

### Head of Mexican Oil Companies Answers Expert

#### H. G. Wylie Declares Report To Shipping Board Erroneous and "Bear Propaganda."

New York, June 15.—Statements that production in the Mexican oil fields was declining, embodied in a report by J. A. Phelan, shipping board expert, made public yesterday, were characterized as "bear propaganda" in a statement today by H. G. Wylie, vice president and general manager of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company and the Mexican Petroleum company.

"The secretary of state," the statement said, "showed his good judgment in refusing to have his department investigate or make a report on the possibilities of the Mexican oil fields, as such business is not usually considered within the purview of the State department and a request for such a report from the State department I think is unprecedented."

Mr. Wylie asserted that the report of Mr. Phelan was "not entitled to any serious consideration because Mr. Phelan is not a geologist, neither is he an oil expert."

Not Scientific Report. "As I understand it," he added, "he was sent to Mexico to report to the shipping board on the availability of a supply of fuel oil. It is to be understood that when an envoy of a shipping company or other commercial concern is sent on such an errand that he is not expected to make a scientific report as to the area of the field and possible contents thereof. Such a thing is beyond the grasp of the inexperienced. It must be done either by geologists or by those who have made the finding of oil and production of same their lifelong business and who have been successful."

"Mr. Phelan intimated that the producing area is 40 square miles. This is quite misleading, as he no doubt estimates the Chinampa-Amatlan-Naranjos-Zacamilte district to be 40 square miles. However, it must be remembered that south of this field there is a far greater area of absolutely proven oil territory, which has barely been touched, the probable oil area being many times larger."

Mr. Wylie quoted George Otis Smith, director of United States geological survey, as placing the total proven area of Mexico at 10,000 square miles and the estimated total oil reserves of the discovered field at 4,500,000,000 barrels.

Question of Time. "Mr. Phelan is quoted as saying that 'the proven oil fields of Mexico, within a reasonable period are certain to go into salt water is a demonstrated fact.' This statement cannot be contradicted, because of the qualifying expression 'a reasonable period,' and that is the 'meat' of the whole question under consideration."

What is a reasonable period? George Otis Smith estimates that in more than one generation. The most conservative idea that I have heard from those capable to judge is from 30 to 50 years."

Mr. Wylie declared Mr. Phelan's statement that "new straws are being inserted into the pool which can only contain a certain amount of oil and the day of total depletion may come at any minute," cannot be considered anything other than "bear propaganda."

"Even if the fields were only what Mr. Phelan would have one believe—40 square miles—how could the end come so momentarily. The thought is ridiculous and only worthy of consideration where it is used for bear propaganda, as I have suggested."

Mr. Wylie asserted that no well, safely within the limits of the oil field had gone to salt water without that area having produced an amount of oil greater than the most optimistic had reason to expect. The wells reported as being oil in the morning and water at night, he added, never were oil fields, but holes drilled on the edge, or outside of the oil territory.

High Water in Platte River Begins to Recede (Continued from Page One) Mullen directed the protective work at Grand Island.

Loup River Normal. Secretary George Johnson of the state department of public works received assurance from the valley of the Loup river that that stream was normal and floodwaters from it need not be expected to pour into the Platte at Columbus, as was feared Tuesday.

No Damage to Roads. High waters on the north and south branches of the Platte have receded as the crest has moved eastward, according to Chief Clerk Gray of the Burlington.

Santa Fe Resumes Main Line Service Following Flood. Albuquerque, N. M., June 15.—All through main line train service on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, which was interrupted 10 days ago by the floods at Pueblo, La Junta and Lamar, Colo., was resumed this afternoon when train No. 2 departed for the east. Other eastbound trains to follow will also be routed over the main line. Train No. 1, due here at 7:30 tomorrow night, will be the first train for the west to be routed over the main line since the Colorado washouts.

