

# CRYSTAL FLASH CHARGES DENIED BY ROAD BUREAU

Petroleum Corp. Suit Claims Gasoline Contract Did Not Go to Low Bidder.

The State Highway Commission today denied that it had failed to award a gasoline contract to the lowest and best bidder, as charged in a suit filed in Superior Court yesterday by the Crystal Flash Petroleum Corp.

The Commission last week announced it had awarded contracts for supplying 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline and 84,000 gallons of motor oil in six districts.

The Crystal Flash firm's suit contests only the award for the Greenfield District, which was received by the Pure Oil Co.

Officials of the Pure Oil Co. declined to comment on the suit.

The complaint charges that, on the basis of the estimated needs for the Greenfield district, which includes Marion County, the Pure Oil Co. bid was \$6500 higher than the Crystal Flash bid.

**Suit Explains**

Clifford W. Sniff, Commission member, explained.

"The Commission did and still thinks it let the contract to the lowest and best bidder. The bid of the Crystal Flash firm was irregular because of the omission of the commercial designation."

The commercial designation, according to J. W. Pehsenfeld, president of Crystal Flash, refers to failure to set out the name of the oil to be supplied.

"Through a stenographic error," Mr. Pehsenfeld said, "the words 'Crystal Flash' were omitted on Page 8 of the bidding form, but the name was clearly set out on Page 24."

Mr. Pehsenfeld charged that the Pure Oil Co. bid actually was the fourth lowest, with Crystal Flash, Standard Oil Co. and Indian Oil Co. bids being lower, in the order named.

**Prompt Delivery Promised**

The suit charges that in rejecting the Crystal Flash bid because of the omission of the name in the printed form, Commission members explained they felt also that the Crystal Flash firm did not have sufficient bulk plants to make prompt deliveries.

Mr. Pehsenfeld said the company has bulk plants in Indianapolis, Fairland, Franklin and Carmel, with a fleet of 18 trucks, making it possible to make deliveries to any point in the district within three hours. More than half the deliveries would be in Marion County, he said.

He asserted that Standard Oil Co. was low bidder in each of the five other districts in the state, but received the award only for one district.

The Crystal Flash bid on gasoline, according to the suit, was 2 1/2 cents below the posted commercial consumer tank wagon market prices. Standard Oil offering a discount of 1 1/2 cents and Pure Oil 1 1/2 cents.

The suit asks that the Commission be enjoined from awarding the contract to the Pure Oil Co., and that it be required to accept the Crystal Flash bid.

## Grapes Bear First Year



Times Photo.

Gustav Stark, Indianapolis wood carver, gave these grapes a great big hand. Here's why. Early this spring he pruned some Concord grape vines for Mrs. Robert Cavanaugh, Gracefield Ave. and 44th St. He planted some of the cuttings at 1013 Bellefontaine St. And they are bearing the first year! Mr. Stark says he believes this is some sort of a record, or at least highly unusual.

## Love Bird of Jealous Hue At Hospital

An unidentified and lonely love bird, which has for two days been a "guest" at Methodist Hospital, still was unclaimed today, although at least a dozen persons have called about him.

He came late Tuesday night and perched on a window ledge on the seventh floor. According to a metal leg band, his name is I CT 37, but he doesn't answer to it.

He is brilliantly green and some folks say he will die soon unless he is restored to his mate.

**AWAIT AUTO STRIKE END**

DETROIT, June 1 (U. P.).—Settlement of a 12-day old strike which has tied up 12 automobile factories was expected today as U. S. Labor Conciliator James P. Dewey said he would rule on 28 union grievances which caused the dispute.

## GEN. GAMELIN PUSHES ARMY CONFERENCES

Continues London Talks on Joint Action in Case Of 'Contingency.'

**FOREIGN SITUATION**

LONDON — "Conditional Acceptance" given, Soviets say.

PARIS—France urges Britain to compromise quickly.

MOSCOW—Formal reply to proposed draft to be sent.

BERLIN—Nazis push counter-drive; entertain Jugoslavs.

SAN SEBASTIAN—U. S. Ambassador reaches Spain.

CADIZ—Last Italian troops sail.

TOKYO—More Jap-Mongolian fighting reported.

TIENSIN—Japanese consul sends ultimatum to British.

HONGKONG—Consuls debate Amoy issue.

LONDON, June 1 (U. P.).—Gen. Maurice Gamelin, chief of the French fighting forces, will negotiate with British staff officers next week an agreement on British and French co-operation in any contingency which might arise under the new "security front" commitments, it was understood today.

Gen. Gamelin's visit will be the first of a series of big scale military conferences designed to put teeth into antiaggression arrangements. But it was understood that in advance of the formal opening of negotiations, four separate French military missions had visited London secretly within the past week.

It was proposed to bring Russia into negotiations upon the expected conclusion of a defensive agreement with her.

**Clarification Expected**

As regards the speech at Moscow yesterday of Premier-Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov of Russia, Soviet quarters here said that it was not a rejection but a "conditional acceptance" of British proposals for a security pact.

These sources said that Russia would insist on clarification of the British proposals. Russia fears a situation in which Britain might renege in an "appeasement" policy with Germany and leave Russia isolated.

