

IMMENSE VALUE OF BAKU OIL FIELDS

Suffer Stagnation Under Soviet Rule and Pumps are Idle.

Baku, Azerbaijan, Oct. 27.—No part of Russia seems to possess more attractive fields for the American capitalist and business man than the great Baku oil fields on the Caspian Sea. If properly developed these wells are capable of producing sufficient gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oil, vaseline and by-products to keep the entire world supplied, it is said. But in their present state the fields present a melancholy picture. Only a small percentage of them are in actual operation. The great wooden derricks and the pumps, compressors and drills on the remaining wells are fast falling into decay. It is as if a great storm had suddenly visited a primeval forest, stripping the trees of their limbs and roots, and leaving ruin and desolation in its wake. At a distance the idle, decaying derricks, which cover an area of 60,000 acres, resemble a vast cemetery of conical tombstones. Scarcely a wisp of smoke issues from the blackened wells or the neighboring refineries to give the sombre picture any form of animation. Only here and there does one see a workman. The interminable rows of small wooden houses which in Czarist days housed the tens of thousands of employes, have degenerated into wretched hovels, for the most part deserted and ruined. The roads leading from the city are in a deplorable state, and it is a positive punishment to traverse them even in a cushioned automobile.

Due to Soviet Rule.

This stagnation is due to Soviet Russia's lack of capital, modern machinery and technical skill to develop the oil fields, which were taken over by the state soon after the 1918 revolution. "We have not the means nor the necessary equipment to work these fields properly," said an Azerbaijan Soviet official frankly to the correspondent, "and we are anxious to have American capital and American engineering skill."

When asked upon what terms American oil promoters would be admitted to Baku, the Soviet official referred the correspondent to Moscow. It is obvious from this that no concessions or privileges in the oil fields can be granted by the Azerbaijan government without the consent of the central government at Moscow.

According to the Moscow government, the Baku fields are now producing only slightly less than the output of pre-war days. But a visit to the fields to confirm such rosy reports is only at the refinery of the Nobel brothers, now nationalized by the Soviet as Russian state property, was there anything like normal activity. Here the monthly production of oil and its by-products was said to be sufficient to take care of all of Russia's needs and to provide a considerable quantity for export abroad.

K. OF C. TO OBSERVE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The twentieth anniversary of the organization of St. John Council Knights of Columbus, will be observed on Nov. 20. In the morning there will be a memorial requiem high mass for the repose of the souls of departed members and in the evening a banquet will be held. Arthur Owens was appointed general chairman and James J. Sugrue chairman of the programme committee.

Despite the fact that herring abound in the North Pacific waters, smoked herring are imported to that region from Scandinavian countries.

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Gabriel A. Cusson is the winner of the Province of Quebec Scholarship for Music, known as the "Paris Prize," which entitles him to three years' study in Paris. The award of the scholarship to Cusson was not considered extraordinary by those who know his command of the piano. But it is remarkable that one who has been blind since birth should have qualified for the distinction. Cusson travelled alone under the care of the Canadian Pacific officials. He has taken residence with the Institute National for the Blind, where he will stay during his studies in Paris.

65 YEARS OLD PHYSICIAN WINS \$1,000 PHYSICAL CULTURE PRIZE

Each year Physical Culture Magazine offers \$1,000 in prizes, first prize \$1,000, for the best story upon health built up by natural means.

Hobart G. Jackson, M.D., of Toronto, won the \$1,000 first prize for 1924, for the story of how he was built up by Roman Meal and a system of exercises taken in bed.

Food science shows that meat has 600 food units to the pound, and all its nutrients are in balance, made up of using four ingredients in its compound, whole wheat, whole rye, flax and normally, your system should extract these nutrients from your food. Meat, bread, fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs, and so on, are not natural food. They are unnatural, and your system does not extract from food the nutrients that are essential for life.

STOLE AUTOS AND EXPORTED THEM

One of The Gang Received and Sold Them in Holland.

New York, Oct. 27.—The operations of a ring of international automobile thieves were revealed last night, according to detectives of the auto squad at the police headquarters, after they arrested three men charged with being the leading figures in the thefts. The detectives declared that confessions of two of the men showed that five cars stolen here had been shipped to Holland and sold there by the European operative.

The men arrested were Cornelius Hannema, 472 West Thirty-fourth street; John (Dopey Benny) Martholer, 880 River street, Hoboken, and Peter Keegan, 233 Fourth street, Jersey City. Hannema and Martholer are said to have confessed. Another, A. Homberg, brother-in-law of Hannema, was taken into custody by the police authorities of Amsterdam, Holland, where he was said to have sold the cars.

The arrests followed a complaint by an agent of the Buick Automobile Company in Holland that he had not received a commission for a car of that make which was sold in his territory. The automobile company here discovered that the car in question had been stolen. Homberg was arrested in Amsterdam, the detectives said, and gave the information which led to yesterday's captures.

Hannema was traced through the customs officials and the immigration authorities, having come to this country only three years ago. When he was found in his furnished room at the West Thirty-fourth street address he broke down, the detectives declared, and told all he knew. They said that they had him call Martholer from Hoboken to the room, where he was arrested. Keegan was picked up later.

According to the story told to the detectives, Hannema met "Dopey Benny" Martholer in a Hoboken saloon and the plan of stealing the automobiles was evolved. The automobiles were shipped to Amsterdam through a forwarding company. One of the cars was altered without the slightest alteration, carrying the New York license plates and the monogram of the owner.

