

MEXICAN OIL LAW RE-FRAMED

Retroactive Features Have Been Eliminated on Foreign Protest

SEC. CABRERA MAKES STATEMENT

He Will Represent the Mexican Government in Oil Debate

Mexico City, Thursday, Aug. 28.—Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, it was stated authoritatively today, will voice the views of the executive department of the government during the pending debate on petroleum legislation in the Mexican Congress.

A statement was furnished the Associated Press to-night by Leon Salinas, acting secretary of industry and commerce, which department has charge of petroleum matters, declaring that, judging from press dispatches, recent statements by his department on the government's stand in regard to the legal aspects of article 27 of the constitution and President Carranza's proposals of last November had been misinterpreted by the oil producers' association.

"I have never said the projected law would be retroactive in effect," he said, "but I have said and still maintain that I understand the meaning of the word 'retroactivity' to be very different from the construction placed on it by the oil producers' association. The association, under the meaning it gives this word, claims that laws are immutable and that we have no right to change them, even if the changes are in the general interest. Since I believe that a free people has the absolute right to enact laws which give the greatest aid to its development, I cannot agree with the oil association, which only defends its own privileged situation, nor can I agree to its interpretation of words."

WHY FRENCH STRIKE FAILED. Because Extremists Lost Control of the Labor Unions.

Paris, Aug. 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The recent collapse of the movement for a general strike is explained in some quarters by the saying that, while the extremists were getting control of the socialist party, they were losing their hold on the labor unions, which, 300,000 strong before the war, now have a membership of more than 1,500,000. The 300,000 were well in hand, it is said, but the 1,200,000 have brought with them a certain independence of thought and action. The consequence is that the vast majority of union men are not ready to accept such radical measures as a general political strike.

The national committee of the labor federation has issued a sort of platform, declaring that production should be stimulated and increased by all possible means, and demanding customs barriers be broken down, that inflated paper circulation be suppressed, that a national economic council be organized together with a national organization to control the provisioning of the country.

PREPARING TO SETTLE DOWN. Former Emperor William Sends to Berlin for Furniture.

Amerongen, Wednesday, Aug. 27.—Former Emperor William of Germany has sent one of his secretaries to Berlin to arrange his finances and probably also to confer with the German government regarding the bringing of furniture from his German castle for use in his newly purchased home, the house of Doorn.

POSLAM BRINGS QUICK COMFORT TO ANGRY SKIN

When angry itching skin cries through every nerve of your body for relief, turn to Poslam and let it soothe and ally all inflammation. Learn how efficient Poslam is, what splendid help it can render in healing eczema, discoloring of rashes, pimples, acne, scalp-ache and like disorders. The test is to apply Poslam at night to a small affected surface and in the morning to look for improvement. The effect of its concentrated healing energy shows agreeably soon.

Sold everywhere. For further samples write to Emergency Laboratories, 243 West 47th St., New York City.

Urges your skin to become clearer, fresher, better by the daily use of Poslam Soap, medicated with Poslam.



Nurses Recommend Cuticura Soap

It appeals to them because it is so pure and cleansing. It does much to keep the skin clear and healthy especially if assisted by touches of Cuticura Ointment to first signs of pimples, redness, roughness or chafing. Ideal for toilet uses.

Be sure to test the fascinating fragrance of Cuticura Ointment on your skin. Soap, Ointment and Cream, each everywhere.

Peptiron A Real Iron Tonic

Puts iron into the blood, gives nerve strength, restores appetite, aids in digestion, promotes refreshing sleep. Made by C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

GERMAN CIVILIANS ATTACK SOLDIERS

Former Are Said to Be Very Bitter Against the Troops of Gustav Noske, German Minister of Military Affairs.

With the American forces in Germany, Aug. 29 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Details of civilian attacks on German soldiers in various parts of Germany have reached the headquarters of the American forces recently, showing the bitterness of German civilians against the troops of Gustav Noske, the German minister of military affairs. Several discharged German soldiers, who entered the American area a few days ago, asserted that patrols of the first battalion of the 23d Reichswehr regiment stationed at Hanau were safe only when proceeding in force. These former soldiers were members of this unit and said that almost at any time when a soldier appeared in the streets of Hanau alone, or accompanied by one or two comrades, he was likely to be attacked and that many serious encounters between soldiers and civilians had occurred lately.

HOG PRICES TAKE A GOOD TUMBLE

Decline Sharply and \$15 Per Hundred-weight Within Three Days Forecast—Also Biggest Slump Since 1907.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—A fall of hog prices to \$15 a hundredweight within three days was forecast by representatives of the big packing companies at the stock yards yesterday, when resumption of trading showed the cause of Wednesday's slump still prevalent. Hogs listed at Wednesday's close at \$17, a drop of \$1.50 in one day, were offered yesterday at \$16. The bulk of sales at the opening of the market was around \$17, compared with \$23.45 early this month.

