

Conservation Experts Split Over Oil Problem

Two Factions Formed, One Viewing Situation With Alarm and Other Unwilling to Accede to Proposal of Henry L. Doherty, Public Utility Operator

By J. C. ROYLE

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New York, 21.—Discussion of conservation of oil supplies in the United States has split oil men and conservation experts into two distinct factions—those who view the situation with alarm and those who view the situation. Mining engineers and geologists were frank to admit today that wastage exists under present conditions of production. They were less willing however to accede to the proposal advocated before the American Institute of Learning and Metallurgical Engineers by Henry L. Doherty, eminent public utility operator.

The so-called Doherty plan involves federal regulation of all oil lands and production and provides as a check to "offset" drilling the "unit" operation of all American pools by which all owners of land under which oil is found shall be paid proportionately instead of being paid on a royalty basis for oil taken from wells drilled on that land.

Opponents of the plan declare that the time has not yet come when owners or leaders of oil lands are content to apply the Godden Rule and share with others as they hope to be shared with. The slogan of the industry always has been "I'm going to get mine," they say, and operation of the unit plan would have to overcome human nature as well as some of the provisions of the constitution of the United States.

Engineers from the Louisiana and Arkansas fields, especially from Smackover district, point out that when oil pools are tapped, less than 70 per cent of the petroleum content is brought to the surface and put into consumption. They declare a saving of ten per cent in extraction would not only check initial production and restrict new drilling operations, but would insure a reserve supply sufficient for long periods without the necessity of recourse to federal legislation for regulation.

The production of the country today is running well, above 1,900,000 barrels daily. There is sufficient oil in storage for nearly five months consumptive demand.

Dr. Charles O. Lucke, head of the mechanical engineering department of Columbia University, declared today that since the first oil well was plashed Titusville, Pa., on the map in 1854 there has never been a world lack of oil. He believes that developments will be sufficient to provide world requirements no matter how extensive they may be. In addition Dr. Lucke points out that the oil deposits of the United States are thoroughly well known and established. Those deposits, he says, will be sufficient to provide fuel oil as a by-product, sufficient for any extraordinary need, without curtailing the use of gas engines in any way, through the production of benzol and toluol.

All the engineers present at the meeting of the institute in New York were willing today to concede that tremendous sums were being expended in search for new oil fields. Many, however, declared that this search was inspired not that there to provide for future world needs but by hope of quick profits. Millions of dollars are being expended in such search. For example, the Standard Oil Company of California recently abandoned extensive operations in the Philippines after expenditure of over \$2,000,000, having found no pools profitable to exploit in the district explored.

The same is true of mining companies which have conducted searches for gold, copper, silver and other metals. The engineers point out that the search for future oil reserves would be abandoned unless that situation in future years would be more menacing than any threat of depletion is today.

In the meantime, many engineers declare their intention of devoting their activities toward development of processes for recovery of petroleum from shale, toward replacing natural gas pressure by artificial means to avoid no pools profitable to exploit in the district explored.

WOULD AMEND CO-OP CHARTERS

Bill Introduced in House Would Permit Withdrawal of Member From Farmers' Selling Associations.

BRIDGE PASSES FINAL READING

A telegram from Representative J. K. Wilson on this newspaper went to press announcing that the Chowan River Bridge bill had passed the House on its final reading.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Introduction in the House of a bill to amend the charters of co-operative marketing associations so as to allow the withdrawal of members; and introduction and passage in the Senate of a bill calling on the Attorney General to investigate the affairs of the North Carolina Fisheries Products Company of Wilmington were the outstanding features of yesterday's Legislature.

The Senate Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts yesterday voted favorably on the House bill providing for the redistricting of the State with four new districts.

The Revenue Bill was reported out of the committee last night, and will be given to the General Assembly today.

The bill which would require ten days notice prior to the issuance of marriage licenses in the State was removed from the table and placed on the calendar as a special order Tuesday by the House today.

There were but a few vacant seats in the Senate and House today as each convened, due to the fact that the week end recess until Monday night appeared improbable.

RAILROAD OFFICIAL DEAD

Brandon, Fla., Feb. 21.—Harry T. Evans, 51 years of age, vice president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad, died here today.

Governors Plan To Attend Despite Simple Inaugural

Fifteen Have Already Signified Intention of Being at Washington on March 4 Though Warned in Advance That There'll be No Show

Washington, Feb. 21.—Despite all discouragements, some 15 governors of sovereign states have signified their intention of attending the inauguration of President Coolidge one week from next Wednesday, thereby showing how the people of the country cling to the old idea of an inaugural ceremony.