It has been reported that, as soon as Russia entered the security front, Prime Minister Chamberlain intended to make some peace gesture toward Germany. Commissar Molotov's speech was believed here to be a warning to Mr. Chamberlain not to relapse into the Munich policy of appeasement, and not to try to use the prospective agreement with Russia as an instrument to win a British-German agreement.

**Agreement Held Possible**

Russia has already requested clarification of an article in the British draft of a proposed treaty, referring to the League of Nations covenant and its principles. Russia fears that this clause might be used to delay the enforcement of a security pact if an emergency arose. It was understood that Britain was prepared to make changes in this article to overcome Russia's suspicions.

The view of Russians here seemed to be that agreement was possible and that Mr. Chamberlain would not be able to risk, at this stage, a breakdown in negotiations.

**Amoy Settlement Talked by Consuls**

HONGKONG, June 1 (U. P.).—British, American, French and Dutch consuls met today at the home of the Japanese Consul of Kulungsi (international settlement of Amoy) for a two-hour discussion of Japanese demands for increased representation in the Government of the settlement.

They also were to discuss the situation created by the landing yesterday of additional Japanese marines against the warnings of foreign powers.

**HITLER SEEKING AID OF JUGOSLAV PRINCE**

BERLIN, June 1 (U. P.).—Fuehrer Hitler today staged a demonstration of Germany's air strength in a welcome to Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia.

Prince Paul and his party will remain in Germany for eight days of conversations and State affairs.

Herr Hitler was expected to urge Prince Paul to bring Yugoslavia nearer to the Berlin-Rome diplomatic axis. Prince Paul will seek to avoid any definite commitments.

## Rumanians Vote Today; Lack Choice

BUCHAREST, June 1 (U. P.).—Rumania voted today on the election of its first corporate, one-party Parliament.

All 800 candidates bore the approval of the Official Front of National Rebirth.

Only 2,000,000 voters registered, compared to a registration of 4,000,000 in previous years. Opposition leaders interpreted this as a protest against the tactics of the regime.

Under the new system, the Chamber of Deputies is divided into three groups of 86 members each. One group represents agriculture and labor; another commerce and industry, and the third the professions.

**NEW U. S. ENVOY REACHES SPAIN**

Hopes to Strengthen Bond Between America and Madrid Regime

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, June 1 (U. P.).—Alexander W. Weddell, new American Ambassador to Spain, said today that he hoped to strengthen friendship between Spain and the United States and that if he did so he would be satisfied.

Mr. Weddell, formerly Ambassador to Argentina, entered Spain yesterday from France, accompanied by his wife.

As to the attitude of American people toward Nationalist Spain, Mr. Weddell said:

"I certainly think American people as well as the American Government wish to see the new Spain happy and prosperous."

**Italy and Argentina To Sign Trade Pact**

ROME, June 1 (U. P.).—An Italian-Argentine trade pact will be signed here tomorrow. It was said in reliable quarters today.

CADIZ, Spain, June 1 (U. P.).—Foreign military intervention in Spain ended today when two Italian transports and the cruiser Emanuele Filiberto Duca d'Aosta sailed for Naples with the last of 23,000 Italian troops who helped bring about a Nationalist victory in the civil war.



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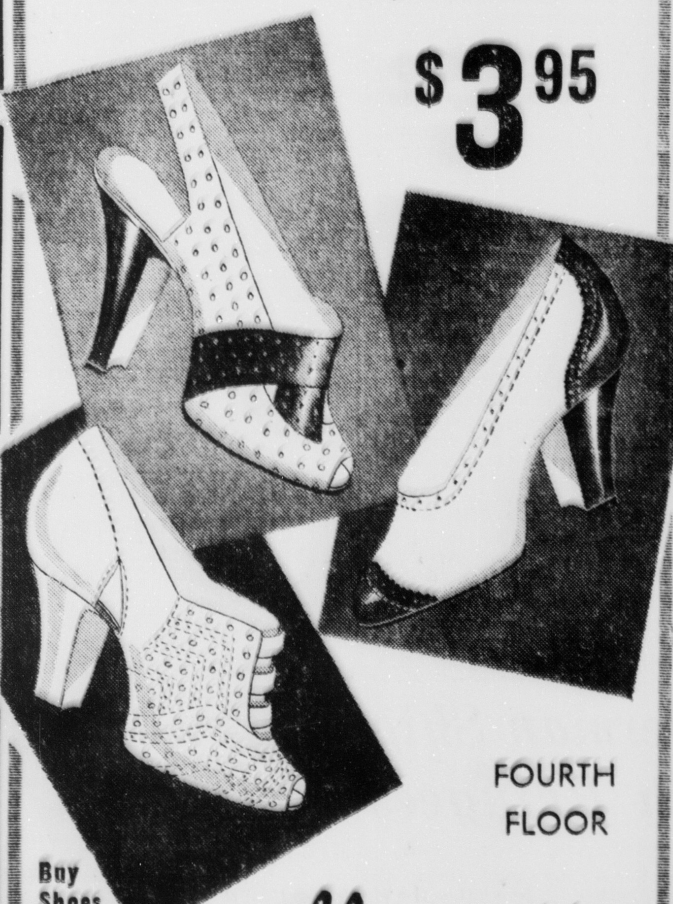
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