Oklahoman Says U.S. Oil Industry Is Facing Death

Tulsa Man Declares Heavy Importation of Mexican Product Destructive to American Business.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, July 3.—Defending the duty on crude petroleum and fuel oil contained in the Fordney tariff bill, Omer K. Benedict of Tulsa, Okl., representing the Mid-Continental Oil and Gas association, declared that the oil producing industry in this country is facing destruction as a result of having importations of Mexican oil.

"The policy of encouraging the investment of American capital in the development of petroleum in foreign countries, is perhaps wise and such investments having been made, no American will question this government's duty to protect them," said Mr. Benedict. "But when, as at the present time, the flood of imported Mexican petroleum, produced as a mere fraction of the cost of domestic production, is destroying the industry in the United States, the first duty of congress is to protect the home industry.

"Much greater consideration is due to the many thousands of its citizens engaged in producing oil at home than to the 10 or a dozen corportations of great capital operating in Mexico who have created the utter demoralization in this country to their own great ultimate profit.

"The market value of the crude oil produced in the United States has shrunk since the latter part of January over $2,600,000 a day; an annual loss to producers of approximately $1,000,000,000, which is reflected in all dependent lines of business and will probably cause a decline in federal income taxes for 1921 of several hundred millions of dollars. This shrinkage is the result of cuts in price of crude oil, in some instances equal to 75 per cent, made by the large purchasing companies who are themselves producing or are closely affiliated with concerns producing and importing the flood of Mexican petroleum."

Governor Addresses Boys At "Y" Camp Near Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie addressed the boys at the "Y" camp on the Blue river five miles northwest of Beatrice. The Beatrice Municipal band gave a concert, after which the governor spoke. Rev. E. C. Lucas offered the dedicatory prayer. The boys will break camp Tuesday, 40 of them having been enjoying the outing for the past week.

Special Cars Are Entered In North Platte Auto Races

North Platte, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—Entries in the big Fourth of July auto races in this city have been increased by the entrance of Leo Rice of Venango, who will drive a Marmon, and Noel Bullock, who will drive a specially prepared Dodge racer. These two and Albert Preitauer will contend with King Rhiley for the big purse and the Chamber of Commerce trophy.

Alliance Lions Club Urges World Disarmament

Alliance, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—The Alliance Lions club unanimously adopted a resolution to be sent to congress asking the members of the Nebraska delegation to use their influence in favor of a world disarmament program. A resolution was also adopted to send a copy of the resolutions to all Lions clubs in the state asking them to pass similar resolutions.

Elks Vote to Build New Home; Will Sell Theater

Beatrice, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—The Elks of this city voted to sell the old Lyric theater building which they purchased some time ago for $15,000 and biuld a fine new home. A committee consisting of Fulton Jack, John Delehant and C. L. Brewster was appointed to investigate the proposition and report at the next meeting.

Federal Court Awards Contractor $15,951.55

North Platte, Neb., Juluy 3.—(Special.)—Judge Woodrough in the federal court gave Contractor McCallahan a verdict of $15,951.55 against the school district of Bayard. The plaintiff sued for $16,132.55. The case occupied practically two weeks and between 50 and 60 witnesses gave evidence. Federal court took a recess until after July 4.

Severe Drouth Broken by Showers at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., July 3.—(Special Telegram.)—A severe drouth of at least two weeks, the thermometer during the last five or six days, being steadily over 100, was broken today by copious showers and a fall of about 20 degrees. Fully an inch of rain has fallen during the day.

Lightning Burns Barn and Several Tons of Alfalfa

Beatrice, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—A barn belonging to Robert Jenkins at Blue Springs was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, together with several tons of alfalfa. The loss is placed at $1,000, partially covered by insurance.

School Census at Norfolk Shows Increase of 161

Norfolk, Neb., July 3.—A recent school census showed that there are 1,480 boys and 1,506 girls in this city between the ages of 5 and 20 years, a total of 2,986, or 161 more than was shown in the census of 1920, according to County Superintendent Simon.

Kindness Wins Fortune

Rome, Ga., July 3.—Kindness to a blind man has led Allison Gravely, 10-year-old youth, to a fortune. Ed Cousins, the blind man, cut off dozens of relatives in his will and when he died the boy inherited $10,000. The boy was adopted by Cousins, but a contest over the will probably will be made. The youth led Cousins about Rome for several years.

By the Dawn's Early Light, The Day After the Fight

French Heiress to Be Raised By Aunt in United States

Seneca, Kan., July 3.—Mary de Mumm, 6, has gone to Newport News, Va., to make her home with her aunt, Mrs. Josephine Treadwell and there await disposition by the French government of property which may some day make her worth millions.

The little girl is a daughter of Frances Scoville de Mumm, formerly of this place, who married Count De Mumm, while in Germany, pursuing a musical education.

When the World war came Count De Mumm, although possessing property in France worth millions, cast his lot with the central powers and became a lieutenant in the German army.

