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JURY GETS POLICE CASE TONIGHT

Jamieson Company Will Drill Another Deep Well In Lomita

LAY STONE FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Fitting Ceremony Dedicates Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Institution

LAUD FOUNDER OF CITY

Mayor R. R. Smith and Mrs. Clara Burdette Deliver Addresses

A perpetual monument to the late Jared Sidney Torrance was formally dedicated to the use of the people of the city which he founded, when Mrs. Torrance laid the cornerstone of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital yesterday afternoon.

A brief and fitting ceremony preceded the actual laying of the cornerstone. When the stone was lowered into place, Dr. J. S. Lan-

THE DONORS

Following are the donors of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital:

Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, Mrs. Jennie Torrance Welch, Mrs. Katherine Torrance Peachey, Louis C. Torrance, Torrance Welch, Brian K. Welch, Louis C. Torrance.

ster asked Mrs. Torrance to speak to the crowd that had gathered to show their appreciation of the generosity of the heirs of Mr. Torrance.

Mrs. Torrance epitomized the spirit of Mr Torrance in planning for the hospital and the guiding motive of its donors with the brief statement, "This institution is dedicated to humanity."

Introduces Mayor

Declaring that the hospital will belong to all the people of this city and vicinity," Dr. J. S. Lanster, president of the Hospital Association and president of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Mayor R. R. Smith. The mayor spoke as follows:

"It is indeed an honor and privilege to be present today, on this auspicious occasion, and as a representative of the citizens of Torrance I wish to express the city's appreciation of this wonderful gift to the Torrance family, for it is through their desire to carry out the wish of the late J. S. Torrance that we are enabled to be here and witness the laying of the cornerstone of this beautiful edifice which is being erected as a memorial to one who always had the best interest of the city of Torrance at heart.

"What could be more fitting as a memorial to one we honor and respect so well, than this beautiful

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Federal Court Jury Convicts Torrance Man

Prosecution Asks Lenieny for Hemmi After Stolen Money Verdict

J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney, was convicted by a jury in United States District Court Friday afternoon, on charges of receiving part of the money stolen a year ago from the Anaheim postoffice. The prosecution requested leniency for Hemmi on account of his general good character and the assistance he rendered the government in running down the postoffice robbers. Sentence will be pronounced later.

(A statement by Mr. Hemmi is published on another page of this issue.)

Observations

The News of the Day—Blizzards, Longuyon—"Shaw Hits England"—California Shivers—Crime —Short Editorials

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

AND now the front page of the Los Angeles Times of Sunday must, according to a promise rashly made, be subjected to what powers of news interpretation the writer is able to bring forth from a mind cluttered with Christmas lists, forebodings of Christmas bills, and the knowledge that copy for this department must be written hurriedly in order to maintain uninterrupted flow of tpyewritten matter to our insatiable linotype operator.

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COLUMN 1—"Twenty-three Perish in Blizzards of Northwest," says the headline. To one born and reared in lake-locked Michigan, where the north wind sweeps down from Hudson's Bay, the news is not unusual. And yet, after thirty years of residence in that region, it seems that I never was so cold as last week right here in Southern California. Ten below in Michigan is not as cold to the Michigander as 30 above is to the Angeleno.

The Michigander is prepared for cold weather, dresses for it, builds his house for warmth. The average Southern Californian lives in a shell, sans furnace, sans adequate air-spaces in the walls, and usually sans a sufficient quantity of thick quilts like Grandma used to make.

The skin of the person who is accustomed to great variations of temperature automatically functions according to the thermometer. When the weather is warm, the pores open and throw off heat in perspiration. When the thermometer is low the pores close, shutting in the heat of the body. When it becomes suddenly cold in a generally warm climate the pores, long accustomed to being open, do not close tightly enough to protect the body thoroughly against the sudden chilliness.

Just the same, I'm glad I'm not living in Michigan, where a man has to go down cellar every couple of hours these days to heave a dollar's worth of coal into the devastating mouth of a pitiless furnace.

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COLUMN 2—"Port Under Red Siege," declares the headline. The story under a Paris dateline details a struggle between government troops and Reds in the city of Longuyon, France. The headline writer is guilty of a geographical bonehead. Longuyon is not a port. It is an inland manufacturing city near the Belgian border, just south of Arlon and farther south of Echternach, Luxembourg, on the Moselle river, where yours truly lay with a sprained ankle in the original monastery of the Benedictine monks, utilized as an American army hospital, while Pershing's divisions were hiking to the Rhine.

