

## State Oil Officials, Fearing U. S. Control, Hit Ickes Statement

It Is 'Interference' and 'Wholly Uncalled For,' Texan Declares

By the Associated Press.

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 19.—Words spouted where oil didn't today over the always hot question whether there shall be State or Federal control.

As oil men, fagged out by the hubbub of crude oil price cuts, a six-State shutdown and dwindling stocks, were looking to a week end of rest, Interior Secretary Ickes in Washington issued a statement which touched off new fireworks.

Mr. Ickes said "should there develop a lack of parity between total supply and consumptive demand the prohibition against interstate shipment could be made inoperative during the period of shortage."

The Connally "Hot Oil" Act prohibits shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of petroleum and petroleum products produced in violation of State law.

Jerry Sadler of the Texas Railroad Commission which regulates the oil industry in that State, immediately fired a telegram at Mr. Ickes asserting, his "domination or interference in the present situation is completely, wholly and entirely uncalled for."

Since State regulatory bodies "have successfully met the attack of the Standard Oil Co. and its affiliates in their vicious attempt to rule or ruin the industry, it strikes me your statement is poorly timed and uncalled for," Mr. Sadler added.

Ernest O. Thompson, chairman of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, insisted the oil States are handling their problems well "without Federal control."

"It's just a case of using the power that is theirs without running to Washington for everything under the sun," he said.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., Senator J. C. O'Mahoney, chairman of the joint-finding temporary National Economic Committee, expressed hope that a hearing opening September 13 in Washington would produce facts necessary for recommending congressional legislation to untangle the oil problem.

"Any one can see by these recent events that the oil industry is in a deplorable condition," the Democratic Senator commented regarding the recent shutdown.

"Most of the business on which full employment depends is national business, and there has been no formula by which business can be adjusted to local conditions."

Not Covered Adequately.

"This is illustrated in the oil industry where large companies which carry on the industry seem to occupy a field which is not adequately covered by either State or national law."

"The anti-trust laws, whether State or national, have been effective in preventing price fixing and it has seemed to make no difference who happened to be enforcing the law."

"It is because of this condition that I sponsored the resolution which created the Monopoly Committee."

Mr. Ickes said the Interior Department had no reports of Connally Act violations incident to the production shutdown.

In the face of the crude oil stoppage reserves were falling, however, especially at the small refineries, and jobbers scrambled for gasoline to protect their territories.

Michigan's Shutdown.

Adding support to the shutdown, Michigan announced a temporary reduction in withdrawal limits, cutting its yield nearly a fourth.

Texas, the Nation's largest oil producer, led the shutdown this week after Sinclair Prairie Oil Marketing Co. had slashed its crude purchasing price by 20 cents a barrel and other companies had followed suit.

Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Arkansas and Louisiana joined Texas quickly in turning off the spigots on two-thirds of the Nation's oil production.

The Lion Oil Refining Co., after successfully resisting for one day effort of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission to force a shutdown of its 52 producing wells in the Stuller field's Jones sand near El Dorado, agreed voluntarily late today to suspend operations in the area until 6 p.m. Monday.

The surprise move interrupted a hearing by Chancellor W. A. Speer of the commission's petition for a court order to force the Lion Co. to abide by the general shutdown decree that went into effect on all Arkansas controlled fields Thursday.

The Lion Co. yesterday obtained an injunction preventing State police from enforcing the shutdown.

**Hospital Made Theater As Orphan Misses Trip**

By the Associated Press.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 19.—Electricians and motion picture men turned a hospital room into a theater here today.

It was all for Helen Berida, 12-year-old Detroit orphan girl. Helen was en route with other orphans to attend a Hollywood premiere when she was taken to the hospital for an appendectomy.

She is going on to Hollywood when her strength returns, but, meanwhile, she won't miss the picture. It will be shown at the hospital Monday night, the same night as the Hollywood premiere, before a list of guests named by Helen.

