## U.S. Crude Oil Production Cut Pussy crouched as if to spring. Her tail switched with eagerness. Her eyes fairly glared. It looked to the

young chuck as if this was to be the Daily Average Falls Off 800 end of all his adventures. But though he was so badly scared Barrels During Week End-

New York, Aug. 23.—The daily average gross crude oil production of the United States decreased 800 bar-rels, week ended August 18, totaling 2,250,450 barrels, according to the American Petroleum institute. The daily average production east of the Rocky mountains was 1,378,450 bar-rels, a decrease of 800. California production was 872,000 barrels, the same as the previous week.

Same as the previous week. Oklahoma showed a daily average gross production of 451,600 barrels. decrease of 10,250; Kansas, 79,400, decrease 200; north Texas, 72,800, decrease 150; central Texas, 221,600, de-crease 2,050; north Louisiana, 61,200, decrease 250;; Wyoming and Montana, 150,200, decrease 100; Arkansas, 128,-200, increase 11,900; gulf coast, 100,-450, increase 300; ;eastern, 113,000,

unchanged. Daily average imports were 187,000 barrels, compared with 248,000 for the previous week. Daily average receipts of California oil at Atlantic and gulf coast ports were 213,000 bar-rels, compared with 195,714 for the previous week.

Gulf coast has been reduced 25 cents a barrel, now selling at \$1 a barrel. There were no other changes barrel. There were no other changes reported in crude oil prices for the major districts, Midcontinent being quoted at \$1.10 to \$2.20 a barrel, ac-cording to the gravity of the oil; Pennsylvania crude, Bradford dis-trict, Pennsylvania, \$3 a barrel, and all other Denergium and at \$2.75 all other Pennsylvania grades \$2.75.

Burgess Bedtime Stories By THORNTON W. BURGESS. A bluff will sometimes carry through When there is nothing else to do. \_\_\_\_Johnny Chuck. The Young Chuck Bluffs Success

fully.

The eyes of Black Pussy the Cat disappeared from the hole through which the young chuck had got under Farmer Brown's barn. The young frightened Black Pussy when all the time he himself had been frightened eyes did not reappear. He decided half to death. He had pretended to be that Black Pussy had gone away. He fierce and dangerous, and pretense of made up his mind that he, too, would go away. He didn't like that dark, had bluffed Black Pussy. Inter place He wanted to be where Copyright, 1923. he could sit in the warm, clean sun-shine. He started toward that hole. "Has that cat gone?" asked a squeaky voice from somewhere in

the darkness behind him, and there cleaned glass will prevent it from was fear in the very tone of that clouding in damp weather.

The young chuck made no reply. He knew it was Robber the Rat who had spoken, and his lips curled scornfully. He poked his head out of the hole. Black Pussy was nowhere in Neither was the big rooster who had chased him under the barn. He crawled out. My, how clean and sweet and fresh the air seemed: And how wonderful was the sunshine The young chuck drew a long breath. Then he started around the corner of Farmer Brown's barn. When he turned the corner he came face to face with Black Pussy

Was the young chuck scared? He was so scared he became cold all

and though he was sure that Black ing August 18. New York, Aug. 23.—The daily New York, Aug. 23.—The daily

over. Black Pussy looked like a giant to him. There was no chance to run. There was no place to run to. Black



Presently Black Pussy backed away a little further.

Pussy's eyes. He even made a short rush toward her, and Black Pussy backed away. The young chuck worked himself into a greater rage. He

