

RUSSIA'S VAST OIL SUPPLY IS STRIFE GERM

English and U. S. Companies in Bitter Competition for Monopoly.

Editor's Note: This is another of a series of articles on oil, telling the story of the oil industry in politics and economics.

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WASHINGTON, March 7.—Last spring the British government severed its relations with Soviet Russia, allegedly because Russia had been trying to stir up trouble within British borders.

But behind that rupture most authorities on the international oil situation in Washington saw the hand of the British oil interests, with which the British government vitally is concerned.

Russia has the greatest oil supply in the world, principally in the Caucasus. It has been estimated at seven billion barrels.

The British-controlled Royal Dutch Shell Company had tried unsuccessfully for years to obtain a monopoly on that oil.

Finally the Standard Oil interests of this country obtained what seemed to be the "inside track" in Russia and not only did a break in Anglo-Soviet relations follow, but there was talk of Russo-British war.

High-Prized Publicity
The Standard Oil interests apparently are seeking American recognition of Russia so that their gains may be held and extended.

Russian recognition hardly can come immediately, but it may be considered quite possible after the next change in administration in this country.

In March, 1923, the Vacuum Oil Company, a Standard subsidiary, signed an agreement with the Soviet oil syndicate for the sale to Vacuum of 800,000 tons of kerosene. A year ago December Standard Oil of New York signed a contract for 500,000 tons of Russian kerosene and last June another contract for 500,000 tons of Russian fuel oil.

These companies are now taking about 430,000 tons of Russian oil each year.

British Make Outcry
It was soon after the signing of that last contract that Sir Henri Deterding, head of Royal Dutch Shell, went completely up in the air. Standard Oil apparently had

Twins Shun Films; Star



The Dodge twins, Betty and Ruth, grew up right in Los Angeles, but they withstood the lure of the movies and went on the stage. Now they have just closed a successful season in London and are to be featured next in the new Follies Bergere Theater in Paris.

dashed his hopes for a monopoly on Russia's seven billion barrels of oil.

The terms of the Standard's agreements had been secret and it may be that they involved something close to what Deterding himself had envisioned.

At any rate, Deterding emitted a terrible howl at the iniquity of American companies which bought Red oil. He sought to persuade the American public that we shouldn't trade in the "stolen" oil of this pariah among nations.

The newspapers were full of the possibilities of an "oil war." There were possibilities of that, for Deterding previously had threatened price wars against Standard companies in continental Europe and Mediterranean countries.

But it was absolutely ridiculous to believe, as many did at the time, that Standard of New Jersey was engaged in a bitter fight with Vacuum and Standard of New York over the Russian oil question.

"Another factor of the Anglo-Soviet-Deterding difficulties, incidentally, was that the Soviet oil syndicate had entered the market of the British isles with oil which was

both better and cheaper than Deterding's oil.

After an oil war that extended over several years, Russia finally decided to develop her own oil fields and has done that so successfully that her exports have risen from 330,000 tons in 1922 to more than 2,000,000 tons in 1923-24.

The rest of the world really lost its whack at all of Russia's oil because it held off in the belief that the Soviet regime would collapse and that the oil couldn't be exploited without foreign aid.

CLOTHING BANDIT HELD

Captured After Fleeing With Women's Wearing Apparel.

Harold Harris, 17, was captured after a five-block chase today as he ran from the dry goods store of William S. McClain, 1901 College Ave., with \$5 worth of women's clothing.

Joe Carver, 339 S. New Jersey St., a truck driver, captured Harris. Harris was charged with vagrancy and petit larceny.

G. O. P. LEADER DENIES BOOZE IS VOTE ISSUE

Tilson Also Doubts That Religion Will Be Big Election Question.

By Times Press

WASHINGTON, March 7.—House Republican Floor Leader Tilson believes prohibition will not be an issue in either party in the presidential campaign this year.

"Every one knows," he said in a radio address here last night, "that a very sharp division on this subject exists in both parties. It is almost certain that neither party will make adherence or opposition to the cause of prohibition the test of party loyalty."

Sees No Religious Issue

Neither will the religious issue be raised, in his opinion. Tilson pointed out that many believe it will if Governor Al Smith of New York is nominated at Houston, but he said, "it is hard to believe that with all our professions of religious liberty and tolerance the American people will permit such an issue to be controlling on either side."

Speaking with Tilson over the radio in the weekly voters service on "What Congress Is Doing," Democratic Floor Leader Garrett declared this session of Congress will "pass into history as well nigh a blank page."

Calls Congress a Blank

Citing the leading problems facing Congress—tax reduction, farm relief, flood relief and Muscle Shoals, Garrett said: "We have been in session now three months and it cannot be said that any proposal as to any one of these matters has reached a stage which encourages the slightest hope of final enactment."

