

## **PLAN OF ENGLISH OILFIELDS' WORKS.**

First Ever Published Appears on Our Two  
Centre Pages.

### **COMPANY'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS.**

On the two centre pages of this week's "Oil News" we give the first plan ever published of English Oilfields' works at Setch, Norfolk. The various departments are well shown, although the whole works cover so large an area that it has been impossible to show everything in the outlying portions and at the same time keep the drawing on so large a scale as to retain legibility.

Those who carefully examine this plan will see what an immense amount of work has been accomplished. Practically all this land was agricultural a year and a half ago. To initiate these great works, and to bring them to their present stage, with railway communications, residential camp, and all the other departments shown or not shown on the plan, has been a colossal task. The more readers know of the undertaking, the more they will realise how much has been accomplished.

### **DRILLING BEGINS AT KELHAM.**

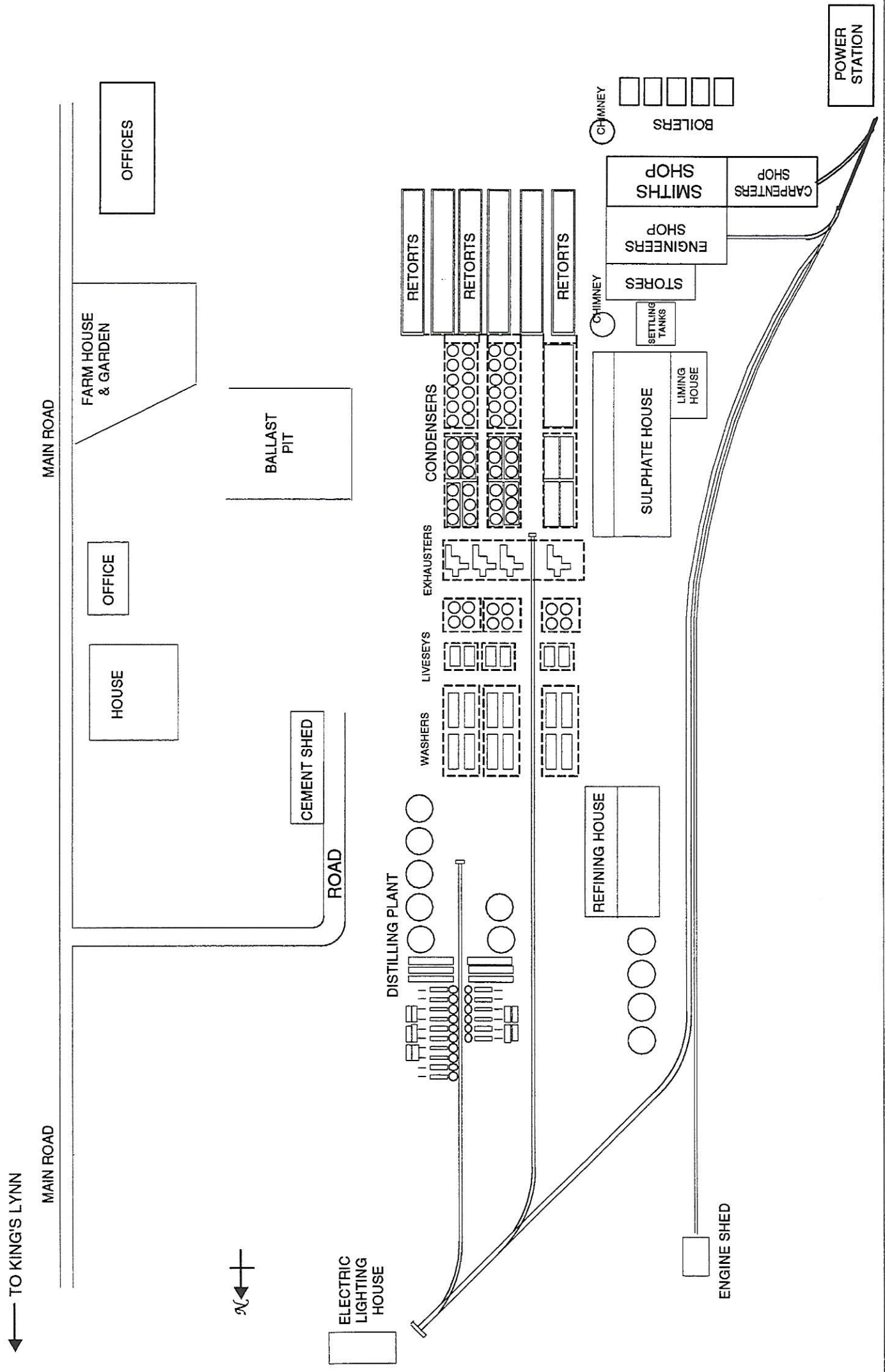
Rotary Starts in at the Oilfields of England Bore.

For some weeks past the preparations for drilling at Kelham, Nottinghamshire, by Oilfields of England, Ltd., have been approaching completion; and the derrick and machinery have been ready for some little time. The drill stem was the only item undelivered: and this came alongside on Monday of this week. After that it was expected that a couple of days only would elapse before drilling began: and this was expected to take place this week.

Work is being commenced straight away with the rotary, no cable tools being used.

It will be remembered that the company was the first to secure a licence from the Government to drill for oil under the Petroleum (Production) Act of 1918.

DIAGRAM SHOWING APPROXIMATE LAYOUT OF PART OF THE OILFIELDS SITE





ENGLISH OILFIELDS

There was severe criticism at the meeting of the shareholders of the English Oilfields Co., on Thursday, of which it was said no accounts had been presented for two years and nine months.

Sir Harry Foster, formerly M.P. for the Lowestoft division, said the they were trying to form a scheme for writing down the capital, of which it was obvious three-quarters was lost. He held about 11,000 shares, some of them bought at £4 a share and five years ago the cash at the bank was £129,000, while today it is only £81. Of that amount no less than £35,000 had to be used to discharge old liabilities, development and other expenses were paid which left £69,000. Then £10,000 had gone in the Neverstop railway and £40,000 was now invested in New South Wales.

Mr. Reevley (a shareholder) : Is there no possibility of recovering anything from the wreck of this sorrowful concern? We have to blot out the whole of the sorrowful past and see if we can get any really capable, responsible business men to act with Sir Harry Foster.

The report and accounts were carried. Sir P. Dawson M.P. was re-elected a director, and Mr. F. Porritt the secretary of the company was elected to the board to fill a long standing vacancy.

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## LOYALTY

If you work for a concern, in Heaven's name work for it! If it pays you the wages that supply your bread and butter, work for it, speak well of it and stand by it! If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

If you feel you must vilify, condemn, disparage and criticise, then say so, so that you may be allowed to resign or more likely—be given "the sack," and when you are outside you can disparage and criticise to your heart's content, but as long as you are drawing your wages from the concern, act the man and do your part as a small cog of a big machine. Bear in mind that the discontented ones are as little use to you and your colleagues as they are to themselves and their employers; and the best way you can help both yourself and the ever-lasting "grouser" is to help him out of the concern.

Loyalty note given to workers in their wage packet