

PANHANDLE NOW NO MORE THAN A-1 GAS SPOUT

Billions of Dollars Are Invested in Lighter-Than-Air Substance.

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strained under such circumstances. The gas always was there, coursing through the bowels of the earth seeking an outlet.

Tracing the extent of the gas producing territory on a map, the name of the territory is self-explanatory. The outlet of this area will do for a rough sketch of the handle of a pan; a replica of a pan which some cowpunchers had held over a fire while he fanned the smoke away from his face with his sombrero.

Then it Began to Happen

Almost immediately upon Professor Gould's discovery, which proved to be the richest natural gas field in the world, things began to happen. The word of the Oklahoma pedagogue's rich strike was carried to the adjacent country by steed, auto, telegraph and telephone. Even the tumble-weed careening in from the prairies with more gusto than usual seemed to be endeavoring to tell just what happened.

The strike nurtured a new activity. Persons who magically jump from one part of the country to another on the heels of the news of a discovery of an embryonic gas or oil well field tramped off to Texas. New riches were to be found. All that was needed was a small initial capital.

Train poured forth hundreds and thousands of these individuals who hoped to gain access to easy street through a fortuitous detour. A leading boom started.

Land Values Went Soaring

Land values, as is always the case in an instance of this sort, zoomed up to unheard of values. Ranchmen who had areas in juxtaposition to Professor Gould's strike neglected their chores for the nonce and became visionaries. They owned the land, let the gas men come and lease it—at a price.

Promoters and gas and oil workers, a floating population anyway, quit their connections in other fields and staked their all in the new El Dorado.

Twelve miles away from the gas fields the promising city of Amarillo was hard pressed housing all the immigrants. Once a normal cow and wheat country today it is quite a lively little town with a population of approximately 45,000. To it went the distinction of being the first city to be served with natural gas piped from the Panhandle field.

Yesterday a land which grew buffalo grass. Today a veritable gas spout. That is the Texas Panhandle.

Indianapolis Tomorrow

Indiana Federation of Clubs, meeting, Claypool.

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Claypool.

Kiwanis Club, luncheon, Columbia Club.

Purdue Alumni Association, luncheon, Severn.

Lions Club, luncheon, Washington.

American Legion, 12th District, luncheon, 136½ N. Delaware St.

Home Complete Show, all day, Indiana State Fairground.

Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, all day, Claypool.

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'DESTROY WAR!' PLEADS ELLIOTT AT CONVENTION

Purdue President Delivers Address at Session of Red Cross.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY

Times Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, April 9.—"Destroy War!" was the battle-cry suggested to the American Red Cross by President Edward C. Elliott of Purdue University in his address at the annual convention here yesterday.

Citing the humanizing efforts of the Red Cross in past wars, Dr. Elliott advised "that the only way really to humanize war is to destroy war."

"Though war be the great and instinctive delusion of civilized man," Dr. Elliott continued, "we must not delude our enlightened selves as to its ever-present reality."

"At the moment the world hears in the distance the threatening discords of the battle drums."

"Whatever peace there is in the world today is the peace of force-explosive force."

"In whatever direction we look, there we see signs that on an instant notice may be translated into signals that the Red Cross has been called back to battle duty."

News Survey of Indiana

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, April 9.—Demands for shorter hours and higher pay were made today by the scale committee of District No. 11, United Mine Workers of America. The committee will present the demands to shaft operators tomorrow and strip mine operators Thursday.

Miners here are demanding a 30-hour week and \$5.50 a day basic wage. Contracts providing a 35-hour week and a \$5 a day basic wage expired April 1, but work has been continued under an agreement made between representatives of the union, operators and administrators of the National Recovery Administration.

Free Books Unlikely

By Times Special

KOKOMO, April 9.—School officials predicted today that no petition will be filed here asking for free text books. Under the terms of two new laws passed by the 1935 session of the General Assembly, school officials have to provide free texts on petition of at least 51 per cent of the taxpayers of a unit.

City Gets Water Bills

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, April 9.—More than \$1000 in delinquent water rent has been collected by this city in the past three days, Fred C. Owens, city clerk-treasurer, announced today.

Fugitives Sentenced

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, April 9.—Captured as they attempted to escape from the state penal farm, Fred Robertson, 20, Terre Haute, and William B. Brooks, 34, Indianapolis,

were sentenced to from one to five years each in the state prison at Michigan City in the Putnam County Circuit Court.

Both of the men were captured by guards Saturday five miles east of the state farm.

No Basis for Charges

By Times Special

KOKOMO, April 9.—Victor Osborne, 25, and Raymond Anthony, 20, held after an automobile accident in which Mrs. Samuel Young, 40, of Cincinnati, was drowned, were released yesterday after authorities here decided that there was no basis for charges against them.

Kidnapping Trial Opens

By Times Special

ROCKVILLE, April 9.—Richard Sweet, alias Roy Stevens, former Montezuma youth, went on trial in Parkers Circuit Court here yesterday on charges of kidnapping Dr. R. L. Dooley, Montezuma.

Sweet was captured in California last month. He pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned.

MEAT PRICES WON'T SLIP, IS AAA FORECAST

No Drop in Sight, Says
Consumers' Counsel in
Washington.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 9.—High meat prices are going to scourge American housewives for at least another year, despite lessening of the Midwestern drought, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration said today.

Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, AAA Consumers' Counsel, said rains in the Dakotas and Montana had ameliorated the drought situation "very much" and that "the picture is more encouraging now than in a long time."

His attitude on meat prices, however, was indicated when he was asked how long it would be before a man on an average salary could afford to eat bacon again.

"That depends entirely on how much you like bacon," he said.

Buying strikes of housewives, particularly in Los Angeles where groups of women have boycotted butcher shops and engaged in hair-pulling frays, failed to draw any comment. He said he had no advice nor suggestions to give.

The only cheerful spot in Dr.

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