

TRY TO HIDE WELL

Oil Pipe Line Company Charged With Attempt to "Cover Up" at Augusta.

FARMER FORCES A SHOWING

Gusher Was Capped and Only Released When Frank Farmer Appealed to Court.

High grade oil in great quantities has been found on the Frank Varner farm, four and one-half miles southwest of Augusta.

The oil is rushing out from a 2,500-foot well into a temporary reservoir that Mr. Varner excavated on his farm recently. The cap that had been placed on the well two weeks ago when the discovery of oil was made by the drillers was taken off only after Mr. Varner had employed an attorney and compelled the pipeline company, which bored the well, to make a showing.

Summers had been ripe since the well was capped that oil had been found, but the pipeline officials are said to have wanted to cover up the fact until they could get more leases.

Mr. Varner's contract called for continuous drilling and he took positive and active measures to enforce it and find out what was in the well.

There was great excitement in Augusta. Crowds are visiting the well. The flow is rated at from one hundred to five hundred barrels a day, the well not having shown its full flow as yet. No gas was struck in this well. This is the first hole in the Augusta belt that did not yield gas. Had gas been found it is doubtful if the drillers would have gone deeper. There are numerous gas wells in the vicinity.

NATURAL GAS FIELD BOOMS

New Million Foot Gasser Brought in Near Arkansas City the Other Day.

J. I. Gillespie, an oil operator in the Arkansas City field, has brought in a million-cubic-foot gasser in his first test well. The top of the producing sand was struck at 1,933 feet and shows a richer strata of sand than the Stalnaker well, which was brought in by Jones and Buell several weeks ago and which is a 6-million-foot gasser at 2,330 feet. The Gillespie well is expected to make a bigger gasser than the Stalnaker when drilled a few hundred feet deeper. Only three wells in the local field have been brought in and all are producers, one an oil gusher. There are fifteen rigs and wells drilling near Arkansas City at present.

A Fine Record.—Prof. T. J. Rollman, for thirty-five years the superintendent of the schools at Brookville, has resigned and will be succeeded at the beginning of the next school term by Miss B. K. Crittenden, late of Mound City, but several years ago a teacher in the schools in Brookville. When Professor Rollman began teaching, children who are now grandparents in the vicinity of Brookville were his students; he taught their children and for a few years has been teaching their grandchildren. Professor Rollman will move to Salina.

Lightning Burns Barn.—A large barn on the Fred Brumm farm, south of Junction City, was struck by lightning and burnt recently. Alfalfa, farm machinery and harness were destroyed. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

M. E. Women Elect.—The Women's Home Missionary Society at the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in Emporia, elected the following officers for next year: Mrs. J. Luther Taylor, Pittsburg, president; Mrs. S. S. Bangs, Topeka, first vice president; Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Chanute, second vice president; Mrs. J. E. McCoy, Coffeyville, treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Locke, Topeka, recording secretary; Mrs. Floyd W. Bechtel, Lawrence, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Eva Wyrick, Yates Center, young people's work; Mrs. S. Steele, Chanute, children's work; Mrs. Florence Shipley, Grantville, supply secretary; Mrs. J. P. Leiss, Parsons, mite box secretary; Mrs. T. C. Whiteaker, Topeka, literature secretary; Mrs. J. L. Brady, Lawrence, reading circle secretary; Mrs. J. A. Stanton, Topeka, secretary of tithing; Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, Topeka, temperance secretary; Miss Mary A. Smith, Emporia, evangelistic secretary; Mrs. C. W. Squires, Topeka, training school manager.

Exploding Pistol Wounds Boy.—Wirt Remsburg, a 4-year-old boy of Potter, was seriously burned about the eyes by an exploding toy pistol. The boy was taken to Atchison for treatment. It is believed his sight can be saved.

Coffeyville Newspaper Sold.—The Coffeyville Journal has been sold by W. G. Weaverling to Hugh J. Powell, editor of the Cherryvale Republican. Mr. Weaverling had owned and edited the Journal for the last seventeen years.

