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OIL MEN EXPLORE DISTRICT

During the past five weeks, representatives of several large oil companies have been quietly investigating the oil possibilities around Seward.

Dr. F. Frank, said to be representing one large oil concern, spent several days here on his return from Cold Bay, enroute to San Francisco, his headquarters. Dr. Frank stated, while in Seward, that he would just as soon recommend drilling in this section as at Cold Bay. Dr. Frank stated there was oil in Alaska, as has been proved by the Katalla oil fields and it is only a question of where it is and how much. Dr. Frank was greatly impressed with the gas flow at Mile 8. This gas has been analyzed by Seattle chemists, but the report, as brought north by Col. H. P. Warren and given to local men, has not as yet been made public.

Perhaps the most thorough investigation of this district has just been completed by A. F. Forbes, representing an oil company of California. Mr. Forbes during the past five weeks has been quietly investigating from Mile 23 south to Resurrection. To make a thorough investigation, Mr. Forbes has been roughing it and when he purchased his ticket from Purser Lange on the Alameda Saturday night, he looked like a street laborer, his clothes being dirty and worn and his face covered with whiskers. A four week's growth. Mr. Forbes secured a berth on the steamer, then came up town and "cleaned up."

Mr. Forbes said he had taken the word of nobody, has mixed with no-

body, but had investigated. Indications are good in this district for oil, according to Mr. Forbes, but the glacier formation and broken ground will make drilling hard and expensive in Resurrection valley. Mr. Forbes took many samples of the gas from Mile 8 also from Lake Kenai. These samples will be taken to a California laboratory for a test.

"The land in Resurrection Valley is full of boulders, I believe," said Mr. Forbes, "and drilling is hard as a result, also it is expensive. There are many seepages of oil but whether this indicates oil in the depths can only be ascertained by drilling. Your leasing bill is not conducive to capital as little protection is afforded the man who does the drilling as sales, etc., must be concurred too by the Department of the Interior. Alaskans should work to have a better leasing law, then capital will come and prospect for oil as oil is the crying need of the country just now, and oil must be had. I do not care to make a definite statement regarding my investigation in this section as that report goes first to those I am representing."

Dr. Frank, in conversation he had while here with friends, also took the same view as Mr. Forbes, regarding the oil land leasing bill. Changes must be made before capital or even those of moderate means will be taking much of a chance in drilling, owing to the bars surrounding development and subsequent sale of land, provided oil is found.

POLITICS GET WARM

CITY PARK IS FORMALLY
OPENED BY PICNIC GIVEN
BY THE LOCAL PIONEERS

The picnic given Saturday night at the City Park by the Pioneers was a most enjoyable affair and served as a splendid medium for the citizens to inspect the new city park. Under the soft light of Japanese lanterns, the park looked like a little fairyland and Dan Coreoran, who has been chief landscaper in beautifying the park, showed his handiwork as an artist. The citizens turned out en masse for the picnic and ate beans, sandwiches, baked halibut and drank good hot coffee while the youngsters had pop. Later in the evening dancing was enjoyed at the Odd Fellows hall and the place was packed by citizens, members of the crews of the steamers Alameda and Cordova and by tourists and passengers aboard the Alameda.

ALAMEDA SAILS SOUTHBOUND

Steamer Alameda arrived in port Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock on the way southbound. The steamer remained at the Seward dock two hours then went to the San Juan dock to load canned salmon and frozen halibut getting away from there for Seattle at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. The Alameda, besides 45 round trippers, had 35 passengers from Anchorage for Seattle and took out 22 from Seward, mostly tourists who had been visiting here for several days.

SEATTLE, Aug. 2— Washington state coal miners will receive a twenty per cent wage increase and laborers will receive a dollar day increase if they accept the scale as adjusted at a joint conference of miners and operators' representatives. The adoption of the new scale seems probable. Five thousand men will be affected.

AMERICAN RIFLEMEN WIN

BEVERLOO, Belgium, Aug. 2— Americans using army rifles won both the team and individual contests at target shooting leading by fifteen points in all final results which were free for all. The competition was won for the first time with army rifles and is a distinct American victory. Others in the competition used high power hunting or target rifles.

DUBLIN, Aug. 2— Premier Lloyd George has threatened to dismiss every man on the Irish railways if continued refusal to carry arms and ammunition to soldiers is kept up. It is predicted no railways will be in operation later in the week if this threat is carried out because the men refuse to the transportation of arms and ammunition.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 2— Carlos Felix Diaz, former minister to Bolivia, was shot and killed in the Mexican hotel last night. A woman has been arrested and accused of the crime.

MARION, Ohio, Aug. 2— Warren G. Harding, in the first front porch speech made here late Saturday afternoon, took for his theme the plea for solidarity for the purpose of mutual good and understanding among all classes of the different geographical sections. Harding declared the excess profits tax schedule should be modified in accordance with peace requirements and said he would not hesitate to ask congress for prompt action. The nominee stated he was not prepared yet however to suggest an equitable substitute.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2— The position of the Democratic party regarding the League of Nations will be made perfectly clear in the acceptance speech of Nominee Cox. This statement was made here today by National Chairman White.

