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SUB. PRESIDENT EDWARD A. NOLL, entering factory of The National Tool Company, Cleveland,Ohio, of which he is also President.

Scene 1.

IRIS IN: LONG SHOT. Main entrance of National Tool Factory ,- Coupe drives in, stops at curb.

2.

CLOSE-UP. Mr. Noll out of car, closes door, exits.

3.

MEDIUM C.U. Main entrance of factory, Mr. Noll enters building.

SUB. VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER , OLIVER L. BROWN. PHILIDELPHIA Pa.

4.

CLOSE UP. Interior of office. Mr. Brown enters, sits at desk and starts opening mail.

SUB. VICE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM ORTLEIB, PHILIDELPHIA,Pa..

5.

CLOSE UP. Mr. Ortleib seated at desk reading letter, consults book, reaches for telephone.

SUB. ROBERT E.SWEENEY. TAMPICO, MEXICO. SUPERINTENDENT IN MEXICO.

Mr. Sweeney seated at desk going over papers.

SUB. EIGHTEEN AND ONE-HALF MILLION BARRELS OF OIL WAS EXPORTED FROM THE TAMPICO OIL FIELDS IN JANUARY 1921,- WORTH NEARLY FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS HERE.

SUB. THIS IS SUFFICIENT OIL TO SUPPLY TWO BARRELS PER YEAR TO EVERY PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES.

SUB. HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR TWO BARRELS OF TAMPICO OIL FOR 1921 ?

SUB. TAMPICO IS THE GATEWAY ~~AND~~- TO, AND METROPOLIS OF THE MEXICAN FIELD. POPULATION ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND. OIL IS BROUGHT TO TAMPICO BY PIPE LINE AND BARGE TO BE LOADED INTO OCEAN TANK STEAMERS.

LONG SHOT -7- & -8-
(Shooting from boat)"Pam" right , showing steamers in distance.
(Shooting from boat) Showing oil tanks on land? Three Royal Palms in background. Panoram to right showing buildings.

SUB. APPROACHING TAMPICO FROM THE GULF.

-9-
LONG SHOT: Continuation of previous scene,- "pam" to right.

-10-

LONG SHOT: (Shooting from boat) Steamer close to shore."Pam" to right, picking up other steamers in river.

SUB. PRIVATE YACHT OF THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES.

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-11-

LONG SHOT. Private Yacht anchored in harbor, "Pam" to right, picking other steamers.

-12-

MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Boats and waters.

-13-

(Shooting from boat) Buildings,- "Pam" to right on Tanker under way.

-14-

(Shooting from boat) MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Of City of Tampico. Mexico.

-15-

CLOSE UP: Stern of Tanker, "pam" to right showing the entire length of boat.

-16-

MEDIUM CLOSE UP: The landing wharves at Tampico,"Pam" to right to full shot of steamer.

SUB. PREPARING TO LAND.

-17-

(Shooting from boat) MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Ships at wharf,"pam" to right showing landing place. Deck hand enters scene.

SUB. SCENES IN TAMPICO.

SUB. LOOKING DOWN ON THE CITY.

-18-

LONG SHOT from 200 feet high(height) a moving panoramic view of the city of Tampico ,"pam" to left and embraces business section,- business streets and harbor, and various scenes in Tampico.

-19-

(Shooting down on city) Showing great commercial activity and erection of buildings.

-20-

Continuation of "pam" to left showing harbor in distance.

-21-

Showing Cathedral Tower in background.

-22-

"Panoram" to right showing industrial sections.

SUB. " SPEED DEMONS."

-23-

(Shooting down on thoroughfare) Natives driving horses down street and pedestrians slowly crossing the street.

SUB. " BAGGAGE INCLUDING HEAVY TRUNKS IS CARRIED ON THE BACKS OF PORTERS SUPPORTED BY ROPES FROM THEIR HEADS."

-24-

(Shooting down on thoroughfare) Native carrying trunk on back, accompanied by man carrying grips.

SUB. " THE PLAZA."

-25-

LONG SHOT: Shooting down , showing busy thoroughfare,-"pam" to right, showing Plaza and business buildings.

SUB. "THE TRAFFIC COP HAS SHADE IN TAMPICO."
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-26-

MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Native policeman standing in middle of street directing traffic , shaded by large umbrella.

SUB. " GOVENOR NEFF OF TEXAS AND PARTY EMBARKING FOR A TRIP UP THE PANUCO."

-27-

LONG SHOT showing party of people walking down railroad tracks towards camera,-"pam" down to people boarding boat. Govenor Neff and party board the boat.

