

OFFICERS SEIZE STILL NEAR TOWN OF CLAUDE

CAN'T LOWER GULF WITH 2 INCH PUMP

With its capacity undetermined the Gulf well is pumping away keeping up the pace of production without reducing the head of oil. The most that has been determined by a 24-hour run is that a two-inch tubing could not effect the head, was forecast when swabbing failed to reduce the standing fluid below 800 feet, oil field veterans claim.

Report from the well is that from 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon to 9 o'clock Friday morning the pump averaged six barrels an hour on 18 strokes per minute. Speeding up, to 24 strokes a minute, an average of eight barrels an hour was made. But neither speed showed lowering of the head.

The best that can be expected of a two-inch pump, making allowance for the five-eighths sucker rod inside, and on 18 strokes to the minute, is 180 barrels a day according to Lou Williams, a driller of 30 years' experience.

There was approximately 180 barrels of oil in the tank at the end of the first 24 hours corresponding very closely with Williams estimate. The claim of a two-inch pipe being capable of pumping 500 barrels in 24 hours on 18 strokes to the minute, is an overestimate, according to Williams.

To test the capacity of the Gulf well, larger-sized tubing than is now used will have to be installed, was the statement of an oil man returned from the well late Friday evening. It can as easily be a 1,000 barrel well, as a 300-barrel well, this man said so far as the two-inch piping demonstrates, and though conservative, he claimed the 1,000-barrel figure as a fair estimate.

"The two-inch pipe failed to lower the well," was the statement of Sid O'Keefe upon return from the field late in the evening.

"The well was pumping at full capacity, discharging the same quantity of oil each stroke, and it certainly is a real well," said Lon Sellars upon arrival in the city after his first trip to the well since production began.

"She's a well and a good one," was the comment of W. H. Whittington, after seeing for himself the pump in actual operation.

A night shift kept the pump going last night and another shift will keep it in operation today. By noon the second tank is expected to be completed so that pumping may be continued without interruption till the two tanks with a total capacity of 1,000 barrels are filled.

Whether or not larger tubing will be installed to test the flow has not been announced.

For the past 25 years Texas oil discoveries have been steadily pushed from the Gulf coast to the Northwest. First it was Beaumont, then Ranger and Wichita Falls, and now it is the Panhandle. Interest has shifted from one field to another following new discoveries, and none of the new fields has promised as big in possibilities as the new Amarillo field.

Before the finding of oil, the greatest gas field, not only of Texas but of the world was disclosed. Search for the origin of the vast gaseous bodies has been in progress over three years.

Hole after hole has been drilled through the tufted plains. Gas set free from its ages-old imprisonment has been the result. Weird noises of escaping gas has awakened the echoes on the Panhandle-Plains since drilling began. Though the gases bore evidence of oil in close proximity, not until the sinking of Gulf Well No. 2 was the source found. Gulf No. 2 has now taken its place in history as the discovery well of the Amarillo field.

That oil deposits comparable in quantity to the known gas, lie in the Panhandle structures is the confirmed belief of oil men. That the true oil structure has been found and proven, assures activity among operators that those familiar with the field in all its aspects, confidently believe result in the most sensational oil surprises Texas has yet given the world.

Panhandle's first well comes in at a time that will tend to redeem a falling off of production in the North Central Texas oil fields. The daily average of the North Central field is reported 7,500 barrels less than a week ago. With a daily average output of 207,250 barrels a week ago, only 199,660 barrels are now reported. Burnett and Stephens County fields showing the greater part of the falling off.

The March production of petroleum for the United States was the greatest for any one month ever recorded, the output being 40,902,000 barrels. California with an output of 10,382,000 was first. Texas output was 9,672,000. Naturally, attention of the country is attracted to the new Amarillo field with speculation as to the part it will play in holding Texas in second place, or possibly giving the Lone Star State first place in production.

THREE MEN BEING HELD BY ARMSTRONG OFFICERS

A whiskey still was seized on the old Vineyard place south of Claude Thursday. A complete outfit hidden away in a bank was found, according to County Attorney A. S. Stallings, of Armstrong County in the city Friday.

Three parties are being held in connection with the bootlegging enterprise. Though a good equipment, a very poor quality of booze was manufactured according to the judgment of Attorney Stallings. One of Amarillo's indicted bootleggers visited the Armstrong County distillery Friday of last week, it is said.

The liquor taken in the last raid on the Alamo rooming house was examined Friday with a view of determining whether or not it was of the Armstrong County brew. Experts are of the opinion the Alamo liquor is a better grade than is manufactured in Armstrong County.