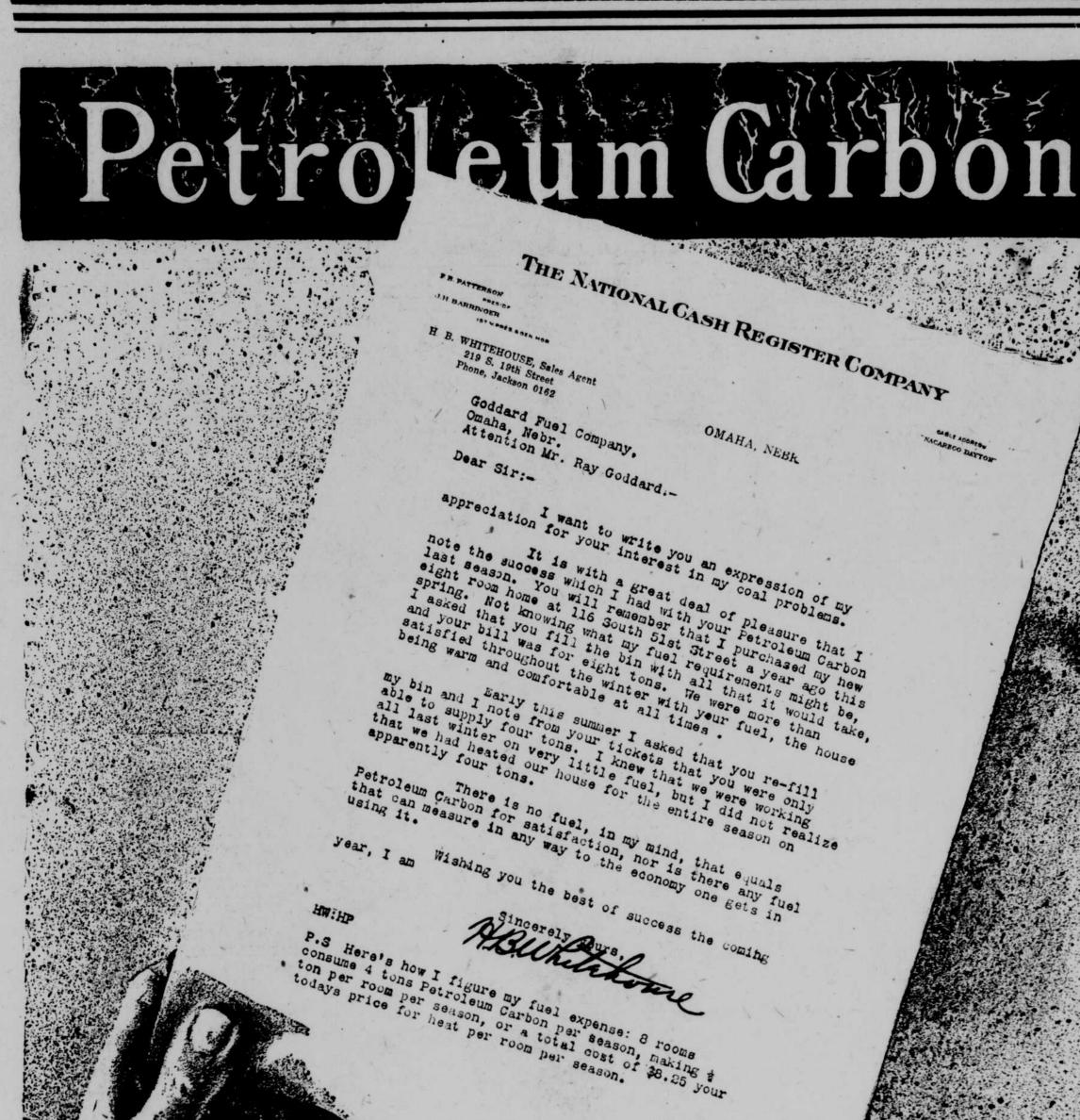
was very much smaller than Black Pussy, but he looked a great deal bigger than he was. And he certainly did look fierce. Black Pussy growled, but the young

chuck growled louder. Presently Black Pussy backed away a little further. In a few moments she turned and walked away. She pretended that she had nothing of interest to her there. The young chuck continued to growl and snarl and clash his

teeth. Pussy finally disappeared. Then the young chuck knew that he had nothing more to fear from her. It almost made him laugh. He had The next story: "The Blessed Old

Stone Wall." A little glycerine rubbed over the





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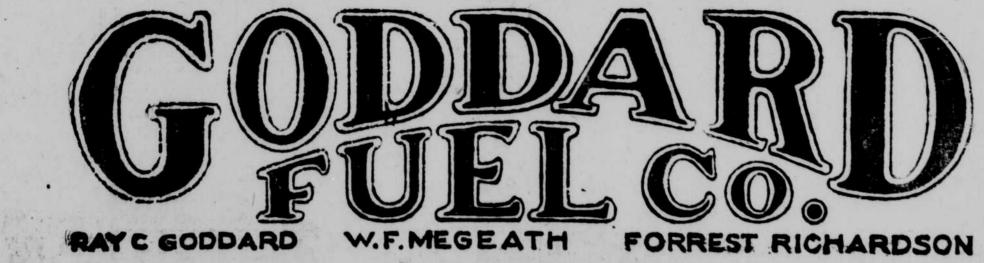
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