

## TORRANCE HERALD

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## **TORRANCE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolson and sons were guests of Huntington Beach friends last Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Ott, of Riverside, vis-ited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McAroy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson joined Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship, of Los Angeles, in a drive to Glen-dale, Pasadena and Eagle Rock last

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing and sons spent two days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Schertle, of Los

Mrs. Nellie Zuver entertained the Sunday School Board of the First M. E. church, Tuesday evening. A delightful time was had by all pres-

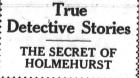
Mrs. Michael Jessome and Mrs. John V. Murray and son, Louis, left Wednesday morning for Syd-ney, Nova Scotia. They will go by the way of Chicago, New York and Boston, stopping off in New York and Boston to visit relatives.

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TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

LOOK OUT FOR GAME WARDEN

Many arrests have been made by Stuart J. Flintham, county game warden, and his assistants for vio-lating the state game laws. The county game warden says that those who persist in trying to destroy the young abalones along the beaches will have to pay fines. Black abalones must be over five inches in diameter, the limit is 10 and it is always unlawful to use abalones for bait. Any person over 18 years of age who catches game fish from the ocean should first procure a fishing license, unless they wish to pay a visit to the judge. A list of the game fish are as follows: Tuna, vellow tail. Jew fish or



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THE discovery of the body of B. F. Perry in his home at 1316 Callowhill street, Philadelphia, by a man who had come in to see about securing a patent, did not cause any sensation at the time, for the coroner's fur gave a speedy verdict of "death from accidental causes." There was clear evidence that some sort of an explosion had taken place. A shattered bottle which had manifestly contained some sort of inflammable material, a broken pipe filled with partly burned tobacco and a charred match, lay beside the body.

match, lay beside the body. An autopsy showed that Perry had died from congestion of the lungs caused by the inhaling of flames or chloroform, the latter having pre-sumably formed the contents of the broken bottle. So, as there were no claimants for the body and no estate, Perry's remains were interred in the Potter's field. There they would have remained undisturbed if it had not heen for the evidence of a convict in been for the evidence of a convict in the St. Louis prison.

the St. Louis prison. Shortly after Perry's death, the Philadelphia branch of the Fidelity Insurance company received a letter from Jephtha D. Howe, an attorney in St. Louis, stating that "B. F. Perry" was really Benjamin F. Pitezel, who had carried a \$10,000 life insurance with the Fidelity company. The only person who could be found to identify the body was a man named H H the body was a man named H H Holmes, of Wilmette, III., who will-ingly came to Philadelphia to superin-tend the exhuming of the body. Holmes and Howe met in the office of the company, presumably as strangers, and the former clearly identified the body of the dead man as that of his friend, Pitezel. Satisfied, the insurance company paid the insurance to Howe, Pitezel's attorney, and reimbursed Holmes for his expenses

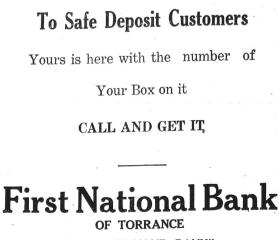
The details of the case were re-ported in the St. Louis newspapers, and a few days later, Marion Hedg-speth, a convict serving a sentence for train robbery, informed the gover-nor of the prison that he would like to give him some information which he considered most important.

"If you will examine the records of "If you will examine the records or the prison," said Hedgspeth, "you will find that there was a man here last summer by the name of H. H. Howard. He was in for fraud, I think, but was released on bail. While he was here. Howard asked me if I knew any lawyer whom I could recommend in connec. whom I could recommend in conn whom 1 could recommend in connec-tion with a swindling scheme which he had in mind—a plan which ought to net at least \$10,000 without any trouble. He promised me \$500 for my information and I gave him the lawyer's name, but I never got my five hundred."

"The name of the lawyer I recom-mended to 'Howard' was Jephtha D. Howe and 'Howard' is undoubtedly the man named Holmes who is mixed up with that insurance case in Philadelphia! The details of the case agree exactly with the scheme, as Howard outlined it to me last sum mer."

mer." As soon as this information reached Philadelphia, the insurance company, detailed an experienced detective named Geyer to arrest Holmes and to investigate his antecedents, for it was clear that Pitezel had not met his death through accident, but had here delinerately myrdered. been deliberately murdered. After a month's search, Holmes was traced to New England and finally arrested. This, however, proved to be practical-led to Indianapolis, by way of Detroit and Cincinnati, and it was in Indian-apolis that Geyer discovered the body of Howard Pitezel, aged ten, jammed into the chimney of the furnace in a house which had been rented som

time before by a man who answered to the description of Holmes. It was in the course of his search



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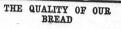
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	Star Restaurant	Agents wanted everywhere. Wholesale prices to Druggists Barbers and Beauty Specialists	TORRANCE LODGE	fair, and had it not been for the fact that Holmes overlooked the promise which he had made to a convict in the St. Louis prison, it is quite pos-	THE REAL		, Grain
	Parties Especially Catered To	TRIPLE CITY LODGE I, O. O. F. No. 333, LOMITA, CAL.		sible that he would have remained at liberty, a constant and deadly peril to everyone with whom he came in contact. But Detective Geyer returned to Philadelphia with more than enough evidence to secure conviction, and		FRED STOCK Telephone 172-R-3	Fuel
l	PRICES REASONABLE	Meet every Tuesday Night	PAUL J. BEALL, W. M. E. H. NASH, Secretary	Holmes paid the penalty for his crime on the gallows.	LOMITA		CAL.