## IDAY MORNING



#### TORRANCE HERALD

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True

**Detective** Stories MASTER CRIMINAL

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SHORTLY after Allan Pinkerton founded the detective agency which was destined to be feared

which was desured to be tended by so many criminals, a number of banks and financial institutions throughout the country were made the victims of a particularly clever gang of crooks headed by Walter Eastman bloaden thereare when Bluestan

Sheridan, the man whom Pinkerton in his memoirs declares was the clev-erest criminal he ever tracked.

The operations of the Sheridan or-ganization were marked by a simplic-ity which was almost startling. Their favorite trick was to plant one of their members in a line leading to the win-

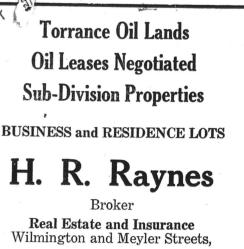
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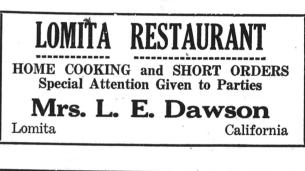
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Many Apply for **Auto Licenses** 

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tion at the time when the plates are issued. Eastern visitors who have been touring California and whose cars were registered during 1922 in an-other state and who now wish to take out a 1923 registration here should procure a certificate of reg-istration from the State from whence they came and be prepared to, prove ownership of their ma-chine when application is requested for registration.

for registration. Early application of club mem-bers is urged, particularly in the branch office districts. Motorists have been cautioned that if certificates of ownership have been lost, destroyed or so mutilated a new duplicate should be obtained.

FILM PRODUCER TO MAKE HUNT FOR CANNIBALS

HUNT FOR CANNIBALS A combination hunting and ex-ploring trip to Tibourn Island, off the coast of Baja California, will be made by Cecil B. De Mille and a porty of friends, who left last Sun-day, and they will return in about forty-five days. Mr. De Mille said that he expects to settle once and for all, reports that natives of Tibourn are Can-nibles, and discover possibilities of the island for motion-picture work. In order that the asserted cannibal-ism may not be determined by per-sonal experience, the party went well armed. Two machine guns and plenty of rifles and revolvers were taken along. On the return trip, Mr. De Mille said, the boat will stop at Guay-mas, Mex., from which port Mr. De Mille and his guests will return by rall. The vessel is in the command of Captain Edward McNary and has Dr. Paul Watson as surgeon and a crew of four sailors, a steward and a cook.

his return the director will filming the Ten Command-On start

BY CALEXICO IMPORTS CALEXICO, Jan. 12.—Previous records of collections by the Port of Calexico were smashed when the December totals passed \$50,000. The previons high mark was Nov-at \$49,000, which was in itself sur-passed the previous record in Oc-tober of \$42,000. The big sum comes largely as the result of big cotton imports at the prevailing high prices for the fleecy staple. It is thought here that Calexico has passed both El Paso and Dou-glas, Ariz, although riffs ore re-ceipts at those ports may have giv-en them the edge.

# LINER TO SAIL ON JAN 27 FOR SOUTH AMERICA

FOR SOUTH AMERICA The steamship President Hayes, the first of the three big steamers scheduled for the Pacific Coast-South American Atlantic Coast line to be established by the shipping board and handled by Swayne and Hoyt, will leave Los Angeles for South America January 27. The other vessels are President Har-rison, which sails March 7, and the Susquehana, which is expected to sail April 15. The ships are sched-uled to go via the Panama Canal and will stop at Porto Rico, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo, and Buenos Ayres, the terminus. Among the passengers will be delegations from Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. Los Angeles will have an official Chamber of Commerce group.