Reference to Longuyon brings memories. As Americans marched through that city they were greeted by curiously fashioned, crude little American flags. The city had been held for four years by the Germans. When the Americans came through, the French women hung up flags of all the allies. Having no American flags, they made them—pitifully unlike the real Stars and Stripes. Some had two stripes, some three, some one star, some seven or eight—according to the amount of colored cloth possessed by the good dames who stitched the banners. Yet these home-made American flags warmed the hearts of those doughboys even more than "store" Old Glories could have done. They represented a sentiment not on sale in shops.

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COLUMN 3—"Shaw Hits England," the headline tells the reader. Shaw has done nothing but hit England since 1910. He will continue hitting until Time deprives him of his hitter. Yet he is an entertaining cudgeler. Even the most stalwart supporters of the Crown must find him so.

In this particular article the dramatist takes his government to task for the manner in which it handled the Egyptian crisis. He reminds that England exacted 150,000 pounds from the Egyptian government because "the Egyptian government allowed the governor-general of the Sudan to be assassinated." Proceeding according to the same reasoning Shaw declares that not long ago the British government "allowed Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson, an American gentleman, in the streets of London, to have his life attempted with such vigor that he lost an eye and nearly had his back broken." Shaw then "shudders to think" what the United States, had it been out for "blood money," would have exacted from England for this affair.

Logical? Certainly. And entertaining.

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COLUMN 4—The reader is told that the cold wave is ended in the Southland. Good news. From the Palos Verdes hills Saturday afternoon, the smoke from the smudgepots to the north and east rose in great clouds, testimony to hard work through the night by grove-owners and employes to save their crops. Good news for the easterner. A long cold spell here would mean unusually high prices for California fruits later on.

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COLUMN 4—A reprint from the Denver Post reveals the sort of publicity California is receiving these days. The Post tells of the long breadlines in Los Angeles, asserts that visiting motorists are being provided with five gallons of gasoline and $5 in cash and headed out of the state. Bunk.

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COLUMN 5—Wherein is related the fact that James Rennie, husband of Dorothy Gish, paid Uncle Sam $12,900 as a penalty for failure to declare valuable jewels which the Gish sisters brought from Europe recently. The gems were seized and held by the Customs until the penalty was paid. Women who attempt to sneak jewels into the country without paying duty are smugglers just as much as those who make smuggling their profession.

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COLUMN 6—Story from Santa Barbara reveals that a Los Angeles cripple-beggar is a wealthy man. He tells police he is worth $250,000.

Is it better to give to all beggars in the hope of helping one who is needy, or should one refuse them all in the belief that only one in ten is really hard up? Write your own answer. The writer has never been able to decide this thing to his own satisfaction, his various answers to himself depending from time to time on the state of his digestion.

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COLUMN 6—The old home town makes the front page. Three men dead near Flint, Mich., from exhaust gas in a garage. The news story says the garage was between Flint and Helly. It isn't Helly, it's Holly. My uncle lives there and I know. I shall send him the clipping and ask him if they have changed the name of the bailiwick on account of the nasty winter weather in Michigan this year.

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COLUMNS 7 and 8—Seven persons are killed at Chippewa Falls when a passenger train plunged over a trestle, and five more

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PENN. AVE. HOLE IS CHOSEN

New Second Sand Test at Rogers No. 1, Near Acacia Street

LORA J. DATA VALUABLE

Company Expects to Profit From Palm Street Experience

Another deep test well will be drilled at once in the Lomita field by the Jamieson Oil Company. The well selected for deepening is the Rogers No. 1, on Pennsylvania avenue, near Acacia street, formerly owned by Bush and Voorhis.

The Jamieson Oil Company recently purchased five wells from Bush and Voorhis for a cash consideration, and has selected the Rogers for a deep test.

With the data acquired from the experiments at the Lora J. on East Palm street Jamieson company officials believe that they will have little difficulty in bringing in a producer from the second sand when they deepen the Rogers.

The company is still experimenting with the Lora J. in the hope of shutting off the water, but observers are skeptical as to the results.