This caused an estrangement, for his wife's sympathies were with the allies, and she brought suit for divorce.

The French government, learning of De Mumm's action, seized his property in France as a war indemnity.

Following her divorce Madame De Mumm's citizenship in the United States was restored to her through special act of congress in order that her property rights in France might be protected. She died in Paris a year ago, and her body was brought to Seneca for burial, and her daughter has been living here since that time.

Red Lights Will Spy on Spooners at Madrid Movies

Madrid, July 3.—There's no rest for the movies in Madrid.

The new prefect of police here, who recently issued an order that the sexes should be separated in the audiences at movie theaters, has now amended the order as follows:

Two-fifths of the space available for the audience will be reserved for women and children; one-half of the remaining three-fifths will be reserved for men and children; the other half of the three-fifths will be for both sexes. Red lights must be kept on at all times in this latest section.

The order goes on: Anyone over 10 years of age who is found in a part of the house where he does not belong will be liable to a fine of not less than $10.

There is considerable consternation among the courting couples in the city.

The newspapers humorously declare that cinema proprietors will be obliged to take a course of higher mathematics in order to make sure what is the half of three-fifths.

Although the new regulation has been the subject of many humorous paragraphs, it is generally agreed that drastic restraint was needed, since the behavior of a section of the public at cinemas has been a cause of scandal.

Man Takes Enforced Ride On Narrow Plank in River

Redding, Cal., July 3.—Frank Bosso had an enforced ride of 24 miles down the Sacramento river on a 14-foot plank the other day.

Bosso is employed on M. Leonardini's farm across the river from this city. Leonardini has a wheel ditch as a part of his irrigation system. He and Bosso were in the ditch repairing the wheel. The ditch was jammed. When the wheel gave way Leonardini saved himself by grabbing hold of the frame work.

Rosso grabbed a plank and was carried down stream in the swift current. Leonardini saw Bosso float away and ran along the river for a mile trying to rescue him.

Leonardini returned to his home and gave chase in his automobile. He made for the nearest bridge, but Rosso beat him.

Bosso finally made a landing where his raft of one-inch planking butted into an island. He was rescued by a rowboat from a nearby ranch.

Voice of "Corpse" Was Death to Undertaker

Paris, July 3.—"Whadya mean I'm dead?" said Stephan Lipsinksla, of Vilna, Lithuania, as he lifted the lid from a coffin in which he was being taken to a cemetery.

An undertaker's assistant fell dead from fright and another fainted. The others fled. When they came back they found Lipsinksla fled and the real corpse reclining in a cupboard of the mortuary.

Western Nebraska Bar Meets at North Platte

North Platte, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—The Western Nebraska Bar association met in North Platte this week, about 50 members, a number accompanied by their ladies, attending. Among those present from outside the district were Chief Justice Morrissey and Judge Deam of the state supreme court, both of whom made addresses.

At the business session, Senator Hoagland, in reviewing legislative enactments, took occasion to severely criticize the bureaucratic form of government installed by the present chief executive of the state.

Resolutions of condolence were presented on the death of three prominent members of the association who had died during the year, J. S. Hoagland, J. E. Evans and Judge H. M. Grimes.

The social features included a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce, an outdoor picnic in the evening for the men, and a reception at the Hoagland residence in the afternoon to the visiting women.

Officers elected were: President, George C. Gillan of Lexington; vice president, L. A. DeVoe of Ogallala: secretary, Mr. McNichol of Lexington; treasurer, J. V. Romigh of North Platte. The 1922 convention will be held in Lexington.

Bungalow Prices Drop 20 Per Cent in Chicago

Chicago, July 3.—Building costs on small homes have decreased 20 per cent in the last year, according to Barton O'Toole, of the Chicago Real Estate board and head of the "Own Your Home" movement.

O'Toole also declared that present costs were still 50 per cent higher than those existing four years ago. He predicted an end to the building tieup and brighter prospects for people desiring to build their own homes.

"A brick bungalow which cost $3,450 four years ago could be erected a year ago for $6,500. Now it can be built for $51,250. These comparative costs hold good for other lines of building efforts," he said.

Wallace Forbids Smoking On Olympic Peninsula

Washington, July 3.—In an effort to protect the cyclone-swept area of the Olympic peninsula in the state of Washington from fire, Secretary Wallace issued an order, effective tomorrow, prohibiting smoking within the area during the fire danger season.

Aerial fire patrols also will be maintained from Camp Lewis during such seasons, the War department and forestry service co-operating in this work.

Nearly 7,000,000,000 feet of timber blown down by the terrific storm January 29 is contained in the 500,000-acre area swept by the storm.

Hubby Gave Slaps as Xmas Gifts, Wife Claims In Suit

Chicago, July 3. — Something new in the way of connubial cruelties was offered by Mrs. Louise L. Allen in bringing suit for divorce from Ray Allen, a steamship captain.

