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## The Motor Fuel of the Future

Coal and alcohol will be the sources of the nation's future supplies of motor fuel, it was predicted in addresses at an interstate symposium of the American Chemical Society held in New York recently. Dr. A. C. Fieldner, chief chemist of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, asserted that America must turn to coal when gasoline stocks begin to vanish. "For the United States, coal is the logical source of liquid fuel substitute for petroleum gasoline," Dr. Fieldner said. We read further in a press bulletin issued by the society:

"Dr. Milton C. Whitaker, of New York, president of the U.S. Industrial Alcohol Company, declared that the superiority of alcohol gasoline fuels is now safely established by actual experience."

"In the United States, Dr. Whitaker said, a struggle is going on between industrial needs and the beverage-taxing habit. He attacked what he called an attempt by prohibitionists to shift the costs of law enforcement to the new alcohol industries, saying:

"While our Government has been liberal, as governments go, in the extension of the tax-exemption to industrial alcohol, it must be said that the right of tax relief has been granted gradually, and the manufacture and use of industrial alcohol has been hampered by many expensive restrictions."

"These restrictions have been recently increased by the advent of a great social experiment known as Prohibition. A substantial proportion of the cost of Prohibition is already be-

ing loaded on to the alcohol producing and using industries—and the proponents of this social reform are insisting that they be permitted to load it more—and this at the very time when both the industries using alcohol and the economies of the fuel problem demand that that commodity be cheaper."

"The future of alcohol motor fuels is largely an economic problem, Dr. Whitaker said. 'It involves,' he added, 'the relations between cost of alcohol and the cost of gasoline. The cost of alcohol is necessarily linked with the question of cost and available supply of raw materials.'

"As gasoline becomes scarce, an economic balance is bound to be established between the price of gasoline, the price of alcohol and the price and the resultant supply of raw materials. As this economic balance is approached, alcohol will doubtless be used in the making of motor fuels."

"The ratio of alcohol production to gasoline production, Dr. Whitaker said, was 1 to 125, the total production of alcohol last year being 71,000,000 gallons, and that of gasoline 8,960,000,000 gallons."

"Practically all the alcohol produced, he said, was required to meet industrial needs, about 147,000 gallons being left for motor fuel. 'The demand of the industries and for motor anti-freeze,' he continued, 'will naturally assert itself against any use of alcohol for motor fuels.'

"In consideration of alcohol for motor fuels, the industrial needs for alcohol must come first. It seems clear, therefore, that alcohol for motor fuel must be limited to the surplus over and above that required to meet the industrial demands."

"Dr. Fieldner said that there seems to be no doubt that most of the coun-

try's great mass of unmined coal, constituting over sixty per cent. of the world's reserve, will still be in the ground when all the petroleum available by drilling and pumping methods becomes exhausted."

"This mass, existing within 3,600 feet of the surface, aggregated, he said, thirty figures of the U.S. Geological Survey, three, and one-half billion short tons. If this coal were all in one solid cube, it would measure eighteen miles long, eighteen miles wide and eighteen miles high."

"It is recognized," Dr. Fieldner went on, "that shale oil and alcohol from vegetable matter will contribute considerable quantities of fuel, but they can not carry the bulk of the load if we are to continue using anything like the amount of gasoline consumed to-day."

"The average oil shale yields little if any greater quantity of distillate per ton than may be obtained by the low-temperature distillation of bituminous coal, and coal has the big economic advantage of being mined near the centers of the population and in furnishing a residue that can be sold as a relatively high-priced smokeless domestic fuel."

"Most of our shale is found in the sparsely populated Western States, and the residue is worthless. The amount of alcohol that can be obtained from the fermentation industries is also limited."

"The diversion of any considerable acreage to growing vegetables or grain for motor fuel would cut too deeply into our food supply to be tolerated."

"The gradual failure of the yearly output of petroleum gasoline to meet the increasing needs of the automotive industries, with the consequent rise in prices of motor fuel, should stimulate the carbonization of coal by both high and low temperature processes."

"The automobile may yet help to bring about, to no small degree, that desired millennium when the atmosphere of Pittsburgh will be as free from smoke as when George Washington first beheld the beautiful valley of the Monongahela River."

"This ultimate aim can be accomplished by processing all coal, except perhaps inferior grades, by carbonization processes yielding gaseous, liquid and smokeless solid fuel."

"Dr. Fieldner said that the time for motor-fuel research is here. We may need some gasoline substitutes in five years, and it may be twenty-five years, he said, pointing out that both France and Germany have established motor-fuel laboratories."

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"No trade union leader in any country has wielded so much power for so long a period as Samuel Gompers."

"He was president (except in the year 1895) of the American Federation of Labour from its formal creation in 1886, out of an older body, to his death, which occurred during the Pan-American Labour Congress, held in Mexico City at the end of 1924. His ascendancy in the Federation—the only large, stable, and lasting organization of the kind in America—had so increased with time, and the Federation had so increased in power, that he became a sort of sovereign invested, with a peculiar dignity and authority. It was a tribute to his length of service and his personality. He was a trade unionist of the old type."

"The family, which belonged to a Dutch branch of an old Austrian Jewish stock, had emigrated from Spitalfields to New York in 1863, when Samuel was only 12 years old and too young to know much about trade unionism. His views were gradually developed in the atmosphere of New York by working experiences, surrounding conditions, actual struggles, the influence of older men—for the most part neither English nor American—and, above all, by reflection. He tells the story in great detail."

"He had been apprenticed by choice to his father's trade of cigar-making—after a brief trial of shoe-making—when only ten years old, and he went on with it in New York. There were already cigar-makers' unions there, and he joined one as a matter of course, but he had then no conscious appreciation of the labour movement. When only 16, however, and in his first situation as a journeyman, he was chosen by the older men to present their grievances and demands to the employer. This shows that there must have been even then something exceptional about the lad, and to the employer's boss. He began with ridicule and intimidation, and then tried bribery—but the boy was not to be moved. I stick by the

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