The Lora J. has been a valuable test, in that it definitely established the fact that a second sand exists below 4200 feet and that the oil at the low level is accompanied by a gas pressure that seems sufficient to make the oil flow.

As is the case with all wildcatting operations, the Jamieson had to proceed at the Lora J. without definite knowledge of the water strata below 3800 feet. It is probable that the Rogers will be cemented lower than was the Lora J., and probably will not be drilled quite so deep. The water at the Lora J., it is believed, is coming in either just under the cement or from the bottom of the hole. By cementing deeper and not drilling so far, the company hopes to make the Rogers a clean producer. If they succeed a rush of deepening operations all over the field, especially on the small leases, will start.

Torrance Man Dies as Train Crushes Truck

George Thomas, Claude White Killed; Two Hurt; Boy Escapes Injury

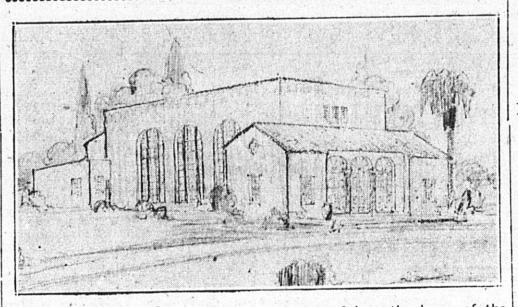
George Thomas, a teamster residing in the Shoestring Strip east of Torrance, was killed Saturday night when the truck he was driving was struck by a Pacific Electric train at Carmelita crossing at Rosecrans. Claude White, a youth of 17, also a resident of the Shoestring Strip, died after the accident, and William White, his brother, was severely injured. Clifford White escaped serious injury by jumping from the truck when he saw the train approaching. Perley Pickle, a laborer, sustained a broken leg.

Seeing the train coming, Thomas saw that he could not cross the tracks nor stop in time, so he guided the truck on the tracks in the same direction as the train was coming.

Steel Frame Going Up at Glass Plant

Workmen are very busily engaged in erecting the steel framework for the blowing room at the Western Sheet Glass factory.

New Home Will Aid Women's Club in Community Program



The picture shows the architect's conception of how the home of the Torrance Women's Club will appear when it is finished.

With a splendid program of education, designed to broaden the scope of women's activities and to serve the community, the Women's Club of Torrance, boasting a membership that includes women of this entire district, has adopted plans for its new clubhouse, which will be erected soon.

The Women's Club is by no means a mere social organization. This is demonstrated by the programs of its weekly meetings, which are dedicated to the following purposes: To open wide the doors of opportunity for women; to help extend the blessings of the home into community life; to insure a sound body for every child; to eliminate illiteracy; to promote general happiness and prosperity; to make human life safe.

With this program constantly in mind, the Women's Club of Torrance constitutes one of the most valuable assets to this district. Its membership is open to all women. It is non-political, non-sectarian.

Up to this time the club has grown and prospered despite its lack of a home. With the new clubhouse erected, the club will be able to put into practice many of the ideals on which the organization is founded.

Perhaps no single aim of the club is more needed now than that which has to do with the leadership of young girls. When the clubhouse is completed, the organization plans to carry on its work for girls in a definite, practical manner, providing wholesome social entertainment for girls under womanly supervision.

Gift Festival Huge Success

112 Presents Still on Hand

Coupons For Late Shoppers

Capital presents to be given away tonight and tomorrow night at the Torrance theatre include: a chest of silverware; a $10 check protector; a five-dollar merchandise order good on any store in Torrance; huge boxes of groceries; a $20 radio set; a big order for lumber. These are in addition to the mountain of smaller but unusually attractive and valuable presents which will be awarded.

Only three-fifths of the $1120 worth of presents donated by 56 merchants in the Festival of Gifts have been awarded, and Santa Claus will officiate again tonight and tomorrow night after the performances at the Torrance theatre. The success of the merchants' gift plan was indicated by the throngs of shoppers who attended the presentations Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, when 28 gifts were awarded at each show.

The rush of last-minute shoppers at Torrance stores necessitated a call for more coupons to be given with each dollar's worth of merchandise purchased.

Many beautiful gifts were awarded Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, and there remain 112 to be given out—28 at each performance tonight and Wednesday night.