**Irradiation Helps Preserve Sea Food**

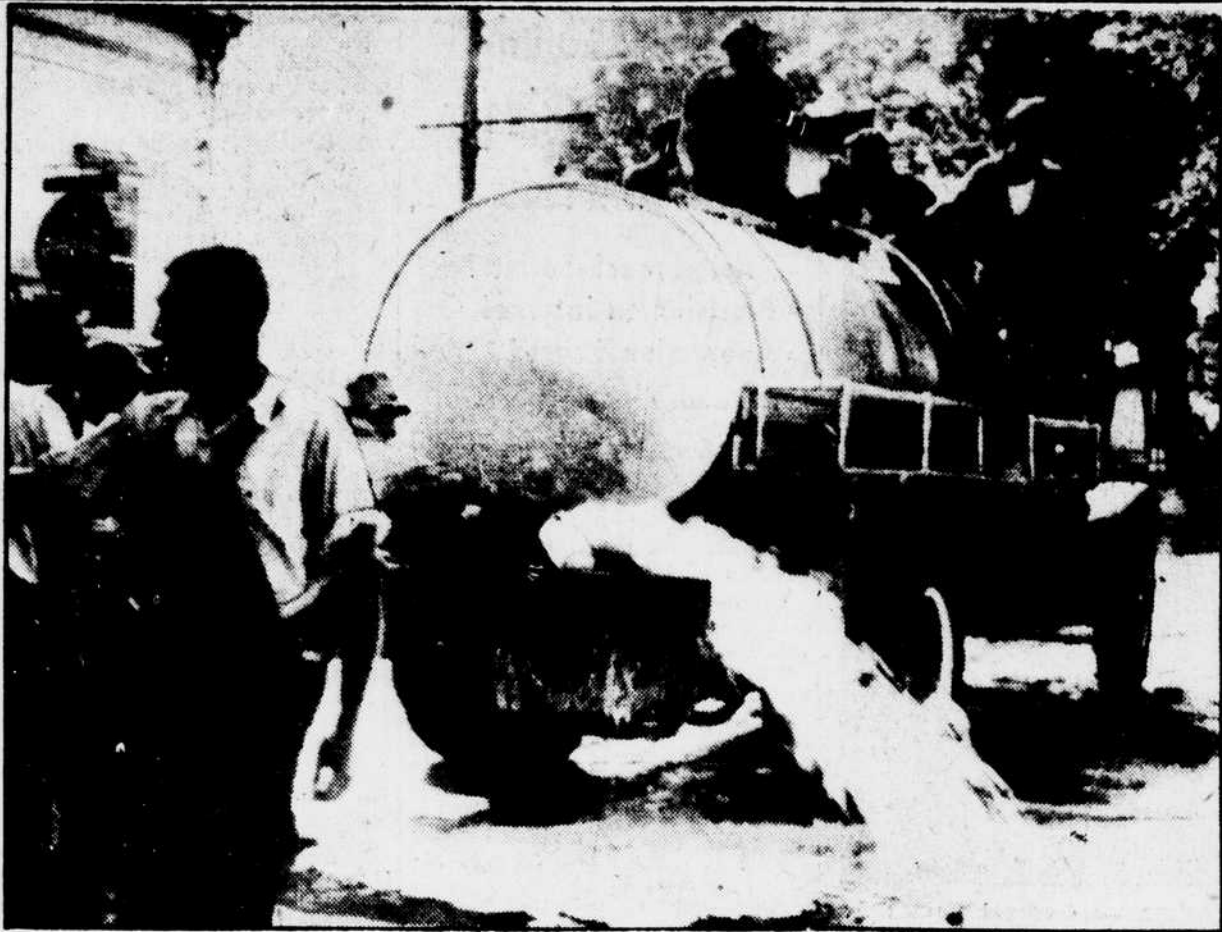
By the Associated Press.

A discovery that treatment with ultraviolet rays will help prevent sea food from spoiling was reported yesterday by the Bureau of Fisheries.

Officials said experiments disclosed that a two-minute exposure to the rays destroyed four out of five bacteria in market files of haddock.

Two commercial applications of irradiation are possible, they said. The rays may be used on fillets immediately after production, to reduce incidental contamination, or when the sea food arrives at retail stores.

The bureau is conducting further experiments on the commercial possibilities.



MOUNT UPTON, N. Y.—MILK DUMPED IN STRIKE—Milk being dumped from a tank truck here—an instance in the six-day-old strike of upstate dairy farmers. Strikers' blockade had reduced New York City's supply today by 43 per cent.