SUB. " ALL ABOARD."

-28-

Crowd of people continue to board boat.

SUB. " LEAVING CUSTOM HOUSE WHARF."

-29-

Showing ships at wharf "pam" to right, showing vast amount of oil well and drilling equipment . People standing on shore watching boat depart. "pam" to right, showing more oil well supplies and casings.

SUB. THE BANK OF THE PANUCO RIVER AT TAMPICO IS LINED WITH STORAGE TANK GROUPS , CALLED TANK FARMS , WITH REFINERIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE OIL INDUSTRY WHILE OCEAN GOING OIL TANKERS CROWD ITS WHARVES.

SUB. " A TANKER . "

-30-

A Tank Steamer majestically steaming down the Panuco.

SUB. " THE REFINERY OF ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES."

-31-

LONG SHOT (Shooting from boat) Showing large Tank Steamers at wharf , "pam" to right , showing large oil refinery.

SUB. " A TANK FARM. EACH TANK HOLDS FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND BARRELS."

-32-

(Shooting from boat) Showing huge oil tanks with small buildings, "pam" to right , showing other general activities.

SUB. " ANOTHER REFINERY."

-33-

LONG SHOT of another refinery "pam" to right , showing huge oil tanks and small buildings. Stern-wheel boat and oil barges. "pam" continues to right , showing other buildings and activities, and large tank steamer laying across the Panuco, with bridge in background.

SUB. " NEXT STOP PANUCO ." (IRIS OUT)

SUB. IRIS IN ON " PANUCO. "

-1-

Panuco River, a tug and empty barges in foregraound and town in background.Tug and barges slowly coming to camera. FADE OUT.

SUB. " BRINGING UP THE BARGES TO LOADING RACKS TO BE FILLED WITH CRUDE OIL . "

-2-

Stern-wheel boat and barges in foreground. "pam" to right,showing loading station. Man carrying water on both shoulders.Exits out of picture. "pam" to left showing barges and boats.

SUB. "OIL FROM THE PANUCO POOL IS PIPED FROM THE NEARBY WELLS TO BARGES IN THE PANUCO RIVER . STERN-WHEEL STEAMERS CONVEY THE LOADED BARGES TO THE HARBOR OF TAMPICO."

SUB. " SUPERINTENDENT OF BARGES."

-3-

FADE IN. Man seated between trees. FADE OUT.

SUB. " LOWERING OIL HOSE INTO BARGE OPENING "

-4-

Superintendent in foreground giving instructions to men lowering hose into the oil barge opening.

-5-

M.C.U. Two men guiding oil hose into barge opening.

SUB. " THIS IS WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE THE HOSE. THE FLOWING OIL STREAM."

-6-

C.U. Barge opening and end of crude oil hose showing large flowing oil stream. entering the barge.

SUB. " SHUTTING OFF THE FLOW . "

-7-

M.C.U. Man turning large oil valve.

SUB. " HOISTING THE HOSE "

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~~M.C.U.~~

-8-

M.C.U.: Hose slowly rising and man guiding it.

-9-

M.C.U.: Man on top of platform turning crank on hand derrick.

-10- & 11-

M.C.U.: Two men guiding slowly rising oil hose.
Men turning hand derrick.

SUB. " MEASURING OIL IN THE BARGES ."

-12-

M.C.U. Superintendent of barges and assistant measuring oil contents of barge with steel guage.

SUB. " TUG ASSEMBLING LOADED BARGES . "

-13-

Tug with loaded barges slowly comes into picture from left and passes up river, exiting right.

SUB. " STERN- WHEELER ROBALO . "

-14-

C.U. Stern of reiver steamer, "pam" to right, showing full length of steamer and loading racks.

-15-

M.C.U. (Shooting from bow to stern of boat) Panoraming along side to Pilot House.

SUB. " EL CAPITAN ."
(Captain)

-16-

C.U. Captain side of Pilot House leisurely smoking.

-17-

M.C.U. of Boat, "pam" right to Bow.

SUB. "TIEING BARGES TO STERN - WHEEL STEAM BOAT . "

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M.C.U.
Bow of boat , "pam" to right, showing men tieing barges to Steamer, preparing to depart.

SUB. " THEY'RE OFF FOR TAMPICO, THE HARBOR CITY, LADEN WITH LIQUID GOLD."

-19-

MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Steamer amid stream, slowly backing from its mooring, "pam" to right, showing string of loaded barges attached to Bow of Boat.

SUB. " WHILE WE MINGLE WITH GUSHERS AND DRILLING WELLS IN THE PANUCO POOL."

