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Oil Lands Suit

United Press Leased Wire Service. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Filing of a government suit for 2,700 acres of oil lands, valued at \$5,000,000, today awaited only the decision of the interior and justice departments in Washington. The Honolulu Consolidated Oil company was the defendant. The government contends that the land is part of the naval reserve and the suit will be based on the order issued by President Taft in 1908, withdrawing certain oil lands from entry.

SECOND TOUR OF NOMINEE

Candidate Hughes Opens Up Again on His Enemy, Democracy, at Peoria.

PLEASED TO GET BACK

Just as Enthusiastic and Full of "Pep" as on First Trip of Speaking Over the Country.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 19.—Nominee Hughes chose Peoria as the city from which he should hurl forth today the first speech of his second presidential campaign tour. He spoke in the hall in which the republican conference was meeting and in an hour's sermon on the nation's deeds and future, enunciated practically every one of his doctrines on Americanism, a protective tariff, adequate laws covering labor and fair treatment to legitimate business.

The G. O. P. candidate was plainly pleased to get back to campaigning again. He started with a smile at the crowd which greeted him at the station, waved his hat in almost Rooseveltian glee at those who applauded him or the street and in voice and gesture at the Coliseum exhibited a full measure of "pep."

There was very little "frazzle" in his voice and plenty of glaze in his upper cutis at the air as he rammed home his criticisms of the democratic administration.

It developed today that the governor didn't get the full four days rest at Bridgehampton he had planned. Saturday he gave over to reading of data collected and arranged for him by Secretary Laurence H. Green and the arrangement in his mind of the facts shown therein. The former justice sticks to his judicial system of preparation—long and close reading of facts, a pe-iod of mental digestion—possibly of hours—and then he is ready to talk, with not any notes to aid his memory. He was able to get in his period of study Saturday at Bridgehampton and yesterday, during the all day trip to Illinois, he snatched an opportunity to digest. For almost the entire day he was in his "study" as Mrs. Hughes has named it, in the private car "National," industriously conning over notes and just thinking.

The governor—or rather Mr. Hughes—has turned one of the four state rooms in his private car into a sort of work shop. The first state room from the end is his bed room; the second his "study"; the third the "parlor," and the fourth, Mrs. Hughes' bed room. Mrs. Hughes named them all herself and supervised the arrangements for the governor's comfort. The new private car is an all-steel one finished inside in a warm, light green shade about which Mrs. Hughes is enthusiastic because it gives what she calls a "homey warm look." In fact, Mrs. Hughes is mightily pleased over everything connected with the present trip mainly because up to the last minute she had not expected to be able to accompany her husband. But she felt he needed her on the strenuous days of campaigning he faces in this journey through the middle west and so she managed to get the Hughes children all fixed up as to school.

On his mid-western "invasion" the republican nominee intends to make as one of his principal differences of issue against President Wilson the Adamson eight hour law passed at the executive's behest in order to avert a railroad strike. He has had time to collect some additional data on that measure and the contingency

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Ancient Juggernaut May Return to Modern Warfare

Monster Death Cars Used by British Likely to be Used by Others in the Carnival of Blood

[United Press Leased Wire Service] LONDON, Sept. 19.—Great battles between whole fleets of land dreadnoughts may result from the introduction of the new "tanks" or motorcar monsters in the Somme fighting by the British, a Times correspondent at British headquarters suggested today. "In one short hour," the correspondent wired, "the tanks did more military service and killed more Germans in uniform than all the Zeppelins have ever done. "It may be that before this war is done, we, the Germans and all the allies alike, shall be building other monsters, huger and each more horrible than the last until there will be land battles of whole fleets of dreadnoughts and terrestrial monsters." Only one of the "tanks" was destroyed in the Somme fighting, it was learned today. In the center of Bouleaux wood, where fierce fighting occurred, one of the monsters lies with its nose in the earth between the opposing lines, forming a barricade for both British and Germans. How it was destroyed has not been revealed in dispatches from the front.

NEW WAR MACHINES FOR U. S. A.

Caterpillar Tractors Similar to British "Land Dreadnought Tanks," Built for the American Army.

ARE MADE AT PEORIA

Contract For Twenty-seven of Them to be Delivered Within Ninety Days at \$4,775 Each.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven caterpillar tractors, similar to those converted into "land dreadnought tanks" by the British in northern France, will soon be a part of the United States army's war paraphernalia. The same Peoria, Ill., firm which supplied the British with the engines for the armored fighting monsters, has contracted to build the huge tractors for this government. They are to be delivered within ninety days. The tractors will weigh between 12,000 and 14,000 pounds. This is considerably below the weight of the tractors furnished for Great Britain. The price will be \$4,775 each. It will cost \$1,000 additional for encasing them in armor.

Colonel Rice of the ordnance department, explained today that while these tractors could easily be turned into land dreadnoughts similar to the British "tanks," it is unlikely this will be done.

"Conditions here would not call for such engines of war," said Colonel Rice. "In the first place, it is not likely that war in America would develop into trench warfare because of the enormous distances, except where it would be confined to local territories."

