

ION OF
LINE MARKET
STANDARD OIL.

Standard Oil Company. Reply of Standard Oil Company. New York, April 24.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey knows of no artificial price conditions in the gasoline fields, and the company "has scrupulously obeyed" the United States Supreme Court's dissolution decree, A. C. Bedford, president, said today in a statement.

Wholesale gasoline prices rose between 75 and 85 in 1915, says the report. Retail prices kept close behind them. The part increased demand and scarcity of the product played in the increase is shown in figures giving the increase in demand 38 per cent. in 1915 and the production 7 per cent. below the year before.

The Standard books show large earnings, says the report, as also was evidenced by the enhanced stock market value of Standard securities.

"We know of no artificial conditions whatever which have affected prices, and the fact is that the operations of this company have been dictated solely by sound and legitimate business considerations."

After pointing it out as "significant" that the commission finds that the Standard Oil companies now handle only 65 per cent. of the gasoline marketed in this country, as compared with 87 per cent. before the government's suit, the statement says: "It is a matter of common knowledge that during the past few years a great number of new oil companies have been organized in this country and have invested hundreds of millions of dollars. The commission does not suggest that any practice favoring of unfair competition on the part of the former Standard Oil companies has restrained in any way the free and unhampered growth and success of these new or of any old companies."

"The fact is that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has scrupulously obeyed the decree in the dissolution suit as affirmed by the Supreme Court. Our observance of the decree has been under the constant supervision of the Department of Justice, and it has made no complaint against us. The commission does not intimate that any practice or policy of this company is at variance, either with the law or that decree."

The outlook for the recovery of Sarah Bernhardt was better today. A bulletin issued this morning by the actress' physicians read: "There has been a steady improvement during the past 24 hours. The outlook is better than it was, although Madame Bernhardt cannot yet be considered out of danger."

REAL HAIR SAVER

If You Would Avoid Dandruff Itching Scalp and Baldness, Use Parisian Sage. What's the use of being bald? What's the sense in deliberately allowing your hair to thin out or become gray? You don't want to look old before your time. Premature baldness and gray hair are largely due to hair neglect, while a frequent scalp massage with the PARISIAN SAGE (liquid form) not only saves the hair but helps it to retain its natural color and lustre. To keep youthful looking you must give the hair proper care. "PARISIAN SAGE" is a scientific preparation that supplies all hair needs—it's just what you want.

Why not get a large bottle from R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store today? It's not expensive and money refunded if it does not stimulate new hair growth, cure dandruff, stop falling hair or itching scalp. It will surely make your hair appear more abundant, bright and beautiful. Be sure you get the genuine PARISIAN SAGE for this is free from stickiness, entirely harmless, and is a most refreshing and delicate perfume hair invigorator. Any druggist can supply you.

ACROSS ATLANTIC
WITH THE FRENCH
COMMISSIONERS.

(Continued from Page One.) The transfer from train to ship was without event, as was the voyage across the Atlantic.

The first night out the ship and convoys made 18 knots per hour before the wind, all running without lights. After three years' war service, the celebrated liner which bore the party is a mixture of former elegance and rough temporary fittings. Horse racks and troughs line the main promenade deck, powder and shells are stored in some of the roomy private cabins fore and aft near the 51-2 inch guns.

Racks of repeating rifles are upon every landing, life preservers are piled handily near the stairways. The same skipper who commanded the line in the New York-Havre passenger service still is in command.

A three-masted French sailing vessel signaled for news of the war and the flags fluttered back, "Good news." Saturday an English cargo boat set her course as though she would run close, but was given a wide road for fear she might have been a submarine tender.

When M. Painleve, war minister, first proposed to his fellow cabinet members that a mission should be sent to America his idea received almost instant acceptance. The French ministry thought that definite results might emerge from a joint examination of the larger aspects of the world situation. The mission was to be instructed to place its experience and information at the disposal of the President and to arrive at results in consultation. The mission to Washington having been determined in principle, the question was to select the men.

"I would like to go myself," said M. Ribot, to his colleagues. "Only it would be imprudent for me to leave the government for a month. If it were for a week or ten days I might do it."

The choice fell upon M. Viviani, next in rank to M. Ribot, in the cabinet. M. Ribot, acting with the authority of the cabinet, then called upon Marshal Joffre, who reflected for some time, and agreed to join the mission. Such is the confidence of the French cabinet in M. Viviani, that they gave him no written instructions. Marshal Joffre's fellow-members in the mission had an opportunity during the voyage to come into intimate contact with him. Joffre is a silent man by habit. He joined in the conversation only by occasionally telling anecdotes of the battle front. Sometimes he would unexpectedly utter a judgment upon an important phase of the military situation in Europe. Joffre kept his small staff very busy on the ship, working on documents having to do with his presentation in Washington of aspects of the military situation. The marshal is prepared, if President Wilson should ask, to lay before him the exact military situation. He will, if requested, indicate what in his judgment America might do.