members in a line leading to the win-dow of the receiving teller of a prom-inent bank shortly before the closing hour. The man so planted would take up a position behind someone who held in his hands a large roll of bills, and would wait until the depositor had al-most reached the window. Then he would tap him on the shoulder, call his attention to a bill which "he had dropped on the floor," and the man would naturally stoop to pick it up, in nine cases out of ten placing his money on the teller's shelf as he bent over. The criminal would then snatch the money and make off. While the hauls secured in this man-While the hauls secured in this man-ner were, of course, of varying sizes, Sheridan and his men picked up \$75, 000 as the result of less than five 000 as the result of less than five minutes' work at a Baltimore bank. After several other coups of a sim-liar nature, Sheridan tried the same game at the First National bank of Springfield, III., but was arrested. He promptly skipped his ball, however, and the next that Pinkerton heard of him was when he assisted at the rob-

and the next that Pinkerton heard of him was when he assisted at the rob-bery of a Cleveland bank which netted the gang some \$40,000. This was followed by a raid upon the Mechan-ics' bank of Scranton, Pa., where Sheridan and one of his men got away with \$30,000 worth of negotiable bonds.

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cured. As a result of these operations, to-gether with the shrewd manner in which he had invested his money, Sheridan was worth fully \$250,000. Feeling certain that his past ex-ploits had left no clue to his connec-tion with the robberles, and having obtained his acquittal of the only charge on which he had been arrest-ed. Sharidan joined in a series of the most gigantic frauds ever known in most gigantic frauds ever known in

America—the issuance of bonds pur-porting to be worth more than \$5,000, 000. These forgeries were so clever-ly executed as to deceive even the officers of the companies involved, and the discussion of the companies involved, and the discovery of the swindle ruined scores of Wall street brokers and pri-

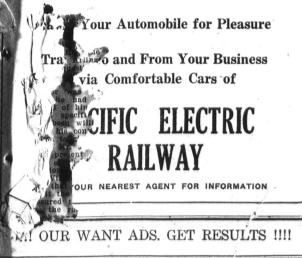
scores of Wall street brokers and pri-vate investors. On the eve of the day on which the bubble burst, Sheridan quietly cashed all his assets, closed his office at No. 60 Broadway, and salled for Belgium, which at that time provided a safe refuge from extradition. Had he re-mained there, he would have died a free man. But he could not resist the lure of gambling with the law, and he slipped back into America under the name of William A. Stewart, estab-lishing himself in business in Denver, and finally opening a bank of his own

and finally opening a bank of his own in Rosita, Colo. Even up to this time Pinkerton had no idea that the master criminal had

no need that the master criminal had returned to the states. Plinkerton, however, chanced to have busi-ness which carried him into the min-ing districts of Colorado, and it was on the streets of Denver that he came face to face with the man whom he was certain was Sheridan. Investigation developed the fact that "Stewart" had been leading an apparently upright and honest life, and beyond his arrival in Denver shortly after Sheridan had left Brussels, there was nothing to connect him with the bank robber and bond forger. Realizing that identification ander

Realizing that identification ander the circumstances would be extremely difficult. Pinkerton determined to re-sort to a ruse which would serve a double purpose-that of proving whether Stewart and Sheridan-were one and the same man, and at the same time implicating him, if guilty,

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in the planning of a new crime. Ac-cordingly, Pinkerton sent two of his best men to Colorado with instruc-tions to make the acquaintance of the tions to make the acquaintance of the bank president at Rosita, and finally to lay before him the details of a huge swindle which they were sup-posed to be planning. "If Stewart is really honest," ar-

gued the detective, "he will not listen to such a proposal. But if he is the man I think he is, he will not be able to resist the bait, and will come to New York to participate in the fraud." The plan worked out precisely as Pinkerton had figured. "Stewart" not only agreed to handle some of the more difficult details of the proposed bond forging, but suggested inprove-ments identical with those which had ments identical with those which had previously proved successful. He balked on coming east, but his "aga-sociates" finally persuaded him to do so, with the result that he was ar-rested the moment he stepped off the ferry at New Yors. Th spite of the fact that the grand jury returned no less than 82 indict-ments against him, Sherdan escaped with a five-year sentence in Sing Sing, but he died before the expiration of his term.

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