EVERETT HARDING INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY—CLAIMED TO BE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY

CHICAGO, April 29. (By Associated Press)—Everett A. Harding, who introduced himself as President Harding's confidential secretary and who took a party of prominent Chicagoans to Washington in a special car for an introduction to "Cousin Warren," was indicted today by the federal grand jury on a charge of impersonating a government official.

Gave Big Check

The indictment further charged him with "assuming and pretending to be the confidential assistant secretary to the president of the United States." It was returned before Federal Judge George T. Page.

Harding first attracted attention during the presidential campaign. In that period he is said to have introduced himself to many republican leaders as a relative of the president and to have worked for his nomination and election.

After the inauguration, a check he is said to have given the railway company for \$1,500 in payment for the private car, returned marked "not sufficient funds." His arrest followed and later he is alleged to have told secret service agents that he was planning a string of candy stores to be known as the Harding Candy Corporation.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH OPERATING GAMBLING TABLE—GRANTED BOND

Indictments were returned by the grand jury Friday against two Amarillo men charging the keeping and exhibiting of a gambling table and bank for the purpose of gambling.

Both were served with warrants of arrest in the afternoon, and bail was fixed at \$2,500 and \$2,500. The gambling outfit, it is said to have been installed in an Amarillo building.

E. Johnson was also included in the list of those indicted by the grand jury Friday. Johnson is charged with burglary. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, in default of which he is in jail.

FOUR BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED IN CLEBURNE

By Associated Press.

CLEBURNE, Texas, April 29.—Four business houses were practically destroyed by fire of unknown origin at 11 o'clock today. The loss will reach around \$75,000 and is partly covered by insurance. Physicians with offices over the stores at 111 and 113 Chambers Street also suffered losses.

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WOULD AVOID DISTURBANCES, SO POLICE ROUNDING UP RADICALS

KANSAS CITY, April 29. (By Associated Press)—Police tonight began to round up all known radicals in the city. Announcement was made that the raid was a precautionary measure in connection with possible radical disturbances here May 1. Inflammatory pamphlets have been scattered widely in Kansas City and Kansas City, Kansas, where the packing houses are located, authorities said.

RAIL EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE MADE SHOULD DIFFICULTIES; WAGE CONTEST GROWING BITTER

CHICAGO, April 29. (By Associated Press)—The railway employees fighting wage reduction before the railroad labor board today declared temporary difficulties of the present should not be shouldered off on the employees in wage reductions.

Questions Asked

The financial performances of the railroads in the past were recited at length in exhibits presented by W. Jett Lauck, economist for the railway unions. The exhibits cited alleged fictitious stock issues, inadequacies and mismanagement.

J. L. Coleman, counsel for the Santa Fe suggested that perhaps Mr. Lauck could offer some suggestion for the solution of the present problems. He inquired how the railroads, with annual operating expense of \$2,200,000,000 could save the \$2,377,000,000 in economies as estimated by the employees, when their pay roll amounted to \$3,700,000,000. Mr. Lauck immediately charged the Santa Fe counsel with asking catch questions and retorted that if the roads put into effect the proposed economies, their labor cost would be cut down and the whole scale of expense would be reduced.

INDICTED ON CHARGE ROBBERY WITH FIREARMS

By Associated Press.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 29.—Sam Jacobs was indicted by the Tarrant county grand jury late this afternoon on a charge of robbery with the use of firearms. He is alleged by the indictment to have been implicated in the holdup of P. H. Feeney, cashier of the Texas and Pacific station here several weeks ago, in which \$1,000 was obtained.

COLORADO SPRINGS BOOSTERS ENTERTAINED BY AMARILLOANS

"There has been a great deal of good roads development within the past ten years but if any community wishes to retain its prestige it must continue to develop its roads," said E. E. Jackson, secretary of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce at a dinner given to the boosters from Colorado Springs last night at the Amarillo Hotel.

"In making this tour, which will have lasted fifteen days by the time we reach home, and we will have driven over 2,000 miles, there were three things which prompted us, the first was to promote good roads, the second to promote good hotels, and last but not least, to advertise the Pike's Peak region of Colorado."

Mr. Jackson told of the adventures of the boosters, and urged the Amarillo men to see that the Colorado-to-Gulf highway was properly marked. He stressed the fact that interest in this great highway has subsided to some extent, mainly through the fact that it has never been properly marked.

The boosters did not arrive in the city until 8:30 o'clock, over one hour and a half late, owing to the delay of the party there were very few Amarillo people to welcome them.

