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## RUMLEY GETS WELL AT CUT BA

# Montana Allowed 6,060 Bbls. Opens New Area Of Oil Production

Oliver W. Tong, widely known rate expert who conducted the fight of Montana refiners for lower intrastate freight rates on

before the Interstate Commerce burst. commission, and engaged in na- Other states had their allotthere has been a reduction of ONE PER CHNT line into and in this state.

The 1927 legislature made an exhaustive investigation into fered curtailment. gasoline prices, finding that the chief factor was excessive railroad rates. The state railroad commission was called upon to investigate rates, with the rein intrastate rates was ordered. so handled, Montana is curtailed or by the State regulatory board appointed by Governor Cooney. creased and interstate rates were lowered. There have been subseincrease effective Sept. 31, of one percent per hundred on distances over 55 miles, however, rail rates on gasoline delivery in Montana are fully one-fifth lower than when Mr. Tong took the Montana case.

## DAILY PRODUCTION MONTANA-WYOMING. WEEK ENDED DEC. 2

Cat Creek	. 690
Keyin-Sunburst	.3320
Pondera	. 600
Pondera Border Red Coulee	220
Cut Bank	1180
Dry Creek	
Lake Basin	
district T	E 1000
TOTAL	6990
WYOMING	
Big Muddy	1750
Elk Basin	550
Grass Creek	670
Labarge	
Lance Creek	220
Lost Soldier	1850
Oregon Basin	200
Rock River	1180
Salt Creek18	
Byron-Garland	
Byron-East	
Badger Basin	
Dallas-Derby	280
Dutton Creek	
Frannie	ACCOUNTS OF THE
Greybull	10
Hamilton Dome	
Hudson	
Midway	70
Mule Creek	
Osage	880
Pilot Butte	80,
round obider	240
Teapot	20
The second secon	Misses

.....28,940

## **VIGOROUS PROTEST** IS VOICED AGAINST

Regional Organization Takes Up Active Fight For Montana Producers At Washington—Curtailment Is Unfair

Montana oil allocation for the month of December was this week increased to 6,060 barrels as a result of the protest of Montana producers against the curtailment to 5,800 barrels announced by the oil administration.

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Another protest has gone out against the unfairness off curtailing Montana production in the face of an actual shortage of crude, especially in the northern fields.

Imperial Oil Company wants more crude for its International plant, the largest in Montana, located at Sunburst.

TION.

Texas was curtailed EIGHT

PER CENT. Oklahoma was curtailed 7.6 ket for the production. PER CENT.

tremendous over-production were ther the federal code committee

The new allocations were made

A shot of hydrochloric

acid turned an 8-barrel pum-

per into a flowing well in

Kevin-Sunburst field during

The well is the Nepstead-

Vander Pas company's Del-oraine-McCormick No. 18,

in the center of the field, which was making between

lieve the heavy back-pressure,

These same operators had their Montgomery-Stone No. 1

well treated with acid on No-

rember 6, before which it was

naking about one barrel per

the past week.

tion-wide practice. In 1928 he ments fixed on the basis of mar- mittee at Casper took up the tion-wide practice. In 1928 he ket demand. California, with a took up the cause of Montana refiners at the instigation of the Rocky Mountain Oii & Gas as I Louisians, with a production of 70,000 barrels, was curtailed on the PER CENT. Washington in a telegram to R. P. Jackson, secretary of the Montana Producers Code Committhere has been a reduction of ONE PER CENT.

approximately 20 per cent in Abkansas, with a production of ers that he had secured an the cost of transportation of gaso
33,000 barrels had NO REDUC
"okay" for adjustment of Mon-None of the Eastern states suf-6,085 barrels and expressed hope that no curtailment will be necessary, so long as there is a mar-

> As a result, no effort at cur-While these states with their tailment is being made by ei-

Montana producers exceeded sion with the result that the Mon- on "consumer demand". Appar- the quota for November while tana intrastate rates were in- ently, the committee had no in- acting in the belief that exports formation regarding Montana, to Canada might be deducted inasmuch as no statistics have from the quota. The "P & C" Officials of the regional com- ports shall not be deducted.

## FIGURE THIS OUT

The law of supply and de-

nand is not twins but quad-

(8) the supply and (4) demand for gold.

## OIL WELLS GIVE HONEST BANKER HIS BIG CHANCE

7 and 8 barrels per day before acid treatment.

Black Gold" will be used by THE UNITED STATES BURTERS IN CONTROL OF CONTR vell, so the flow line was con- the closed First National Bank of where crude oil is exported to nected onto a tank at an eleva- Mascoutah, Ill., to pay his debts Canada and put through processes tion of 100 feet higher than the of approximately \$500,000. Two of distillation and cracking to mile away. Bucking this pres- Texas land owned by the banker, tillate, the fuel oil and road oil sure, the well has been flowing his attorney, Harry Troll, inform- resulting from these processes around 50 barrels a day. Were ed Walter Grant, referr in bank- may re-enter the United States there a tank at the well, to re- ruptcy, today.

it is believed that this well May asking a five-year extension would make 75 barrels a day. In which to pay the debts.

## **MOORE BREAKS LEG**

Roy Moore, of the Montana day. It is now producing an Acid Well Treating company of average of 40 barrels per day, more than 30 days after treatment and on several days this well has produced as high as the custom in the cattle country of Northern Mon-

### WILL BUY SURPLUS

As a substitute for price fixing, a plan to buy up 15,000,000 barrels of surplus gasoline stored in all parts of the country, has been submitted to Oil Administrator Ickes by the petroleum industry. The fund therefore would be established by the dustry itself. The plan has been taken under advisement,

structure, in the Sweetgrass Hills of Northern Montana, found encouragement this week with a flow of gas at 165 feet, in a sand in the

This well is being drilled by Shebel Rehal of Chester and tana's allotment from 5800 to Harold Hayes, drilling contractor, cluding some Great Falls investors.

