

Danzig Crisis Believed Imminent

Half Of Oil Supply Cut In The West

Shutdowns in Three States Desperate Move to Bolster Price Structure on Crude Oil; Many Employees Affected.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 16.—(AP)—More than half the country's crude oil supply was cut off today as three states took the lead in a fight against a threatened collapse of the industry's price structure.

Following an historic meeting of the Oil Compact Commission yesterday New Mexico and Oklahoma joined with Texas to close down 145,000 wells producing more than 51 percent of the country's output.

Crude oil prices began to topple last week as the Sinclair Prairie Company posted a general 20 cents per barrel cut, and some of the smaller companies followed suit.

A collapse of the whole structure began when the Humble Oil & Refining Company reduced prices from five to 32 cents a barrel in Texas, the largest producer.

Observers were not able to determine at once how many employees would be affected, since many were being given vacations with pay, some half-time pay.

Pilgrims Not Particular On Thanksgiving

Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 16.—(AP)—While opponents and proponents of President Roosevelt's proposal to advance the date of Thanksgiving day a week continued to clash today, the archives of this ancient home of the holiday's originators disclosed that wide variance in the date of observance was a matter of little moment to the Pilgrim fathers.

In fact, they liked it in December and they liked it in July and in October and November as well.

Of course, the Plymouth settlers did not have the convenience of business to consider or football schedules, either, when they held their first observance after the harvest back in 1621.

Some turkey growers have complained a date earlier than November 30 would be injurious to their industry. Others said it would make no difference.

E. N. Jacques, president of the Maine Turkey Growers Association, claimed the change "would mean the loss of several mil-

lions of dollars in business. It is equally sure that McDonald hasn't as yet committed himself to support any of the currently-mentioned candidates, and it is extremely improbable that he would get much pleasure out of supporting any one of them.

Foreign Attaches at Manassas Maneuvers



Military attaches of foreign nations were given an opportunity to witness a display of U. S. might as they attended the American army maneuvers at Manassas, Va. Left to right, in front of a gun, Colonel Carlos Sanchez of Venezuela, Major General Yamauti of Japan and Major G. B. Machado of Brazil listen to explanation of field piece by Corporal Joseph Sobelski (rear), gunner of the 109th Field Artillery.

Vote On Tobacco Control Ordered By Secretary Wallace

No Date Set as Yet on Which Leaf Growers Will Decide Control Issue for 1940; Penalty of Ten Cents a Pound Provided.

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace took the first step today toward imposing rigid marketing controls and penalties on the 1934 flue-cured tobacco crop as a result of this year's record yield.

The secretary ordered the AAA to arrange for a referendum among tobacco growers on marketing quotas. Two-thirds of the growers of flue-cured leaf must approve marketing restrictions and penalties before they become operative.

A similar attempt by Wallace to impose marketing controls this season failed when only 56.8 percent of the growers voted favorably, less than the required two-thirds. Under terms of the farm act, the secretary must proclaim marketing quotas whenever supplies of a major farm crop exceed certain reserve levels.

Then a farmer referendum must be conducted. Although Wallace has not yet officially proclaimed the tobacco quotas and has until December 1 to do so, the AAA announced that this year's large crop apparently will bring sup-

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Jefferson Gives Not Guilty Plea

West Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Charles Jefferson, 34, who posed as a theatrical promoter to lure two Miami high school girls from home, pleaded innocent today to indictments charging him with kidnaping, rape and murder in the death of 17-year-old Frances Dunn.

Judge C. E. Chillingworth, before whom Jefferson was arraigned, following his indictment yesterday by the Palm Beach county grand jury, set trial for September 25 on the murder charge.

The court appointed Jack W. Salisbury, former State's attorney here, to defend Jefferson.

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Wages-Hours Chief Denies Dictatorship

Chicago, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the wage and hour division of the Department of Labor, analyzed the fair labor standards act today and denied that the administrator had "vast dictatorial powers over industry."

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Coup Shows Worth Of Army Plans

Surprise March Leads "Invaders" Out of Trap at Manassas; Mock War Begins at Plattsburg, With 52,000 Men Involved.

Manassas, Va., Aug. 16.—(AP)—A surprise march of eight miles in the darkness led an "invading" army out of a trap today in the third corps war games, offering added proof of the mobility of the army's new streamlined division.

In the middle of the night, engineers threw a pontoon bridge across deep Occoquan creek and Brigadier General Maxwell Murray sent his entire mechanized division across.

Thus, the 6,000 regular army men swung out of the "squeeze" play effected yesterday by the defenders, 17,000 National Guardsmen, and came in on the guardsmen's flank.

Deep fog shut off aerial observation, and the "defenders of Washington" did not know they were threatened

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Labor Will Oppose Foes In Congress

State Federation Meet Told by Googe There Is No Immediate Prospect of Peace With CIO; Attacks John Lewis.

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor will campaign systematically against all senators and representatives who oppose pro-labor legislation in the next Congress, George L. Googe, southern representative, announced today.