His Daily Supply of Cakes.—A Wichita attorney is very fond of a certain kind of cake his wife is expert at making. Recently she left for a visit with her parents, and before going baked a large cake. She knew that if she left the entire cake where her husband could find it he would eat it all in one day, so she cut it into slices and hid them in various parts of the house. Each day she writes her husband, and in the letter she tells him where he can find a piece of the cake.—Kansas City Star.

FIRE DESTROYS RUSS HALL

Lightning Strikes Main Building of State Normal School at Pittsburg—Student Killed.

Russ Hall, the main building of the Pittsburg State Normal, has been destroyed by fire. Rex R. Tanner of Erie, principal of the Weir high school, and a student at the summer session of the normal, was killed by a live wire near the burning building. Four other men were injured slightly.

The building cost \$100,000 and the equipment \$50,000. The building was occupied early in 1908. In addition to the total loss of the building and the equipment, including laboratories and the normal library, several members of the faculty lost their private libraries. Origin of the fire is in doubt. It is believed that lightning struck the building, entering on an electric wire. A severe electrical storm was raging when the fire was discovered.

Arrangements immediately were made by W. A. Brandenburg, president of the normal, to provide buildings downtown for accommodation of the 1,250 students at the summer session. Meetings of the faculty and of the students were called for 8 o'clock the same morning. Public school buildings will be used to carry on the work. The summer session is scheduled to run eight weeks. It has been in session three weeks.

CLAIMS FATHER'S ESTATE

Attorney for Forgotten Son Checks Settlement of Dead Neodesha Man's Affairs.

Settlement by partition of the estate of Dugald Stewart, who died at his home at Neodesha February 4, 1913, leaving property valued at \$50,000, was checked in probate court at Fredonia by the appearance of a son through his attorney.

Stewart came to Neodesha forty-five years ago. A short time after he was joined by a sister, Kate, who kept house for him. She was his constant companion until her death on January 25, 1913. The Stewarts were successful in business and accumulated considerable property. Dugald was never supposed to have been married, but in his will he gave \$20 to James Alexander Stewart, and the balance of his property was to be equally divided between his sister Kate and his brother James.

It now develops that Dugald was married in 1871 to Susannah Campbell Morrison at Glasgow, Scotland, and afterward was divorced. James Alexander Stewart claims to be a son born to the union in 1872.

His Girls Cut Wheat.—Ed. Harrington, a wealthy farmer near Alva, did not let the death of harvest hands prevent him from cutting his wheat. With his wife and three girls his 109 acres and the sixty acres of a neighbor's were harvested. An 8-year-old daughter rode the lead horse on the binder, while the girls, 14 and 15, shocked the grain. Harrington and his wife did the rest. The wheat made twenty-five bushels to the acre. The Harrington family will have a vacation now.

Sunday School Contest.—The efficiency contest between the Fredonia and Neodesha Methodist Sunday schools closed with Fredonia in the lead. The attendance for Fredonia was 825, nearly one hundred more than attended the Neodesha school.

Pioneer Dies From Heat.—The extreme heat claimed a fatality when Robert Hayes, a pioneer resident of East Atchison, was overcome and died on the front porch of his home.

Harvester Loses Legs.—William J. Wetzel, 24 years old, of Kansas City, was run over at Council Grove and lost both legs above the knees. Wetzel, accompanied by William O. Givens and John Dwyer, left Kansas City for the wheat fields in western Kansas and it was while attempting to board a moving freight train that Wetzel fell beneath the cars. Doctors say he cannot live.

Child Burned to Death.—Gertrude Hicks, aged 5, was burned to death at Clyde when the home of her parents was destroyed by fire. The child was playing in a room on the second floor and the flames were not discovered until too late to save her. The child's mother, Mrs. S. S. Hicks, was seriously burned.

Hodges to Masons.—Gov. George H. Hodges was the guest of the Osage Valley Masons at Osawatimie recently. A public reception was held in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple Building in the afternoon.

