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GASOLINE FAMINE ON PACIFIC COAST

Prediction of Shortage Made at Convention of Mining Engineers

Globe, Ariz., Sept. 22.—A serious gasoline shortage on the Pacific Coast, the effect of which would extend throughout the entire country during the next year, was predicted here today during the closing session of the convention of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

W. R. Hamilton, of San Francisco, presented the gasoline industry data to the engineers. According to Mr. Hamilton, the only possible means of increasing gasoline production are by the increased production of either light oil or casing-head gasoline, lowering the grade of market gasoline, or by successful innovations in refining methods. Most of these solutions Mr. Hamilton explained as impracticable in the immediate future, although he said that by lowering the grade of gasoline production could be increased from 30 to 50 per cent. He attributed the future gasoline shortage to decreased production of refinable oil (the decrease amounting to 6,000,000 barrels in 1915), steadily increasing consumption, the discontinuance of imports and the heavy exports due to the European war demands.

Discussing the value of chemistry to the coal mining industry, Edwin M. Chance declared in a paper read at today's meeting that America's have in the past been purchasing coal on its looks rather than because of its heating power. He made public results of experiments which showed dull appearing coal to have better heating and burning properties than the bright coals which have formerly demanded premiums in the market. It is said that this discovery will greatly help to offset the cost of coal production without materially increasing the costs to the consumer.

Tomorrow the engineers will leave Globe in a hundred automobiles for a day's tour of the Apache Trail and an inspection of the Roosevelt dam, probably the greatest engineering feat of its kind in the world. The trip will be resumed by special train at Phoenix tomorrow night and Sunday will be spent at Grand Canyon. Since its start from New York City on September 14 the Eastern party has visited practically every important mining center of the Southwest.

PLAN TO ESTABLISH TEN GOVT. PLANTS

Manila, P. I., Sept. 22.—A plan to establish ten government plants for the manufacture of rinderpest serum, has been initiated by Adriano Hernandez, director of the bureau of agriculture. Funds have been secured and the plants will soon be in full operation.

Rinderpest continues to be a serious problem of Philippine cattle owners but the bureau of agriculture by quarantine and immunization is waging a vigorous campaign against the scourge. A requisition for serum has been sent to French Indo-China and this will enable the bureau to keep up its work until all ten serum manufacturing plants are in full swing. These plants are to be located in cattle centers in different parts of the islands.

BACKACHE? RHEUMATISM? RUN-DOWN?

Those of us who are past middle age are prone to eat too much meat and in consequence deposit lime-salts in the arteries, veins and joints. We often suffer from twinges of rheumatism or lumbago, sometimes from gout, swollen hands or feet. There is no longer the slightest need of this, however, as the new prescription, "Anuric," is bound to give immediate results as it is many times more potent than lithia in ridding the impoverished blood of its poisons by way of the kidneys. It can be obtained at almost any drug store, by simply asking for "Anuric" for kidneys or backache. It will overcome such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, cold extremities, scalding and burning urine and sleeplessness due to constant arising from bed at night.—Advt.

REFUSAL SHOCKS THE JAP. EMPEROR

Tokio, Sept. 22.—A sensation has been caused in Japan by the refusal of two prominent Japanese to accept decorations granted by the Emperor in connection with the war with Germany. The recipients are Yosaburo Takekoshi, a well known journalist, who was a member of the Diet last year and Masutaro Takagi, who is now member of the House of Representatives. They base their refusal upon the fact that, as members of the Diet, they are representatives of the people whose duty it is to watch over the work of the government. They hold that acceptance of a decoration is against the spirit of the constitution and almost in the nature of a bribe. Also, they declare that it is improper to accept honors while the war in Europe is still raging, merely because the Japanese troops had been victorious at Tsing-tsu.

A government official insists that it is not within the power of any Japanese to decline an honor bestowed by the Emperor.

THE DAY'S WORK

Does it sometimes seem that you simply could not get your work done? Do you constantly feel like sitting down? Perhaps you yawn continually. Then you need

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ALDRIDGE SAYS HIS WIFE HAS GAINED 15 LBS. ON TANLAC

Had Suffered For Ten Years. He Says: "Now There Is Such a Change That Friends Hardly Know Her."