## Milk Pickets Tighten Blockade Around New York Plants

Parley Called Monday By La Guardia as Supplies Dwindle

BACKGROUND—

Dairy farmer union is striking for increase in price of milk in New York. A boycott against metropolitan dealers has been in effect since Tuesday, one picket has been killed, milk dumped and many persons have been arrested. State police are patrolling milkshed.

By the Associated Press.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Led by an ex-sailor, a farmers' union, which three years ago had only eight members, has today picketed 7,000,000 persons today with the latest strike in New York's turbulent \$2,000,000,000 dairy industry.

Grim pickets tightened blockades around upstate plants, further cutting the huge metropolitan market's dwindling supplies in their fight for higher prices. New York's dairy Mayor Fiorello La Guardia called a Monday conference between rival factions.

Immediate acceptance to the conference bid came from the ex-sailor, Archie Wright, 47-year-old chairman of the dairy farmers' union which called the milk strike in demanding a uniform base price increase to \$2.35 per hundredweight (47 quarts). Dealers and leaders of rival farmer marketing factions also agreed to attend the New York City meeting.

Mr. Wright's union, which now claims a membership of 15,000, started its boycott of metropolitan dealers Tuesday and with each succeeding day made heavier inroads on deliveries. Today only 60 per cent of New York's normal daily intake of 4,400,000 quarts was delivered.

All Available Men on Duty.

Widespread violence, the death of one picket, arrests and wholesale milk dumping marked the first days of the strike. Gov. Lehman ordered all available State troopers to patrol the milkshed.

Numerous arrests for minor disturbances were reported today in the trouble zones, but Maj. John A. Warner, superintendent of State police, reported the situation "well under control."

This week's strike is the latest move in a long series of disturbances in the huge dairy industry over the past decade by which farmers have sought to raise prices and solve the complicated milk problem.

Mr. Wright, a former Maritime Union representative, helped organize the Farmers Union three years ago after he bought a farm near Ogdensburg, N. Y., for his father's health.

Militant from the start despite its small membership, the union has been opposed consistently by older farm groups such as the powerful Dairyman's League, which claims a membership of 37,000 and whose leaders oppose the present strike.

C. I. O. Takes Hand.

For the first time in New York's dairy history, the C. I. O. has entered the situation. Officials have desks in Farmers Union headquarters. The C. I. O. offers financial and moral aid to the strikers, is directing organizations, and asks an estimated 700,000 Congress of Industrial Organizations members in the State to boycott dealers who failed to meet the farmers' demands.

Henry H. Rathbun, State vice president of the Dairyman's League, in reply, asserts the Farmers Union is using "typical C. I. O. practices to scare farmers into keeping their milk at home."

Rathbun contends the strike "has all the earmarks of a well-engineered scheme to wreck the Federal-State marketing program," under which prices are fixed and milk marketed in the milkshed.

Federal and State officials have called hearings under the marketing order for August 24 and 25 to consider a milk price raise to farmers because of adverse drought conditions.

Egypt has nearly doubled its shipments of oranges and tangerines to other countries in the last year.

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## First Army's Mimic War Mystery to Men in Ranks

But They Are Getting Field Experience And Sleep on Bag of 'Donkey Food'

By the Associated Press.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 19.—This peacetime mock war the 52,000 troops of the First Army are waging high in the Northern New York hills isn't exactly what Sherman described, but has its points.

The company commander, for instance, who had a machine gun nest neatly hidden away to block an "enemy" advance, probably thought Sherman's famous remark an understatement, when a party of tourists, moseying across no man's land, stopped for a look-see.

Within 5 minutes the "enemy," quick to take a tip, blasted the spot with theoretical artillery fire, and an umpire advised the captain he'd better move his men out of there pronto.

It's also a bit hard on the smart young lieutenant, who pushes his platoon through a couple of swamps to capture an opposing force, and then is informed it doesn't count because his enthusiasm has gummed up the whole problem.

The lieutenant has to start all over again, and nine times out of ten, the outfit he "captured" winds up by pushing him off the map.

Just a Mystery to Men.

For the man in the ranks, the whole thing is just a mystery which he doesn't even try to solve.

For no reason that he can see, his outfit is marched off across the country, halted in the woods and apparently forgotten.

