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# PRESIDENT DIES OF PNEUMONIA

# EXTRA

## CALVIN COOLIDGE NEXT PRESIDENT

(Special to the Herald)

San Francisco, 7:30. p. m., Aug. 2—President Warren G. Harding is dead.

The President lost his fight against pneumonia at 7:30 tonight. An official announcement was made by physicians stating the mere fact of the chief executive's death.

The President was taken with ptomaine poisoning ten days ago. Pneumonia developed. Bulletins this morning said he was improved.

Calvin Coolidge, former governor of Massachusetts becomes president.

### PETERSON-BARKER PLAN TO CEMENT OFF AT 3881 FEET

Interest in the Peterson-Barker well was intense this week when several residents of Torrance asserted they saw oil spout up eight feet last Sunday.

Officials of the syndicate this week denied to The Herald the truth of this statement. They asserted, however, that the drill is down 3881 feet; that an 8 1/2-inch casing is stuck at that level; that the oil which has been seen circulating is in reality oil that has been used

in an effort to loosen the casing. R. W. Edens said that the well would be cemented at 3881 feet at the top of a "brown shale formation."

"We will cement off," he said, "because it is inadvisable to carry the water string down any farther."

Enthusiastic reports of the showing of the well persisted all week. The most persistent is that which insists that heavy gas pressure was encountered Sunday.

## LARGE LAND COMPANY CHIEF QUITS

Resignation Is Accepted Thursday by Directors

M. E. Osburn, president and general manager of the Dominguez Land corporation, resigned as head of the company Thursday afternoon.

The resignation was presented Thursday and accepted.

Mr. Osburn was president of the corporation for two years.

No statement was made by of-

### TELLS GADEKY HE WILL BE ON HAND SURE

C. C. Julian will be in Torrance for the Forum meeting Monday night. This is in accordance with his acceptance of the invitation extended him by the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He reassured Harry L. Gadeky this week that he would be present.

The famous oil producer and refinery promoter was delighted to receive the invitation and grinner all over with pleasure when Harry Gadeky told him that "Torrance is standing behind you 100 per cent."

Julian will speak at the meeting although, as he says himself, he is "no speechmaker but a good talker."

A dinner will precede the meeting. Business men and members of the Chamber of Commerce at this dinner will formally welcome Julian as the head of a new Torrance industry.

Financing of Julian's \$5,000,000 refinery is going forward with unabated success, and was spurred this week when the state granted him permission to sell stock. The promoter's office still takes in between \$50,000 and \$75,000 a day. In the first two weeks a million and a half was received by Julian and his associates.

In the meantime a corps of draftsmen and engineers are hurrying plans for the first unit of the Julian refinery, which will be constructed on the 231 acres which Julian purchased from the Dominguez Land corporation.

### BLDG. PERMITS FOR JULY ARE OVER \$100,000

Mounting well above the million-dollar mark, Torrance building permits for 1923 were increased during July by \$106,875.

The total for the first seven months of the year is \$1,158,330—a new high record for Torrance and one that many cities much larger would be proud to boast.

It is interesting to note that the permits for July in Redondo were only about \$50,000, less than half the Torrance total.

Permits for the past week included the following: J. W. Schmidt for storage and warehouse on lot 17, block 1, to cost \$3,300; W. T. Barton, contractor, F. D. Murray for frame and stucco dwelling at 2075 and 2077 Redondo boulevard to cost \$4,000; Brewer Construction company, contractor, P. H. Hall for three-room bungalow at 1816 Gramercy, to cost \$560. Mrs. Chase for four-room dwelling rear of 2118 Carson street, to cost \$2,000; G. Mowry, contractor.

Twenty-three permits were issued in July.

Permits for the year will reach close to \$2,000,000, it is expected.

### Midway Northern Makes 1400 Bbls. In Pinched Flow

Producing more oil than any well in the entire field, the Midway Northern well on the old Redondo road was brought in late last Thursday and has been turning out an average of 1400 barrels into the tank every day since. The well is beamed down as far as possible.

Development between Lomita and Torrance, and in Lomita, stimulated to a fever pitch by the Midway Northern producer, increased rather than abated this week.

Each day has seen one or more new derricks mounting upward. Wednesday night eight new derricks in the immediate vicinity of the Midway Northern and Chanslor Canfield Torrance No. 8 were silhouetted against the sky.

#### Boilers Arrive

Boilers are arriving and rigs going up in a rush of construction that is unprecedented in the Torrance field.

The Chanslor Canfield company this week took out building permits for the erection of four derricks on the old Redondo road. Two of these derricks are already up, and foundations are going down for the others.

The next two weeks will see at least eight wells spudded in, with more to follow as rapidly as workmen can build derricks and rig up.

#### First in Lomita

The Fortuna Oil company will be the first to sink the drill in Lomita soil. The company's well on Acacia street is rigging up and will be spudded in within eight days. Through a misunderstanding it was

announced last week that this well was a Peterson-Barker well. In reality it belongs to the Fortuna Oil company, of which R. W. Edens is president. Mr. Edens is also interested in the Peterson-Barker syndicate, but there is no other connection between the two concerns.

#### Eight Are Up

Along the old Redondo road the following companies have derricks completed, or nearly so: Petroleum Midway company, 2; C. C. M. O., 2; Getty, Petroleum Securities company (Doheny), Selby-Root, Superior Oil company, 1 each. This makes a total of eight derricks already up.

Four more will go up immediately—two for the C. C. M. O. and one each for the Sentinel Oil company and the Midway Northern. This will make twelve drilling wells for the vicinity in the near future.

### STANDARD SPUDS IN FIRST WELL IN EASTERN SECTION OF FIELD, WEST OF MAIN ST.

Standard spudded in Dominguez No. 1 Thursday and was down several hundred feet Thursday afternoon. This well is located southeast of Torrance and is regarded as highly important. A producer in this area would prove up a vast territory and add considerable to the knowledge of the structure of the entire field.

South of the Dominguez No. 1 the Sentinel Oil company's derrick is up and equipment on the job. This

well will be spudded in within two weeks.

With the Standard and Sentinel drilling in this new territory, the Shell company is preparing to rig up a little farther east in the Key stone district, but west of Harbor boulevard. These three wells will be watched closely by the entire oil industry.

Keystone No. 1 is drilling again around 1300 feet. Considerable gas is being encountered, it is asserted.

The first extended vacation in the life of Mrs. Bertha Spencer, who is here from Ohio, has been tinged with grief at the death of her sister, Mrs. Fred Burkhart, who passed away last Thursday.

For years it had been the desire of Mrs. Burkhart to entertain her sister in California. Mrs. Spencer never had been outside of Ohio. Not long ago Mrs. Burkhart was delighted to learn that her sister would come to visit her in July and August.

But the happy reunion was not

to be. While Mrs. Spencer was on the train between Ohio and California Mrs. Burkhart passed away. Mrs. Burkhart died Thursday, and Mrs. Spencer arrived Saturday.

Mr. Burkhart, remembering the plans his wife had made for the entertainment of her sister, has concluded that it would please Mrs. Burkhart to know that these plans are being carried out. So he feels that in showing Mrs. Spencer the wonders of California he is doing what his wife would have wanted him to do.