If a person has reason to be thankful for Tanlac, that person is Mrs. Lucy Ellen Aldridge. Why she is happy is explained in the following story offered by her husband, W. C. Aldridge:

"My wife suffered for over ten years from indigestion, which often took on an acute form, during which times she would come near death. She got so bad that both foods of every sort were out of the question. Mrs. Aldridge was so nervous that the slightest noise would make her jump. Night after night she would lay awake, sleep refusing to come, and she suffered from constant and severe pains in the side. Although she was prescribed for an had tried everything we heard of, she kept getting worse and worse. When we heard about Tanlac, Mrs. Aldridge was very weak and unable to do any household work at all.

"The first bottle of Tanlac made a change in her condition, and now, after taking three bottles of it, there is such a change that her friends hardly know her. Why she is hungry for every meal and eats anything she likes without having any trouble afterwards. The pains in her sides have left and she is not nervous. It would take some noise to make her jump now. She is able to work again, and gets good, healthy, refreshing sleep and has gained 15 pounds. We are delighted to tell others about Tanlac," ended Mr. Aldridge, who is a well known resident of High Point.

Tanlac is sold in Wilmington at the Bellamy Drug Store, exclusively; Acme Store Co.; Burgaw, C. L. Halstead, Southport, Watson's Pharmacy; Rocky Point A. N. Rhodes & Co.; Supply, H. W. Kirby; New Bern, Bradham Drug Store; Magnolia, W. L. Southall; Faison Drug Co.; Pembroke, G. W. Locklear; Fairbluff, J. P. Waddell, Sr. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—advt.

THEATRE

The Little Bluebird Company, at the Victoria this week, certainly is an aggregation that gets better all the time. Today and tomorrow they are presenting their greatest show yet, "The Haunted Station," a screamingly funny blackface comedy featuring the inimitable Jack Fuquay in the leading role, and is so full of funny and rid-

iculous situations that you'll simply laugh all the way through.

But there is several let-ups in the comedy long enough to permit that nifty singing and dancing chorus to put in some good licks and for two or three great vaudeville and rife specialties. "Come Along All You Men," by Hellah Fuquay and chorus, is a very attractive number, followed by another and brand new great specialty by the Bluebird Trio, composed of Jack Fuquay, Harold Gilles and Douglas Flemming—you know what to expect from them. Dolly Parker then presents a singing act that is good and new and Hellah Fuquay comes back in a still better one. "There's a Little Bit of Bad in Every Good Little Girl," a brand new Broadway song sheet. "Hoko Moko Isle" that old favorite. By Douglas Fleming and chorus is another nifty number.

Brand new scenery, new specialties all the way through and some of the niftiest costumes yet seen are a feature of this bill today.

Blue Ribbon Feature Tomorrow.

Tomorrow the Royal presents one of the very greatest Blue Ribbon Features ever released by the Vitagraph Company of America, a gripping drama in six acts, "The Tarantula" starring those two world-famous stars, Edith Storey and Antonio Moreno in the leading roles supported by an all-star company including L. Rogers Lytton, Charles Kent, Gordon Gray and others. "The Tarantula" is from the story by George D. Baker, and is one of the most intense, gripping and extraordinary screen dramas of the year. Although Edith Storey has always had an enviable reputation for versatility, we find her proving this statement again in this feature. Her character in the first reels of this Vitagraph picture is that of a lovely care-free Spanish senorita—full of life and greatly attracted to a young American, although in opposition to her father's wishes. The manner in which she jumps from the carriage while her duenna slumbers peacefully is quite typical of an innocent young girl—afraid of nothing—and destined rules and regulations. But gradually the character changes when she is betrayed by her American lover and her father sends her from his house she becomes a dancer in a Spanish music hall. Her free and easy manner vanishes and an avenging woman is found before the plot runs its course.

Another One Of Those Big Hits.