Pvt. John Doe doesn't know it, but his company probably is being held in reserve for some unit "fighting" a mile or so away. Any way, he pulls a deck of cards from his pack and starts a game of rummy.

Lacking the cards, he may hunt through a newspaper to find out what this war's all about, or just lie down and go to sleep for an hour.

The Army has acquired trespass rights about 288,000 acres in this farm-dotted war zone, but a few new trails remain. More than one commander, planning to move his men through a field of waving grain or corn making perfect cover for an advance, finds himself staring at a yellow sign reading "out of limits."

It's all very perplexing.

Face to Face With "Enemy."

One umpire, trying to straighten out a situation temporarily snarled by a neutral zone, directed the opposing forces to move around the proscribed area to new positions. A few moments later the "enemies," who for safety's sake are under orders to approach no closer than 100 yards, stared into each other's eyes across a stone wall.

The natives are taking the "war" in stride.

It's not unusual to see a farm wife hanging out the family wash while a machine gun in her front yard is popping away with blank ammunition at an opposing force 1,200 yards away. Generally the woman doesn't even turn around to see what all the shooting's for.

The blank ammunition makes the war harmlessly realistic, but part of the 26th Division of the Massachusetts National Guard got a real scare when some one found several empty boxes that contained live ammunition lying in a supply truck.

For an hour the umpires held up the battle while the ammunition issued to every man in the outfit was checked. Every one breathed a sigh of relief when it was all found to be blank.

Field Camping Experienced.

The men are really experiencing field camping. There are no board floors to their tents, and while they have cots, they sleep on canvas or cots stuffed with "donkey food." Enlisted men line up in front of field kitchens to get their rations in mess kits, but the officers eat in

comparative comfort off real plates at real tables.

Ritziest outfit in the field is the old "Park Avenue" 7th Regiment from New York City. Visitors to the officers' mess find linen tablecloths and vases of flowers on the tables.

The "war" correspondents, of whom there are about 100, are quartered with observers, staff officers and Reserves in a large encampment just south of permanent Plattsburg Barracks, where a wartime R. O. T. C. camp was established.

Some of these men earned commissions in this same camp 20-odd years ago. They feel like an "old grad" returning to a college campus.

**45 Pct. of World's Supply Is Involved In 'Oil Holiday'**

**14 Per Cent of Yield Comes From Texas' 80,000 Wells**

The temporary shutdown of oil production in six States, if complete, would bottle up 45 per cent of the world's flow of petroleum, according to a bulletin of the National Geographic Society analyzing the economics of the situation.

For the six States—Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas, New Mexico and Arkansas—include four of the leading oil States of the Nation, which in turn is by far the leading oil producer of the world," the bulletin said.

United States wells last year poured forth six times as much petroleum as those of Soviet Russia, which ranked second. Texas alone, with more than 80,000 wells, accounts for about 14 per cent of the world's annual yield.

The vast United States petroleum industry is barely 75 years old, but it now involves investments of some \$15,000,000,000, 750,000 employees and consumers, not the least of whom are the drivers of America's 31,000,000 motor vehicles (including trucks and tractors).

Pennsylvania gave the industry its start, when prospectors in the 1850s began bailing "rock oil" from hand-dug wells instead of skimming it off surface seepages. For nearly three decades 98 per cent of the Nation's oil came from Pennsylvania, now her percentage has dropped to 2, while Texas, with 39, and California, with 17, lead the oil parade. Twenty-one States have producing oil wells.

"The driver who pulls into a filling station and casually gives the 'fill 'er up' order, is tapping an industry that reaches from coast to coast, through refineries, pipe lines, chemical laboratories, tank ships and cars, large central accounting offices, to the curbstone pump of varicolored gasoline."

"Any one who lights a kerosene lamp, buys an oil furnace, rides on an airplane or a Diesel-powered passenger train, oils a squeaking hinge, crosses an asphalt-surfaced street, unwraps paraffin paper from a sandwich, or uses anything imported on an oil-burning boat is taking advantage of the subterranean power pumped into circulation by the United States' extensive petroleum industry."

"In value of its varied and widely used products, petroleum ranks fourth among the industrial giants of the country—steel, automobiles, meat, petroleum. And it is the basis for the second-ranking industry."