> Location of the test is on the south "rim" of the crater-like basin which marks the top of the highest structure in the Sweetgrass Hills, on the Tom Strode farm, location described as the NW 14 SW 14 3-37-4E.

A flow of water was encountershut off until the second sand 220 feet. The crews are work- been thicker throughout. fore winter sets in.

the supply thereof and (2) the demand therefor but by (3) the supply and (4) development of this structure for is SW NW % SE % 14-34-6W. ture and through his efforts Harold Hayes and associates became interested in the test.

## COUTTS FUEL OIL GAN BE SHIPPED BACK INTO STATE

without payment of duty under Hagist filed a petition last paragraph 1615 of the Tariff Act. This applies to refineries operating or Montana crude at Contts

> WAS RECORD WEEK With Dry Creek delivering upward of 1,000 barrels a day. Montana oil production has in recent months been at the high peak recorded in the past three years. Montana production for the week ended December 2 was 6990 barrels per day—the highest for the present year. This is in the face of an allowable of 6,460 harrels per day.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fifth Producing Oil Well On Blackfeet Indian Reservation Is Swabbing 90 Barrels—Others Near Sands

Ushering in the development of a new area in the north-west end of Cut Bank field, Lon Crumley, well known Kevin-Sunburst operator, this week completed the fifth producing

oil well within the Blackfeet Indian reservation on the Weaver farm, in NW1/4 SE1/4 27-35-6W.

It was reported Friday to be making 90 barrels a day on the swab. It has 35 feet of good sand of which the bottom 15 feet is yielding most of the oil. The first showing was at 2885, with the top of the Darling sand at 2895. Drilling roceeded to 2929 feet.

The Crumley well is about midway between the Santa Rita Tribal wells and the Tarrant-Reichoff, located on the Blackfeet Reservation and proves up another four or six sections for oil production. It proves up the Texas company's major lease block which is located in this township, to the west of Crumley's producer.

### M'KNIGHT GETS CLOSE TO SAND

Another completion due on the Blackfeet reservation is Bill McKnight's Commonwealth-Getty No. 1 well in NE% SW% 15-34-6W, south of the Fulton producer. He is drilling at 2850 feet and due to get the sand at 2956. It is said to be checking with the Fulton log, showing no irregularity. It has been suggested that this well was near a fault. He has no pipe in the hole other than the surface string

with a group of associates in- LOOKS LIKE FIRST DRY HOLE

Unless there is a miracle in the next week, Ont Bank has its first dry hole. It is Tarrant's Miller No. 2, located a quarter of a mile southwest of the largest well in the field, his Miller No. 1. The Miller No. 2 had but eight feet of sand and that was not a true sand. It contained a showing of oil so it will be allowed to stand for a week. It may be shot heavily with nitro glycerin, if no appreciable of oil shows in the hole. Location is C SE14 NE14 24-84-6W. This district is known to be along the edge of the old seacoast on which the Cut Bank sands were laid down.

## ed at 95 feet but this will not be HAGLUND WELL IS TOPPING SAND

Offsetting the Miller No. 1 well on the north is the Tarrantquent adjustments, including an been gathered in this state. | committee has held that ex- is reached, according to Mr. Rehal Haglund, Jr., No. 4, which is drilling at 2730 feet. It is due for who was in Great Falls on Fri- completion in the next few days. The log has been checking The last reported depth was with the Miller and is unlike the Miller No. 2 in that sands have

## ing tour, 24 hours a day, in HAD ERROR IN MEASUREMENT an effort to complete the well be-

Tarrant is setting casing in Britton No. 2 at 2917. A 30-foot error in measurements caused considerable trouble but the hole Rehal has been working on the is now in good shape, and the casing will be cemented. Location

Tarrant is fishing for lost bailer on his Winkler No. 1, SW more than 7,000 acres on and Cor. 23-35-6W, at 2560 and may have to run a liner. Tarrant-Haglund, Sr., No. 2, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 13-34-6W, is drilling at 2100.

Tarrant's Montana-Headlight-Williams No. 2, NE 1 NE 11-34-6W, is drilling at 290.

## TIP O'NEIL DRILLING TWO WELLS

In the north end of the field, Santa Rita Tribal No. 3, SE% NW % 16-35-6W, is drilling out cement at 556, and the Cardwell No. 2, SE % 6E% 15, is drilling at 250 feet.

Texas company has derrick up on its Yunck No. 1, offsetting the Cardwell No. 1.

While Texaco's Hinkle is going on production, the rotary rig has been set up on the Purdy farm, offsetting on the northwest, in SE SE' SW' 35-35-6W, and spudded in record time. Texaco-Hagerty No. 1, offsetting Fulton's producer on the north, in southeast corner 9-34-6W, is drilling at 2150, making rapid time with rotary tools.

tion of 100 feet higher than the of approximately \$500,000. Two of distillation and cracking to No. 18 and more than half a off wells have been struck on obtain gasoline, kerosene and dismile away. Bucking this press Texas land owned by the banker, tillate, the fuel oil and road oil.

Three rotary rigs are operating simultaneously in the field.

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Three wells on Continental tana, but they couldn't find a Oil company's Howling lease, in "straight shooter" in Shelby, so they let him live and he is re-

(Continued on Page Three) men with broken legs usually rest.