The big $20 prize, a Kodak, was awarded at the first show Friday night to George Bradbury. At the second show C. E. Kesinger was presented with a $12.50 Hendrie tire, and Mrs. Mary Roberts received a $10 bathrobe.

Get Fine Presents

The capital gift of the first show Saturday night, a floor lamp and shade, was awarded to Edgar Dunoy, and an auto robe was awarded to D. V. Shoopman, while C. H. Mitchell received a $17.50 set of traffic signal lights.

Others to whom gifts were awarded were as follows: Mrs. Mary McDonald, Mrs. Bayley, G. D. Mosier, M. Shea, J. Williams, Ben Hannebrink Jr., Mrs. McCormick, Ray Morris, J. B. Johnson, Mrs. Jasper, Harry Guy, Thomas Martin, R. Perkins, Ronald Williams, Ruth Yeager ,Jack Reeve.

Eugene Reiden, Gertrude Lovell, Mrs. George Sutton, Tom McNeall, Dwight Martin, Ben Lepkin, D. Williamson, H. F. Neilly, Mrs. C. J. McCartney, Robert J. Deininger, Mary Lisom, Paul Denny, Ira Young, Leonard Renquist, W. A. Burns, W. A. Bruno, W. H. MacLean.

John Junior, Ray Morrison, Mrs. Francis Hughse, W. S. Davis, J. A. Sharon, Wright Hargrave, Mrs. Wicks, J. DeVilla, Valois Bradbury, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, V. R. Mayberry, Lewis Lisom, Richard Von Hagen, Robert McMasters, Mrs. A. M. Mohr, Mrs. W. S. Davis, G. T. Wells, Mrs. D. A. Baxter, James Hill, Orville Hudson, Mrs. Speck, J. H. Hanks, Mrs. Fannie King, Val Bemish, Margaret McDonald.

More Winners

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Russell Roberts, Gertrude Farrar, W. L. Ball, C. W. Wells, W. C. Bradford, Mr. Fleming, Frank Steinhilber, Mrs. Stasson, Mrs. A. M. Moon, H. R. Pearl, Eddie Woodington, R. W. Johnson, Ray Dill of Gardena, D. Johnson, Edward Kasper of Torrance Park, W. A. Micheen, Mrs. Mack.

Some of the above-named persons were awarded more than one gift.

The list of presents to be given away tonight and tomorrow night is published in the advertisement of the Torrance theatre, which appears on another page of this issue.

For tonight's presentations coupons may be deposited in the box in front of the theatre up to 6 o'clock tonight. For tomorrow night's awards they must be in the box by 6 p. m.

NOTICE!

There will be no issue of The Herald on Friday of this week. Next Tuesday's issue will be published as usual.

LEGION MEETS TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, will be held at the First National Bank tonight at 7:30. Nominations for officers to be elected on Dec. 30 will be open.

Anderson Denies Whole Fabric of Abbott Testimony

Pleas of Attorneys Stress Statements of Former Chief and Former Cycle Officer as Pith of Whole Trial

MONTELEONE BRANDS ABBOTT, COWARD, CRIMINAL

Van Cott Urges Conviction on Both Bribery and Extortion Charges and Emphasizes Necessity of "Pure Administration of Justice"

There was every promise this morning that the case of B. M. Anderson, former Torrance chief of police, and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach, charged with extortion and bribery, would go to the jury before night.

The defense rested its case Friday afternoon and Deputy District Attorney Van Cott opened the argument for the state. He was followed Monday afternoon, there being no session Monday morning, by Attorney Monteleone, counsel for Anderson. This morning Attorney Fletcher, for Morewood, pleaded, and was scheduled to be followed by Deputy District Attorney Costello.

Denies Implication

Anderson on the stand Friday emphatically denied all knowledge of the asserted conspiracy which led up to the alleged extortion and bribery. He denied all the statements made by Abbott on the stand which would have tended to implicate him. Following the testimony of the former chief, Attorney Monteleone exhorted the jury to disregard the testimony of Abbott, whom he characterized in an excoriating address as a "coward, sneak and perjurer."

From Monteleone's plea it was evident that the attorney places his hope for an acquittal of the former chief on the acceptance by the jury of Anderson's testimony as against that of Abbott.