Joffre has been in America before. Twenty-nine years ago, while going home on leave from service in the Colonies, he arrived in San Francisco on a ship which, while entering the harbor, struck and sunk another.

"It was then I was interviewed for the first time by American reporters," said the marshal, in relating it. Traveling eastward, he stopped at Salt Lake, Chicago and New York.

"I look forward with extraordinary interest to the experiences I am likely to have in America," said Marshal Joffre to the staff correspondent of the Associated Press, who accompanied the French mission.

First of all, I shall meet your President, whom we have learned to look upon in France as one of the greatest statesmen of our time, great in his spirit of leadership in his practical every-day wisdom and in his vision of what the future ought and may be. "I want to meet the counselors whom the President has called about him; your military men, now my comrades in arms, and to renew my acquaintance with American people."

SOUTHEAST BAKERS TO
MAKE ONLY 10-C LOAF.

(By Associated Press.) Spartanburg, S. C., April 24.—Announcement was made here today by A. Geiffuss that effective tomorrow the bakers for the Southeastern Bakers' Association, composed of eight States, would discontinue making loaves of bread to sell for less than 10 cents. The bakers have been making a 9-ounce loaf for sale at 10 cents. This action, Geiffuss said, was decided upon by the Southeastern Bakers' Association at a recent meeting because of the high price of flour.

Fight to Make Red Wing Dry. (By United Press.) Red Wing, Minn., April 24.—A persistently repeated fight to put Red Wing dry came up again today, in a municipal election on the liquor question. Several previous votes on the subject have been taken.

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SPECIALS

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FRESH NORTH CAROLINA LETTUCE 8c. Country Butter. Strawberries 15 and 20c, Green Onions and fresh Vegetables daily. Cromwell & Company, 605 N. 4th street. Phone 1268. 4-24-15

REWARD OFFERED FOR GOLD Elgin watch, open face. Lost between 2nd and Orange streets and Tennis Court at Sunset Park. Leave at Dispatch office. 4-24-15

SHANDS GROCERY, FOURTH AND Nun—A full line of fresh groceries. Prompt delivery and courteous service. Phone 630. 3-26-15

WANTED—GENTLEMEN WASHING carefully done. Buttons sewed on free. Address Laundry, Dispatch office. Reference given. 4-24-15

WATCH! WAIT! TAKE SHARES IN our new series Saturday, May 6th. City and Suburban Building Association. Strong and Progressive. Milton Calder, President; W. A. McGirt, Secretary. Masonic Temple. 4-22-15

THE ARMY OR NAVY NEEDS YOU—Have your picture taken for your wife, sweetheart or parents; as well as a picture of them to take with you. We will be pleased to serve you. Foltz & Kendrick, Southern Building. 4-24-15

CUFF BUTTON LOST, BEARING INITIALS R. D. C. Finder will please communicate with Mr. R. D. Christman, phone 1118-W, or leave same at Dispatch office. 4-24-15

DOCTOR SUIT CASES, GRIPS, Trunks and golf bags, and make all my patients well enough to take a trip. A. Carpenter, 112 North 2nd street, in rear of MacMillan's Auto Supply Store. 4-24-15