SUB. " DRILLING SUPPLIES , CAMP PROVISIONS, etc., ARE CARRIED TO RIVER LANDINGS NEAR THE OIL CAMPS. TRUCKS COMPLETE THE JOURNEY. "

-20-

MEDIUM LONG SHOT: Showing trees in background, piled casing in foreground ,- car enters and exits,- "pam" to left showing trucks laden with supplies and drilling equipment , preparing to leave. Continues to "pam" showing houses and street of small town.

SUB. " A PANUCO WASHING MACHINE "

-21-

FADE IN:- Mexican woman under trees slowly washing. FADE OUT.

SUB. " PREPARING TO DRILL"

SUB. " AFTER THE GEOLOGIST HAS SELECTED THE MOST PROMISING SITE FOR THE WELL , A DRILLING RIG OR DERRICK IS BUILT AND A SUMP OR POND IS DUG TO RECEIVE THE MUD SLUSH AND PULVERIZED ROCK BAILED FROM THE DRILLING HOLE. TOOLS , ENGINES BAILERS ETC. ARE INSTALLED AND CASING FROUGHT FOR THE WELL. THESE LATTER OPERATIONS ARE CALLED " RIGGING UP" ."

SUB. " INSPECTING THE COMPLETED RIG BEFORE RIGGING UP TO DRILL GUERRERO WELL NUMBER 1 OF THE MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION IN THE HEART OF THE PANUCO POOL ."

-22-

LONG SHOT: Top of the derrick, "pam" down showing man walking along the walking beam.

SUB. " RIGGING UP OPERATIONS ."

-23-

FADE IN M.L.S. Man erecting huge steam boiler.

SUB. " PREPARING POND FOR SLUSH OR REFUSE FROM THE DRILLING HOLE. THE SUMP BUILDER IS AN OKLAHOMA NEGRO."

-24-

FADE IN Showing men and teams at work excavating , " pam" to right showing lower part of derrick, casing etc.,

-25-

Men and teams with ~~[illegible]~~ scrapers busily engaged.

-26-

CLOSE UP , Foreman of the sump pit.

-27-

M.C.U. Foreman giving instructions to laborer. Exits right, followed by team.

SUB. " ALLISON V. SMITH AT WORK BENCH. THE VETERAN TAMPICO CONTRACT DRILLER IS DRILLING MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL GUERRERO NUMBER 1.

-28-

M .C.U. Bench, side of derrick. Man working at bench.

SUB " FIRING UP."

-29-

M.C.U. Men at work around boiler. Fire started."Pam" right, showing part of drilling crew busily engaged.

SUB. " LET'S GO" DRILLING STARTS ON MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL GUERRERO NUMBER 1 WELL. SPUDDING IN WITH STANDARD TOOLS. "

-30-

M.C.U. Men ganged around well. The bit starts to drill.

SUB. " THE DRILLING TOOL MUST BE KEPT REVOLVING TO AVOID MAKING A FLAT HOLE IN WHICH IT MIGHT JAM."

-31-

C.U. Drillers revolving bit.

-32-

C.U. Bit revolving, showing drillers feet.

-33-

C.U. Drillers at bit. "pam" up , showing spudding line and top of drilling stem.

-34-

M.C.U. Showing crew working around well.

SUB. " LUNCH TIME- HOME JAMES. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HENRY FORD."

-35-

C.U. Drilling crew seated in Fprd Auto. Man puts water in radiator. FADE OUT.

REEL 3.

SUB. "STANDARD TOOLS DRILLING IN THE PANUCO POOL, IN HEAVY OIL AT A DEPTH OF 1900 FEET. LOWERING DRILLING BIT."

-1-

M.C.U. Men placing bit in hole. Tool starts down. Panorama over to close-up of bull wheel moving fastly.

SUB. "DRILLING".

-2-

L.S. Drillers at work.

-3-

C.U. Driller tightening up on timber screw.

SUB. "THE DRILLING TOOL PULVERIZES EARTH AND ROCK IN THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE. FREQUENTLY THIS PULVERIZED REFUSE MUST BE REMOVED, TOOLS TAKEN FROM THE HOLE, WATER IS INTRODUCED TO MAKE THE CONTENTS LIQUID, WHICH THE BAILER IS SENT DOWN TO REMOVE."

SUB. "REMOVING THE TOOL".

C.U. Drilling crew unscrewing timber screw from cable.

-4-

C.U. Bit coming out of hole.

SUB. "NOTE HEAVY OIL ON THE DRILL".