Horse's Kick Fatal.—The kick of a horse caused the death of Waldo Dye, 39 years old, near Lakin. He was working on a farm and when his team wandered over to a neighboring farmhouse, search was made and he was found in the field unconscious.

Lightning Kills Harvester.—A young man giving the name of William Henderson, Kansas City, was killed at Wilson by lightning. With other harvest hands on the farm of Joseph Hasek he took refuge from a storm in a barn.

Girl Killed Under Motor.—Ottawa, Ill.—Miss Tina Smith, 17 years old, was killed near Leonore, Ill., when a motor car driven by her brother turned over.

Arkansas Drought Broken.—Fort Smith, Ark.—The unprecedented drought of forty-two days was broken when half an inch of rain fell. June was the driest month in the records of the local weather bureau, the precipitation for the entire month measuring only .38 of an inch.

More Railroad Receivers.—Cincinnati, O.—Application for a receiver was made in the United States district court here for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad.

MEDIATORS END THEIR LABORS

South American Peace Envoys Leave Niagara Falls for Other Points.

MEXICO HEARS OF PEACE PACT

Statement That Protocol is Signed Authorized by Minister Ruiz—Huerta and Carranza Delegates to Confer Now.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—With the departure of Ambassador De Gama of Brazil, Minister Naon of Argentina, and the American delegation, the Pan-American mediation conference, convened to find a solution of the Mexican problem, formally ended its sessions here.

Minister Suarez of Chile and the Huerta delegates will leave at once. When and where the next meeting will be held depends for the present upon General Carranza, the Constitutionalist chief.

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT SETTLED

Formal notification of the invitation to Carranza to send delegates and his reply was conveyed by the mediators to the American and Huerta commissioners in an identical note. The note declares the international conflict settled and remarks:

"All that is left to be done is to organize and establish a provisional government in Mexico, a patriotic work reserved exclusively to the two Mexican delegations."

The Huerta delegates replied to this communication in two separate notes, one expressing appreciation of the efforts of the three mediators in bringing about a settlement of the international conflict and the other, addressed indirectly to the Constitutionalist, declaring in polite terms sincere desire to discuss internal affairs with them. This opens the way for direct communication between the Constitutionalist and delegates.

Mexico Hears News.—City of Mexico.—"Peace between Mexico and the United States has been definitely arranged in a protocol signed by the Mexican delegates at Niagara Falls. It is impossible to give the details until the Mexican senate has acted on the protocol."

This statement was given out by acting Foreign Minister Esteve Ruiz, who added that the dignity and sovereignty of Mexico had been saved.

Copies of messages sent by the Mexican Foreign Minister Esteve Ruiz, of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, thanking them for their mediation, also were given out at the foreign office. It is believed the protocol will be submitted to the senate at once.

KAISER FEARS ANARCHISTS

German Emperor Abandons Plan to Attend Archduke Ferdinand's Funeral at Vienna.

Berlin.—Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany will not attend the funeral of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Vienna, according to official announcement. The discovery of widespread anarchist plots in the Austrian city made the emperor fear for his life.

The greatest surprise was felt here when the announcement was made. It was officially stated that cancellation of the emperor's plans for the trip came as a result of a slight indisposition which has attacked the aged emperor of Austria, and that it was not deemed advisable in his present agitated condition to take the further strain of entertaining the kaiser should be placed upon him. To this, the official explanation went on, the kaiser agreed.

It is generally admitted that only the gravest reasons could have prevented the visit of the kaiser, Austria's closest ally, to the funeral of the Austrian heir. The fear of an anarchist activity is widely regarded as the only adequate explanation.

WEST VIRGINIA A DRY STATE

New Prohibition Law Goes Into Effect There With Close of June—Drys Make Gains.

Charleston, W. Va.—State-wide prohibition of the liquor business in West Virginia became effective with the end of June. It brings the total number of states in the prohibition column up to nine.

With West Virginia added the list will be: Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia. These nine states of total prohibition territory, plus the local no-licensing area, make up 2,132,726 square miles.

WILL TAKE ITS MEDICINE

Big Business Notifies President Wilson That It Is Ready to Cooperate With Him.

