This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

SQUANDERING OIL WEALTH.
400% MORE BABY SHOES.
USELESS RECORD BREAKING.
WILL SHE DIE?

Mr. Teagle, president of New Jersey Standard Oil, warns oil men that they are cutting their own throats. This country is treating the nation's oil wealth as unintelligently as frontiersmen treated the herds of bison. The bisons soon vanished.

Oil is actually being sold for less than it costs to produce, cheerful for buyers, but it will not last.

Millions are spent developing new oils to increase competition while companies are carrying 530,000,000 barrels of oil stored above ground at an annual cost, loss and waste of $130,000,000.

The country's national oil wealth is not merely private wealth.

It is a great national asset and a way should be found to give oil production some national control and stop waste.

You are told many things about prohibition, for and against. R. H. Davidson, writing from Coronado Beach, California, asks, "Do you chance to know that the sale of children's shoes has increased 400 per cent per annum since prohibition came?"

Everybody will agree that 400 per cent more shoes for children, combined with larger savings bank deposits, is a strong argument for prohibition, assuming those things to be results of prohibition.

Those that would modify the Volstead Act say the average man is earning about twice what he earned before the war, and increased earnings, not the absence of beer, explain greater savings and more children's shoes.

A coal strike of a sort was started last week in what is called "the central competitive field." Union men in the North cannot compete with non-union men farther South.

The alleged attempt to reduce wages in the North would cause still further reduction of wages in the South. Industry and business are not civilized while it is necessary for employes to engage in periodical battles, at the expense of the workers' wives and children, to decide what is fair pay. Some impartial third party should fix wages. The public pays in the price of coal.

Segrave, British beat the world's automobile record last week, flying over the sands of Daytona Beach in Florida at a speed greater than 166 miles an hour. His racing car, the "Mystery S," looking like a submarine on land, broke the American record by ten miles an hour. It's an achievement interesting, but not useful. No automobile can go USEFULLY 166 miles an hour, or 100 miles an hour.

Up in the air, where the road is wide, is the place for real speed.

At Lyons in Georgia, men on trial for kidnapping and flogging the Rev. E. J. Jones for more beads. One had a pistol, another waved a sword. They told Mr. Jones they did not approve his moral conduct, drove him off in a car, took him down, beat him with a leather strap.

The clergyman testifies "After I was set free I started off down the road singing 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'." During the beating he had prayed aloud. Such fortitude is MOST unusual.

Now New York may have to decide about executing Mrs. Ruth Snyder, young, blond, curly-haired widow, aged thirty-two, who recently confessed she helped another man murder her husband.

She says she now loathes the man that did the killing. He seems to have borrowed a suggestion from his original accomplice, Adam. Friends say he was hypnotized by the woman whose husband he killed.

If human nature, public opinion and the course of events work as usual, the man will be executed and the woman sentenced to life imprisonment. There seems to be a psychological objection to strapping women in the electric chair.

We do not need war with China, and it would not be a righteous war, once we have rescued our nationals.

Having told Asiatics that they may not live here, it would be playing the hypocrite and bully to object to China's decision that she does not want us, or Europeans, on her soil. If we may exclude Asiatics justly, China may, with equal justice, exclude

Democratic Mass Meeting

There will be a mass meeting of the Democratic voters of the Town of Sylva in the Court House

7:30 P. M,

Tuesday, April 19th

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Sylva Democratic Committee

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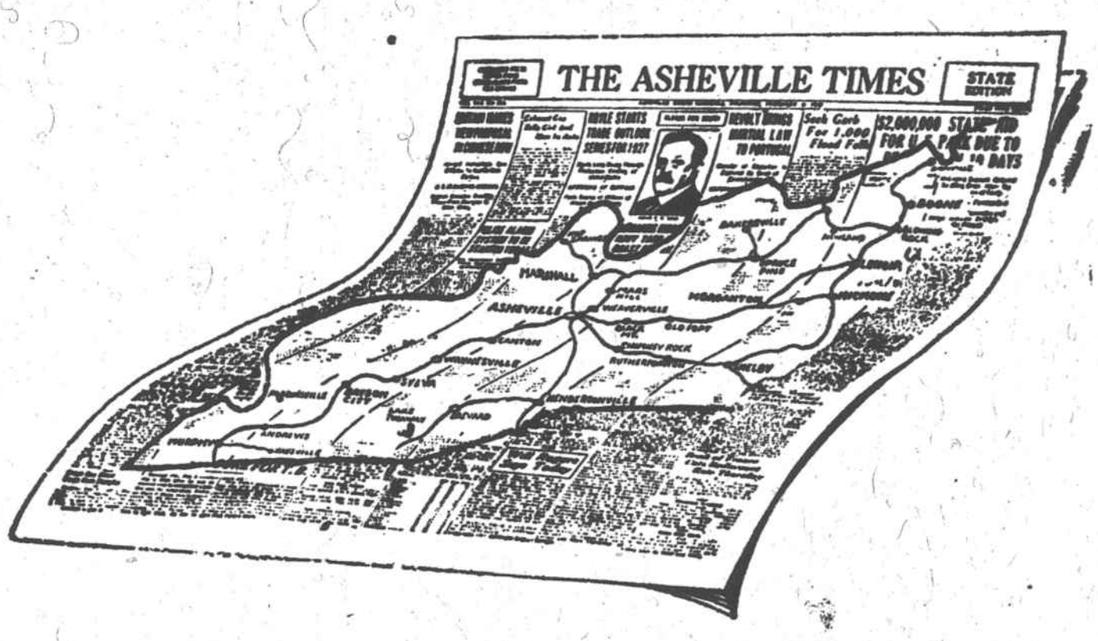

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