The tractors bought for the United States army are to be used to haul big guns. They will be armored and probably will carry rapid fire rifles, but more for defense than offense. They are much similar to the ordinary farm tractors, except that they are more powerfully constructed.

State Primaries Today. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Making a last effort to win over the support of the progressives, Judge Samuel Seabury, candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, today held conference with prominent progressives prior to the opening of state primaries at 2 o'clock p. m. today. Governor Whitman worked until well into the night lining up his supporters.

The senatorial fight and battle waged by Whitman and Seabury for the progressive nomination furnish the greatest interest for the state-wide voting this afternoon.

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SETTLED NEXT FRIDAY

Union Leaders to Set Date Then for Walk-Out Which Would Paralyze New York City.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Mayor Mitchel and Oscar Straus, chairman of the public service commission, are to meet today in the first of a series of conferences with committees from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants association in an effort to avert a sympathetic strike, again threatened by more than half a million workers.

Despite the fact that Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough has flatly declared that he will not arbitrate in the traction strike situation and the union leaders have threatened a general strike if a settlement is not reached, Mitchel and Straus are going ahead with their peace plan.

Next Friday is the day set by the union leaders for their action. At two o'clock on that date, if no settlement has been reached, they will convene to set a date for the general walkout. After that they claim it will be but a matter of hours before New York is paralyzed by the greatest strike the city has ever known.

Two hundred motormen and conductors on the New York and Queens county electric railway struck at midnight last night and the service was demoralized today. The walkout was a sequel to the trouble on the surface lines in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Today's Accidents

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Upwards of forty persons were injured, most of them girls enroute to work, in four accidents today growing out of the street car strike. A jitney automobile truck crowded with girls, swerved sharply approaching the Williamsburg bridge and pitched its two score passengers into the roadway. Some of them fell beneath other automobiles or the heels of horses and received serious injuries.

A Third avenue car operated by a strike breaker jumped the track and crashed into a telegraph pole. A motorman and two passengers were injured. Two cars in the Bronx, operated by green motormen were in collision, but no one was injured. The police explained that strike-hardened Bronxites always keep their eyes on their motormen nowadays and jump before the crash comes.

Mayor Mitchel and Chairman Straus of the public service commission conferred this afternoon with business and commercial leaders in an eleven-hour attempt to avert the general sympathetic strike threatened by union leaders, unless the railway companies agree to arbitration.

SERBIAN FRONTIER CROSSED

Allied Troops Break Through at Two Points in Advance on Bulgarian Base at Monastir.

THE GREEK VOLUNTEERS

Russo-Rumanian Retreat Has Halted and There is Little Doubt That They Will Now Repel the Teutons.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Sept. 19.—Allied troops have crossed the Serbian frontier at two places and are advancing against the Bulgarian base at Monastir. Serbian soldiers are fighting on their native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter. They have captured a series of heights from the Bulgars at Kamakchalan and have crossed the Serbo-Greek border north of Lake Ostrovo.

French and Russian troops are engaged with the Bulgars near Kenale, on Serbian territory. Practically all the territory conquered by the Bulgarian right wing in the recent invasion of Greece has already been recaptured by the Serbs, French and Russians.

The most savage fighting has occurred where Serbs and Bulgarians came in contact. Eager for revenge the Serbs are flinging themselves at the Bulgarian lines with knives and bayonets. Desperate hand to hand fighting was reported northwest of Lake Ostrovo.

The Bulgars have made almost no strong stand since their first strong defensive positions were wrecked by French and Serbian artillery. They have moved steadily northward in retreat excepting at Florina where they offered stubborn resistance, but were again defeated by French and Russian forces.

General Cordonnier, French commander, established headquarters in Florina and ordered the pursuit of the Bulgars continued, said an Athens dispatch today.

Fighting with the allies near Florina was a number of Greek volunteers, whose bravery was especially mentioned in dispatches from Athens. In Dorrudja, the Russo-Rumanian retreat has completely halted on the strongly fortified line south of the Constanza railway and an important battle on this line appears imminent. The Rumanians have the advantages of a narrow front, protected on the flanks by the Danube and the Black sea and there is little doubt here that they will be able to repel Teutonic attacks.

Italians in Battle

PARIS, Sept. 19.—A most violent battle is going on between the Italians and Bulgarians east of Beles mountains in Macedonia, said an of-

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ALL ARE AFRAID OF VILLA'S BAND

His Attack on Chihuahua City Proves That Carranza Cannot Do Anything About It.

THOUSAND DESERTERS

Comes and Goes as He Pleases, Carrying Off Ammunition and Soldiers With Little Trouble.

[By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 19.—With six automobile loads of ammunition captured from the arsenal in the attack on Chihuahua City Saturday and with more than a thousand recruits from the Carranzista ranks added to his forces, Pancho Villa today is reported feeling back into the fastnesses of Santa Clara canyon, entering it by the east mouth.

Defacto government troops from Chihuahua have abandoned the chase of the "fox of the Sierras." In the meantime new troops from Monterey and other points south are being pushed north to take up the trail of the bandits. General Trevino, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City fears to use the men recruited from northern Mexico against Villa as they invariably desert to him at the first opportunity.

