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Sees No Gasoline Shortage

Expert Flouts Famine Talk

THE fuel supply for automobiles is not in danger, according to Percy E. Barbour of New York, who, in the official journal of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, asserts "statistics are leading people astray in their estimation of the oil industry."

"Too much weight is being given to the number of automobiles and their anticipated gasoline consumption, and too little consideration is given to the improvement in extraction which greatly increases the gasoline yield from crude," he continues.

"Current comment is to the effect that the oil industry, which is now in an era of falling prices, must look for improvement to increased gasoline consumption, and unusual attention is being given to motor car registration.

Heavy Gain in Cars Used

"Figures obtained by a prominent oil journal from the various states for the first four months of the year, the heaviest period of registration, show that between January 1 and May 1, 1924, a total of 13,513,335 cars and trucks were registered, against 10,818,132 in the same period last year. The average gain of all the states, compared with last year, was 24.9 per cent.

"The total estimated registration for 1924 will be over 19,000,000 cars, against 9,250,000 in 1920 and a little over 1,000,000 in 1912.

Cash Supply Only Limit

"Probably the majority of people who own cars can not afford them. This, however, is no direct concern of the petroleum producing companies, so long as they can market their gasoline for cash.

"The backwardness of the season in the northern and northeastern sections of the country thus far this year has greatly reduced the sale of automobiles, as well as consumption of gasoline. Like any other hours of fleeting time, those hours which have not already been spent in automobiling this year can never be spent again, and even considering the mania which most motorists have, it is doubtful whether they can make up during the balance of the year for the gasoline consumption which they have saved thus far.

"In the meantime, according to current figures given out by the bureau of mines, the petroleum refineries of the United States in the month of April established a new record for production when the output mounted to 754,773,223 gallons. This figure surpasses by more than 11,000,000 gallons the high record production mark made in March, which had in turn passed by 48,000,000 gallons the previous high record set in January.

Plenty in Reserve

"However accurate these figures may be, the important fundamental consideration is overlooked, and prognostications thus made do not work out.

"Gasoline consumption has increased rapidly in the last decade, and may be expected to continue to increase for some time to come, but that there has been a gasoline shortage at any time, except during the war period, is to be gravely doubted. The gasoline stocks on hand on May 1 were 9,800,000 barrels, the largest in the history of the industry, but at the current rate of consumption that was only 105 days' supply, which is, to a day, the supply on hand last year at that date."

New Deputy Chief of Staff

Gen. Dennis Nolan Promoted

THE recent army shift caused by the retirement of General Pershing and the naming of Maj. Gen. John L. Hines as new chief of staff, brings Brig. Gen. Dennis Edward Nolan into the news. He was named deputy chief of staff next in command under the new chief.

Dennis Edward Nolan was born in Akron, N. Y., April 22, 1872. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1896, and was married to Julia Grant Sharp of Duluth, Minn., in 1901. He served as an officer through the Spanish-American war, participating in the battle of El Caney, was aide de camp to Brig. Gen. Chambers McKibben at Santiago, Cuba, and at Montauk Point, N. Y. He was recommended for brevets of first lieutenant and captain, U. S. A., for services in the Spanish-American war.

Nolan did duty in the Philippines in 1901-02 and 1906-11, and in Alaska 1910-13. He arrived in France on July 9, 1917, and was with the general staff corps of the A. E. F. from 1917 to 1919, and chief of the intelligence service, A. E. F., until demobilization. He commanded the 55th brigade, 28th division, in the Argonne-Meuse offensive. He was given the D. S. M. in 1918 "for organizing and administering the intelligence service," and the D. S. C. "for conduct in action" at Apremont; also the Croix de Guerre with palm from the French.

On March 6, 1921, he was made brigadier general of the regular army.

The corporation's claim agent went to see a man who claimed damages. "I don't see what claim you have for this accident," said the agent. "You were thrown out of the car, but by your own statement you were not hurt."

"Well, wasn't it by the merest accident that I escaped injury?" returned the claimant.

A Devil Breathing Sugar

Have You Courage to Talk?

By CLARK KINNARD

ONE of the popular conceptions of George Bernard Shaw is that he is a sort of mythical devil, breathing fire. Yet it is Shaw who says:

"Live in contact with dreams, you will get something of their charm; live in contact with facts, and you will get something of their brutality.