Such a hit was made by that Biograph-Griffith-Sennett program at the Grand last Saturday that the other one—there are only two of them on the market—has been secured for tomorrow, presenting even a bigger line-up than last Saturday, Mary Pickford, with Edwin August, Alfred Page and Charles Miles, will be seen in a one-reel feature de luxe, made by David W. Griffith, entitled, "A Beast at Bay," one of her greatest single reel offerings.

Blanche Sweet, Robert Harron.

Clare McDowell, Whited Lucas and Charles West will be seen in a tremendously powerful two-reel feature, "The Massacre," one of the most thrilling pictures ever filmed under the direction of the great Griffith, with a thrill in every line.

Lillian Gish and Walter Miller will also be seen in a great two-reel feature, "The Mothering Heart," a human interest story with thrills and pathos all the way through.

Mack Sennett will present a great single reel production "When the Fire Bells Ring," starring inimitable Fred Mace in the leading role.

"MUTT AND JEFF'S WEDDING."

"Mutt and Jeff's Wedding" is the title of the sixth edition of Ed Fisher's cartoon comedy production in musical comedy form by Gus Hill, who has signified his intention to offer an entire new play each successive season. It is unlikely that any theatrical production in the history of the American stage has enjoyed success both artistic and financially equal to that which has been continuous since the first presentation of the play, more than five years ago.

"Fired humanity" seeks diversion, with little thought or worry as to its artistic origin.

If a play or its actors are able to extract incessant laughter from an incredulous audience, that play or actor becomes an unqualified success.

Mutt and Jeff started a tidal wave of merriment that has been continuous since their inception and will con-

Scene from "Mutt & Jeff's Wedding," Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, Thursday, Sept. 28.



As long as Bud Fisher and Gus Hill are able to offer new comedy features each season, assuring capacity business on their annual visits.

Mr. Hill has an entire new scenic production together with the hundreds of gorgeous costumes necessary to fit the new environment. Theatregoers who have laughed at Mutt and Jeff before, perhaps many times, will find this offering so entirely new as to have the effect of being an innovation.

"Mutt and Jeff's Wedding" will take place at the Academy of Music on next Thursday, giving a matinee and night performance. The matinee prices are 25 cents and 50 cents. Children 25 cents to any seat. The night prices will range from 50 cents to \$1.

Tickets will go on sale at Plummer's Tuesday morning.

Jolly Billy Clifford, Here Soon.

The theater-loving public of Wilmington are promised excellent entertainment when Jolly Billy "Single" Clifford presents at the Academy of Music on Saturday, Sept. 30, for matinee and night, his latest version of that successful musical satire worth while, "Linger Longer Lucy." It is right up to the minute with the latest and best fun, the catchiest and most tuneful songs, and has left a very favorable impression wherever it has been seen. Billy Clifford is an entertainer with unique methods and is seen this season in a role that fits his comedy to perfection. He is supported by an exceptionally clever company and as a comedy his play is unbeatable.

A lady brass band and orchestra is carried with the company. The lady band will parade and play a free concert on the streets at 1 p. m. and again in front of the theatre at 7:15

GRAND

TOMORROW

MARY PICKFORD
Edwin August, Charles Miles, in
'A Beast at Bay'

BLANCHE SWEET
Robert Harron, Claire McDowell, in
'The Massacre'

LILLIAN GISH
in
'The Mothering Heart'

FRED MACE
in
'When the Fire Bell Rings'

6 Reels 5 and 10c

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—and—
Antonio Moreno
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Meeting Called to Organize State and National Republican Club

Wilmington, N. C., September 18, 1916.

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY:—All qualified voters of New Hanover County who wish to support the Republican National Ticket, at the coming election, whether heretofore supporting the party or not, are respectfully urged to attend a meeting of citizens to be held at the Court House on Friday night, the 22nd, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Hughes Republican Club and electing the proper officers.

It is desired to inaugurate an active campaign in support of Republican policies, as set forth in the National and State Platforms, in order that both sides of the vital economic questions, which are to be decided at the next election, may be intelligently presented to the citizens of this County.

ALL VOTERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

J. W. BROOKS,
Chairman Republican County Executive Committee.
JOS. J. LOUGHLIN, Secretary.