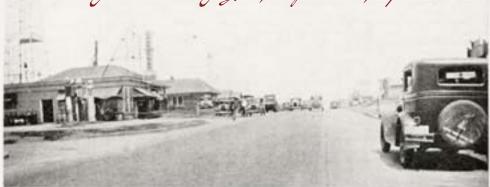
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Oil in Oklahoma City Worries Underwriters

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THE nation's black gold has the bigger wells are developing closer. Gry Fire insurance rates from forty brought wealth to thousands of to the city. Today wells are being cents to one dollar per \$100.

The big problem that confronts the have been created over night by the city and threaten to place themselves. Fire insurance companies operating in major flow of oil from the earth. It is the heart of the business sections:

Oklahoma City, is the city's uncertainty means wealth—and where wealth lies, some are within six blocks of the city of extensions of the drilling zones, mm scramble for it.

What is thought to be the greatest oil-producing fields and what soday is

ourny—fire. And this fire hazard has occur within the very doors of the city-today threatened Oklahoma City with Should such conflagrations occur, Fire-danger that is overlooked in the frenzy insurance companies would have so suf-

progressive and up-to-the-minute cities in the United States. Its great oil field lies at its very door or, liverally, within its doors and extends on three sides of the citysortheast, east and southeast. Since the first well was brought in, slightly more than a year ago, the scramble has been on. Begger and better producers have been coming in daily and the geological strata is such that

hall. See accompanying views.

Ten Wells Have Gone Wild

far beneath the surface—the new Okla- proceed. This creates a hazard of fire bona City field with nearly a thousand danger that cannot be controlled. Oil have been from six to none accident detricks scattered throughout its area, and gas wells mean hazards even though some drilling, some already in and they are brought in safely, and when something happens and they go wild, as ten already have done, the danger is bebrings a hazard that is man's greatest youd calculation, should such a thing

danger that is overlooked in the trimey in secure the wealth that is said to lie fer; and they have not stood aday by the beneath its very Main street, but is iterable fellows. The Oklahoma Inspection bursus, the increased rates asked by the number of the increased rates asked by the increased rates asked by the increased rates asked by the number of the increased rates asked by the increased rates a

C. T. Ingalls, manager of the buress, states, "drilling zones have been extended until now the field limes are within the greatest of any in the famous mid-comment area, has more than its share of the city commission and as yet it has Oklahoma City business district. Such of men scrambling for the black gold established few standards on which to a condition as this is a dangerous one, when it is considered that there already caused by wild wells, gas fires and wild gassers, since the discovery of the field. Insurance companies cannot be sure of just where and when new estensions will be made and oil operators are optimistic in the leniency shown by the city, as has been shown by the large leases that have been taken on proper-

which might easily prove to be more

Thirty-Nine New Wells In City

Operations have started on about thirty-nine wells to be drilled on land inside of the city limits," Ingalla points out. "A good num-ber of these wells are on or near city school lands, and some of them are bordering city business and factory sections. Oil operators say



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