

12 WORKMEN KILLED IN OIL FIELD

Way Is Seen for Solving Labor Need

Influx of Britain's Unemployed Suggested to Help Fill Gap Caused by Demand in U. S.

Kingdom's Quota Short

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, May 9.—A thoughtful and fairly well-informed person being asked what is Great Britain's greatest problem today, replied: "It is how to take care of its 1,400,000 unemployed."

In the light of Great Britain's problem of what to do with its unemployed and of America's problem of how to find labor, consider the following facts:

During the last fiscal year, the United Kingdom had the privilege under our present immigration percentage law of sending in 77,342 immigrants. Actually during that year Great Britain sent in only 42,676 immigrants.

Quota Falls Short. In other words, under our present quota law, America could have got from Great Britain nearly 35,000 more immigrants than actually came.

Under this state of facts, it would seem that the answer to America's dilemma as propounded by Judge Gary and others of our industrial leaders, would lie not in trying to change the law so as to increase the percentage of immigrants permitted to come in, nor in otherwise changing the law in the direction of great elasticity.

Practically nobody in America objects to bringing in immigrants from Great Britain. Nearly all of the anti-alien prejudice which is still able to stir up a sentiment against immigration, is directed not against Great Britain but against the other countries of western Europe, but again certain countries in southern and eastern Europe.

Help to Two Countries.

The practical business of getting these English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh unemployed started toward America, would not be too difficult for our industrial leaders. It would relieve Great Britain and it would benefit America.

What is said about Great Britain is true also of Germany. During the last fiscal year, 68,959 immigrants could have come in from Germany. Actually 2,553 came in.

Motor Car Skids Over Bank; 3 Die

By International News Service. Rochelle, Ill., May 9.—Three persons are dead and two seriously injured today as the result of an automobile crash in the Lincoln highway near here.

The party was traveling to Rochelle to attend a lodge initiation. The automobile skidded over a road embankment and plunged into a barbed wire fence, against which the victims were mangled.

Children Locked in Closet When House Catches on Fire

Shenandoah, Ia., May 9.—While Mrs. T. E. Clark had two of her seven children locked in a closet to discipline them, fire broke out in the home. The frantic mother became confused and an elder sister rescued the two youngsters. The blaze was caused by sparks falling on the roof.

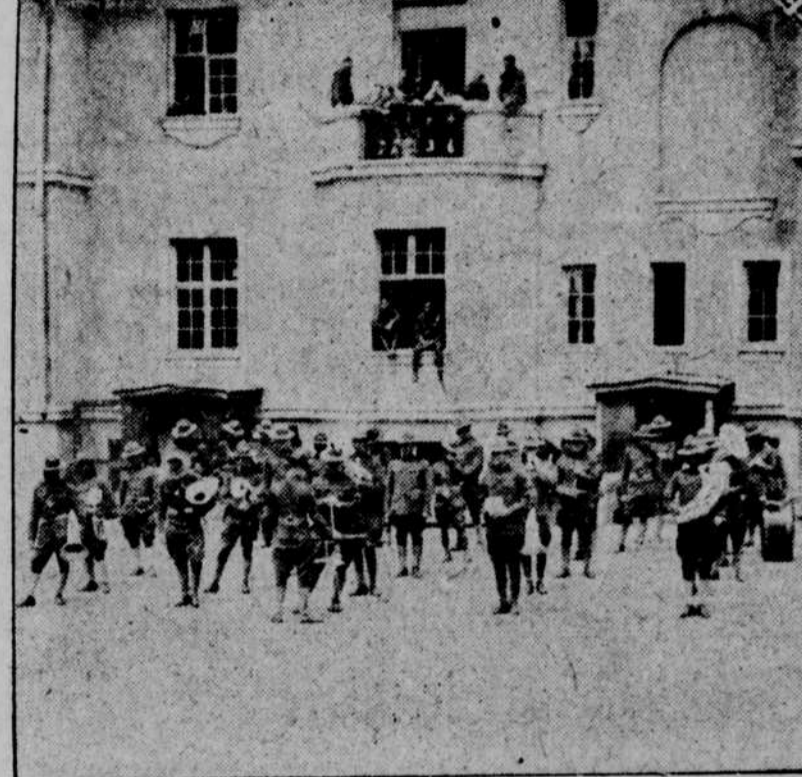
No Need to Exceed Speed Limit

To leave freets and cars behind when you are your own chauffeur. Neither do you have to go beyond your purse limits when buying a used car if you look around "auto row" in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee.

Pacific Oil Earns \$11,792,225

San Francisco, Cal., May 9.—The Pacific Oil company earned \$11,792,225 in 1922, according to a report made public here today. Of this amount, \$10,500,000 was paid in dividends, leaving a surplus of \$1,292,225. The report is said to indicate a decided falling off in earnings.

U. S. Troops May Be Called to Capture Chinese Bandits



Soldiers of the 15th Infantry, U. S. A., stationed in China, will be the first United States regiment called on if it is necessary for this country to take any drastic steps in China as the result of the kidnaping of passengers on a railroad train traveling through a Chinese province.

