mean that he knew who some of the men were but he later said there was no such significance to his words.

## ITALIANS LEAVE

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 21.—The Italian ambassador and the embassy staff left Constantinople at noon yesterday, according to a telegram from the Turkish capital. The United States embassy has been entrusted with the task of protecting Italians in Turkey.

# COTTON NOW IS DECLARED CONTRABAND

### By the British Government and the French Will Issue a Similar Order Today.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, according to a statement issued by the foreign office this afternoon.

The statement declares that the government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

It was learned upon inquiry at the foreign office that the French government will issue a similar notice early tomorrow.

The announcement follows: His Majesty's government has declared cotton absolute contraband. While the circumstances might have justified such action at an earlier period his majesty's government is glad to think that local conditions of American interest likely to be affected are more favorable for such a step than they were a year ago and more over his majesty's government contemplates initiation of measures to relieve as far as possible any abnormal depression which might temporarily disturb market conditions.

## HIGHWAYMEN

### Successfully Hold Up and Rob Nine Automobile Parties in Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 21.—City and county officials are searching today for five highwaymen who held up and robbed nine successive automobile parties in Butte last night. Estimates of the losses of the motorists in cash and jewelry approximate \$5000. The victims, several of them women, were arranged in a row and forced to hand over their valuables.

## BLOODLESS

### Revolution is Reported by Former Officials of Portuguese Territory in East Africa.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A bloodless revolution in Lourenco Marques, a Portuguese territory in East Africa, has been reported at Johannesburg by former officials of the district. A fortnight ago about 400 ultra Republicans formed a military force and seized the government offices at Lourenco Marques, says a Reuter Johannesburg despatch, and deposed the acting governor. Prominent military and civil officials were wrested from the regularly constituted authorities without the firing of a shot.

## RELIGION IS USED.

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Grace P. Strachen, district superintendent of schools at Brooklyn, N. Y., who resigned from the National Educational Association following her defeat in a bitter contest for the presidency of the organization has issued a signed statement in which she cites illustrations of the alleged fact that her Catholic faith was used against her.

## FLOOD SURVIVORS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 21.—Reports received tonight from towns along the upper reaches of the White river, indicates that the flood situation there has become serious. A steambot was sent out late this afternoon from Batesville to the oil trough bottoms, where it is reported that many people are marooned by the rapidly rising waters.

## FOOD APPEAL

### For Texas People in the Flooded Regions is Made by Governor Ferguson.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 21.—An appeal to the people of Texas for food, clothing or money to assist sufferers from the storm and flood the last week outside of Galveston was issued today by Governor Ferguson. He requested that all contributions be sent to the executive office at Austin.

The larger cities, Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, disclaim the need of aid.

## STEEN RELEASED.

DETROIT, Aug. 21.—Picher Bill Steen of the Detroit Americans, recently "purchased from the Cleveland American League Club was given notice of his unconditional release today.

## NO SURPRISE.

ROME, Aug. 22.—Italy's declaration of war upon Turkey has caused no surprise in diplomatic and political circles here. For several days it has been considered inevitable that Italy would take this step.

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## GREAT CROP DAMAGE.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 21.—Excessive crop damage is reported today from southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, due to the Texas storm. It was estimated today by the government crop experts that 240,000 bushels of corn had been beaten into the ground in this (Vanderburg) county alone. In the last 48 hours 3.11 inches of rain has fallen here.

## TO HAVE AUDIENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Eleutheros Venizelos has asked for an audience with King Constantine tomorrow, says a Reuter despatch from Athens, and it is certain he will inform the king of his willingness to form a new cabinet. He is expected to take the oath as premier Monday morning.

## WISSLOW ASSIGNED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Rear Admiral Wisslow was today assigned to become admiral of the Pacific fleet in succession to Admiral Howard, who resumed his rank as rear admiral and comes to Washington preparatory to his retirement in a few months.

## INCREASING SERVICE.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—A device for the salvaging of a submarine unable to reach the surface is being tested by naval officers here. In the course of the experiment the submarine G-1 submerged to a depth of between fifty and sixty feet was brought to the surface, it became known here tonight.

## RAGING TORRENT.

POPULAR BLUFFS, Mo., Aug. 21.—The Black river is a raging torrent and has flooded the east side of Popular Bluffs, causing a hundred families from their homes.

## COMMITTS SUICIDE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21.—John Wocher, 59, vice president of the Aetna Trust and Savings Company, shot and killed himself in the basement of a downtown office building here today. He has been in poor health for three years and the suicide is attributed to this.

## LIMIT INCREASED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Change in postal regulations effective Sept. 1 was made today by which parcel post mail may be insured up to \$100.

Heretofore the limit has been \$50. For valuation from \$50 to \$100 the fee will be twenty-five cents in addition to postage.

Susanna for children—for fretful children—Advertisement.

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# STATE SHORTHAND REPORTERS' MEET

### Is Scheduled to Be Held in the City of Huntington Next Month.

HUNTINGTON, August 21.—The State Shorthand Reporters' Association of West Virginia will meet in Huntington sometime in September. It was learned from Herman Pugh, a local member of the organization.

Mr. Pugh stated that he has received letters from officers of the association asking what date would be best fitted for the convention. The present intention, according to the letter, is to meet about the first of the month. Similar letters were sent out to all members of the organization.

An effort will be made by Mr. Pugh to cause the postponement of the reporters' meeting until Fall Festival week. While there are only thirty-three members, this association is composed of representative men from the important cities and towns of the state and would be an addition to the festival visitors.

## TO MOBILIZE.

GENEVA, Feb. Paris, Aug. 21.—The Bucharest, Roumania, correspondent of the Tribune sends the following: "Between Nish, Serbia, and Bucharest constant telegrams are passing. It is believed that Roumania will begin a general mobilization on August 25. Relations between Bulgaria, Roumania and Serbia at present are excellent."

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