

U. S. BOARD ASKS SCIENTISTS TO FIND NEW "DOPED GAS"

Substitute for Tetraethylized
Fuel Sought to Conserve Oil
Without Risk to Human Life

QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED
BY CABINET SECRETARIES

Daily Use of Gasoline Estimated
at From 20,000,000 Gallons
to Double That Amount

From The World's Bureau
Special Despatch to The World
WASHINGTON, May 21.—The Federal Oil Conservation Board, appointed by President Coolidge to find means of conserving the Nation's supply of oil and its products, has stepped into the tetraethyl gas situation by asking, in a questionnaire sent around the country, for information on all forms of doped fuels.

The board virtually is appealing in the questionnaires to oil men, chemists and engineers to find some substitute for gasoline or to find some way of increasing the efficiency of each gallon without bringing the health hazard believed to exist through the use of tetraethyl lead as a dope.

Plea to Chemists

Copies of the questionnaire have been given the fifty or more chemists, doctors, engineers and industrialists who attended the Public Health Service conference which voted to have Surgeon General Cummings appoint a committee of seven foremost scientists to investigate leaded fuel. If the plea is heeded, some of the country's greatest experts on fuels may soon be devoting their efforts to the problem.

Dr. Alice Hamilton of Harvard University and others, in discussing the matter, have added personal pleas to chemists to get busy on the problem.

"Can Do It if They Will."

"It is foolish to talk of the industrial value of tetraethyl lead," said Dr. Hamilton, "when there is a health hazard involved. Men who could discover the fuel value of tetraethyl certainly could invent or discover something equally efficient and in no way dangerous. American chemists can do it if they will."

The Oil Conservation Board, which is made up of Secretaries Work, Weeks, Wilbur and Hoover, estimates that 20,000,000 gallons of gasoline are used daily, although experts at the Public Health Conference figured that 16,000,000,000 gallons, or nearly twice what the board estimates, would be used during this year.

"What possibilities," asks the board's questionnaire, "exist for increasing the efficiency of the 20,000,000 gallons of gasoline used daily, with consequent reduction in demand, by the use of gasoline doped?"

The board is particularly interested in the possibility of using benzol, alcohol or mixtures of the two and asks direct questions on that angle also.

As an introduction to the questionnaire, the board writes:

"Under instructions of the President"

MYSTERY CHILD, Born at Baby Farm, Sold for
\$75, Given Back, Now Has Name



PUBLIC CAUTIONED TO LET DEBT ALONE

Administration Sharply Informs Private Citizens to
Mind Own Business

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WASHINGTON, May 21.—The Administration takes the view that private American citizens should attend to their own business and not interfere with the Government in its efforts to bring about a settlement of the war and relief debts which European Powers owe the United States.

Administration officials to-day strongly emphasized this view, indicating that they are not a little disturbed over statements published in the press during the past few days and credited to visiting Americans in Paris.

For example, cabled reports from Paris quote George W. Wickersham, Attorney General in the Taft Administration, as lamenting the action of President Coolidge in seeking a settlement of the French debt. A speech here of Otto Kahn, banker, also is cited as tending to encourage the French to believe that the American people are not really interested in having the debt settled.

Other American citizens also have been talking more or less along the same lines, after dinner speakers in Paris remarking that the President's move toward securing debt settlements need not be taken too seriously.

Surprise Expressed

Such activities, it is pointed out, tend to muddle the situation and are frequently misunderstood, especially

ACCUSE MRS. VOLK OF MANSLAUGHTER

Grand Jurors Charge Baby Farmer With the Death of William Winters

A child believed to be Nat Martin Bass, whom Mrs. Bass told Chief Assistant District Attorney Pecora she had bought for \$75 from Mrs. Helen Augusta Gelsen-Volk, was brought to Bellevue Hospital yesterday morning by a woman who insisted she was Miss G. Scott, No. 1602 Avenue K, Brooklyn.

A note signed by the General Inspector of the Department of Public Welfare accompanied the child, and read:

"Will you kindly accept the child whom this letter accompanies—an abandoned baby—and give it a name and religion in the regular order? This is one of the babies taken from Mrs. Gelsen-Volk's infanatorium and is accepted by us under an agreement with the Children's Society and the District Attorney."

Kisses Child and Weeps

"The woman who brought the child lingered over him before she left him, fondling his dainty lace dress and kissing him repeatedly. 'I love him, I love him,' she sobbed as she turned to leave."

The Additional Grand Jury filed an indictment later in the day, charging Mrs. Gelsen-Volk with manslaughter in the first degree as the result of an inquiry into the death of William Winters, six months old, of No. 1342 Third Avenue. An autopsy on his exhumed body by Dr. Otto Schultze

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LOCKED UP MONTHS BY AGED HUSBAND, WIFE TELLS POLICE

Charity Workers Find Woman
Imprisoned on Upper Floor
of House—Windows Barred

BEATEN NIGHTLY, SHE SAYS
HAD NICKEL IN FIVE YEARS

Rescued With Axes, She Is
Taken to Hospital—Jealousy
Given as Cause of Treatment

Detective instinct in two women charity workers led yesterday to the release of Catherine Spatolla, thirty-two, from the apartment at No. 168 Seventh Avenue, Newark, N. J., behind whose padlocked doors and boarded windows, she told the police, her sixty-year-old husband, Anthony Spatolla, had kept her prisoner jealously for three months.

The charity workers, whose names have been withheld by the police, were soliciting contributions for a local charitable organization from tenants of the lower floors of the house, in the heart Newark's Italian section. They asked if the third floor was occupied.

"Yes," they were told, "a woman lives up there, but you can't see her. Her husband keeps her in all the time."

Door Padlocked

Mounting to the Spatolla apartment, they found the front entrance padlocked with a big padlock. Suspicious, upon hearing a movement within, they returned downstairs and inspected the back of the house. There they found boards nailed across all the windows of the third floor, including the sash of the rear door, which, in turn, was padlocked.

Peering into the dark interior through a chink in the boarding of the door they spied a woman. They called to her.

"You can't get in and I can't get out," came the response.

"What's the matter?"

"Oh, nothing, only I'm locked in; my husband won't let me out."

Capt. Sebald of the 2d Precinct Station, two blocks away, apprised of the situation, sent Sergt. Entner and two plain clothes men to the house with an ax. Smashing the lock on the front door, they took Mrs. Spatolla to the station house.

Husband Arrested

After hearing the woman's story, Capt. Sebald ordered the arrest of her husband, a gardener for the Essex County Park Board, on charges of assault and battery and directed that Mrs. Spatolla be taken to City Hospital for examination.

Her tale was confirmed in part by her husband and partly by bruises covering her body.

Five years ago, she said, she was married to Spatolla, despite warnings of her friends that the wedding of a young Irish woman and an elderly Italian would not be fraught with good fortune.

Soon Spatolla began to beat her and otherwise he gave frequent ex-

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