-5-

C.U. of bit at hole showing heavy oil.

SUB. "SENDING DOWN THE BAILER."

-6-

M.C.U. Driller guiding bailer into hole.

-7-

C.U. Bailer going into hole.

SUB. "DUMPING SLUSH CONTENT OF THE BAILER UNDER THE RIG FLOOR".

-8-

M.C.U. Bailer comes up from hole, man guides same with Bailer rod.

SUB. "BLOWING SLUSH INTO POND."

-9-

M.C.U. SLUSH PIPE blowing out slush.

SUB. "THE MEXICAN OIL COUNTRY IS VERY PICTURESQUE. GREAT OIL FLARES TURN NIGHT INTO DAY. THEIR GLOW LIGHTING THE SKY FOR MANY MILES. THE GAS FLARES HERE APPEAR AS GIANT STEAM JETS."

-10-

L.S. Panoram of oil field - drilling well in foreground - panoraming show other wells in the distance, and giant gas flares.

SUB. "MEXICAN OIL IS FOUND IN HUGE CAVERNS OR FISSURES. IT IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE BUT IS KEPT FROM ESCAPING BY A CAP OR COVER STONE."

SUB. "WHEN THE DRILL CRACKS THE STONE COVERING THE PRESSURE (SOMETIMES OVER 1000 LBS. TO THE SQUARE INCH) CREATES A MIGHTY ROARING-PLUNGING MONSTER. THE TOOLS ARE OFTEN THROWN THROUGH THE TOP OF THE DERRICK."

SUB. "THIS WELL IS NOW DRILLING WITHIN SIX FEET OF THE OIL SAND. THE HOLE IS FULL OF WATER TO HOLD DOWN THE GAS PRESSURE SO THE TOOLS CAN DRILL."

-11-

M.C.U. Men at well - showing heavy rig timbers in foreground. Well drilling.

-12-

(LAP DISSOLVE) Drilling well and casing in foreground.

SUB. "WATCH THE TOP OF THE CASING IN THE DERRICK FLOOR FOR GUSHING OIL".

-13-

L.S. Oil derrick. Gas flares in foreground. Well begins gushing.

SUB. "DIVIDENDS".

-14-

L.S. Well gushing over top of the derrick. People and drilling crew madly rushing to places of safety. Well continues to flow rising many feet above the top of the derrick at intervals.

SUB. "LOOK FOR ANOTHER GUSHER IN THE DISTANCE AMONG THE GAS FLARES".

-15-

L.S. Indications of rig and engine house in foreground with many burning giant gas flares in the distance. Another well is seen to begin madly gushing and blowing oil in large volumes over the top of the distant derrick.

SUB. "SEE IT? IT WILL GUSH AGAIN PRESENTLY. WATCH FOR IT."

-16-

L.S. Well in foreground is gushing and spurting oil profusing over everything within hundreds of yards of it. FADE OUT.

-17-

M.L.S. Top of rig showing oil gushing and spurting in all directions from the well. In the background many burning flares. FADE OUT.

SUB. "LOOK AGAIN AT THE DISTANT RIG. TWO SETS OF MILLIONAIRES ARE BEING MADE IN THE SAME AFTERNOON".

-18-

M.C.U. Rig in foreground - when in the extreme background one well suddenly bursts into a volcano of crude oil. Simultaneously well in the foreground begins violently gushing. Panoram up to top of derrick showing well belching forth crude oil in terrific volumes.

SUB. "THAT'S PAINTING THE RIG. EIGHTY THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY, WHICH IS NEARLY THIRTY MILLION BARRELS PER YEAR. AT JANUARY 1921 PRICE IT WOULD BE WORTH SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR IN NEW YORK."

SUB. "AFTER THE BATTLE WAS WON. TIRED AND OIL SOAKED BUT HAPPY".

-19-

M.C.U. THree men seated on rig timber all saturated with crude oil. The man un-shirted is seen sponging oil from his body.

SUB. "THE MAN WITH THE WHITE SHIRT IS A SHARE-HOLDER IN THE WELL. DON'T BE SURPRISED IF HE BUILDS A BROADWAY 'sky-scraper' ".

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M.C.U. Drilling crew, oil soaked, man in white shirt talking and all chatting. FADE OUT.

SUB. "THE MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS YOU HAVE BEEN PLEASED WITH THE STORY OF THE TAMPICO OIL FIELDS OF MEXICO."

SUB. "IT HOPES LATER TO SHOW YOU A STILL BETTER JOB OF RIG PAINTING ON ITS GUERRERO WELL."

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