

### CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION INCREASING

An increase of 7,250 barrels was registered in the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ending Nov. 14, according to the weekly survey of the American Petroleum Institute. The daily average production east of California decreased 4,550 barrels to 1,956,150 barrels.

The East Central Texas are registered a small increase of only 550 barrels while the East Texas basin area showed a drop of 8,200 barrels, attributable to the latest cut in daily allowable production per well by Texas production authorities. The total Oklahoma production showed an increase of 8,900 barrels, while Kansas statistics indicated a drop of 3,550 barrels.

The A. P. I. figures also showed that refineries representing 95.2 per cent of estimated total capacity, operated at 63.9 per cent of their capacity, reported daily average runs of crude oil to stills as 2,343,000 barrels. Daily average the previous week for refineries representing 95.2 per cent of total, operated at 62.8 per cent of capacity, was 2,294,000. Gasoline stocks at these refineries were reported as 31,891,000 barrels, compared to 32,071,000 for the previous week.

Production of cracked gasoline by refineries representing 95.6 per cent of total charging capacity was 3,474,000 barrels. Production for the week preceding by refineries representing 95.6 per cent of total capacity was 3,445,000 barrels.

Imports of crude and refined oils at principal United States ports totaled 718,000 barrels, against 1,840,000 barrels for the previous week.

### CANADIANS

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Oils, Ltd., of Calgary, operating in the Turner Valley field, announced payment of a \$25,000 dividend.

The company has so far this year paid \$75,000 to stockholders, principally residents of Alberta.

### More Possible

With \$1 oil prices now in effect and with a general revival of drilling activity noted as a result, observers expect that additional dividends may shortly be expected from companies operating in the north Rocky Mountain regions.

This district, free from over-production problems and separated from the "distress" areas by high freight rates, will as a result see activity reach a new high peak during the next 12 months, with a market for more oil than can be produced these same observers think.

## Old-Timer Still Unbeaten



Courtesy Morrison News

News that a well with an initial of approximately 30,000 barrels daily has been completed in the Kettleman Hills field in California has served to recall the fact that the famous Lake View gusher in the Maricopa field, completed in 1910, established a record which has never since been

equalled in California. The well, shown above after it had wrecked the derrick and was flowing a geyser of oil, made 60,000 barrels per day initially and yielded more than 9,000,000 barrels during its life. The well was producing at its maximum when the picture was taken.

### NORTH FORK

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pany. "We are not shutting down," he says.

Another report said that production was expected at 700 feet on the No. 2 well, where a rig is in operation. It was sent to the location on the advice of a prominent geologist, the report states.

It was originally intended to drill through an obstruction at 2,990 feet in the No. 1 well with a rotary rig but operations were shifted to the new location when the lease, derrick equipment and acreage of another company was secured for a stock consideration. The rotary equipment is expected to arrive in another week.

W. C. Berne was down from Columbia Falls district yesterday and said that a diamond drill has been set up on the Crow's Nest Oil Co. acreage. The location is just a short distance from the original well upon which so much work has been done. The diamond drill was brought in about 10 days ago and was set up and drilling started Friday. This is more of a test machine and the location was made by an oil finding instrument, more commonly known as a goodiebug. The instrument indicates that oil will be found within 900 feet, according to information said to be given out by the operator of the finder.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASCADE.

THE GREAT FALLS NATIONAL BANK, a National Banking Corporation, with its principal place of business at Great Falls, Montana, and Elmer William Roberts, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Julia Roberts, deceased.

Plaintiff, vs. MARGARET S. MULLEN, Defendant.

### SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER WRIT OF EXECUTION.

Under and by virtue of an Execution in the above entitled case, the Sheriff of said County will sell at Sheriff's Sale, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of December, 1931, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. of said day at the West door of the Court House in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana, all the right, title, claim and interest at the above and defendant in and to the following described property, to-wit:

West half of Southwest Quarter (W.S.W. 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17), in Township Twenty (20) North of Range Five (5) East M. M. in Cascade County, Montana, containing 90 acres, more or less, according to the Government survey thereof. Dated at Great Falls, Montana, this 21st day of November, 1931.

ED SHIELDS, Sheriff of Cascade County, By: L. CARVER, Under Sheriff.

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### RICH PLACER

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tage owing to the volume of water which would not permit drifting, and owing to the lack of means with which the beginners were equipped. The ground occupied by an old cedar swamp is being drained and cleared of timber.

Test shafts have been sunk and drifts run. Flumes, sluice boxes and a drain are under construction. The distance to bedrock is about 54 feet. A road to the property has been made over the saddle between Cedar and Oregon creeks. Work will be continued in preparation for early spring gold production.

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### OHIO TEXAS

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has already been made, but to date local representatives of both companies report inability to confirm.

Such a deal would be particularly advantageous to the Texas company in this district because of the location of its refinery at Sunburst, adjacent to producing properties of the Ohio Oil Company in the Kevin-Sunburst field.

The deal is being watched with extreme interest by Montana operators because its consummation would give the Texas Company the position of arbiter of the price of crude oil in northern Montana, a position now held by the Ohio.

### UTOPIA

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pin structure in the Sweetgrass Hills, is reported to have made hole to past 600 feet.

Due to storm conditions which have made roads impassable in this region, confirmation of a reported gas flow in the shales is lacking.

### PENS FOR GAS, LATEST RACKET

Northeastern Montana gasoline dealers were victims of a new racket recently perpetrated on them by an ostensible tourist.

The perpetrator, according to the narrative, drives up to the filling station and takes five gallons. He then reveals that he is hurrying to the bedside of a dying sister and claims he did not realize he was penniless until he had the car filled.

He then proffers an eight-dollar fountain as security for the gasoline bill until he can redeem it. Dealers who have accepted his offer and then assumed the pen have discovered that it is a variety which can be purchased for nine cents apiece.

### COAL MINERS

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thousand cubic feet to be as economical as the coal now used. Coal costs are now the lowest in the history of the state.

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### FURTHER CRUDE

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believe higher prices are inevitable, providing the law of supply and demand is allowed to work naturally without outside interference.

Posting of higher prices before spring will result in much additional wildcatting in this state and will result in the development of several favorable areas as yet practically antested, it is believed.

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