Washingtonians have received thousands of letters from friends asking their advice about coming to the capital March 4, and almost invariably the reply has come back that the trip would be a waste of money so far as any expected spectacle is concerned.

President Harding has put a further damper on the proceedings by announcing he will make the inaugural speech as brief as possible, and when one visualized what Mr. Coolidge means by "brief" it is easy to calculate his address will be one of the briefest in history.

So far as "color" is concerned, inauguration day seems doomed for all time. Washington fears that no succeeding President will have the temerity to allow a "show" after the severe simplicity demanded by the present occupant of the White House.

Mr. Coolidge has not forgotten that he first took the oath of office as President by the light of a kerosene lamp, his father officiating as the notary public. He sees no reason why there should be any great "fuss and feathers" over the "second offense" which occurs on March 4.

In this respect, however, Mr. Coolidge feels he is merely following in the footsteps of the man he succeeded in the Presidency.

Mr. Harding's wishes as to the inaugural ceremony were recalled at the White House today by the discovery of the telegram he sent to Mr. Marlon on January 12, 1921.

If the weather be foul on March 4, Mr. Coolidge will take the oath of office in the Senate chamber, where General Charles G. Dawes will previously have been sworn in as Vice President.

REPORT HANDED GENERAL FOCH

British Want Report and Marshal's Resolutions Examined by Allied Foreign Ministers.

By CONSTANTINE BROWN

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Paris, Feb. 21.—The report of the inter-allied military control mission in Germany was handed over to Marshal Foch Wednesday. According to the procedure hitherto adopted he will send a statement of his views to the Versailles council of allied ambassadors.

The British government however, desires that the procedure should be abandoned in this special case and that the report, together with Marshal Foch's resolutions, should be examined by the allied foreign ministers at a conference in London or Paris. The reason for the change is that while the British cabinet is fully aware of the fact that Germany has not fulfilled even half the disarmament obligations imposed upon her under the Versailles treaty, it also realizes that it will be difficult to disarm a strong nation of more than sixty million inhabitants.

The British representative at Paris is making a strong effort to convince the French that it is useless to insist upon complete German disarmament as long as the Germans oppose the idea, for nothing can be obtained from Germany by using harsh methods and threatening language. That has been proved in the reparations controversy.

If the Germans do not want to disarm, nothing in the world can force them to do so. On the other hand, a genial manner has been very successful in dealing with the reparations question. Consequently, why not, the British government asks, use the same methods and at a general conference try to make a compromise with Germany on the disarmament problems such as has been achieved on the reparations problem?

The French government, at least for the time being, opposes this British plan, insisting that Marshal Foch's report should be submitted to the council of ambassadors as heretofore and discarding the British suggestions tending to fix the date for the fulfillment of all disarmament conditions, the evacuation of the Cologne zone and the transfer of military control to the League of Nations.

2 Wives, Happy

Charles Vought of Evansville, Ind., was vying in perfect poise and supple grace two wives on his wedding day. The bride was Miss Mary Vought, daughter of the late Mrs. Vought.

CITY ROAD EXPECTS A BIG ATTENDANCE

Large Penant Offered as Prize to Sunday School With Highest Attendance Percentage

According to information from officers of the Protestant County Sunday School Association, a large attendance is looked for at the sessions of the County Sunday School Convention on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 1, 2 and 3 at City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

It has been announced that a pennant 15 by 36 inches will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, 16 years of age and over, based on the total enrollment of the Sunday School.

The pennant will be presented at the closing session of the convention on Tuesday night, at 9:30 o'clock.

The program for the convention is being arranged so there will be a special conference for workers with children. This conference will be conducted by Miss Daisy Magee, Children's Division Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Miss Magee will also give a special address on the religious education of the child. For several years Miss Magee has been making a specialty of Sunday School work with children. She has had practical experience in the local Sunday school and church with children, and has had special training for this type of work.

SOUTH'S WELL ARMED FOR COTTON OIL WAR

But It's Hoped That Middle West Will See Light and No Such Conflict Be Joined

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—Special business men in the South, especially those industrially associated with cotton production are putting forth a plea for laws enforcing truthful labeling of oleomargarine and butter as a means of settling any controversy between the animal fat producers of the West and the vegetable oil producers of the South.

They point out that the Southern states sell much less oleomargarine in the West than the Western states sell butter in the South while the markets of the East are open to both. An embargo on cotton oil in the West, they assert, would be met by an embargo against imported butter in the South. The South feels that with its huge cotton production and leadership in peanut oil output it could not be worsted in such a trade war but business men are unanimous in desiring to avoid any such conflict.