DAYTON, Aug. 2— Nominee Cox, has refused to make any acknowledgment of the requests made by Harding that he engage in exchanges regarding the League of Nations. Cox is now working on his acceptance speech and it is estimated there will be 10,000 words in this speech.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2— Cox has selected Senator Hitchcock to represent the Democrats in the joint debate regarding the League of Nations to be held at Winona Lake, Indiana on August 9th. The Republican National committee will now select an opponent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2— Eugene Debs, nominee for the Presidency on the Socialists ticket, has asked that the movement to secure his release from prison be stopped. Writing to friends here Debs says that "so long as my comrades are held criminals and convicts, my place is among them."

CHICAGO, Aug. 2— Seymour Stedman, accepting the Socialist vice-presidential nomination, urges immediate socialization of the railroads, mines flour mills and stockyards.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 2— Gaston, C. Hestrotet set a new world's record yesterday for 100 miles over a dirt track when he covered the century run without a stop in 89 minutes and 23 seconds. The former record was 91 minutes and 28 second. The former record was set by Tom Alley at Minneapolis in 1914.

TOM REED'S WIFE DEAD

SEATTLE, Aug. 2— Mrs. Ida Reed, wife of T. M. Reed, of Nome, delegate to the recent Republican national convention, died late Saturday night. Mrs. Reed was the daughter of the late General T. F. McKeeny, one of the early pioneers of the state of Washington.

ATTACK ON WARSAW BEGUN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2— The National headquarters of the American Red Cross has been advised the evacuation of the Warsaw warehouses where supplies are stored, is now under way.

PARIS, Aug. 2— The Russian Soviet army is said to be within 75 miles of Warsaw and have captured Lomza.

PARIS, Aug. 2— The Bolshevik cavalry has advanced to east Prussia frontier and are fraternizing with the Germans, carrying on negotiations.

LONDON, Aug. 2— The fortress of Brest Litovsk, 100 miles east of Warsaw, on the boundary of Poland

proper, is reported to have been captured by the Russians.

WARSAW, Aug. 2— Doubt is expressed in diplomatic circles whether the agreement for an armistice would result from the negotiations between the Polish and Soviet emissaries. The Soviets are likely to insist upon too severe terms.

WARSAW, Aug. 2— Bolshevik forces are concentrated on the Narew river the apparent object being to start the drive on Warsaw and deliver strong attacks. The Poles so far have repulsed desperate fighting in western Bialobok on the Brest Litovsk railroad.

MOB STORMS OREGON JAIL

PENDLETON, Aug. 2— Hart, Owens and Rathio, ringleaders in the gang of prisoners who escaped from the jail here one week ago, after killing sheriff Taylor, slept peacefully in the jail last night following a night of terror on Saturday night and early yesterday forenoon. A crowd outside the jail threatened momentarily to overpower the guards and lynch the prisoners. Jinks Taylor, brother of the slain officer, saved the prisoners from lynching by pleading with the mob that his brother would have wanted

the law to take its course.

Pendleton, Aug. 2— Late Saturday afternoon the six prisoners who escaped from the jail here, where they were being held on charges of cattle rustling, were all back again within separate cells having been rounded up by posses. Neil Hart, alleged slayer of Sheriff Taylor, and Jim Owen, admit their part in the jail break and the lead they took. Hart admits shooting Taylor and Owen said he was implicated himself.

HANLY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

VICKSBURG NOT COMING

SEATTLE, Aug. 2— Owing to the need of repairs to her engines, the naval training ship Vicksburg will not call at any ports in Alaska as had been planned on her present trip returning here from Honolulu.

NORTHWESTERN NEARING

Steamer Northwestern sailed westbound from Juneau at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon according to cable advices.

DENNISON, Ohio, Aug. 2— J.

Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana and the prohibition candidate for President in 1916; and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker, of Kilgore, were killed near here yesterday afternoon when a freight train struck their automobile.

REBEKAHS MEET TONIGHT

The Rebekahs will hold a regular meeting tonight and Worthy Matron Mrs. Thoday requests that as important matters are to be discussed there be a large attendance of members.

R. R. RATES TO ADVANCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2— Authority has been granted the railroads to increase their revenues by increasing freight rates by approximately one third, passenger fares one fifth and Pullman charge one half. Coastwise and inland steamship lines and electric railways are also granted freight rate increase in proportion to the railroads serving the same territory. The new schedules are to continue in effect to March 1st, 1922 and probably will become effective on September 1st. The increases are designed to offset the wage increases and also to provide a six per cent profit

on the value of properties guaranteed by the transportation act. The Interstate Commerce Commission members say the increases are justified in view of the rapidly changing price conditions and is also necessary to provide adequate transportation during the after readjustment period.

ROAD GANG COMES IN

The men working on the territorial road near Mile 11 came in this morning and work has been ordered stopped for the time being according to the best information.