## 1,500 Guardsmen Home; Rain Ousts Engineers Early

Regiment Sleeping in Pup Tents Routed 12 Hours Ahead of Schedule

Approximately 1,500 District National Guardsmen returned yesterday from the big maneuvers around Manassas, Va., after a torrential rain drove the 121st Engineers from their pup tents in the middle of the night and forced them to abandon camp 12 hours ahead of schedule.

Other local units of the Guard suffered less than the engineers because they were sleeping in standard tents, though a number of these blew down in the high wind that accompanied the heavy rain. Some tents of the 260th Coast Artillery Corps, the anti-aircraft regiment, had their large tents carried away. The special service troops also suffered to an extent from the storm.

The engineers were scheduled to leave at 2 p.m. yesterday. At 11 p.m. Friday night the rain started. The wind rose and another thunderstorm broke after midnight. The pup tents were flooded and swept down, and some soldiers found themselves actually floating away. No casualties were reported, and equipment was not believed to have been damaged materially.

Evacuation Difficult.

Around 2:30 a.m. Col. John W. Oehmann, commander of the regiment, ordered it to break camp and start for Washington. With the storm still lashing the countryside, the evacuation was difficult, and it took many hours for the trucks to carry all the soldiers back to Washington. They were arriving in the early hours of the morning. Virtually all had reached the armory by noon.

They were beginning in mud, with their equipment drenched, but cheerful and laughing over their experience.

"It was one of the worst storms in my experience," said Col. Oehmann, who served in France during the World War. The wind blew down our pup tents. Most of our men worked all night salvaging their equipment and getting their trucks started."

Maj. William T. Roy, commanding the special troops of the District National Guard and provost-marshal of the 29th Division, praised the morale of the Washington men. They took the violent storm in stride, he said, and laughed over their hardships.

Mud Slows Return.

Some of the batteries of the 260th Artillery Regiment, commanded by Col. Walter W. Burns, were late in arriving, owing to the difficulty of getting their trucks out in the heavy mud.

The 121st Engineers had remained at their sector of the widespread "battlefield" to keep the water supply open for the remaining troops. At the height of the maneuvers close to 30,000 National Guardsmen from the District, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania and an attacking force of Regulars took part in the strategy to protect Washington.

On returning to the armory, the District Guardsmen cleaned and turned in their tents, rifles and other equipment and then stood in line for pay—compensation for their 15 days in the field.

The local troops included the 1st Battalion of the 104th Quartermaster Regiment, commanded by Maj. Fletcher Bernsdorf. This organization helped operate the central motor pool for the 29th National Guard Division, including the movement of troops and supplies.

**Admiral Fairfax Takes Command of Division**

By the Associated Press.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 19.—Big guns of the United States Navy boomed salutes. Flags were manipulated ceremoniously. Plume-hatted, gold-braided officers stood about.

In this setting Rear Admiral A. P. Fairfax assumed command today of Battleship Division 3 aboard the flagship Idaho in Los Angeles Harbor.

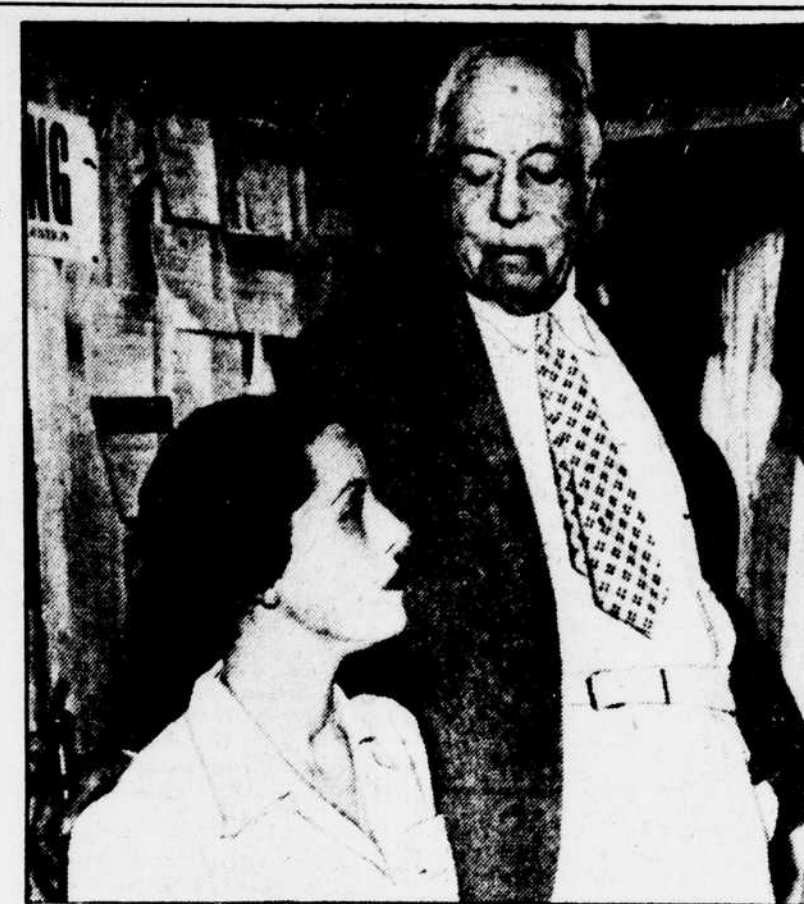
He relieved Rear Admiral John D. Wainwright, who has been transferred to Washington as a member of the Navy's General Board.