"The next session of Congress will be the most important in the history of the American Federation of Labor," Googe told the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor. "We will either stop the swing of the pendulum toward reaction or lose what beneficial labor laws we have."

Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for governor in 1936, and now an

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Find Indian Dead On S. A. L. Trestle Near Lumberton

Lumberton, Aug. 16.—(AP)—An Indian tentatively identified by a social security card as James Ellis Oxendine, of Middlesex, was found dead late last night near a Seaboard Air Line trestle about four miles west of here. Sheriff Clyde Wade said the engineer of the Seaboard Air Line freight train No. 38 told him the man was lying on the tracks. The train struck the man's head, the sheriff said.

Wade said the man, who was about 40 years old and had one arm, may have lived in the Wakula section of Robeson county.

County Men Hear Plea On Tax Reforms

Wilmington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—H. W. Harkey, president of the State County Commissioners Association, and chairman of the Mecklenburg county board, made a forceful plea for full cooperation with the attorney general in the proposed recodification of the State's tax collection laws before the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and County Accountants at Wrightsville Beach today.

He urged support, as well, for the campaign being conducted for the

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President at Vacation Spot



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, vacationing at Campobello, New Brunswick, reads a newspaper account of his trip aboard the cruiser Tuscarora to his son, Franklin, Jr., and daughter-in-law. The President's voyage included a visit to the salvage scene of the submarine Squalus.

German-Polish Row Further Aggravated By Soldier's Death

Polish Trooper Shot Dead Over Line in Danzig; Nazi Attitude Shows Distinct Stiffening; Bloodless Solution Forecast.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A stiffening Nazi attitude toward Poland, and other signs of tension heightened the conviction among observers here today events were shaping for a turn soon on the crucial issue of the Danzig free city.

Germans in all walks of life carefully weighed the possibility of another of Adolf Hitler's famous "week-end surprises" to settle the long drawn dispute over whether Danzig should be handed back to Germany. Germany demands full sovereignty over the Baltic port city, which since the World War has been a Polish customs unit.

Officials insist a Danzig solution will be a bloodless one, and there is some chance the present feeling of tension may subside.

Reminiscent of the role of the German press during the days immediately preceding the annexation of Austria, the Sudetenland and Memel, and the establishment of protectorate over Bohemia and Moravia, Nazi newspapers are hurling broadsides at Poland.

Headlines attacked "Polish terror rampaging against national minorities." Propaganda Minister Paul Goebbels, in a newspaper, declared yesterday, "seven hundred and eighty acts of terror were committed by Poles against German nationals since the beginning of 1939".

As during the Czech crisis last summer, the newspapers publish stir-

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FDR Is Willing To Father Divine As His Neighbor

New York, Aug. 16.—(AP)—From a Vanderbilt to Father Divine as a neighbor, with no objections from President Roosevelt.

That was the picture today as the Harlem cult leader's white secretary made public correspondence between Father Divine and the White House bearing on negotiations for Divine's purchase of the palatial 700-acre estate of the late Frederick W. Vanderbilt.

The secretary, John Lamb, said negotiations had been carried on secretly, but since President Roosevelt has no objections to the establishment of a second "heaven" near his home, negotiations henceforth will be carried on publicly.

Italy Warns Poland Should Yield

Rome, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Direct negotiations between Germany and Poland for the German acquisition of Danzig emerged today as the apparent Italian plan for settlement of that problem. The controlled fascist press proposed such negotiations with a unanimity of expression that seemed to indicate official inspiration.

Il Messaggero said: "Wisdom and prudence advise Poland to negotiate with Germany." It added that Britain and France "have the duty to suggest moderation to Poland, and expressly invite it to negotiate with Germany."

The same advice was given by Il

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Democratic Senate Would Trouble G. O. P. President

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Aug. 16.—New Dealers have it all doped out that the Republicans can't possibly control Congress before the end of 1942 even if they elect a G. O. P. president next year. Theoretically they can get a majority in the House of Representatives. It would involve an amazing shift in rival parties' respective memberships, but it's imaginable. In the Senate, however, only 33 terms will be expiring—32 normally and that of Senator Slattery, who is serving temporarily, by appointment as successor to the late Senator Lewis of Illinois. To give them a senatorial margin of advantage the Republicans would have to capture all those seats, and they can't conceivably do it. As optimistic a Republican guesser as Senator Austin, acting minority leader in the upper congressional chamber, limits himself to forecasting "at least a half-dozen" G. O. P. gains.

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Rumor Is McDonald Wants Cooper Out Of Race So Frank P. Graham Can Run

McDonald Would Become President of University and Liberalism Would Go to Town in North Carolina; But It's All Rumor.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Aug. 16.—Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, almost-governor of 1936 and now associate extension director of the University of North Carolina, wants Tom Cooper out of the gubernatorial race in order to project Dr. Frank Graham, the University's president, into the picture as "the great liberal" around whom all Tar Heels should rally.

That's the latest product of the hot-weather political rumor and report factory and is not the provable, uncontroversial fact it might appear from the way it is put baldly in paragraph one.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy; occasional showers Thursday and possibly in the interior tonight.

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