FIVE HYDROPLANES COMPETE IN 16th Annual Race for Gold Cup on Detroit River.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29.—Five hydroplanes will compete in the 16th annual race for the gold cup in the first of the 30-mile heats for the powerboat championship to-day. The course on the Detroit river is the shortest in the history of the event, having a measure lap of 2 1/2 miles. The second heat will be run tomorrow and the final heat Monday.

Miss Detroit III, Detroit Yacht club, will defend the cup against the foreign challengers; Miss Detroit II, Miss Detroit Power Boat association; Arab IV, Buffalo Launch club; Eleventh Hour, West Detroit boat; Miss Belle Isle, Detroit Boat club.

SIXTEEN PLAYERS LEFT IN National Tennis Championship at Forest Hills, N. Y.

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Sixteen players remain in the national singles championship tournament at the West-side club here. Norman E. Brookes of the Australian team met Charles S. Garland of Pittsburgh in the opening match. The feature matches included William T. Tilden, 2d, Philadelphia, against I. Kumage, and Gerald Patterson, also of the Australian team, vs. William M. Johnston of California.

SIX RACES ON CARD FOR Grand Circuit Meet at Readville Track To-day.

Boston, Aug. 29.—Six races were on the program for to-day's grand circuit meeting at Readville—the American horse breeders' futurity for two-year-old trotters, valued at \$3,000; the president's stake for 2:09 trotters, worth \$3,000; the 2:17 pace for \$1,000; the 2:24 trot for \$1,000; the postponed exhibition race between Mabel Trask and Lu Princeton and the 2:17 trot for amateur drivers.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Thursday's Games.

At New York—New York 5, Washington 4 (first game, 14 innings), New York 5, Washington 3 (second game). At Boston—Philadelphia 8, Boston 3 (first game), Boston 2, Philadelphia 0 (second game). At St. Louis—St. Louis-Detroit (postponed, wet grounds).

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Thursday's Games.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 5, Boston 1 (first game), Boston 4, Brooklyn 3 (second game). At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 14, New York 2. At St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 1.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Cincinnati, New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia.

WANTON BURNING OF GOOD STOCK

American Aviation Material Was Destroyed Without Warrant

CONGRESS COMMITTEE RECEIVES TESTIMONY

There Was Much Confusion of Authority in Disposing of Goods

Paris, Aug. 29.—The hearing of Gen. Pershing will be asked about an attack committee of Congress has been postponed until tomorrow. It is understood that in addition to questions regarding the disposition of surplus stocks, Pershing will be asked about attack made on the Germans by some American troops the day after the armistice was signed and some other features relative to military operations.

The committee yesterday inquired into the burning of \$1,000,000 worth of aviation stock at Colombey-la-Belle and the destruction of motor vehicles at Romartin, of which the French have complained officially.

There seems to be a difference of appreciation between French and American officials as to the value of the material broken up at Romartin. It was generally considered worthless by American army officers, while the French placed a certain value on it as junk. The committee has obtained evidence indicating that the aviation stock burned at Colombey-la-Belle, however, included material and machines of value.

The committee probably will spend several days examining in detail the bulk sale to the French government of American goods, comprising \$135,000,000 worth of food and \$125,000,000 worth of clothing. Inquiry by the committee has disclosed some confusion in the powers of the liquidation commission headed by Edward B. Parker of Houston, Tex., and the mission headed by C. W. Hare, director of sales. The latter, although accompanied by a large staff of experts, appears to have no authority to sell any part of American expeditionary force stocks in Europe.

The contract with the French government for the sale of army stocks in France, which was closed on Wednesday, provides for payment in five percent bonds maturing in ten years and payable either in gold or francs at the option of the United States. Delivery of the goods sold must be made on or before Aug. 31. The French press comments favorably on the deal and at the office of the undersecretary for liquidation it is considered a very good one for France. Important quantities of foodstuffs comprised in the transaction will be distributed in such a way as to give consumers the utmost possible benefit.

MASTERPIECE STOLEN. "The Madonna and Child" Replaced by Colored Photograph

Bologna, Italy, Thursday, Aug. 28.—Fr. Francia's masterpiece, the Madonna and Child, dating back to the 15th century, has been stolen from Accademia di Bella Arti, a colored photograph of the picture having been substituted in the frame to conceal the theft.

THIN PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PHOSPHATE

Nothing Like Plain Bitro-Phosphate to Put on Firm, Healthy Flesh and to Increase Strength, Vigor and Nerve Force.

