

COMPETITIVE GAS BUYING PERMITTED

Ickes Rules in Favor of Gov- ernmental Agencies and Big Users

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel,
By J. C. Haskerville.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—The State of North Carolina, cities, counties and commercial users of gasoline in large quantities, may now buy in the open market on a competitive basis, under the terms of a new ruling just issued by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, who is also national petroleum administrator, Director A. S. Brower of the Division of Purchase and Contract announced today.

Heretofore, under the petroleum code, the discount to commercial users, as well as to states and other governmental subdivisions, was limited to four cents under the posted tank wagon price to those who used 10,000 gallons a month or more, with an additional discount for larger users. The State of North Carolina, for instance, uses about 800,000 gallons of gasoline a month, but it was not able to get more than the four cents a gallon discount.

Because of this situation, Director Brower protested to the Petroleum Administrative Board and maintained that the petroleum code really amounted to price fixing, and that states, at least, should not be bound by it, but should be left free to contract with any person, firm or corporation it might desire to and that these firms and corporations should not be limited by the four cents per gallon discount in the code. Brower also asked that the discount be given at filling stations as well as on tank wagon prices. But this was virtually the only thing he asked that was not granted in this latest order issued by Secretary Ickes.

Under this new order, the State of North Carolina can now call for competitive bids and all gasoline and oil companies may now offer any discounts and prices as they may see fit to propose, and thus provide what is referred to as a "free wholesale market" for gasoline, so that contracts may be made with large users setting top price or flat price terms at whatever dealers, jobbers, distributors or wholesalers shall propose, and post.

It is expected that this new ruling will save this State several hundred thousand dollars on its gasoline bill in the course of a year.

Guild Claims NRA Has Been Terrified By the Publishers

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Charging that NRA has been terrified by the publishers, spokesmen for the American Newspaper Guild withdrew in a body today from an NRA hearing on proposed editorial wages and hours.

The Guild representatives also criticized the National Labor Relations Board for reopening the case of Dean S. Jennings, whom the board had previously ordered reinstated as re-write man on the San Francisco Call-Bulletin. The board explained it had ordered the reopening at the request of Blackwell Smith, acting general counsel for NRA.

Haywood Brown, president of the Guild, made the "terrified by publishers" statement when the hearing opened today on wage and hour schedules proposed for the newspaper code.

Brown said that behind Smith "we see the figure of Donald Richberg."

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What's What at a Glance WASHINGTON WORLD

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 4.—Prof. Dalton J. Pilcher, University of Maryland economist, advances the theory that simply because it is huge of industrial, commercial and financial operations is a rapidly evaporating fad in the United States.

"Cold-blooded efficiency, mass production and volume distribution possess certain advantages," agrees the professor, "over craftsmanship and service, but they are advantages which are brought only at a price."

"For some customers it is not too high a price to pay. For some it is."

DR. PILCHER'S VIEWS

Dr. Pilcher continues:
"Whenever and wherever a chain of, say, 300 retail stores, in a given community, may shut up shop, it is a safe prediction that a field will be opened for 400 independently-owned stores to take their place."

"The chain establishments briefly, rate 25 per cent higher than the independents in the item of efficiency, considered absolutely without qualification."

"But 100 per cent efficiency includes, among other things, not a cent's worth of credit; no deliveries; no telephone; the utmost celerity in salesmanship; self-service by customers, if economy is to be really whole-souled."

"Some customers are willing to dispense with these conveniences, but not all."

"That the exceptions are numerous may be judged from the fact that at least one important grocery chain is undertaking to install a system of charge accounts."

"But as soon as a system of charge accounts is installed higher prices are inevitable, and it begins to become possible for independents to compete. There are definite advantages in an independent's favor, on such a basis, too. An independent merchant keeps a sharp eye on his stock. A chain management's watchfulness must be at second hand. Its breakage and stealing losses are heavy."

By LESLIE EICHEL

Central Press Staff Writer
Cleveland, Dec. 4.—"Why don't you write something funny again?" queries F. Mc. "You're too serious."

Well, we've just been with some people who have laughed all night long. In fact, they have roared. We should, therefore, have imbibed some of that jollity.

But we have not. We have been staying at a hotel during a convention of 30,000 men. It has been one of those conventions during which bottles are thrown out of windows and the furniture has to be nailed down.

AT NIGHT
There is no law prohibiting night noises in the United States. In fact, the more noise one makes, the fun-

Il Duce Tells Them



Striking photos of Italy's Mussolini in his favorite role of orator, taken during an address to a vast throng near Rome in which he told Italy he was preparing it for war.
(Central Press)

ventioners (past 50) to singing. But they could think of no tunes except some Christmas jingles.

They roared over that.
One knew they cut the lawn in summer and fired the furnace in winter.

Yet they began banging at doors at 2 a. m. when at home they would be tiptoeing in. At last they were letting loose!

Soon again they would be at home denouncing the criminal element and demanding stricter law enforcement.

Find Serum For Cancer In England

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his discovery to the court of governors of the London hospital.

The scientist, emphasizing strongly that the serum "is only in the experimental stage, and has not reached the point where it can be tried on human beings, nevertheless the experiment has reached the stage where the serum will kill cancer cells without damaging normal cells."

WIVES AT HOME

The majority of conventioners leave their wives at home.

Then they try to be naughty.

But they make such a mess of it. Ten to one their wives are better looking.

At least, my wife and I, after observing the assortment, decided so.

SONGS

Three selds of beer set some con-

Negro Convict Is Killed by Guard In South Carolina

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Lubie Smith, Negro convict, who knocked down Archie Thompson, chaingang guard and escaped Monday, was shot and killed by the guard early today following his recapture and return to the camp.

Matt Godfrey, boss of the convict camp at Graycourt, testified to a coroner's jury that he and other guards had taken Smith to a vacant house near the camp to "chastise" him for escaping, and Thompson walked in and shot the Negro twice in the back.

After hearing Godfrey's testimony, the jury returned a verdict recommending that Thompson be held on a charge of murder.

The chaingang guard, who is 22 years old, was brought to the county jail here and locked up shortly after

thes hooting by his uncle, Sam Thompson, a deputy sheriff.

Britain Ready To Pa The Saar

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League rather than to be annexed to France or Germany, that the League would become the titular sovereign

of the Saar.

But the announcement of the British envoy was not the only sensation of the day. Pierre Laval, France's foreign minister, told the council that France absolutely will not participate in any international force that will be sent into the Saar.

Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, Polish soldier-statesman, born 67 years ago

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