Washington, D. C.—Big business is ready to take its medicine. One of its chief representatives, J. P. Morgan, has no objection to the president's business men of this country are not antagonistic to the administration. They were as eager, he said, as the President is to see the greatest possible business activity throughout the country and are very willing to cooperate. All they ask is to be shown just how to do so.

TWO DIE IN TRAIN HOLDUP

La Grande, Ore.—A robber and a deputy sheriff were killed in a fight which followed an attempt to hold up the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company's westbound passenger train No. 5 between Meacham and Kameia.

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GLAD TO BE BACK FROM VERA CRUZ



These sailors of the battleship Utah, the first landing party that went ashore for the taking of Vera Cruz, have come back with their ship from Mexican waters and are glad to leave the tropical heat. They were given a month's shore leave at New York.

SHOWS A SURPLUS

Government Receipts for 1914 \$33,000,000 More Than Expenditures.

SECRETARY M'ADOO ELATED

Points Proudly to Total Figures as Proof of Administration Promised for Tariff Law.

Washington.—Treasury figures just completed showed that the federal government went through its first fiscal year under the Wilson administration with its income exceeding ordinary expenses by \$33,784,542.07. Nearly 23 1/2 million dollars, pouring into the treasury the last day, brought the total receipts for the year up to \$734,343,700. This is 20 1/2 million above Secretary McAdoo's original estimate, and turned into a surplus what had promised the day before to be a substantial deficit.

Corporation and income tax payments furnished the stream of gold at the finish. From this source came \$26,161,782.82 between the opening and closing of the treasury the last day. Secretary McAdoo and other administration officials are pointing proudly to the total figures as proof of their promises as to what would be accomplished under the new tariff.

Surplus Goes to the Canal.—The treasury surplus this year, as last will be wiped out by Panama canal expenditures, which have been paid from the general fund. In the twelve months \$34,826,941 have been spent on the canal. When this has been charged off there will be a deficit for the year of \$1,010,958.81 on the books. Last year the canal expenditure amounted to \$41,743,258 and the final deficit was \$400,723.

Last year's total receipts were only \$691,140,000, but on the other hand the ordinary expenditures were only \$654,805,000, or \$45,754,248 below this year's total. Secretary McAdoo estimates that approximately 3 1/2 million dollars in scheduled income and corporation taxes, assessments not paid in June because the penalty does not accrue against these assessments until July 10, would have been a clear surplus for the year of approximately 2 1/2 million dollars.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—President Wilson has sent the following message of condolence to the emperor of Austria-Hungary: "Deeply shocked at the atrocious murder of his imperial and royal highness Archduke Franz Ferdinand and consort at an assassin's hands, I extend to your majesty, to the royal family and to the government of Austria-Hungary the sincere condolences of the government and people of the United States, and an expression of my own profound sympathy."

—The senate is far from resigned to the thought of six weeks or more of discussion of trust legislation in mid-summer, but it is not probable that the spirit of open revolt will show itself on the floor, and unless senate leaders are at fault, in the predictions, the three house bills or legislation designed to cover the same ground will be put through by the familiar process, weeks of debate in fruitless effort to amend and then passage.

—In a thick fog and rain which rendered Tory island invisible from the mainland of Ireland, the Anchor Line steamer California, bound from New York for Glasgow, went ashore on the rocks off that island. Wireless calls for help brought speedy assistance from several small gunboats and torpedo boats which were patrolling the Northwest Irish coast for gun runners.

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—Former President Roosevelt made at Pittsburgh his first speech of the 1914 campaign. He spent five hours in Pittsburgh and was welcomed enthusiastically. In his address before the Pennsylvania Progressive League he criticized the policies of the Wilson administration, attacked Senator Boies Penrose, and appealed for support of the Progressive ticket.

—With the enforcement of a rigid quarantine of the infected district and the failure of new cases to develop, health authorities of New Orleans considered the bubonic plague situation there well in hand and predicted there would be little difficulty in stamping out the contagion.