Judging from the countless preparations and treatments which are continually being advertised for the purpose of making thin people fleshy, it is evident that a weak and replacing ugly hollows and angles by the soft curved lines of health and beauty, there are evidently thousands of men and women who keenly feel their excessive thinness. Thinness and weakness are often due to



starved nerves. Our bodies need more phosphate than is contained in modern food. Physicians claim there is nothing that will supply this deficiency so well as the organic phosphate known among druggists as bitro-phosphate, which is inoperative and useless. E. A. Brown & Co. in Barre and most all druggists under a guarantee of satisfaction or money back. By feeding the nerves directly and by supplying the body cells with the necessary phosphoric food elements, bitro-phosphate should produce a welcome transformation in the appearance; the increase in weight frequently being astonishing.

Increase in weight also carries with it a general improvement in the health. Nervousness, sleeplessness and lack of energy, which nearly always accompany excessive thinness, should soon disappear, dull eyes ought to brighten, and pale cheeks glow with the bloom of perfect health. Miss Georgia Hamilton, who was once thin and frail, reporting her own experience, writes "Bitro-Phosphate has brought about a magic transformation with me. I gained 15 pounds and never before felt so well." CAUTION—Although bitro-phosphate is unsurpassed for relieving nervousness, sleeplessness and general weakness, it should not, owing to its tendency to increase weight, be used by anyone who does not desire to put on flesh.

"Gets-It" Peels Your Corns Right Off

Two Drops Will Do It Without Fuss or Trouble. Never Fails.

There's only one way to get rid of a corn, and that is to peel it off as you would a banana skin. There is only one corn remover in all the world that does it that way.



There's No Corn "Gets-It" Will Not Get. And that is "Gets-It" it is because of this fact that "Gets-It" is today the biggest seller among corn-removers on the planet. It means the end of "corn-budding." For hard corns, soft corns, very old corns, young corns, corns between the toes and calluses, it means a quick, certain finish. "Gets-It" is applied in 2 or 3 seconds. All you need is 2 or 3 drops. As easy to do as signing your name. It does away forever with tape, plasters, bandages, knives, corn-diggers, abrasion, files and blood-bringing razors. Ease your corn-pains, be corn-free at last. "Gets-It," the only sure, guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, costs but a trifle at any drug store. Mfd by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Barre and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Cummings & Lewis.—Adv.

ADVISE ACCEPTANCE PRESIDENT'S OFFER

Of Small Wage Increase to Railway Shopmen, After Conference With Gompers.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—Acceptance of President Wilson's offer of a small wage increase pending the outcome of the government's efforts to reduce the cost of living was advised by the executive council of the railway shop union in a letter sent to all union leaders. Officials of the unions conferred yesterday with Samuel Gompers, president, and other members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor. Their letter said if there was to be a strike, every class of railway employes should be willing to join in the movement.

"If the federated shop trades strike now," the letter said, "they carry the full burden of securing the same general increase for the 75 per cent of the railroad employes who have not yet decided what action they propose to take. We do not believe that we should allow ourselves to be placed in that position. In our opinion the next 90 days will bring the entire situation to a head, and if a strike is to take place every class of railroad employes should be willing to join in the movement, share their full measure of responsibility and not leave the issue to be decided by the 24 per cent of railroad employes represented by the federated trades."

"It is our honest judgment that a fatal mistake would be made by our members to assume the responsibility of tying up the railroads at this time, when the president is evidently doing all possible to reduce the high cost of living. It is but fair to assume that the president will have the loyal support of a majority of the American public in his effort to procure this much-needed relief. We would, no doubt, be charged with obstructing his efforts."

It should be understood, however, that if the government fails to effect a substantial reduction in the cost of living within a reasonable time, we reserve the right to put the strike vote into effect."

TRIBUTE TO JAMES WATT. Will Be Paid on the Centenary of His Death.

Birmingham, England, Aug. 29.—Tribute to the genius of James Watt, "dean of British inventors," for his services in improving the modern steam engine, will be paid at Birmingham when, on Sept. 16, 17 and 18, the centenary of his death will be commemorated.

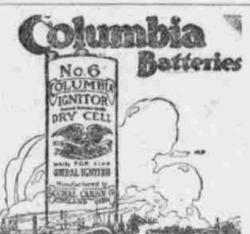
A garden party at Heathfield Hall, Watt's old home near Birmingham, and visits to several of the original engines built by Watt, which will be under steam for the first time in years, will be features of the celebration.

An effort is being made to found at Birmingham an international permanent memorial to Watt's achievements, with the intention of "making Birmingham to engineers of the world what Stratford-on-Avon is to lovers of Shakespeare and Mecca to the followers of Mohamet."

