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NEW DEVICE WILL CONSERVE U. S. OIL

PETROLEUM MINE IS PLAN

New Process Being Tried Out In Texas Likely to Make Big Saving In Getting Product

Although American oil fields up to date have produced approximately 8,000,000,000 barrels of oil, engineers and geologists have estimated, it is stated, that 32,000,000,000 barrels of oil have been left under ground unrecoverable by present-day oil-well methods.

This being so, it remained for Leo Ranney, a graduate of Northwestern university, College of Liberal Arts, of 1922, and a student under Prof. U. S. Grant, head of the geology department of that institution, to invent a new process, now under test at Jacksboro, Texas, whereby virtually all of the unrecovered oil can be salvaged.

Extends Time Limit
Thus the bugbear of motorists, who have been warned time and again that our oil reserves in America will last from nine to fifteen years, will have been banished and, if the test is completely successful, as now seems likely, the oil famine will be postponed for probably half a century.

The Ranney process is said to be not strictly an oil mine but "a combination of the mine and well system." It is announced that a half interest in the patents has been purchased and its development undertaken by the Standard Development company, subsidiary of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and that independent of this, another firm of large resources has been licensed and will install the process the coming summer.

First "Oil Mine"
At the Jacksboro, Texas, works, a short distance west of Fort Worth, "the only oil mine in the two Americas" has been established under Mr. Ranney's supervision. Pumps and the use of the vacuum and compressed air, or of heat, to increase the drainage are resorted to and valves in pipelines running in various directions in underground tunnels are turned off when the oil is drained and salt water begins to flow. The first and greatest cost of installing the new process, Prof. Grant is informed, is the construction of a mine shaft from the ground to the level of the oil-sand which is to be drained. This expense runs from \$20 to \$50 a foot. Next comes the connecting tunnels, costing from \$6 to \$10 a foot, but one shaft will serve as the central drainage plant of two sections of land. However, the Ranney process admittedly is ordinarily beyond the pocket-book of the average oil man but in case of the huge companies with almost unlimited resources, Mr. Ranney's discovery is considered by many engineers and geologists to be worthy of adoption.

Cost of Process
In The Oil Trade of February, John W. Naylor, a special writer and investigator, says the lifting cost of the oil by the Ranney process will be from 2 to 25 cents a barrel. Mr. Naylor declares also that the Ranney plan is entirely different from other systems and inventions tried out many times only to score a failure. Once the initial cost of sinking the "oil mine" shaft has been disposed of, Mr. Naylor states that, with production started, the whole system "is under absolute control" and that only "a couple of pumps and pipe-men and watchmen are necessary to maintain production."

AUTOMOTIVE BODY AGAINST GAS TASK

The gasoline tax, the automobile driver's license and compulsory liability insurance for all automobile owners are proposed laws now pending before the legislature that were condemned in resolutions passed at the recent convention of the Illinois Automotive Trade association, held at Urbana, recently. Headquarters of the association are in Peoria.

Senator Henry M. Dunlap of Champaign, addressed the convention on the State Police Bill, introduced by himself, following which the delegates adopted a resolution strongly commending this measure and advocating its passage.

Officials elected for 1925 were: President, H. A. Amerman, Urbana; 1st Vice-President, W. E. Butler, Chicago; 2nd Vice-President, F. A. Sperry, Bushnell; 3rd Vice-President, J. S. Goebel, Mendota; 4th Vice-President, H. D. Rue, Bloomington; Treasurer, W. W. Ingram, Peoria; Secretary-Manager, C. W. Coons, Peoria.

Automobile and accessory men from all parts of the state were in attendance. The key note of the convention was "Reduce the Tax Burden of the Motorist," and each of the three proposed laws condemned were stated to have license fees or other added costs of operation of motor vehicles in their provisions. It was estimated that the driver's license law alone would mulct motorists of from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 annually, as no person—man or woman—could drive until examined and a fee paid. The proposed gasoline tax, it was estimated, would mean from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year from the pockets of the owner.

The next annual convention of the association will be held in Springfield.

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AFFECTS WORLD AFFAIRS

Gateway to East May Yet Be Scene of Conflict Between East and West Says Cadman

World affairs are gravitating toward Constantinople, where Bolshevik Russia and Moslem Turkey, "militant scornful and contemptuous," are awaiting an opportunity to attack Western civilization, declares Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, president of the Federal Council of churches, in the forthcoming issue of the New Near East, a monthly review published by Near East Relief.

Summing up his impressions of Constantinople and the international situation in the Near East, Dr. Cadman says:

Gateway to East
"Geographically Constantinople is the gateway of southern Europe to the vast and immemorial east. Its natural pre-eminence surpasses that of any Mediterranean port. Had its fortunes favored development it might easily have become the chief center of modern humanity."
"But Constantinople's unrivaled situation has made it the lasting bone of contention in international politics. Russia's ambitions to be suzerain of Slav nations and heiress of Constantinople are always stirring within her. The Balkan imbroglio is complicated by countless cross-currents of passion and prejudice. The diplomatic bickerings of French and British, prompted by commercial greed, were responsible for the re-entry of the Turk into Europe. The Great Powers are always eyeing one another so suspiciously that he must be a confirmed optimist who maintains that the last shot has been fired over this great city."

Speaks Strange Language
"Abdul Hamid has gone to his own place. The Caliphate has been decreed defunct. The Turk puts on other manners and speaks, for him, a new and strange language of justice and tolerance. Those who allowed him to wreck his vengeance on the helpless cannot gainsay him. We have to exercise his grace of patience and await his will."
"But patience may cease to be a virtue. While Christians haggle over essentials, the followers of Mecca, are missionizing Africa. At any moment we may be called to help in directing America's course in world affairs at Constantinople, where Bolshevik Russia, Moslem Turkey, African and Asiatic tribes, and the white man are likely to assemble for momentous ends."

"I call Constantinople the city of contentions as a feeble hint of the woe which penalizes needless wars and those who wage them. When will the lurid light it casts upon the past be heeded? When will men responsible for the guidance of nations learn the lesson which not only this but all the bygone cities of the Aegean seas impart?"

"For three thousand years the learning, the arts, the architecture, the classic legends and the verities of a proud race flourished among them. Today Constantinople is left alone, solitary, shabby under her gorgeous appearance, at the mercy of the attenuated Turkish power."
"Some observers of the reformed Turk bid us believe better things of him. To be sure, nominally Christian states have nothing to boast of in their dealings with him. They have exploited his massacres of their fellow-Christians for national aggrandizement. His diabolic conduct toward the Armenians has been condoned or passed over in order that selfish measures may prevail. Deportations of such a size as to forbid description have been made, and the sorrows attending them are known only to God."

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