Officials Doubt Pekin Able to Pay Ransom Demands

Washington, May 9.—Comment here on the Chinese situation revealed doubt on the part of some government officials as to the ability of the Pekin government to bring about release of Americans and other foreigners taken prisoners by Chinese bandits and to pay the ransom demanded.

It was pointed out that none of Minister Schuman's reports had shown definitely what motive inspired the brigands. Whether they sought ransom in cash or recognition and immunity was said to be a question, the answer of which would throw considerable light on the central government's ability to fulfill the obligations it has assumed.

While the resources available to the Pekin authorities are understood to be sufficient to ransom the prisoners in cash, it was pointed out that unless the money was paid by Saturday the progressive indemnity demanded, if continued over a period of two weeks, probably would exhaust the finances of the central government.

An official report from the Pekin foreign office, the first to be received here, was communicated by Minister Sizé, in person to Secretary Hughes after his arrival in Washington from China. Secretary Hughes was understood to have expressed gratification at the promises made by Pekin, but reiterated his primary determination that the American prisoners should be freed and delivered unharmed.

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Prisoner Asks Chase Be Dropped

Note From Captive of Brigands Says Foreigners Face "Dire Consequences" Unless Troops Called Off.

Boxer Move Back of Raid

By Associated Press. Shanghai, May 10.—Kidnaped Americans and other foreigners held by the Suchow bandits in the hills back of Lin-ching, face "dire consequences" unless the troops surrounding the brigands' stronghold are withdrawn, according to a message which has been sent out by one of the captives, J. B. Powell, American newspaper man of Shanghai.

The message which Powell contrived to have smuggled through both the lines of bandits and troops urged that the government forces be withdrawn. The alternative, his note said, would be that the "captive will suffer dire consequences."

It is learned here that negotiations for the release of the bandits' prisoners are continuing and it is reported they are taking a favorable turn. The negotiations are being conducted by American, French and Italian consuls.

By Universal Service. Shanghai, May 9.—Secret defense societies, such as were back of the Boxer uprising in 1900 and not mere banditry, is back of the seizure of Americans and other foreigners, now being held in the hills of Shanghai, facing death from starvation, after being captured from a railroad train Sunday.

An American newspaper correspondent who, on two occasions this year, has traveled through the northern provinces, said tonight he found many evidences that the Boxer spirit was rampant again, and that hatred of foreigners was being openly preached.

The latest news from the region in which the captives are being held, is that no definite agreement has been reached for the release of the prisoners, although the Chinese government statement was made after lengthy conference with his assistants. The attorney general and his staff were not officially informed whether the New York decision was in the necessary final form to take an immediate appeal and, as a result, the next step in the government's fight against the alleged sugar conspiracy was undetermined.

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Girardi Slayer Found Guilty

Farmer Convicted of Second Degree Murder for Death of Omahan. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Red Oak, Ia., May 9.—John Stewart, farmer, charged with the murder of Albert Girardi, Omaha butter and egg dealer, was found guilty of second degree murder by a jury in district court here at 3 p. m. today following seven hours deliberation.

Mexican Bandits Holding American

El Paso, Tex., May 9.—An American named Newman is being held for ransom by Mexican bandits headed by Juan Galindo, according to a report from Torreon, received here today. Newman was seized at Charco Azul on a Guadalupe ranch, the report stated. These same bandits, it is said, a month ago captured Oscar W. Krull, San Antonio mining engineer, who, however, managed to escape.

Higher Livestock Freight Rates Urged

Lincoln, May 9.—Within the next 10 days or two weeks the Interstate Commerce commission is expected to propose a new schedule of freight rates on live stock from stations in Nebraska to markets at Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Joseph. The new rates will be the result of complaints filed by the railroads, declaring that rates from the points involved are too low. The railroads sought increases in complaints filed and on which hearings have been held. After the interstate body proposes the new schedule of rates, arguments will be heard and an agreement reached. Mr. Browne believed, but said any new rates would not be effective before July at the earliest, as he did not expect that the interstate body would hear the arguments in the case before the end of June.

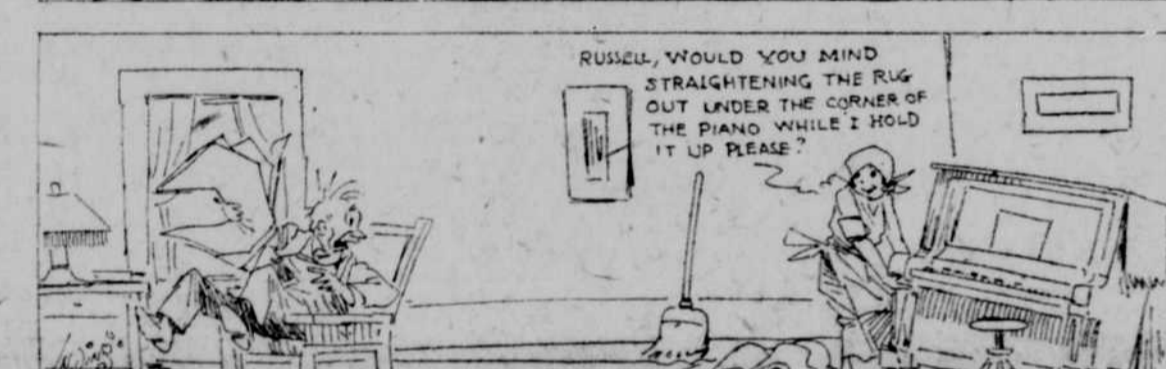
Plans Made to Abandon Steamer Stuck on Rocks