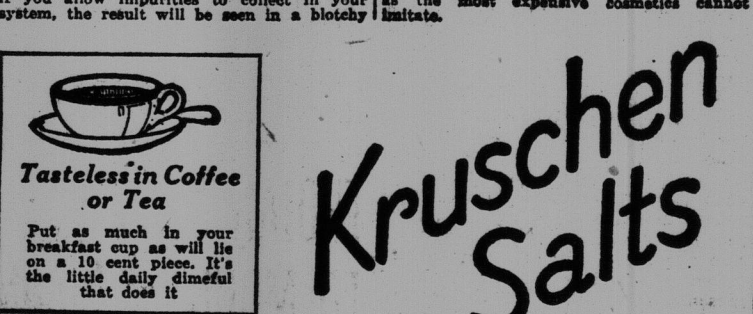
According to the detectives, Martholer has a criminal record, having been sentenced to the New Jersey State Reformatory in 1916 for robbery, and arrested in connection with a murder in Weehawken in 1921. At the present time, they said, he is under \$6,000 bail, charged with stealing a truck in Newark, N. J. They said that they expected to clean up a number of other thefts as the result of the arrests.

PLAN OLYMPIC FAIR. A fair in aid of the Olympic fund of the M. P. B. A. U. of C. will be held in St. Andrew's rink commencing November 10, according to announcement this morning by James McLeod, chairman of the publicity committee. A meeting of the clubs interested was held on Saturday night in the South End League rooms. The four clubs that will assume charge of the fair are the Trojans A. C., the South End Improvement League, the St. John Baptist Society and the Fortlands. Assistance will be given by the St. Roses and the East End Improvement League. Another meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday evening.



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TWITTED BY GIRLS, SHE ENDS LIFE

Fifteen Year Old School Girl Found Drowned at Coney.

New York, Oct. 27.—The gibes of school children are declared to have driven Vera Zickman, 15 years old, of Coney Island, to drown herself in the ocean. The girl's body was found floating in the water at the foot of West 87th street.

Vera was tall for her years and attended public school 198 at Coney Island. She did not make the progress she expected to, according to relatives, and was ridiculed by girls who were not so tall as she. Vera was puzzled by her backwardness. The gibes from her direction frightened her.

She could not speak to her parents concerning the matter, for they were in Russia. And so she brooded. Her uncle, David Herschowitz, was startled when he found her about to drink the contents of a bottle of iodine. Once before she had attempted to drink iodine.

He talked with the girl. In a moment of confidence, during which she cried, she told him she was being made the butt of jokes. She was doing her best, she exclaimed. What more could she do?

"I'll drown myself," she screamed. She ran from the house to the street and toward the ocean. Her uncle raced after her and caught up with her. With the aid of a passer-by he was taking her back to her home, but she broke away and disappeared in the darkness.

Herschowitz reported the case to the police and the marine division was notified. Soon after midnight a woman telephone to the police saying that a young girl was drowning on a stone jetty at the foot of West 87th street. The woman explained that she was some distance away, but could see the girl clearly.

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TORMENT

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OWEN MOORE RUTH ROLAND HAUNTED VALLEY AT THE STAR MONDAY and TUESDAY

ARMENIANS TAKE TO AGRICULTURE

Increase in Cotton Culture—American Girl Teaches General Farming.

Erivan, Armenia, Sept. 25.—(Associated Press, by mail.)—American methods of cotton-growing are being introduced into Armenia. A new cotton factory equipped with modern American machinery has just been completed in Erivan. At the present time more than 40,000 acres of cotton are under cultivation. This is 40 times greater than the acreage under cultivation in 1921. The Armenian government expects this year to produce 30,000,000 pounds of raw cotton. One factory in Erivan has an output of nearly 2,000,000 pounds a month.

In order to encourage farmers to cultivate their own cotton fields, the government is allotting them large quantities of free seed. The government pays \$2.75 for 40 pounds of the seed material. The present average yield is about 1,000 pounds an acre. Djajal Ogla does not appear in any gazetteer or geography. It is a town of 6,000 souls, detached from the outside world and buried in the heart of the mountains of Armenia. It doesn't even boast of a telegraph office, newspaper, automobile or trolley-car. But there is a Vassar College girl here, Miss Phyllis Brown of Foughkeepsie, N. Y., who is teaching the Armenian American methods of farming.

A Girl Farmer.

Miss Brown, who is connected with the American Near East Relief, not only has made two potatoes to grow where only one grew before, but she has taught the Armenian peasants American methods of dairying, cattle raising and poultry culture. Before coming to Armenia she took an intensive course in agriculture at Vassar College, graduating with high honors. The young American girl has introduced the "project" system of farming in Armenia, which has been successful in the United States during the World War. She began her work here by giving instruction in agriculture to a group of destitute Armenian orphans.

But now she is conducting several large model farms, which attract great numbers of farmers eager to increase their knowledge of agriculture. Miss Brown has produced such superb results in quality and size that the natives think she is supernaturally endowed. They were amazed when she produced sweet potatoes, which have never been seen in Armenia.

When the correspondent arrived in Djajal Ogla, after a ten-hour trip in an ox-cart over the Armenian mountains, he found the young Vassar graduate working at the St. Ignace County Institute, to be held October 30 and 31.

LOSES SECOND EYE

Pollis Lindsay of Woodstock underwent a surgical operation in the hospital at Halifax on Friday for the removal of an eye, owing to an abscess having formed. His other eye had been removed five years ago. He is a native of Woodstock, a son of John A. Lindsay.

COLLEGE SESSION PLANNED

A meeting of representatives of the maritime colleges will be held in Halifax on Tuesday, October 28, to discuss the offer of the Carnegie Corporation. Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, will represent the University of New Brunswick. After the meeting he will go to Campbellton to attend the St. Ignace County Institute, to be held October 30 and 31.

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