Joe L. Pope, presided at the dinner. Interesting talks were made by R. C. Barnes, president of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce; County Judge Ray C. Johnson and W. B. Estes.

Mr. Barnes paid a tribute to the roads in Potter county, and he announced that inside of a year there would be 20 miles of hard surface road along the Colorado-to-Gulf highway in Potter county caused a great deal of applause by the Colorado Springs boosters.

The visitors will leave Amarillo today at 8:30 o'clock, and will spend tonight in Clayton, N. M.

The personnel of the Colorado Springs Automobile Sociability Tour is: A. W. Markfield, captain of the tour.

SEED GROWERS TO FORM POOL AGAIN

Special to The News.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 29.—Convinced that the cooperative marketing plan brings the best results for the grower, more than 200 alfalfa seed producers in the Millard County section voted unanimously at a recent meeting to pool their seed again this year. The same growers were members of the seed marketing association of the Utah State Farm Bureau last year, the final sale of more than a million pounds of seed from the pool having just been completed. It is expected that not only will the 1920 association members be back in this year's pool, but also many growers who refused to entertain a plan last year will sell their crop on a co-operative basis, according to N. L. Peterson, chairman of the association executive committee.

AMARILLO MUST HAVE GREATER WATER SUPPLY—MAY SINK WELLS

The only water in quantity tributary to Amarillo lies southeast of the city. W. B. Clegg, superintendent of the water department of the Santa Fe road told the city commission Friday night.

From Plainview to Tulsa and continuing in a northwesterly direction is one of the biggest underground water belts in the world, declared the railroad man. When Amarillo makes arrangements to get water from the belt there will no longer be question about her water supply, and until she does, there will be question of this city having sufficient water, said Clegg.

Friday night was the date set for consultation with the city commission with representatives of the engineering departments of the three different railroads centering in Amarillo. Only W. B. Clegg of the Santa Fe was present. It was not convenient for representatives of the Rock Island and Fort Worth & Denver to be present on the date set, but it was announced they will attend another meeting.

N. P. Lee, a civil engineer, and D. C. Priddy, who once had a proposal before the city to bring in water were present. Will Grocher and Joe Conner, well drillers, and T. B. Slaughter, owner of the Slaughter ranch from which he claims Amarillo can be supplied with water, were also in attendance. J. R. Gant compressed the delegation of citizens interested in the water situation present.

W. B. Clegg explained it was not wholly unfeasible on his part that he had information and cooperation to extend to Amarillo, for the Santa Fe itself has much property here and is interested with the city in securing an adequate water supply. His suggestion was that action toward a better water supply be initiated by representatives of the different railroads, and the city

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WAS MAKING "HOOTCH" RIGHT ALONG—NEVER HEARD ABOUT MR. VOLSTEAD AND PRO-LAWS

CHICAGO, April 29.—George Freystedt had never heard of the prohibition act till he was brought before federal Judge K. M. Landis today on a charge of manufacturing illicit whiskey. His first information as to the recent amendment to the laws of the country came from the judge.

"What-a-n-t," the astonished prisoner exclaimed. "You can't make whiskey any more?"

"No," said the Judge. "It's against the law."

"You're kidding me," said the prisoner.

"Why, I see all about this still in my newspaper, Ajinrik Narodowy, and I buy one in a store, and the man tells me how to use it, and my doctor say I should drink to get well, and everybody at my house makes hootch."

Judge Landis postponed the hearing to issue subpoenas for the owner of the newspaper and the manufacturer of the still.

WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Saturday and Sunday, generally fair.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Temperature by hours at Amarillo yesterday.

6 a. m.	41	11 a. m.	59
7 a. m.	45	Noon	63
8 a. m.	49	1 p. m.	65
9 a. m.	52	2 p. m.	64
10 a. m.	56	3 p. m.	67

Highest yet today in 1920, 86; low est, 42.

Highest yesterday, 67.

Lowest, 40.

Humidity Dept.

6 pm	6 am	Noon
Dry ter. 48	49	63
Wet 48	49	59
Humidity	24	85

Forecast: Saturday, partly cloudy.

NEGRO WHO ATTEMPTED ASSAULT ON WHITE GIRL, HANGED BY MOB

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., April 29. (By Associated Press)—Roy Hammonds, a 19-year-old negro, under ten year penitentiary sentence for attempted assault on a 14-year-old white girl was hanged to a tree on the Bowling Green road two miles west, shortly before 8 o'clock tonight by a mob, which broke into the office of the railroad station here and overpowered Sheriff Charles P. Moore and deputies in charge of the negro, who was on his way to prison,