—Democrats of the senate in conference adopted a resolution declaring their purpose to stay in session until the trust legislation passed by the house has been acted upon by the senate.

—Wilson Signs Naval Bill. Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has signed the Naval Appropriation bill, which carries a provision for two new dreadnoughts and permits the sale of the battleships Mississippi and Idaho to Greece for \$12,000,000 to be used to build a third new battleship.

—Illinois Town Scorching. Elgin, Ill.—Fire at West Dundee, four miles north of here, destroyed nearly \$150,000 worth of property and endangered the entire village.

ULSTER IS READY TO FIGHT

Unionist Volunteers in Uniform Parade Streets of Belfast With Rifles and Fixed Bayonets.

Belfast.—Ulster Volunteers, with rifles and fixed bayonets, paraded the streets here in full uniform, under instructions from Lieut. Gen. Sir George Richardson, their commander-in-chief, as notice to the authorities, it was said, that "Ulster will fight."

Apprehension is great that the Unionists cannot be restrained from carrying out the plan without forcible measures and, as there are 30,000 armed volunteers in the city, this may result in serious trouble.

Police and regular soldiers here are weaker numerically than the volunteers and would be powerless to quell any concerted display of arms unless aided by the Nationalists. In such a case bloody fighting would almost surely be precipitated at once.

It is believed the order is part of a Unionist plan to show the movement's strength in Belfast and that unless means are found to prevent the display the streets will be full of martial figures within the week.

NEW CHARTER FOR ST. LOUIS

New Organic Law for City Adopted by Nearly 3,000 Majority—Makes Radical Changes.

St. Louis, Mo.—The new city charter for St. Louis was adopted at an election by about 3,000 majority. The election commissioners announce the vote as 46,839 for and 44,158 against. Within sixty days will begin the inauguration of radical reforms in the municipal administration.

The adoption of the charter marks the end of a fight, which has lasted many years and been marked by charges of corruption and graft. The residential wards were strongly in favor of the draft, while the river wards and those other dominated by political influences showed majorities against it.

SUFFRAGE A STATE ISSUE?

President Wilson Refuses to Help Women Get Constitutional Amendment Through House.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson told a deputation of more than five hundred woman suffragists at the White House that woman suffrage was a state issue and not a national one, and for that reason he would not use his influence for the passage of a constitutional amendment in congress.

When the women first asked the President to recommend the amendment he said he couldn't do so because it was not in the party platform. Only a few weeks later he asked congress to repeal the canal tolls exemption, which was not only not in the platform, but the exact opposite of what the party did endorse.

SHOOTS INTO PASSING TRAIN

Italian Hunter Empties Shotgun at Passengers on Observation Platform—Six Persons Injured.

Kansas City.—Three men and three women were among those seated on the observation platform of the "El," a fast Burlington train for Chicago, as it passed through North Kansas City. They flashed by four Italians armed with shotguns, who were walking along the tracks, and the woman in the party waved their handkerchiefs.

One of the Italians raised his gun and discharged both barrels of each at a distance of less than one hundred yards. The six persons were struck by the scattering shot. The train was held thirty minutes at Liberty, Mo., while Dr. J. H. Rothwell extracted the shot. All of the injured continued their journey. Three arrests have been made.

Blows Off Head in Jail. Danville, Ill.—Walter Atchison of Henderson, Ky., in jail in Williamsport, Ind., on charge of horse stealing, blew off his head and wrecked his cell with dynamite.

Killed Under Car in Yard. Ottumwa, Ia.—Charles Springer was killed at his home near Russell when his motor car turned over as he was backing out of his yard. The car ran into a ditch. Mrs. Springer was thrown out but was uninjured.

Hope for Miners Abandoned. Williamson, W. Va.—Hope has been abandoned for five miners trapped in an entry of the Sycamore Coal Mine, near here, when fire spread from a fanhouse to the place in which they were working.

World Peace Meet to U. S. Brussels.—The Union of International Peace Associations, embodying in its membership 230 societies, has recommended the acceptance of the American invitation to hold the World's congress in 1915 at San Francisco.