"I wish I could find a country where the facts were not brutal, and the dreams not unreal."

However, Shaw contends that romance is always a product of ennui, an attempt to escape from a condition in which real life appears empty, prosaic, and boring—therefore essentially a gentlemanly product.

It is not death that matters, he opines, but the fear of death.

"It is not killing and dying that degrade us, but base living, and accepting the wages and profits of degradation."

"Better ten dead men than one live slave or his master."

"Mens sana in corpore sano" is a foolish saying, Shaw believes. The sound body is a product of the sound mind, he says.

Some more Shavianisms: People always exaggerate the value of the things they haven't got. The man with toothache thinks he will be happy when he is out of pain.

A man's mouth may be shut and his mind closed much more effectually by his knowing all about a subject than by his knowing nothing about it.

The English do not know what to think until they have been coached laboriously and insistently for years in the proper and becoming opinion.

Hell is the home of the unreal and of the seekers after happiness. It is the only refuge from heaven, which is the home of the masters of reality, and from earth, which is the home of the slaves of reality.

THOMAS HUXLEY, thinking seriously about what life had to offer that was worth having, came to the conclusion that the chief good, for him, was freedom to learn, think, and say what he pleased when he pleased.

Here are some of the things he learned, thought about, and said when he pleased:

There are three great products of our time. . . One of these is that doctrine concerning the constitution of matter which, for want of a better name, I will call "molecular"; the second is the doctrine of the conservation of energy; the third is the doctrine of evolution.

The doctrine that all men are, in any sense, or have been, at any time, free and equal, is an utterly baseless fiction.

History warns us that it is the customary fate of new truth to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions.

Next to being right in this world, the best of all things is to be clearly and definitely wrong, because you will come out somewhere.

There are men who are counted great because they represent the actuality of their own age, and mirror it as it is. Such a one was Voltaire, of whom it was epigrammatically said "he expressed everybody's thoughts better than anybody." But there are other men who attain greatness because they embody the potentiality of their own day, and magically reflect the future. Such a one was Descartes.

"Learn what is true, in order to do what is right," is the summing up of the whole duty of man, for all who are unable to satisfy their mental hunger with the east wind of authority.

Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth.

The higher the state of civilization, the more completely do the actions of one member of the social body influence all the rest and the less possible it is for any one man to do a wrong thing without interfering more or less with the freedom of all his fellow-citizens.

Our New Envoy to Japan

Iowan Gets High Office

THE newly appointed United States ambassador to Japan, James Rockwell Sheffield, has been active in Republican circles, principally in New York, for many years, but has never been in the public eye politically.

He served one term in the New York state assembly, being elected in 1893. He was one of the leaders in a reform movement in Albany at that time. He declined a renomination, and has not since held elective office, his work in politics being either as a member or chairman of various party committees.

Mr. Sheffield was born in Dubuque, Ia., in 1864. He attended Yale and the Harvard Law School. He married Miss Edith Tod in Cleveland in 1892. He has one son, Frederick, who was graduated from Yale this year. He is a member of the law firm of Betts, Sheffield, Bentley & Betts. He is generally regarded as a man of exceptional ability in financial matters.

The interest of Mr. Sheffield in politics dates almost from his graduation, for he was hardly out of Yale before he became the private secretary of Senator William N. Allison of Iowa. He remained with the senator but a short time, however, then coming to New York to take up the practice of law.

Mr. Sheffield was offered the presidency of the state gas and electricity commission by Governor Higgins, but declined the appointment. He is a close friend of Secretary of State Hughes, the friendship dating back to the time when Mr. Hughes was governor of New York.

One of his outstanding accomplishments outside of politics or the law was the winding up of the affairs of the Interborough Consolidated Corporation, New York city, of which he was appointed receiver. That company was a holding corporation for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the surface lines before the properties were separated through the receivership of the surface car lines.

He is a member of the Bar Association and of several clubs. He has been active for many years in an unofficial capacity in connection with the New York fire department, and from 1895 to 1898 was president of the board of fire commissioners. He succeeds Charles Beecher Warren as ambassador.

Turban Effects, Square Crowns, Fall Favorites



By MME. LISBETH

Whatever the milliners say about the large hat becoming more popular, the shops are full of the small, close-fitting shapes. High crowns also prevail and the prospect looks rather dreary for the woman who demands just the right kind of hat for her type, unless she can afford to pay a big price for special services.