### Peggy, Barber's Daughter



You probably couldn't guess who this is in any number of tries. It is the photograph taken—It would not be polite to say how long ago—of Peggy Joyce, beautiful actress, now suing her latest millionaire husband for a divorce. The picture was taken in Farmville, Va., where Peggy was raised. Her father, Sam Upton, is the village barber.

Frisco Marine Workers Protest Signing Agreement. San Francisco, June 15.—In the absence of official news that agreement had been entered into by the national president, W. S. Brown, with United States shipping board officials to end the marine strike, San Francisco local of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association meeting late last night by viva voce vote, protested against the signing of any agreement.

Judge Sears as Defendant In Own Court to Save Self. Lancaster, Wis., June 15.—Judge Sherman D. Smalley, Cuba City, sat in his own court room here today as defendant against charges of violation of the corrupt practices act brought by 500 friends of ex-Judge Levi H. Bancroft, Richland Center, whom he defeated at the polls last April. A jury was chosen to hear the case with Judge A. H. Read, Wausau, presiding.

Will Attend Trial of Wife Accused of Husband's Death. San Pedro, Cal., June 15.—Paul Southard, a petty officer of the navy, husband of Lydia Southard, secured leave to go to Twin Falls, Idaho, today and be with his wife when she faces trial there on a charge of murdering Edward F. Meyer, her fourth husband. Mrs. Southard was recently returned from Honolulu, where Southard was stationed and he left almost immediately afterward to seek a furlough so he could go to her aid.

Governor's Proclamation Of Martial Law Modified. Charleston, W. Va., June 15.—Governor Morgan's proclamation of martial law for Mingo county was modified today by the supreme court of appeals so far as it gives jurisdiction to civil courts. The supreme court, in ordering the release of three prisoners arrested under the martial law proclamation, declared that in its opinion "martial law is an incident to military occupation and cannot be enforced except by military forces."

Boston Printers Return To Work at Old Wage Scale. Boston, June 15.—Newspaper compositors who walked out Monday night and Tuesday morning, voted tonight to return to work with no change in the wage scale and working conditions.

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### Tentative Plan For Live Stock Pool Discussed

#### Western Bankers and Stockmen Consider Formation Of \$50,000,000 Fund to Loan on Stock.

By O. A. MATHER. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, June 15.—Tentative plans for the formation of a \$50,000,000 banking pool to furnish financial relief to live stock raisers were laid at a conference of bankers and live stock men from all parts of the country, congressmen and representatives of the government in Chicago today.

After several hours of discussion a committee headed by George M. Reynolds, chairman of the Continental and Commercial banking group of Chicago, was appointed to formulate general details. On this committee are John Clay, live stock commissioner; P. A. Marlow, president of the National Bank of Helena, Mont.; W. L. Thompson, president of the First National bank of Portland, Ore.; P. W. Goebel, president of the Commercial National bank of Minneapolis; E. S. Sweeney, president of the First National bank of Kansas City; S. T. Kiddo, president of the Live Stock Exchange bank of Chicago.

The committee recommended that the pool be formed and that the capital be subscribed by banks throughout the country, the sums to be administered by a group of trustees in Chicago. The committee also proposed that all applications for loans shall have the approval of a committee of three bankers of the state from which the application emanates and that the loans shall be made at current interest rates plus 1 per cent as a commission to the bankers for administration expenses.

Mr. Reynolds said the committee believed under no consideration would the cost of money to the borrowers exceed 8 per cent. It was recommended that loans be made on the basis of about 75 per cent of the value of live stock. This proposal is not exactly in conformity with the ideas of the New York bankers and a further conference will be held in the next few days to arrange all details.

Then a committee will be sent from Chicago to confer with the eastern bankers who, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., offered to subscribe \$25,000,000 to the pool.