RUNNING AMUCK MAN IS SHOT BY POLICE

Niagara Falls, Feb. 21.—After firing more than 100 bullets from a barricaded house and keeping police away three hours, John Smith was shot early today as he tried to escape from the roof. Three bullets entered his body and he was rushed to the hospital. Smith ran amuck and fired into two houses before barricading himself.

FORMER IMPERIAL WIZARD BELIEVED FATALLY INJURED

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—William Joseph Simmons, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was probably fatally injured in an automobile accident last night near Gainesville, Georgia.

THE LOS ANGELES IS ON RETURN TRIP NOW

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Los Angeles, which flew to Bermuda during the night from New York, is on return trip at 10:10 this morning. The Navy Department is informed by radio.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 21.—Dirigible Los Angeles, flying on a test voyage from Lakeland, was sighted off Bermuda at 4:45 this morning. The dirigible crossed back and forth across the island until 8:00 o'clock and then began preparations for mooring.

TALK BY DR. WILSON MAKES FINE IMPRESSION

Elizabeth City Rotary Members Put Speech in Words of a Boy

"I have attended international Rotary meetings, but never a finer Rotary talk than the one given by Dr. N. H. H. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, who was Rotary speaker of the city at the Elizabeth City Club's weekly luncheon Friday. Dr. Wilson's talk was a masterpiece of eloquence and compelling challenge to Rotarians to live up to their code. Though the speaker dwelt very much upon the fact that this could be done only if the world were made better than it is, the speaker was not a pessimist. He suggested to him a well rounded life of service with its typical variety of activities by which life is connected with community and world needs. To him the six spokes of the wheel suggested honesty, complemented by love, purity, complemented by sobriety, and reverence, complemented by faith.

"All these," said Dr. Wilson, "would center and revolve about and depend upon the inner circle which is the spirit of God, blue in color as the outer circle is also blue—true blue—signifying a life that is in harmony with the Divine."

So deep was the impression given the Elizabeth City Rotary Club by Dr. Wilson's talk that he was asked to prepare in written form for publication in the Rotary International Rotary Magazine of service.

DENTAL SERVICES WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY

Work will begin next Wednesday, that being Ash Wednesday. Daily services will begin in Christ Church on that date, at both 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The week day services during Lent will follow the regular schedule established in the past, which is half hour services, the Pastor Chas. singing, at 5 p. m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, on Wednesday the service will be held at 7:30 p. m. The public is, of course, cordially invited to worship at these services.

HAUGEN FARM RELIEF BILL REPORTED OUT

Washington, Feb. 21.—A favorable report was ordered today on the Haugen Bill to create a Federal cooperative marketing committee.

NEW TAX SCHEDULE HARD ON WORKMEN

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The new German tax schedule, according to the generally well informed, will initiate that pro-capital conservative tendency which is thought to be the policy of the Luther cabinet.

Two thirds of the tax burden will be borne by the workmen and the employes. The present arrangement by which a man can escape paying an inheritance tax by leaving all his property to his wife as was done by Hugo Stinnes in the hope that before his wife's death the tax would be completely abolished, is maintained, and a half per cent of the turnover tax is maintained, but the property tax will be lowered to one half of one per cent on all property valued at more than 50,000 gold marks.

Only those workmen and employes who earn less than 720 marks yearly are exempt from the income tax, as against an exemption mark of the equivalent of three thousand marks in England and twenty five thousand in France. The unearned income tax on property is abolished.

KING IMPROVES

London, Feb. 21.—King George, who is suffering from bronchitis, is progressing satisfactorily, official bulletins say.

A bulletin from Buckingham Palace on the condition of the King today said: "His Majesty's temperature now set settled. Progress continues, though slowly."

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will meet in the church parlors Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Cleveland Jackson as leader. All members are asked to be present and visitors are welcome.

TWIN CITY HAS FIRE

Winston-Salem, Feb. 21.—The interior of the Broadway Theater was gutted by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$50,000, which was partially covered by insurance.

COHOON SAYS NO PITCHED BATTLE

Has Plans to Campaign for President New Year, But Hasn't Started Yet

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ELKS ENJOY BANQUET

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America Likely Get On Peace Basis With Russia

Diplomatic Relations Likely to Resume of This Year Provided Soviet Will Modify External Policies in Certain Particulars

By DAVID LAWRENCE

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COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 21.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 24.55, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: March 24.56, May 24.85, July 24.87, Oct. 24.87, Dec. 24.85.