The three hats illustrated show the general trend. The one at the top of the picture, of course, is the newest and smartest for the woman who can stand the high, square crown and severe upturned brim. It is made of black pressed plush, with an odd little ornament and tailored bow at the left side for trimming.

The other two are reminiscent of oriental turbans, as the trimming is wound about the crown in both instances. The center one is of satin and velvet and has a rhinestone buckle in front. The last is grey felt with a silk ribbon scarf of the same color draped about it.

There are many new and fanciful accessories that will interest the younger women more especially. For instance, handkerchiefs continue gay and colorful and are fashioned of fine linen and silk. The jaunty little walking sticks are finished with glossy enamel, are brightly colored, and many of them have tops of animal heads. Amber and flagree tops are also favored.

The smooth bobbed head has largely replaced the curls of yore, and is bound with various bandeaus, a wreath of leaves being the very latest. A very new pair of shoes with tongues has a looped grosgrain ribbon in place of the buckle, and chiffon voile stockings are smart with a hand-drawn openwork clock.

BINGO!

A prominent speaker was lecturing before members of a literary society. At the end of his address the secretary approached him with a check. This the lecturer politely refused, saying that it might be devoted to some charitable purpose.

"Would you mind," asked the secretary, "if we add it to our special fund?"

"Not at all," said the speaker. "What is the special fund for?"

"To enable us to get better lecturers next year," was the reply.

HE DEVELOPED IT

A young author remarked to a friend "I wish I had some way of developing my imagination."

"If once had an acquaintance that developed the most wonderful imagination I ever have seen," answered his friend.

With eager expectation the young author asked:

"What did he do? What did he get?"

The answer came sadly: "He got the delirium tremens."

Aftermath of Campaign Will Vouch For Rewards

THE DIE IS CAST—THE BOOK IS WRITTEN, IT CAN BE READ NOW OR BY THE FUTURE. THIRTEEN MONTHS OF INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGNING FOR A BIGGER COMMUNITY AND BETTER TIMES AND TO INCULCATE IN THE LOCAL PEOPLE THE URGENCY OF BUYING IN TORRANCE HAS BROUGHT MANY CHANGES FOR THE BETTER. ABOUT FORTY GOOD CITIZEN IN CIVIC BETTERMENT. MORE HOME BUYING IS GOING ON, MORE PROSPERITY IS EVIDENT, THE COMMUNITY IS GROWING AND ADVANCING; BOOING IS AN EPHEMERIC; THE POPULATION APPRECIATES THE MERCHANDISING ASSETS OF TORRANCE. THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY CARTOONIST THANKS THOSE WHO HAVE SO NOBLY HELPED HIM TO BRING ABOUT THIS ACHIEVEMENT. ADIOS.

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E. N. Tomkins, Painter By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

ALWAYS IN THE PAINT



Torrance can claim a painting contractor who has for years been engaged in every phase of his trade. Mr. E. N. Tomkins is the highly experienced man who is dressing up the new homes, and the new business blocks in this city. A more worthy man could not be found anywhere.

Mr. Tomkins has devoted his entire life to the painting trade. He was still a boy when he first went up the ladder with brush in hand. The years went on and he made it his business to know the same from the bottom up—beginning at the first rung in the ladder and on up to perfection. His early training was rigid and thorough, in those days, especially in his native London, there was no royal road to perfection in workmanship. Things were done only in a most complete and efficient manner. These are the same principles that have continued in all work that has since been performed by the able Mr. Tomkins.

Tomkins was reared in the very center of the great city of London. He came to America thirty-six years ago. Young and full of the adventure that falls to every true son of Britain, this intrepid man shipped before the mast from San Francisco in the old whaling vessel William Balus. The brush had been put aside to satisfy the whims of youth. Tomkins went far into the Arctic on that voyage, to Point Barrow, the most northern city on the Western Hemisphere. Shipping as a sailor, he returned as chief engineer. And then he took up his life's work—with the brush.

Mr. Tomkins has lived here six years. His services have been prominent in much of the city's upbuilding. No man performs a better paint job. One contractor told me that "I would rather pay Tomkins more for the work because he does it right and uses paint—real paint."

Tomkins is regarded as an unusually expert finisher.

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