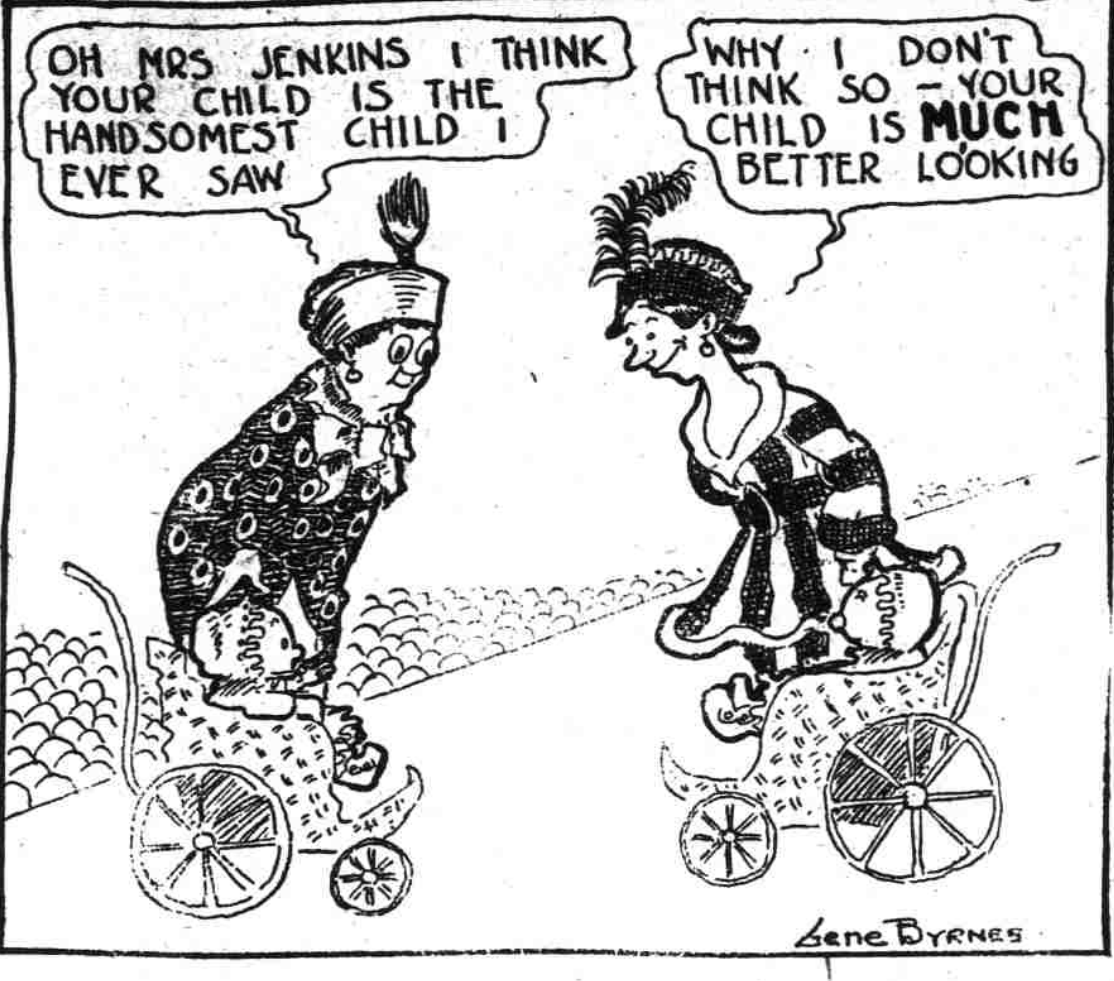
ITS ENTIRELY TRUE THAT THE Co-operative Building and Loan Association whose office is at Wright's Real Estate Agency, has helped many in the easiest way—built homes for many and generally helped to build up Wilmington. New series is now open—take shares 25 cents each. Jos. H. Hinton, President; Thos. H. Wright, Secretary. 4-24-15

THE HOT WEATHER AND THE High Prices are here. If you are looking for assistance we are here at 24 N. Front street and will be glad to serve you anything in the way of lunches. Going out or coming home never fail to stop at May's Delicatessen where we have everything waiting for you. Get what you want as much as you like. Phone 1322. 4-24-15

FOR RENT—807 DOCK, 5 ROOMS, Porcelain bath, newly papered and electric lights \$15.00 per month. Apply John R. Hanby. Phone 1383 at Crescent Candy Co. 4-24-15

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COMPRESSOR: AN AIR COMPRESSOR to operate with belt driven by motor for supplying air to a pressure tank water system. State size and price. Box 830. 4-21-15

OLD FALSE TEETH WANTED—Don't matter if broken. I pay one to ten dollars per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazer, 2007 S. 5th street, Philadelphia, Pa. 4-6-30-15

\$2.50 PER DAY PAID ONE WOMAN or man in each town to distribute free circulars and take orders for concentrated flavoring in tubes. Permanent position. J. S. Ziegler Co., Chicago. 4-13-10-15

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FANCY AND STAPLE GROCER, Native and Western fresh meats. Also sweet milk fresh from dairy every morning. R. B. Moore, 3rd and Castle. Phone 1888. 3-28-15

WANTED—CONSIGMENTS POULTRY, Eggs and Strawberries. Write for quotations. Theo. H. Tecklenburg, 105 Market street, Charleston, S. C. 3-30-30-15

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LEMONS — LIMES, CRUSHED, Fruits, Ice Cream Cones, and a complete line of Candies. Bear Produce and Merchandise Co., 19 Market street. Phones 452-453. 4-15-15

A 4-LINE FURNISHED ROOM LOCAL ad. in The Dispatch that enables you to save a dollar a week on your room rent is worth a dollar a line to you every month. Now isn't it? 4-22-3-15

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