Seattle, May 9.—It is impossible for tugs to pull the steamer Lake Gehlhart from rocks on which it struck near Umattila reef early today and preparations are being made to abandon it. R. R. Pierson, superintendent for the owners, the Alaska Steamship company, said in a wireless message received by the company this afternoon.

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If We Ever Get Rich We're Going to Establish a Gymnasium Where Sedentary Piano Movers Can Get Some Exercise.



Limit on Rum for Medics Held Void

U. S. Judge Grants Injunction Against Dry Agents Interfering With Practice.

New York, May 9.—Federal Judge Knox today declared void that portion of the Volstead act which limits the amount of liquor which a physician may prescribe and granted an injunction restraining prohibition enforcement authorities from interfering with the practice of Dr. Samuel W. Lambert.

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Washington, May 9.—The refusal of Federal Judge Mayer in New York to enjoin the New York Sugar exchange from dealing in sugar futures may result in a direct appeal which will bring the case without delay before the supreme court. Although declining to discuss Judge Mayer's action in detail, Department of Justice officials indicated that they were prepared to continue vigorously the fight they have begun in the courts against those they hold responsible for recent sugar price increases.

British Trawler Seized by Russ

Charged With Fishing in Soviet Waters—Follows Sharp British Note.

Hull, May 9.—It is reported that the English trawler, Lord Astor, has been seized off the Murmansk coast by a Russian gunboat, says the Central News. The seizure is said to have been based on the charge that the trawler was fishing within the Russian territorial limits.

Man Charged With Espionage and Sabotage Convinced by Court-Martial—Others Sent to Prison.

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New Well Is Ignited by Sparks

Texas Gusher Flowing at Rate of 5,000 Barrels and 20,000-000 Feet of Gas Turned Into Raging Inferno.

Five Bodies Recovered

Houston, Tex., May 9.—Twelve workmen were burned to death in an explosion and fire at the J. K. Hughes Developing company's McKee No. 1 well in the Powell field district, according to advices from Corsicana. Ten were killed almost instantly and two others died in hospitals a short time afterwards.

The fire originated from a spark as a workman dropped a control valve alongside the casing of the gusher. Reliable reports say the well, which came in Tuesday night, was flowing wild at the rate of 5,000 barrels of oil and in excess of 20,000,000 feet of gas when it ignited.

The well is the third completed in the new field from a sand between 2,842 and 3,090 feet.

List of Victims.

The known dead are: M. O. Turner, Mississippi; S. P. Allen, 35, Corsicana, married; Jack Cooper, Corsicana; Edwin C. Cooper, Corsicana; Fred C. Raig, Roane, Tex.; L. C. Hook, Kerens, Tex.; Dan Phillips, Kerens, Tex.; James Phillips, Kerens, Tex.; Two others unknown. Fatally burned: Travis Owen, Corsicana, married. Five bodies have been taken from the inferno.

It is believed the other have been consumed entirely. All members of the drilling crew are said to have been fatally burned. It was reported that W. A. Hicks, an oil man of Wortham, was among those burned to death. G. M. Ball, field superintendent on an adjoining lease, and B. E. Simmons, an oil man, are said to have narrowly escaped injury.

Men on Platform Killed.

J. K. Hughes, head of the Developing company, upon receipt of news of the disaster, left immediately for Corsicana and went directly to the well. It was said at the office of the company that none of the McKee oil men who were at the well at the time it was brought in, lost their lives in the fire.

More than 1,000 barrels of accumulated gas and the full flow of the well ignited at once and caught the workmen on and around the derrick platform.

Bodies Badly Charred.

The bodies recovered are so badly charred that identification is impossible. One man, a Mr. Simmons, who was on the derrick floor with the crew, was killed by falling debris. His clothing and ambulance were pushed to the scene. The dead and injured were taken to Corsicana.

Automobiles Destroyed.

A number of automobiles near the well were reported to have been destroyed by the fire. Word of the tragedy was telephoned to Corsicana with urgent call that all available doctors, medical supplies and ambulances be rushed to the scene. The dead and injured were taken to Corsicana.

Mitchell Woman's Hearing on Murder Charge Set

Scottsbluff, Neb., May 9.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Julia Johnson of Mitchell, at whose home Albert Peterson was slain by Frank Allen, will be held Thursday in county court. She is charged with murder and with being accessory to the murder of Peterson. Her hearing will be the first of those held by police as implicated in the shooting of Peterson, it being alleged that the Scottsbluff officer was led into a carefully planned trap.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other regional cities. Columns include temperature, wind, and precipitation.