Mrs. Allen charged her husband had run his automobile over her feet in a "fit of cruelty." The automobile was a Ford, and the incident happened in Des Moines, she said.

Last Christmas, Mrs. Allen said her husband gave her a series of slaps for Christmas presents in return for gifts she had given him.

She won a decree.

Big Catfish Swallows Little One on Fish Hook

Hiawatha, Kan., July 3.—Here's a fishing story which must be believed, for it comes straight from a clergyman. The Rev. Albert C. Stewart, Methodist preacher at Rerserve, near here, went fishing in Nemaha river. The fish didnt seem to be biting, so he fastened his pole to the bank and went away for a short time. When he returned he found he had first hooked a small catfish which in turn had been swallowed by a 13-pound channel catfish. It was one case of the "big one" which didn't get away.

Manchurian Prince Seeks Knowledge in United States

Seattle, Wash., July 3.—"I come; I see, I go back." That is the laconic explanation of Prince Hu Shik Kwang of northwestern Manchuria, of his visit to America in quest of education.

Prince Kwang, who is the grandson of Idobu Harlett, former ruler of the Khailar domains in northwestern Manchuria, is the first Mongolian to study in America, it is said. After spending several days in Seattle he continued his journey eastward, where he will enter a university. Accompanying the prince is William R. Stewart, former Young Men's Christian association secretary at Nanking and Tokio, who will have charge of the prince's itinerary during his stay in the United States.

According to Stewart, the prince speaks, reads and writes French and English fairly well, considering his short period of study of these languages in the Orient. He is particularly interested in mechanics, and while here he visited the Y. M. C. A. Engineering school, where he took an engine to pieces and replaced every part in record time.

Stewed Prunes and Coconuts Paris Bonnets Adorned With

London, July 3.—Rare and refreshing fruits, real and artificial, transparent and opaque, are the latest fancy in women's hat decoration.

Fruiterres, horticulturists, market gardeners, street-barrow men, however, would fail to recognize the strange growths which women are now flaunting on their heads here.

Paris is said to be the home of these unknown fruits. We have passed the stage of red currants and carrots. The designer is filling the shop windows with fruits that have never been known to grow except in fairy books and in the transformation scenes of the Christmas pantomime.

A woman passing along Bond street was seen to be wearing a red hat decorated with a hybrid cluster of stewed prunes and pomegranates. Another hat was trimmed with small red coconuts.

In the fashionable hat designers' salons there are new creations in glass and celluloid fruits resembling crystal preserves.

French Girls Are Urged To Get Husbands in U. S.

Paris, July 3.—Following out the idea of Prof. Paul Carnot of the Academy of Medicine, a group of French women have founded a magazine called Marriage, the object of which is to bring about the wedding of French girls to Americans.

A recent number advises French girls to go to the United States if they cannot find husbands in France. From experiments conducted by Prof. Carnot it is asserted that when international marriages fail it is generally the fault of the girls, who does not attempt to assimilate the customs of her husband's country.

Lincoln Recall Petitions Are Being Printed

Attempt Will Be Made Next Week to Oust Mayor and Councilman — Bryan Adherants Back Move.

Lincoln, July 3. — (Special Telegram.)—Petitions asking the recall of Mayor Frank C. Zehrung and Councilman John Wright are being printed and will be circulated next week, it was learned from authoritative sources. At the same time, it is said, a referendum vote will be asked on a proposal to issue bonds for a municipal ice plant, coal yard and public market.

The move is said to be fostered by followers of Charles W. Bryan, who was a candidate for mayor, but assigned to the street department by the city board. It is said that Bryan will lend his moral support to the election of the petition's candidates, former Mayor George A. Adams, and Otis W. Hahn, business man.

The recall agitation was started immediately after the new council was installed. The movement had apparently lain domant for several weeks and the announcement came as a surprise to the citizens of Lincoln. It was revealed that the opponents of the mayor had been quietly but actively at work all the time.

The petition will state that Mayor Zehrung is incompetent in that he departed from the majority wish as expressed by their votes when he accepted the nomination for mayor from the city commission.

Councilman Wright will be charged with violating the will of the voters by his opposition to municipal ownership of public utilities.

Women are employed as window cleaners in Berlin and are paid at the rate of $4 per week.

Grand Island Man Holds Record for Egg-Hatching

Grand Island, Neb., July 3.—(Special.)—Dr. Flippin is believed to hold the record in this part of the state for hatching chicks. He has set 58,000 eggs in his 5,000-egg capacity incubator during the past few months. All of these hatchings are of thoroughbred eggs. Of a shipment of 50 dozen eggs received from Vermont, all were hatched except 19.

The incubator is run entirely by electricity, with a 500-candle power light for heat, electric fans and other attachments. Dr. Flippin has hundreds of blue ribbons won in every state in which he has exhibited.