

TORRANCE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boyd and family, of Arlington avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. William Meinke picnicked Sunday in Topanga canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens-on-the-Hill were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Young of Susana in honor of Mr. Young's birthday.

Mrs. Thomas Kendrick of Arlington avenue has returned from several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long of Los Angeles.

Mrs. E. Ross and Miss M. E. McCloud of Lomita were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross of Arlington avenue.

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Torrance Council No. 2445 K. C. Meets Every Tuesday Eve. at 8:00 o'clock Torrance Catholic Hall

Torrance Review No. 37 Maccabees Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 7:30 P. M., Legion Hall. L. MAE TOMKINS Commander.

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The Voice Of the People

(Contributions to this column are welcome subjects to the following conditions and rules. Letters should be plainly written on one side of the paper. The Editor reserves the usual right of editing. Letters on matters of religious controversy, personal attacks or containing libelous material will not be published. Letters in this department do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this paper. Short contributions are better than long ones. Keep contributions within 400 words.—Editor.)

Editor: A recent editorial in a leading daily commends President Coolidge for his stand on appropriations for the army and navy. The budget for the coming year for the army and navy is \$850,000,000. That is more than the combined appropriations for government expenses a few years ago.

The editorial writer thinks this is a small amount to pay for the insurance of our great wealth from "aggression from without or destructive disorder from within." What has he in mind when he speaks of "destructive disorders from within"? Why should we have destruction from part of our own people? There was a time when there was no such fear. What has caused this great change? Would it not be a part of a statesman's duty to locate and try to remove the cause of this dread menace to peace and prosperity? An individual who, tends to his own business and is kind and just to his neighbors is safer and better protected than the scoundrel and bully, be he ever so well armed. The greatest protection that this or any nation in righteousness and justice that there can be no just cause for dissatisfaction from its humblest members. When we deal justly with one another we will deal justly with the world and have the love and respect of all nations, thus doing more by our example to bring peace on earth, good will to men than we could do with the greatest army and navy.

Today France is by far the best prepared nation for war, having the greatest army and air fleet; yet, according to all the best authority, France constitutes the greatest menace to world peace. As with men, so with nations. If they think war and prepare for war they will have war. "As a man thinketh, so is he."

Which course, I ask, is the most statesmanlike—to burden the people with still heavier taxes to support a standing army for the purpose of keeping peace by force, or by removing the cause that threatens "destruction from within" and thereby doing away with the necessity of force? Today we are governed by business, and not by the people, as Abraham Lincoln wished. Lincoln Steffens says "In seventeen cities and eleven states which I investigated the chief sources of corruption were the public service corporations. . . I found that business corrupted politics, and not politics corrupted business."

Big business goes into politics for

its own good. The people should go into politics for the common good. Our representatives who are so concerned to load us with still heavier burdens to increase our army and navy might well consider some of the wrongs that need to be righted. The United States department of commerce states that the public debt of California is \$519,213,000, on average per capita of \$142.52—an increase of 254 per cent over 1912; and the per capita assessed valuation increased from \$1,094.13 in 1912 to \$1153.20, while the per capita levy increased from \$23.50 in 1912 to \$48.97 last year.

One in every four of the wheat farmers have lost their farms, while distress is general among the farming class and hundreds of thousands are flocking from the farms into the cities, thus increasing crime and poverty in all the large centers of population.

In spite of the great army of the unemployed, little children are deprived of schooling and forced into the industries that destroy them, body and soul. One-fourth of the young men who were called for the late war were illiterate. Our wealth is congesting into the hands of the money lords, who are making use of its power to deprive the people of their just constitutional liberties, free speech and freedom of assembly.

Are our representatives working for peace when they appropriate 83 cents out of every dollar of government revenue for war, and fifty times as much for war as for education? Peace on earth, good will to men means nothing less than the brotherhood of man. Every nation striving with every other nation for advantage in the world markets, individuals seeking to monopolize the resources of life and competing with each other to appropriate to themselves unearned wealth, regardless of whether they return any service to their brother man—these conditions will but continue to bear more and more bitter fruit as they have in the past.

Peace! What a wonderfully comforting and beautiful thought that word brings. We can not fully appreciate it until we see it carved on marble in the silent and peaceful city of the dead.

Has our President displayed the highest statesmanship when he recommends squandering the people's resources in preparation for war?

Was there not a higher statesmanship proclaimed by the great Martyr when he proclaimed the Golden Rule and the law of non-resistance? R. GILHOUSEN.

LEGION IS IN BEST HEALTH SINCE BIRTH

Figures Give Lie To Veterans' Organization Enemies

SAN FRANCISCO.—The American Legion is in the most healthy condition since its organization, according to word received in this city by Morgan Keaton, state adjutant, from Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the organization.

Figures received here show that 25 per cent more members are paid up at this time than there were on the corresponding date of 1922.

"These figures are not propaganda," declared Keaton. "They are facts."

"Enemies of the Legion who try to discredit it, charging 'falling interest,' 'lack of program,' or similar reasons, are in the main foes of adjusted compensation, but their opposition to that recognition of the veterans' services has but served to unify former service men and women."

According to Keaton, many of the larger posts of the Legion have announced completion of "five hundred clubs," which include as an especial honor the first 500 men to pay their 1924 dues. In at least three cities where post membership numbers more than 1000 each these clubs have already been completed, though this mark has seldom been attained before March 1 in previous years.

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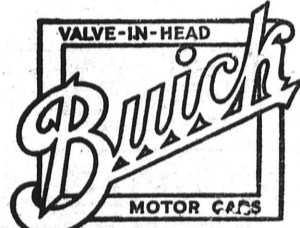
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