Military men here do not underestimate the importance of Villa's attack on Chihuahua City and declare that all northern Mexico is now at the mercy of the bandit leader. They point out that the city is the strongest military fortress in the north and that it was defended by heavy artillery and a garrison of 7,000 men. Despite this strength, Villa, after openly boasting he would attack the city on Independence day, made good his threat, entered the town, released prisoners and withdrew, carrying away ammunition and supplies and taking with him more than a thousand deserters from the Carranza garrison.

Scores of refugees from Chihuahua City arrive in Juarez last night bringing first hand accounts of the attack and confirming meager reports that the Villistas overran the city and left it at their leisure. Only two civilian residents of the city were injured and none of the few American residents. In the early fighting the Villistas ferried all civilians who appeared on the streets into a vacant building and kept them inside while the fighting was in progress.

All incoming refugees from the south declare that a large number of defacto troops deserted and marched away with Villa with their arms and ammunition. Before beginning the retreat, six automobiles, commandeered by the bandits, were backed up to the arsenal and loaded with ammunition. Four hundred Carranza mineurs guarded them on the march out.

Most of the 1,200 political prisoners in the penitentiary were released by Villistas.

General Gonzales has reinforced the Juarez garrison with men and artillery. The Carranza officials frankly admit their fears of an attack upon Juarez by Villa's forces.

Farm House Burned. [Special to The Gate City.] BONAPARTE, Iowa, Sept. 19.—A farm house on what is known as the old Holmes farm, seven miles northwest of Bonaparte, was burned to the ground Monday about 12:30 o'clock. The place was occupied by Louis Rash and family and was owned by a Mt. Pleasant real estate firm. The fire was caused by a defective flue and was discovered while the Rash family were at dinner. The house was a complete loss but a part of the household goods were saved.

SURRENDER OF TRENCHES ADMITTED

German Official Report States That Some Dugouts Had to be Given Up to the British.

NIGHT OF RAINSTORMS

Weather Prevented Operations, But Surprise Attacks Were Made to Feel Out the Opposition.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The Germans have surrendered trenches to the British east of Ghinchy and north of Combles, but have repulsed French attacks near Belloy and Vervandoviers, south of the Somme, it was officially announced today.

A French attack on the western slope of Dead Man's hill, northwest of Verdun, penetrated German trenches.

Surprise Attacks. [By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.] LONDON, Sept. 19.—German and French commanders felt out the opposing lines with surprise attacks last night while a heavy rainstorm impeded operations on the great Somme battle front. As a result, sharp fighting occurred at points where there has been a lull for several weeks.

The Germans battered the Champagne front heavily in five attacks in force. Russian troops, part of the contingent landed at Marseilles, stopped every assault, the French war office announced, inflicting heavy losses on the Teutons.

The French struck northwest of Verdun. The German war office admitted that German trenches were penetrated on Dead Man's hill, the burial ground for thousands of the crown prince's troops in the unsuccessful attempt to take Verdun from the west bank of the Meuse.

The only activity on the Somme front, occurred south of the river where the French war office this afternoon claimed a slight advance east of Berny. The German war office admitted the 19th gains east of Ghinchy and near Combles, reported by General Haig last night, but announced the repulse of all French attacks.

In the Balkans, the pursuit of the Bulgars who have evacuated practically all of northwestern Greece is being held up partly by Bulgarian counter attacks and partly by the necessity of bringing up allied artillery. Serbians, French and Russian troops are now menacing the Bulgarian base at Monastir, now less than eight miles away.

The German war office announced fresh victories over the Russians on the eastern front and the capture of 2,542 more prisoners.

The German official statement reported the repulse of Russo-Rumanian attacks in the Carpathians, near Dorna Vatra, with heavy losses and also the repulse of Rumanian attacks southeast of Hatzev.

Rain Halts Operations

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A steady downpour of rain has halted the British operations on the Somme front and there has been no important fighting since yesterday.

General Haig reported this afternoon that British troops entered the enemy trenches at Richebourg La boue at three separate places, taking prisoners and inflicting casualties.

MOST TERRIFIC BATTLE FOUGHT ON TEXAS SOIL

Ten Thousand Guardsmen Found Town Defended by Four Thousand Others.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW BRACNFELS, Texas, Sept. 19.—The 14,000 national guardsmen engaged in the eighty-five mile hike from Fort San Houston to Austin today resumed their northward march despite the fact they had just emerged from one of the most terrific battles ever fought on Texas soil.

When the 10,000 men under Brigadier General Henry A. Greene ap-

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proached this town late yesterday they found it held by four thousand men under Brigadier General S. L. T. Richardson, which had marched by a more direct route. There ensued a sham battle that for noise and excitement was nearly the real thing. Artillery, machine gun and rifle fire echoed through the town for hours.

General Funston, who witnessed the maneuvers with his staff, pronounced them a technical success. Greene's column left for Hunter ten miles north, today, following a route south of the Katy railway. Richardson's men started for the same place, marching north of the railroad. At Hunter the two columns will unite and tomorrow will hike together to Blanco, twelve miles beyond.