PLAN LINCOLN AWARDS

Medals Will Be Given Winners in Oratorical Contest.

The William H. Block Company will award medals to the boy and girl winners of the Lincoln oratorical contest in every high school in Marion County. It was announced today by Mrs. L. G. Hughes, Indianapolis school chairman, in charge of the contest.

The contest is being conducted in connection with the Indiana Lincoln memorial campaign to raise funds to establish a national shrine in southern Indiana as a tribute to Lincoln and his mother.

110 Minutes, 25 Years

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 7.—An hour and fifty minutes after Ed Ware, 27, was placed on trial in Vigo Circuit Court here charged with auto banditry in the robbery of a grocery here Feb. 23, 1923, he was convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in the Indiana State prison. Ware had been a fugitive since the robbery until a month ago when he was arrested in Chicago.



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SMITH KIDNAPER SUSPECT HELD

Trap Laborer in Missing Student Case.

By Times Press

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 7.—A Lithuanian laborer, father of three children, is held here after falling into a trap set for the possible kidnaper of Miss Frances St. John Smith, missing Smith College freshman.

Michael Buinickas, a spinner in the Belding mills, was arrested Tuesday night when he called at the postoffice for a decoy bundle placed there in answer to a \$50,000 ransom demand.

Postal inspectors who made the arrest said Buinickas hired a post-office box under a fictitious name and wrote to St. John Smith, wealthy father of the girl, who disappeared from her Smith College dormitory here last Jan. 13, demanding \$50,000 in exchange for news of his daughter.

The bills were to be sent to Box 515 at the local office in an unregistered and uninsured letter.

Under questioning at Police headquarters, Buinickas admitted renting the box under the name of K. Klumsky three days before Miss Smith vanished.

The fact the Lithuanian hired the box before the disappearance led authorities to believe he might have some knowledge of the mystery.

BOY, 12, SEEKS ARREST

Starts Campaign to Place Himself in Prison With Brother.

By United Press

OREGON, Ill., March 7.—Kenneth Nichols, 12 year old and determined, started a campaign designed to win for him a term in the St. Charles reformatory.

First he tried to steal an automobile, but he was too small to reach the starter.

Then he attacked another boy with a broomstick.

"My brother's in St. Charles and I want to be with him," he told authorities.

The sheriff's office declined to commit him to the reformatory.

Seek Tobacco Bandits

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Police were without a clue as to the whereabouts of tobacco bandits who entered a grocery by a rear window and made away with cigars, cigarettes and plug chewing tobacco valued at \$15.

WAR MAP FOR DRY FORCES IS BEING DRAFTED

U. S. Prohibition Heads in Nation-Wide Survey for Spring Campaign.

By JOSEPH WASNEY

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A war map to be used this spring for directing dry enforcement activities in every party of the country is being drafted at prohibition headquarters. Treasury officials are making a survey of all prohibition districts to learn which sections will need the greatest number of agents this year and what measures must be taken to suppress liquor trafficking.

Make Nation-Wide Survey

The "prohibition board of strategy" now in the field, includes Prohibition Commissioner J. R. Doran, inspecting Florida activities; Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Alf Ottendahl, inspecting Pacific Coast activities; and Lieutenant Commander Stephen Yeandle of the coast guard, inspecting the Gulf region.

Admiral Frederick C. Billard, commandant of the coast guard has just returned from a trip to Florida and Georgia where he surveyed guard operations against rum runners.

Assistant Secretary of Treasury Lowman and Commissioner of Customs Earnest Camp will leave for Florida tonight to survey the work of Federal forces on land and sea against liquor rings.

Plan to Speed Up Work

Commissioner Doran already has made an inspection trip of the Middle West and Major Herbert H. White, prohibition field supervisor, has been designated to visit places where officials fail to touch.

When the survey is completed the "strategy board" hopes to formulate a system to speed up enforcement activities throughout the United States.

3 HELD IN AUTO THEFT

Prisoners at Plainfield Claim to Be Ft. Harrison Soldiers.

By United Press

BRAZIL, Ind., March 7.—Three men, who said they were soldiers, stationed at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, were held in jail here today on automobile theft charges. They are Bertis Wiseman, 17; Edward Carman, 18, and James Grabber, 18. Police said the men had stolen an automobile belonging to Robinson Beckner, Indianapolis, and driven to Plainfield. The manager of a Plainfield gasoline station phoned to Brazil police to stop the trio because they had refused to pay him for gasoline.

