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Proper Development Necessary,
However, Is Advice of An
Expert Before Institute at Meeting

Reports that America's supply of oil is about to be exhausted were declared vastly exaggerated by Thomas A. O. O'Donnell, president of the American Petroleum institute, in his address to the fifth annual convention of that body recently at Fort Worth,

Properly developed, the oil supply of the United States will last for more than 100 years, Mr. O'Donnell said. Other estimates, notably that of Henry L. Doherty of the Cities Service company, placed the date of exhaustion only 12 years hence.

Overproduction Menace

The oil industry is menaced by overproduction, the president said. He advised against the seeking of additional laws designed to aid industry. "We have too many laws already," he said. He advocated, however, the launching of an educational campaign by the institute to acquaint the public with fundamental facts concerning the cil industry.

Conservation of oil supply and the improvement of marketing facilities are two of the outstanding matters to be considered at the annual convention.

Leaders of the industry, hundreds of whom are here for the sessions, frankly admit their concern over the tremendous waste of petroleum and its by-products.

Mr. Doherty said he favors a law which would place oil prospecting on the same basis as irrigation and reclamation projects are now handled by districts, counties or communities which would have authority to hold drilling of wells within reasonable bounds.

Considerable interest is being manifested here in the address made by Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, on "Helium Gas." While in Fort Worth, Admiral Moffet inspected the government helium plant, which at present is America's only source of supply of helium, used in floating the giant dirigibles, Shenandoah and Los Angeles.

TEACHERS MAY HAVE INCOME TAX TO PAY

New Ruling of Revenue Department May Affect Them and Water Employes

Many school teachers in Lake county anxiously are waiting for more definite word as to whether or not they will be obliged to pay a federal income tax on their salaries for the last six years. That such a course will be necessary is indicated as a result of investigations and decisions by the federal revenue department.

Employes of water works also are listed as those who must pay back income tax, according to a Waukegan paper.

Both teachers and city employes previously have been exempt from paying income taxes but a recent ruling of the internal revenue department places water department employes in the list of taxable persons.

Teachers see a possible loophole however as their salaries are taken from a special school tax and are not derived from business enterprise.

City employes previously have been exempt on the grounds that they are not participating in competitive business but a recent ruling places the water department on a competitive basis.

No definite action has been taken on the subject of teachers paying taxes but it is reported that complaints have been lodged by taxpayers, demanding satisfactory explanation why teachers should be exempt. This is said to have brought about the investigation.

Opening of private schools is said to have placed the public schools on a competitive basis and this, it is claimed, brings the teachers under the federal income law.

PALESTINE TO HAVE PROSPEROUS YEAR

Report of Near East Relief Is Optomistic; Officials Are Quoted

The year 1925 will be the most prosperous and happy in the history of Palestine, according to the governing officials in Jerusalem. Commercial prospects are excellent, the agricultural program of the country is advancing by leaps and bounds, and the tourist invasion will be larger and more imposing than ever before. The travel department of the Near East relief predicts more than 15,-000 American tourists during the first five months of the year, and of course the numbers of visitors from England, France and Italy will be even larger.

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"I read many books, swarms of them, galaxies of them, oodles of them. I am expected to read them, some because other people are reading them, some because I want to find out something in them, and some because I like them. The latter, however, are few. To come across a book that takes one by storm, holds him, fascinates him and gives him that rare intoxication that meets the in-most passion, is an event.

"Recently I went upon a long journey and spent many days upon the train and steamboat. Upon this journey I found a book. It was entitled 'Captain Blood,' by Rafael Sabatini. I read it first languidly, then interestedly, and at last I went at it as a drunkard consumes his liquor or a child devours sweets.

"I passed it on to the other members of my family. Each read it and each was consumed by the same flame that had consumed me.

"I do not hesitate to say that this is the best story I have read since 'The Count of Mont Cristo.'
"I do not judge of it as literature.
All I know of it is that it is good, swift, clean English. But it is not of its style that I would speak.

"It has something more than style, something rare, the rarest thing indeed I know of in writing. It has creative imagination.

"A magazine editor said to me once that he wished he could get hold of a good story every month, something in the best manner of Conan Doyle. I replied to him that his wishes were modest, and that he probably failed to realize that out of the billion or so poplation of the world there were probably not more than three or four individuals who could create a story, a really fresh, vivid, gripping story.

"In 'Captain Blood' Sabatini has proved that he is one of these few.

"It is a story of buccaneering days in the Spanish main, one of the most romantic and adventurous epochs of the world. And the reader is taken into the atmosphere of the time, and is made to realize all its vivid charm, yet skilfully kept from being nauseated by its brutality.

"The best thing about it is that it is an imposing tale, a wonderful yarn. The reader is not interested in its descriptions, in its literary values, in its English, in this or that; he is interested in Captain Blood, and before he gets through he is better acquainted with Captain Blood than he is with his neighbor who lives next door.

"Whether this is a recently published book or not, I have not taken the pains to inquire. All I know is that I have just read it and I count it one of the great books of the world.

"It took me out of myself. It opened a door through which I escaped from all the commonplace things of life. I am a thousand years old more or less, and it is very rare that one can tell me a story interesting enough to blot out all of my surroundings."

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