

HOUSTON IS IN CENTER OF OIL PRODUCTION

Sulphur, Salt and Ship Interests Recently Acquired.

BUSINESS ACTIVE

Deep Waterway Leads Ocean Vessels to Wharves.

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HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 24.—Once Houston's interests were centered largely on cotton and cattle, wheat and lumber. Now they include oil and sulphur, salt and ships.

The city is the center of a great oil producing region, and, as it does not have enough to draw upon, the West Columbia, Blue Ridge, Goose Creek, Humble and various other fields, that of the Mexico district, has been added lately.

Like Los Angeles, Houston has made a port for itself. It had in Buffalo Bayou a waterway that light draft vessels could navigate in. With the aid of the Government it has deepened and widened this stream and now ocean-going craft come to the turning basin within the city limits.

OIL ACTIVITIES
BRING IMPROVEMENTS.

For eight miles along the fifty miles of available waterfront the ship channel is dotted with warehouses and wharves, cotton compresses, oil refineries, grain elevators and various industrial establishments. There are oil pipe lines and pumping stations and tank farms galore. Of all refineries alone there are eleven. The Sinclair, Galena, Standard, Crown, Kish and Woolf, Deep Water, Patex, Mogul, Turbush, Port Houston and Laporte companies.

Houston has faught in becoming a great port. In 1920, the first full year of the port's life, its commerce, foreign and domestic, aggregated 1,110,204 tons, or \$22,301,162 values.

This year's total probably will be less. There is more movement of grain, but the cotton crop is very short and the oil business is slow. There is no doubt (Continued on Page Five.)

MIAMI SUICIDE IS NOT SPURGIN, MISSING BANKER

Unidentified Man Not as Large as Chicagoan, Who Is in Mexico.

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 24.—Denial that the body found in the Pershing Hotel here Friday is that of Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of Chicago, was made here today by Chicagoans in this city. The suicide, it was stated, was a man of only 5 feet 10 inches, while Spurgin, it is said, is 6 feet 3 inches. The dead man here weighs 165 pounds, while Spurgin, if he is declared, weighed a hundred pounds more than this figure.

SPURGIN STILL IN MEXICO

MARFA, Texas, Oct. 24.—The idea that the body of the "mystery man" found a suicide in a hotel at Miami, Fla., is that of Warren C. Spurgin, absconding head of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of Chicago, was made here today by Chicagoans in this city. The suicide, it was stated, was a man of only 5 feet 10 inches, while Spurgin, it is said, is 6 feet 3 inches. The dead man here weighs 165 pounds, while Spurgin, if he is declared, weighed a hundred pounds more than this figure.

It is either a case of mistaken identity or a ruse to try and get us off the trail. I received a telegram Sunday from my men in Chihuahua and he still was there," the district head announced.

DAUGHTER ON WAY TO MIAMI

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Miss Vivian Spurgin, daughter of Warren C. Spurgin, absconding head of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of Chicago, was discovered a suicide in his room in the Pershing Hotel, to confirm the identification of the body and bring it back for burial.

Spurgin shot himself through the head. His body was identified by W. F. Bennett of Miami, a former Chicago banker who up to two years ago was an intimate friend of the fugitive banker. Spurgin had registered at the hotel as "C. Hayden, New York."

The identification of "Hayden's" photograph in a Miami paper resulted in the identification, Bennett recognizing the picture as that of Spurgin.

Spurgin, who disappeared July 21, following the discovery of a \$1,000,000 shortage in the account of the \$1,000,000 shorted by the Michigan Avenue Trust Company of which he was president, was "broken" when he killed himself. Before ending his life, he tried to destroy every clue to his identity.

Miami authorities said Spurgin had been there only a few weeks and that he appeared to be worried and distressed. For several months the fugitive had been on the trail of Spurgin, their hunt leading into all parts of the country and to Mexico.

Canadian Boat Wins

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 24.—The schooner *Bluebird* of Lunenburg, by winning today's race with the Gloucester schooner *Ela*, in five hours and 40 minutes, lifted the international fishermen's trophy, won last year by the Gloucester schooner *Esperanto*.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p.m., Oct. 25, 1921:

Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday; increasing cloudiness.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

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