WRECK KILLS THREE

Jackson, Mich.—Three persons were killed and twenty injured in a collision of interurban cars three miles east of Jackson. A limited struck a local.

HAVE AVERTED WAR

Da Gama Announces Settlement of Conflict Between U.S. and Mexico.

DINNER TO NEWSPAPER MEN

Mediators Believe They Have Eliminated Chances for War, But Task is Not Finished.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil formally announced the practical settlement of the conflict between the United States and Mexico, but added that the task of mediation is not yet concluded.

The ambassador spoke at a luncheon given by the three mediators to newspaper correspondents. The American and Huerta delegations to the mediation conference were present and the remarks of Mr. Da Gama, after careful revision, were made public later, constituting a formal statement of the work of mediation thus far.

"It is a source of satisfaction for me," said the ambassador, "to be able to say that one of the essential points of our program, that dealing with the international side of the conflict, is practically settled. This does not imply that we go home, with our task concluded, but we feel that so far we have averted war."

"We have established also, through agreements between the parties most directly interested and in complete harmony with the sentiments of the government of the United States, that it is a principle of American policy to have our national problems always given a fair examination and settled without foreign interference. We understand that if such a result has been attained, we shall have created a more favorable atmosphere in international politics in America."

The speech served as a definition for the world generally of the hitherto unsettled status of mediation.

Justice Lamar and the mediators had discussed the situation at length and afterward the Huerta delegates conferred with the mediators. Ambassador Da Gama and Minister Naon will depart at once.

The mediators have formally acknowledged the latest note from General Carranza, transmitted by Rafael Zubaran, his representative in Washington.

The answer expressed the appreciation of the mediators for the friendly sentiments toward peace uttered by Carranza and is most courteously phrased.

Huerta Ready to Flee. Washington, D. C.—Private dispatches received here from unofficial sources in Mexico City stated that President Huerta had sent his son and daughter toward Puerto Mexico and was making preparations for his own departure on short notice. The information was conveyed to the state department.

Zapata Issues Decree. Mexico City.—News reached Mexico City that Emiliano Zapata, the southern revolutionary leader, had published a decree rejecting an allegation to Venustiano Carranza and saying that the Constitutionalist chief had refused to accept the "plan of Ayala," the original agrarian proclamation of the southern leader.

Zapata is said to have declared that he intends to extend his operations along the western coast of Mexico as far as Sonora and that he will fight Carranza "forever." The information was brought to Mexico City by persons who arrived from towns under the control of the followers of Zapata in the state of Morelos.

Members of the British colony here are unwilling to follow the advice of Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, that they temporarily leave Mexico. Only forty-two persons so far have signed an agreement to travel on a special train to the coast. More than half of this number are women and children.

Carden Warns British. The City of Mexico.—In view of the existing conditions in Mexico, Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, has advised all British subjects temporarily to leave the country. He said that the shortage of fuel used in the operation of trains was growing more acute daily and that the trains probably soon would stop running, which would make difficult the departure of persons in the interior.

The Grade Crossing Again. Cambridge, Md.—Harvey H. Boker was killed, Mrs. Roy Smith probably fatally injured and Mr. Boker's wife and Miss Lillian Jones were injured when their motor car was struck by a passenger train near Preston, Md.

Can't See Through Pig's Eye. Baltimore, Md.—The hope that David Kane, the infant son of David Kane of Pittsburg, would be able to see out of the cornea of a pig's eye, which had been grafted onto the child's eye, has been blasted.

Wilson Will Appoint Negroes. Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has promised to fill all positions under the federal government now held by negroes with other negroes in case of changes.

Excursion Wreck Kills Two. Hopkinsville, Ky.—Two trainmen were killed, one probably fatally injured and many negroes injured when an excursion train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad was wrecked by spreading rails three miles south of Trenton, Ky.

Gives \$120,000 to Explorers. London.—Sir James Kay Caird has given \$120,000 to assist in defraying the expenses of Sir Ernest Shackleton's proposed Antarctic expedition.