"It probably will not be practical for the pool to make loans directly," one of the members of the conference said. "What the pool will do is to work through local banks, which now are loaded up with live stock loans and have borrowed on the mall they can at the federal reserve banks. The pool will offer to take over such loans where the security is good. If the security is not sufficient, the local banks will be asked to furnish additional collateral. Probably only a portion of the pool will be used. The cattle raiser who can offer good security now is able to get money, but the most vociferous demand comes from those who have little or no security to offer."

### Labor Demands Vote On War Declarations

(Continued from Page One) so as to permit the manufacture and sale of a national beverage of wholesome beer," is demanded in a resolution, while another urged that congress be asked to submit the question of prohibition to a popular vote of the people.

Other resolutions before the convention provided: "That the federation establish banks in each city, union workers to be permitted to become shareholders and that any surplus of the banks shall be used to pay pensions to shareholders after they have reached an age to be designated."

Would Commend Hays. "That Postmaster General Hays be commended for his administration of the Postoffice department."

"That the campaign of the printing trades for the 44-hour week be endorsed."

"That the incoming administration of the federation call a conference of the officers of all affiliated organizations for the purpose of devising a strike insurance plan through which efforts to compel new working conditions for any organization can be adequately financed."

"That the executive council be called together to consider ways and means for acquiring a chain of daily newspapers to present labor's attitude fairly to the public and that heads of affiliated organizations may be called upon for financial aid to the plan."

"That members be urged to invest money in the bonds of North Dakota, issued in support of the Non-partisan league program."

"That no advantages of organized labor be denied to any workers because of race or color."

Organize Office Workers. "That an active campaign be inaugurated to organize the more than 2,000,000 office workers in the United States and Canada."

"That steps be taken to defeat any measure before congress introduced for the purpose of weakening or destroying the Department of Labor."

"That aid be given the United Textile Workers of America for organizing the workers in the southern mills to bring about the same working conditions that they obtain in the north."

"That the federation urge upon both state and federal boards for vocational education the necessity of maintaining effective standards that will be of practical value in giving intensive vocational training courses—standards and courses which will insure an equal opportunity for the large number of men and women who have been incapacitated in industrial occupations or otherwise."

That the executive council be instructed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a motion picture studio for production of films along educational lines for the benefit of organized labor and if the plan is feasible, to make arrangements for production of such films and exhibition of them either through leases to exhibitors or establishment of a chain of labor picture houses.

Retirement Annuity. That efforts be made to increase the retirement annuity and other compensation of government employees. That "the American Federation of Labor in convention assembled, declares against the imposition of a retail or general sales tax or turnover tax, or any other tax on consumption and opposes the repeal of the excess profits and demands that the highest rate of taxation levied during the war be retained until the full money cost of the war has been paid and further demands that the government promptly levy a rapid progressive tax upon large estates and a moderate tax upon the value of land and other natural resources speculatively held in order that the national debt may be promptly retired."

immediately legislation for the meat packing industry. That congress take steps to prevent exploitation of coal, mineral and oil wealth and other natural resources.

British Mine Workers to Vote on Calling Off Strike. London, June 15.—British miners today voted on the proposals of mine owners for the settlement of the coal diggers' strike which has been in progress since April 1. All coal fields in the United Kingdom were affected by the decision to ballot on acceptance or rejection of the mine owners' terms, and the question was placed before the miners without recommendations from the conference of delegates here June 10.

That article 5, section 1 of the federation constitution be amended to provide that officers be elected by referendum vote, rather than by the convention itself. That congress be asked to enact

Steps Taken to Prevent British Engineer Lockout. London, June 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Steps toward averting a great engineering stoppage affecting 1,500,000 men were taken this morning when the minister of labor, Thomas MacNamara, held a conference with representatives of the employers and employees. The employers postponed posting lockout notices.

Release Racing Pigeons. McCook, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Fifty-one racing pigeons were released here in McCook at 6 a. m. Sunday. They had been shipped here in two crates Saturday, addressed to J. G. Schnell of Minneapolis, Minn.

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