

FOUR DECISIONS ON OIL CASES DUE IN FALL

Some Teapot Dome Suits May Not Be Settled for Years.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Four court developments in the famous Teapot Dome series of criminal cases resulting from the lease granted by Secretary of Interior Albert Fall in 1922, are expected to occur here this autumn.

It is likely some of the cases will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and they may not be finally ended, with jail or freedom for the principals, for two or three more years.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals, meeting here Oct. 2, after its summer recess, is expected to announce a decision on Harry F. Sinclair's appeal from a three months' jail sentence imposed for contempt of the Senate in connection with his refusal to answer the Senate Teapot Dome committee's questions in 1924.

The District Supreme Court is scheduled to place Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, on trial Oct. 8 on a charge of perjury, in connection with his testimony before the Senate Teapot Dome committee this year, in connection with the Continental Trading Company Libel bybonds.

Then the Court of Appeals, in October or November, is expected to hear arguments in the appeal of Harry Sinclair, Henry Mason Day, William J. Burns and W. Sherman Burns, from sentences imposed last spring after they were adjudged in contempt of court because of their secret surveillance of the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial jurors.

Sinclair, multimillionaire oil man and lessee of Teapot Dome, was sentenced to six months in jail; Day, his assistant, to four months; W. J. Burns, famous detective, to fifteen days, and his son, W. Sherman, to pay a fine.

In this jury-shadowing case, Sinclair's attorneys, after perfecting an appeal, have devoted the summer to reducing the tremendous transcript of the eleven-week trial to a shorter narrative record.

Briefs based on the shorter record are due to be filed in September and the case probably will be set down for an early hearing.

Back Over the Famous Trail Blazed in '52



It was way back in 1852 that Ezra Meeker blazed the Oregon trail across the continent. Now, in the "covered wagon" pictured here, he is retracing his famous route. Three times Meeker has made the journey by ox team, once by automobile and once by airplane. Henry Ford donated the outfit for this journey.

MINE TOWN OF COLORADO BOOM

Business Picks Up After Long Slump.

By United Press
DENVER, Aug. 10.—The metal mining industry in Colorado slowly is staging a comeback.

From 1859 to the beginning of the twentieth century, the State literally lived gold, silver and lead. Gregory started the "gold madness" that caused Central City and Black Hawk to spring into being. He watched them grow to be leading, hell-roarin' mining camps.

Then came the slump. Today, however, mining camps are "looking up." Nevada, a famous "ghost town," is coming to life again. Two mines are reported working in that community after years of idleness.

Considerable activity is reported in Cripple Creek, one of the most famous of the old-time camps. From the time Bob Womack, a cowboy, found free gold in the Cripple Creek area in 1881, millions of dollars in gold were taken from the hills.

Cootie Order, V.F.W., Lays Convention Plans

Festivities Arranged for Parley Week Here Aug. 26.

No medals for false teeth and no soldier less than a second lieutenant will be the platform of the Military Order of the Cootie, sunshine degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which will meet in Indianapolis during the twenty-ninth annual encampment of the V. F. W., Aug. 26 to Sept. 1.

The Cootie order specializes in the distribution of the "sulphur ointment of happiness." No veteran can enter unless he gives proof of some outstanding achievement for the welfare of the parent order.

Its units are known as "pup tents," and the titles of the officers are derived from pet names ascribed to the original cooties that inhabited the seams and crevices of the O. D. uniform in the A. E. F. Aside from the motto, "eat, drink and be merry," the cooties have adopted the V. F. W. national home

for orphans at Eaton Rapids, Mich., as their pet project. At Christmas every year, the "sulphur ointment of happiness" is spread with happy abandon in the name of Santa Claus.

The Supreme Scratch will be held at midnight Aug. 27. Aside from the election of officers, members will sit in council on important problems relative to the welfare of the buck private in the next war.

Pup Tent of Patterson, N. J., for instance, will present a resolution demanding that regimental commanders leave their dugouts every twenty-four hours and take deep breathing exercises in the open. His Supreme Dryness Malachi Healy will preside at meetings. Instead of a gavel he will wield a cat o' nine tails and a sock loaded with paymasters' soap.

The colorful Cootie uniform will be much in evidence Monday night, Aug. 27, when the annual parade is staged. Cootie bands will lead pup tent delegations from all sections of the country, each with original and unique stunts.

SWEDEN'S WILD MOOSE PERIL MATCH INDUSTRY

Animals Feeding too Generously on Aspen Trees.

By United Press
JOENKOEPPING, Sweden, Aug. 10.—The Swedish wild moose is threatening the country's match industry by feeding too generously on the aspen trees from which matches are made.

Thus the Vaestervik Match Company, in the central province of Smaland, is asking the government for permission to kill the moose, regardless of existing game laws.