Taking the stand on his own behalf, Anderson flatly declared that he received no bribe money, plotted in no extortion conspiracy, and that he did not give Abbott the $150 which Abbott says he received from the hand of the former chief.

Former Chief's Denials

He denied having had anything to do with the complaint filed against the five Compton men; denied he swore abusively at the five men; denied that he refused them bail; denied that he threatened Abbott in order to make the motorcycle officer swear to an affidavit repudiating the statement he had made to Trustee Torrence and City Attorney Briney; denied that he urged Abbott to leave the state when the grand jury investigation was about to start; denied that he met Abbott at his (Anderson's) home on the night before Abbott's departure for Troy, New York, stating that he was in Venice at the time Abbott says he called at the Anderson home; denied that he urged Mrs. Abbott to pack up and follow her husband; denied that he planned Abbott's repudiating affidavit, but that Abbott sought him and offered to make it; denied that he urged Abbott "to stick" to the statements contained in the second affidavit; denied that he asked Chief Henry of Redondo Beach to ask Morewood to communicate with him; denied that he had been suppoenaed by the grand jury at the time he called at Abbott's house, the evening before Abbott left for Troy, but asserted that he was on his way to Torrance from Los Angeles and just "dropped in" to talk with Abbott; denied that during this visit with Abbott he asked City Recorder King concerning the power of the authorities to make Abbott come back in case he went to Troy.

Brief Cross-Questioning

The former chief declared that he told Trustee Torrence, prior to the investigation into the release of the Compton men, that Abbott had "shown a yellow streak" and that he was going to get a new motorcycle officer.

Cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney Van Cott was brief. The deputy district attorney, with Anderson watching the jury, read Anderson's testimony before the grand jury. As was the case with several of the witnesses, Anderson's grand jury testimony differed from his testimony on the stand at the trial in Superior Court.

After reading all of this testimony, Costello asked "Did you so testify?"

"I did," replied the former chief.

W. T. Richardson, steward of the Elks Club at Redondo, testified Friday that he remembered no telephone call at the club for Morewood on July 27 and 28. Under cross-examination he said the call might possibly have come during his absence at dinner.

Desk Sergeant Kiracofe of the Redondo police force also testified for the defense that no call was made to the Elks from the police station for Morewood.

Henry on Stand

Chief Henry of Redondo Beach also testified that he did not call Morewood for Anderson. He asserted also that Torrance policemen frequently come to the Redondo station, declaring that the two departments co-operate considerably and that a trip by Anderson and Abbott to Redondo would not be unusual. Under cross-examination he declared that he and Morewood were friends and that he turned as much legal business to Morewood as possible.

Mrs. Anderson testified that she did not pass any money out of the window of her home to Abbott the night before Abbott left for Troy. Mrs. Anderson was not cross-examined.

John L. Richardson, former attorney for Anderson, testified that the affidavit made by Abbott at his office was made after Abbott had verbally set forth the ideas he wished expressed in the document. He declared that no threats were made to Abbott by Anderson at his office.

Ray Leslie Testifies

Ray Leslie of Torrance testified that he was present when Anderson met City Recorder James L. King after the dismissal of the Compton men at the Torrance hearing. He declared that Anderson did not hand King any money. He said he was at the jail shortly after the arrest of the five men and that he did not hear Anderson swear at them or abuse them. Mr. Leslie said that Anderson entered the cell-room and that all he heard him say to the prisoners was "It's a good thing for you that I wasn't in Abbott's place, or there would have been slow walking and soft music."

At this juncture the defense rested its case and Attorney Van Cott opened his address to the jury.

Says Charges "Trumped"

Mr. Van Cott stressed the importance of the case, not because of any great sum involved, but because of the principle at stake. He emphasized the importance of the "pure administration of justice." Most of his remarks were confined to the aspects of the case from a strictly legal standpoint. He declared that seven of the eight charges lodged against the Compton men were "trumped up" for "purposes of extorting money," and that after this the money was accepted as "a bribe," and urged conviction on both counts for these reasons.

He declared that although Morewood entered "the conspiracy" after it had started, he bore the same responsibility in the eyes of the law as the conspirators who originally formed "the plot."

He stressed the importance of Abbott's testimony, declaring that it had been supported throughout by other witnesses.

He lauded the integrity of J. S. Torrence before the jury and asked

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