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Torrance Machinery In Big Demand For Export

LOS ANGELES.—Slowly but surely modern American oil well drilling methods are supplanting the antiquated forms which for many years have been in use in the various foreign fields, says W. J. Wigney, London manager of the National Supply corporation, which is the export organization of the Union Tool company and the National Supply company.

Although the business has only been established in Europe for two years, Mr. Wigney has succeeded in introducing the Union Tool "Ideal" equipment in practically every foreign oil field, including India, Persia, Russia, Poland, Roumania, Africa, Venezuela, etc.

"Californians hardly realize the importance which this state has attained in the foreign oil fields," said Mr. Wigney. "California is the focal point for any foreign discussion of drilling methods, and naturally the Southern

California fields are the ones given the greatest consideration.

"It is here that supremacy in drilling methods has been reached and it is here that experimental work has been most actively carried on, looking to efficiency, speed and economy of operation.

"Ideal" Equipment Used Everywhere "Incidentally," he added smilingly, "Union Tool company 'Ideal' equipment in what is in use everywhere in California and that representation has made a big impression upon the foreign buyers of equipment. In the matter of selling it has eliminated the necessity for educating foreign buyers to the practicability of the equipment."

Mr. Wigney is a native-born Englishman, and while frankly discussing the efforts which are being made by England to secure vast oil resources, he scoffs at the idea that has been advanced, that in the future there may be danger of trouble with America over this question.

"For years America has led the world in oil production, and probably will lead for more years," he said. "However, the oil supply in the United States is not inexhaustible, neither is it in any other country. Quite naturally the American supply must diminish in time, and equally naturally the English probable future supply is advancing, due to the intensive exploration work which is being carried on. The American government does not seem to encourage the oil industry. The foreign govern-

ments do. There it is looked upon as a national question; here it is a competitive matter between various privately owned concerns.

"At the University of Birmingham there has been inaugurated a course in petroleum study. It is of an eminently practical nature, the teachers are practical men and they teach their classes in the actual use of equipment as well as in theory. A part of the equipment of the university is the 'Ideal' outfit of the Union Tool company. This, too, has greatly aided us in the introduction of our product, as the students of the university upon graduation from the course are already thoroughly familiar with it.

Making General Tour of Fields

"Gradually, however, the foreign field is learning to use American methods. It is quite an effort to convert them at times. The matter of labor, that is cost of labor, is not such a vital thing there as it is here. Naturally when you curtail the amount of labor to be used—meaning both number of men and hours consumed—you are going to have opposition from those already on the job. But the executives of the foreign corporations are grasping the idea—many of them have actually sent representatives to America and to California to make individual investigations—and it will not be a great while until the American equipment will dominate in drilling."

Mr. Wigney is making a general tour of the National Supply branches

in the United States and will not return to England for some weeks, but when he does he will have visited every one of the present fields in the United States and have familiarized himself with the working conditions and latest developments in methods used here.

Backwards Party For Woman's Club

On April 26 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a "backwards" party at the home of Mrs. Hurum Reeve on Post avenue. Members of the Woman's club, their husbands and friends, are invited. They will be admitted at the back door and are requested to wear their clothes backward. A prize will be given for the most ludicrous costume. Reservations are to be made by calling Mrs. Reeve, 48-J, or Mrs. Nettie Steinbiber, 44-W.

Miss Lucile Howe of Amapola avenue was entertained at dinner Monday by Miss Green of Los Angeles.

Mrs. F. H. Beckwith of Gardena was a recent guest of Mrs. Letha Miller.

Mrs. J. A. Young of Susana street was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller of Sonoma street.

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