For some years the factory has tried to raise these trees, but the attempts have been frustrated by the "monarch of the Swedish forests." Unrestricted killing of the fastidious animals, which prefer their aspen young, is regarded as the only remedy.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY MARKS CENTENNIAL

Celebration Which Opened Wednesday to Continue Through Week.

By Times Special
HUNTINGTON, Ind., Aug. 10.—Today is industrial day in the home-coming and centennial celebration which opened Wednesday to continue the remainder of the week. An historical pageant is being presented each evening.

The program today includes a parade, concert by the Culver Military Academy Band and a drill by the Culver black horse troop.

Saturday will be agricultural day, with picnics at Elfers and Memorial Parks, and a parade in the morning.

FIND MASTODON TOOTH

Believe Mississippi Once Inhabited by Huge Now Extinct Animals.

By United Press
YAZOO, Miss., Aug. 10.—Proof that Mississippi was inhabited centuries ago by the now extinct mastodons is believed to have been found here in the discovery of a huge tooth said to be that of the pre-historic animal resembling an elephant.

The tooth, found buried in the mud of Short Creek, near here, weighed four pounds. It was six inches high and three and one-half inches wide.

TICKS ON FOR 12 YEARS

Clock Has Never Stopped and Never Will; Run by Air.

By United Press
OEREBRO, Sweden, Aug. 10.—A clock that has run uninterruptedly for twelve years and, according to its Swedish maker, will keep on ticking forever, is at present on exhibition here.

The unique timepiece, which was first set in motion by its inventor, Teodor Dieden, in 1916, is driven exclusively by the utilization of atmospheric variations.

Opposes Dance Marathons

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 10.—There will be no more dance marathons if Mayor Chester R. Montgomery has his way. Declaring, "I disapprove of the entire conception of a dance marathon," he recently held in South Bend, the mayor commended Police Chief James J. Hatt for refusing use of a downtown street for an exhibition by two marathon winners.

STUDY BUDGET FOR CHANCE TO CUT TAX RATE

Hope to Pare City Levy for 1929 by Small Slashes in Appropriations.

Prospects of the city's 1929 tax rate being slightly lower than the proposed \$1.15 appeared today as the city council prepared to wind up its budget conferences with city department heads. Although members of the council finance committee have made no announcement of their intentions, it is said small amounts are to be slashed from various items in the proposed budget.

Most of the reductions, reported considered by the committee so far, consist of a few hundred dollars or less. None of the considered cuts will hinder the operations by any department.

C. of C. Helps Out

William H. Book, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce civics affairs department, said the department's budget committee also is working over the proposals and may have some reduction recommendations to make within the next week. Book is sitting in with the council on the evening and afternoon sessions this week.

Thursday night the city group heard explanations of requests made by City Engineer A. H. Moore and the board of works.

Following the meetings the council will take definite action to make changes in the proposed budget prior to the public hearing set for Aug. 20. While the city budget is being examined County Auditor Harry Dunn is working on the county budget. This, of course, will carry no definite total until the city and school budgets are complete.

The county rate for this year is \$3.15 and it is predicted it will be about the same. The total Center township rate is \$2.64.

Prepare State Budget

The school levy is to be \$1.03, the same as this year, according to statements by Albert F. Walsman, business director. However, it is understood many reductions in the proposed budget will be asked by persons interested on the grounds that the levy will not uphold the amount sought in the appropriation requests. This might, they say, cause a deficit in school funds at the close of the 1929 fiscal year unless the levy figure is raised or the requests lowered.

The State budget and levy now is in preparation, but no action will be taken on this until the latter part of September or the first of October. The budget is not due to be presented to the State tax board until this time.

RUBBER QUEST VAIN

Incidental Discoveries Made Seeking Synthesis.

By Science Service
EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 10.—"The quest for synthetic rubber may be compared to the quest for the Golden Fleece, the Fountain of Youth, or the Philosophers' Stone, insofar as the objective appears exceedingly unlikely of attainment, but the quest has been very fruitful in secondary results for the general improvement of rubber technology and scientific knowledge."

This was the theme of Thomas Midgley Jr. of Dayton, Ohio, noted as the inventor of ethyl gas, before the Institute of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society.

Rubber is, chemically speaking, a multiplication of an organic compound known as isoprene, and many attempts, some of them successful on a laboratory scale, have been made to make rubber out of this substance. But none of these isoprene rubbers has the stretch and bounce and other physical qualities needed for full-fledged commercially successful rubber.

In the investigation of the differences between the artificial and the

natural products, however, chemical discoveries have been made that now have wide application in rubber manufacture and in certain other industries as well.

Recalls New Buggy Thrills
By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 10.—Mrs. Pauline Storer, 74, who has missed but few of Delaware County's fairs since the first one was held when she was 7 months old, attended this year's fair being held this week, and recalled the days when displays of new model buggies attracted as much attention as new models of automobiles do now.

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