

CRITICAL SITUATION

Of the Oil Interests, Unless the Producers Take United Action.

FINAL FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER.

Wildwood is Largely Responsible for the Increase Shown.

ONLY ONE FEATURE THAT IS BULLISH

At no period since the producer was bulldozed into the shut-down movement has become so clearly able to comprehend the grave and critical situation of the petroleum industry as the present time. It is beginning to realize the vortex of ruin his misplaced confidence has drawn him into, and the bitter lesson of experience is finally teaching and pointing out to him the evil tendencies and baneful results of corporate power.

The producer is now confronted with the stern realities of a forbidding future and finds himself surrounded by obstacles which can only be surmounted by a combination of their interests and power. A careful and impartial survey of the situation in all its ramifications surely does not justify the present depressed situation, and the only logical conclusion to be arrived at is the immediate manipulation of the powers that be. The systematic money of the Standard Oil Company and its allies, inaugurated with the birth of the Producers' Protective Association, to assume control of production and territory, squeeze out and force to the wall the small producer, has since then been steadily and surely carried out until he is now practically speaking within the power of the monopoly.

While the Standard Oil Company, the McKays, the Phillips and other large producers have a legal right and were at fault in their policy, they are morally responsible for the present state of affairs and are accountable to public sentiment for aiding and abetting the criminal policy and machinations of the Standard monopoly in selling and hoarding their surplus oil and rendering more absolute their power. When all the big fish are caught, what is to become of the small fry? While the field and commercial situation justifies a much higher market, the signs at present invariably point the other way, and power behind the scenes has cast the shadow of coming depression. The last thirty days the market has depreciated about 15 cents on the barrel, which has made the road of the average producer a very unenviable one.

FOREIGNERS INTERESTED.

There is some hope, however, that their condition may be ameliorated by the infusion of foreign blood into the trade. Several prominent producers have interested foreign exporters in the city of New York as buyers. It is said that our foreign friends have offered the producer the market price for their oil with will pay 15 cents premium over the Standard and if they will deliver it to racks on the Baltimore and Ohio, Lake Shore and Pittsburgh and Western railroads, and will pay the producers 15 cents for pipeline. The exporters say they will furnish their own tank cars and agree to take \$5000 barrels a day. As the Pittsburgh and Ohio system is a grand opportunity for the Standard monopoly in selling and hoarding their surplus oil and rendering more absolute their power. When all the big fish are caught, what is to become of the small fry? While the field and commercial situation justifies a much higher market, the signs at present invariably point the other way, and power behind the scenes has cast the shadow of coming depression. The last thirty days the market has depreciated about 15 cents on the barrel, which has made the road of the average producer a very unenviable one.

HOW CHEAP, BUT HOW GOOD.

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THE WORLD REVIEWED.

PERSONS AND OBJECTS FROM ALL REALMS AND CLIMES

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Gladstone has issued a counter manifesto denying Parnell's statements. The defeat of Parnell in the National meeting is a foregone conclusion. The Prussian Government is determined to press Dr. Koch's secret in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal project with divorce trial in high life, the royal family exerted its influence to suppress scandalous exposure. The English consignment of the Georgia Legislature during the election of Senator Gordon was described. Indian news were again warlike. Buffalo Bill started out to arrest Sitting Bull. Powderly organized in February for the purpose of uniting all determined to defeat Senator Ingalls. The Dillon-O'Brien party did not commit themselves on the Irish leadership question. Ben Butler expressed himself in favor of the Genesee Oil Company. State money was held by Jamison & Co. Eva May Hamilton was on the stage. The United Building Trades Council of Chicago organized, and may prevent work on World's Fair buildings by striking. A Lockport man shot his landlady and himself. Preparations for Wood's election were made. Members of the Genesee Oil Company were indicted for manslaughter in causing the Tioga explosion at Chicago. The effort to form a Loan Trust will be resumed. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal project will be resurrected. Brazilians decorated Washington's tomb. Mrs. Prettymann will not be allowed to hold the funds given her. A cattle man walked off a swift moving train without waking. Rosa Vincent was used by an ex-Alderman. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison was a guest of an Altoona family. A Freuchman at Irwin was probably fatally wounded by his companion. A banquet was given Minister Phelps previous to his departure for Germany. The city of Cincinnati was presented with a gift and no doubt, are the piles of Ladies' Free Sunday park concert. An Indian judge left the Indian Territory, declaring he would not return until the Cherokee nation becomes a republic. The Virginia Washington farmers will endeavor to induce their Legislature to build a new Pacific railroad. Ex-Senator Emery said he does not mean to retire from politics. The Secretary of the Senate resigned and departed for Washington. Senator Chandler denies the charges against him. A bank at Ebersburg failed. August Belmont's stable of horses will be sold. A wedding present was discovered in exhuming an old grave. A farmer was fatally injured by a bull. Rochester shoe manufacturers combined against strikers. An ex-United States Marshal disappeared. Aluminum will be made cheap by a new process. The Captain of the New Orleans jail was indicted for cruelty to prisoners.

Local.

Charles Smoyer was acquitted of violating the Sabbath. An Allegheny hero saved his father from robbers. Letters were received from foreign metallurgists, expressing gratitude for their reception here. The Allegheny County Men's Daughters were organized. Cardinal Gibbons will reopen St. Paul's Cathedral with a sermon. An escaped hospital inmate was discovered. Chairman An-

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Advertisement for THE WATER WAS WILD, featuring a woman's portrait and text about a dramatic event.

Advertisement for LEGAL, featuring an illustration of a scale and text about legal services.

Advertisement for BLUE LABEL KETCHUP, featuring an illustration of a ketchup bottle and text about its quality.

Advertisement for EMMA JUCH GRAND English Opera Co., featuring text about their performance.

Advertisement for SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish.

Advertisement for DOUGLAS & MACKIE, featuring text about their business and products.

Advertisement for Wood Street China House, featuring text about their china and glassware.

Advertisement for FINE EATER GOODS, featuring an illustration of a pig and text about cleaning products.

Advertisement for CARPETS, WALL PAPER, featuring text about home decor.

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