HUCKSTERS FORM UNION. The "Camelots" of France Are Now Part of Federation of Labor.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The "camelots," or itinerant hawksters of France have joined the ranks of organized labor. Their union just organized will apply for affiliation with the federation of labor. The members of this union being their own bosses there is no danger of their going on strike. They aim to procure licenses that will permit them to ply their trade at all times on the streets of large cities on the same footing as the fruit and vegetable vendors.

"I Would Never Have Saved the money any other way," a phrase heard every day from those receiving endorsements. They are practical; they save and serve. Consult us. National Life Insurance Co. of Vt. (Mutual), 8 S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto block, Montpelier, Vt.



There are two reasons why we'd rather sell you Columbia Batteries for your doorbell, telephone, auto, engine or tractor. First—It's a lively, full-powered cell. Second—It's so well-known that it sells faster, and for that reason we are able to buy fresh stock often. Freshness is important in dry cells. Don't accept inferior, unbranded, deteriorated batteries—buy Columbia and buy them here, FRESH. A. M. FLANDERS 27 Camp Street Phone 454-M. Barre, Vt.

Clothes for Boys Made by Hart Schaffner & Marx

Boys like to have stylish, smart-looking clothes just as much as father does; and it's a good idea to encourage a boy to be particular about his appearance.

The important thing about these Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes for boys is that they're made just in the same way as their clothes for men; all-wool fabrics and finest tailoring; with special style designing that gives them a distinctive character.

We are prepared to clothe boys from 8 years of age up; after they reach the long trouser stage, we can look after them as long as they live. Let us show you the right clothes for all the male members of the family.

Moore & Owens Barre's Leading Clothiers Telephone 275-M

VIEW OF RAILROAD MEN. Those at Albany More Interested in Lowering Living Cost Than in Plumb Plan.

If the conclusion can be based upon the statements of the railroad workers of Albany, the "Plumb plan" has few supporters among the men who would, according to its author, be benefited by its operations. The majority of the employes who were questioned by representatives of the Albany Argus are satisfied with their treatment by their employers; their opinion of the Plumb measure never had been asked and they thought that present wages were high enough. They had only one grievance—the high price of food, fuel and clothing, and they did not consider that any relief would follow another advance in wages. Evidently the thinking men among them realize that further inflation of wages would at once cause corresponding rises in the cost of commodities and that no one would be substantially benefited.

Millions of Americans who are not in the railroad business have the same wish that prices should go down. It is the duty of everyone who understands economic conditions to look for the basic remedy, and if the only prospect of relief is in greater production and more efficient distribution of commodities, let the situation be explained to the people. After four years of the most destructive war in history, disarrangement of the

old standards of living must be expected. The problem is in making the best of the situation; this is no time for cheap demagoguery and the exploitation of the "ideas" which have ruined Russia. What is especially needed is the dissemination of the truth among the people, and that the facts are getting into the minds of the men who think for themselves is shown by the common-sense views of the railroad men of Albany. When workers see that the remedy for excessive prices is not wholly in wage-raising, there is hope that in time a rational plan for the correction of economic troubles may be put into effect. It is something to have evidence that the practical working of the "vicious circle" is beginning to be understood.—Providence Journal.

At the Old Prices While They Last Ladies, Attention!

- Two large cases Women's One-strap House Slippers, all sizes, \$3.50 value, special... \$2.19
Infants' Hard Sole Brown or Black Shoes, 98c
Women's Flexible Sole Kid Lace Boots, nurses' comfort style, all sizes... \$4.98
Children's Tennis Oxfords, special... 75c
Little Gent's Lace Boots, sizes to 13... \$1.79
Misses' Gun Metal Lace Boots, sizes to 2, \$2.69
Our Elva Shoes for Women have arrived, in all the latest styles, per pair... \$7.00 to \$14.00

"Mama, I Want a Soda!"

How often do mothers hear that wail from rosy-cheeked little ones? It means either that the mother has to drop her work and trot away with the youngsters to the nearest soda fountain or that she give them money and let them go alone—something that many mothers hesitate about doing. How much better it is to have your own "Soda Fountain at Home", in the shape of assorted bottles of our delicious sodas in your ice box. It costs less than half as much money as the soda fountain kind, and is so much cleaner and more sanitary that there can be no question about its being the better plan. Another argument for "sodas at home" is that you know exactly what the little ones are drinking, while you don't know what they get when they order some catchy name printed on the fountain menu. Order Granite City Sodas that's 100 per cent pure. They are worth more than they cost.

Granite City Bottling Works F. W. Langlois, Prop.