"Trench Foot" Victim Freed

By United Press

PRINCETON, Ind., March 7.—Clarence Griffin, Petersburg, was brought to jail after officers said he had become intoxicated while driving an automobile and ran it into a tree. He was later released, however, when no charges were filed against him. Both his feet are toeless due to "trench foot" suffered in the World War.

Really!

By Times Special

WABASH, Ind., March 7.—Governor Ed Jackson, addressing the Kiwanis Club here Tuesday noon, opened his remarks with the quotation: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

He spoke at the First United Brethren Church Tuesday evening, where reservations had been made for an attendance of 200. The Governor spoke here at the invitation of the Rev. A. Bash Arford, pastor of the church.

ADD BUSES FOR TILT

Thirty Extra Will Carry Crowds to Game.

Thirty or forty additional buses will be added by the People's Motor Coach Company to transport passengers to the new Butler Field House for the Notre Dame-Butler basketball game tonight it was announced today.

The buses will run from the Circle to Delaware St., over Delaware to Thirtieth St., over Thirtieth to Pennsylvania St., over Pennsylvania to Forty-Ninth St., and then over to Capitol Ave. This will take bus passengers several blocks closer than the street cars, it was pointed out. Fare will be 40 cents with no transfer privilege. Similar special service will be established for other games at the Field House.

The Rev. F. R. Daries, pastor, will preach on "Repentance" at the third midweek Lenten service at Zion Evangelical Church tonight.

He cited figures to show that a whole cruiser of the type asked could wreak less military damage than a single gun of the capital ships scrapped after it was signed.

DOCTORS SHOW HOW TO END HEAD COLDS

Many Here Try New Hospital Method In Own Home Get Relief in Few Hours

A great many Indianapolis people—like Edw. W. Tyler, have learned that it is no longer necessary to let a head or chest cold make a person feel miserable or cause fear of pneumonia. For hospital doctors are recommending a simple home treatment that brings sure relief—often in a few hours.

A severe cold had kept Mr. Tyler from business several days. When nothing seemed to help him he called the clinic for advice. Doctors then recommended double strength doses of Cherry Pectoral—a highly concentrated mixture of wild cherry, terpin hydrate and other ingredients which have relieved even the most extreme hospital cases.

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WILBUR STRIKES AT NAVY CRITICS

Department to Build Only for Needs, He Says.

By United Press

BAY CITY, Mich., March 7.—Secretary of Navy Wilbur struck back at critics of the Administration's seventy-four-ship naval building program.

He denied the Navy is "lobbying" or "propagandizing" for the large construction program, but instead, asked pointedly:

"Why should our announcement that we intended to build fewer ships and less tonnage than Great Britain has announced she must build for her protection be considered as provocative?"

"Why do some of our citizens feel British is to be trusted with large naval programs rather than the United States, with similar or less program?"

Wilbur declared the department's program merely "considered our needs" for national defense and peacetime commerce, and avoided naval competition. He cited the spread of piracy in Chinese waters to show the need of guarding commerce.

He said the capital ships permitted under the Washington treaty were useless without auxiliaries to "protect, serve and cooperate with them."

He cited figures to show that a whole cruiser of the type asked could wreak less military damage than a single gun of the capital ships scrapped after it was signed.

DOCTORS SHOW HOW TO END HEAD COLDS



Note: See other cases all certified by a member of the hospital clinic.

Doctors find that this hospital medicine does far more than stop coughing instantly. It penetrates and heals inflamed linings of the breathing passages. Absorbed by the system it quickly reduces phlegm, helps allay that "fearful," grating feeling and drives out the cold from the nose passages, throat and chest.

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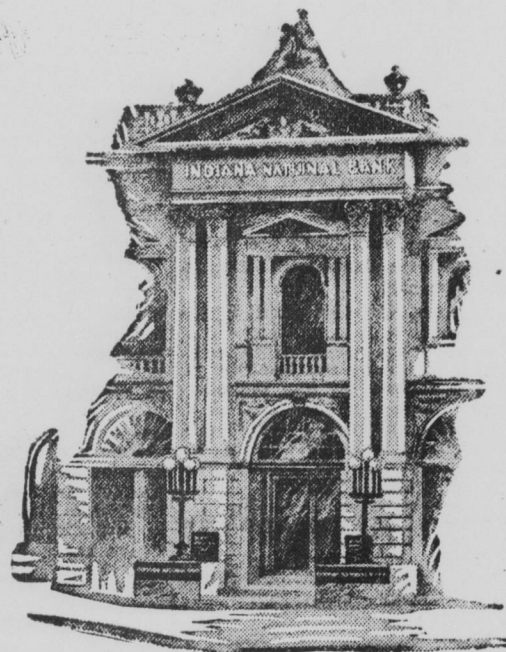
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