Division 3 includes the battleships Idaho, New Mexico and Maryland.

Both Admirals Fairfax and Wainwright possess Navy Crosses awarded for distinguished service in the World War.

**Varied Transportation**

Airplanes and reindeer are being used to transport the equipment and supplies to a group exploring cyanide deposits, believed to be the largest in the world, in the Kola Peninsula of Russia.



OGUNQUIT, ME.—ONE FAMOUS ACTOR TO ANOTHER—Otis Skinner, dean of American actors, is shown as he dropped backstage at the summer playhouse here to congratulate his daughter, Cornelia Otis Skinner, on her performances before a "standing room only" revival of "Madame Sans Gene."

—A. P. Photo.

## Guard Company Saves Ice Water By Neat Trick

During the spectacular maneuvers at Manassas, Va., just ended Company A of the 104th Quartermaster Regiment, District National Guard, kept ice water for its men in a Lister bag. It was available at all times.

The trouble was, however, that other passing outfits discovered this source of refreshment and began tapping it regularly, which meant that if the practice kept on there wouldn't be enough water for the quartermaster company.

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But he showed his own men how to cut off the current. They could drink in peace. Outsiders quickly abandoned the attempt.

## Carroll County Fair Will Open Today

By the Associated Press.

TANEYTOWN, Md., Aug. 19.—The Carroll County Fair, featuring whippet and harness races, will open tomorrow for a six-day stand.

The dog races, an innovation in this section, will begin Monday night.

Horse-pulling contests and horse and cattle judging will take place Tuesday, children's day. The annual horse and pony show will be held Wednesday.

Thursday will be rural life day and Friday 4-H day.

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## Three Children Burned To Death in Shack

By the Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 19.—Three children were trapped in their beds and burned to death today in a fire of mysterious origin that destroyed a wood and tin shack on the outskirts of town.

The victims were Rosie Lopez, 11; Raymond Lopez, 4, and Richard Lopez, 2. Their mother, Mrs. Josephine Lopez, 36, a cannery worker, and her other three children escaped. Two of them, Frank, 19, and Lalia, 9, were severely burned.

Deputy Sheriff A. S. Goodman reported he could find nothing to account for the fire except possibly incendiarism. He said he was seeking Stephen Lopez, estranged husband of Mrs. Lopez, for questioning.

**Duffer's Luck**

Attempting a golf shot to the green at Highcliffe, England, Lou Phillips drove his ball against a tree and it rebounded, struck him on the forehead, knocking him out, and his opponent claimed the hole.

**Carnival at Riverdale Extended for Week**

With "The Great Mystini" as an added free attraction, the Riverdale Firemen's Carnival will be continued through next Saturday. It was announced yesterday. The carnival is three blocks from the traffic light at Madison street on the Washington-Baltimore boulevard in Riverdale, Md.

Mystini, at 8 and 11 p.m. daily, will permit himself to be handcuffed and shackled by police officers, tied in a bag and placed inside an air-tight burial vault, only to escape from his bonds.

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