Congressman Colden at the Capitol

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, (Special to The Herald)—When a political party has a large majority, as at present, it causes a keen scramble for places on the Committees. The Californians have been quite fortunate. Your Representative from the 17th district is on the River & Harbors, along with Franck R. Havenner, Progressive, of San Francisco, and Albert E. Carter. California has three Members on the Rivers & Harbors, along with New York State, which also has three.

Chairmanships of the large committees are only obtained by a long period of service. There are 25 members, for instance, on Rivers and Harbors. I ranked 18 when I was placed on the Committee, but due to the death, defeat, and resignation of other members, I am now seventh on the list and 13th on the Merchant Marine & Fisheries.

LABOR BILL IN JAM . . . The President's program for a Wage and Hour Bill with a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for a maximum of 40 hours a week and restrictions on child labor, is in a worse jam than ever. William Green, A.F.L. president, has announced his opposition, which is a disappointment to the liberals. Certain Democratic members from the Southern states have bitterly opposed this bill in the Rules Committee. Republican members of that Committee refuse to support it or to assume any responsibility. The result is there are not enough liberal Democrats on the Committee to report out the bill.

The Discharge Petition on the Speaker's desk is gaining signatures every day. Sam Rayburn of Texas, Democratic Floor Leader, has added his signature and the struggle for 218 names is on in dead earnest. It is a bitter fight and while a few outstanding southern Democrats are supporting the bill, its chief opposition is from southern Democrats and the Republican minority.

BRADLEY RAPS DIES . . . Nearly all the speeches of criticism on the floor are made by partisans of the two great parties. Once in a while a battle breaks out within the ranks of one party. One of the most amusing speeches that has been made on the floor for a long time was made by a new Member, Mike Bradley, Democrat of Philadelphia, who proceeded to give another Democrat, Martin Dies of Texas, and a member of the Rules Committee, a good panning. Dies is one of the members who is fighting the President's Wage and Hour bill.

In the last campaign the Democratic National Committee sent Dies to Philadelphia to make a speech in Mike Bradley's district. So Bradley proceeded to tell the members of the House what a wonderful liberal speech Dies made, in which he flayed the exploiters of farmers and workers from the beginning of history down, including the Du-Ponts, Morgans, Rockefellers, Raskobs, and all of their satellites. Now Bradley finds that Dies has switched his position and is opposing the principles of liberalism. Bradley pilloried Dies of Texas, but he did it in such a good natured way that he had the House howling with laughter, but behind the humor were shafts of criticism that hit the mark.

Torrance Relief Society to Serve As 'Clearing-House' for Charity

At a meeting of 14 P.T.A. presidents and welfare secretaries, officers of the Torrance Relief Society and the Torrance Community Service association Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce the subject of local relief problems was thoroughly discussed. Henry Lintott, president of the T.C.S.A., presided.

Relief work as administered by various local agencies was reviewed and it was decided that the most efficient way to handle such charitable endeavors in the future would be to use the Torrance Relief Society as a "community clearing house." In this way duplication of effort will be eliminated and a greater coverage permitted of local relief.

Because the P.T.A. units are doing splendid work among underprivileged school children with milk, hot lunches and shoes donations, that charitable phase of local relief will not be "cleared" thru the Relief Society. All other gifts of food, clothing and supplies to local families should be "cleared" thru the society to avoid duplication of relief activities in the future, it was decided.

The Torrance Relief Society's president is Mrs. W. W. Woodington and she can be reached by those desiring to assist in meeting the local relief problem at 690-R.

Woman Driver Crashes Stand

A brand-new coupe was badly damaged Monday when the driver, Margaret Hines of Los Angeles, failed to make the turn on Hawthorne avenue at Highway 101 and crashed the car into the Hamano fruit stand, virtually wrecking the shed-like structure. Miss Hines paid for damages to the stand, police reported.

Fire Aparatus To China

BUFFALO, N. Y. (U.P.)—When fire breaks out in Canton, China, that city will be fortified to fight it with apparatus made in Buffalo.

Stair Rails of Glass

TOLEDO (U.P.)—Glass manufacturers are making structural glass now for use as stair rails and bannisters. Panels are monogrammed.

Remembers When

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Harry Kitzmeyer, a Los Angeles carpenter, is shown above as he tells a pretty Hollywood starlet of the "good old days" 30 years ago when he was a fireman on old No. 22, of the Virginia and Truckee Railway. Old 22, shown in the background, is now "under contract" for a picture telling of the development of the West.

Three New Homes Sold Near City

Three of the new homes erected in the Shoestring strip adjoining Torrance off Carson street by the Southern Finance Service of Pasadena were reported sold during the past week to local workers. The Pasadena firm is completing arrangements for the construction of 10 more homes in the tract bordering 213th street between Denker and Harvard streets.

RICH IN GRAPES

Fresno county tops all counties of the United States in production of grapes, producing nearly one-third of the nation's supply.

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Carl Gilbert

Swiss Yodelers . . . On Wednesday the student body presented a group of native Swiss yodelers in a program of songs and dances. This group has recently arrived in the United States. They were an unusually versatile group of musicians and entertainers.

Girls' League Meets . . . Wednesday with nearly all girls attending. Miss Parks, vice-principal, introduced the new president of the league, Doris Kresse. A talk on the Girls' League convention was made by Merle McHenry. A song "Blossoms on Broadway," was sung by Midge Higgins, president of the Torrance high student body. A Thanksgiving poem was recited by Mary Walls. The popular Junior Girls' trio sang and Arlys Fossum played several piano numbers. Short talks followed by three Redondo students.

Fashion Show . . . The annual winter fashion show was held Wednesday in the school library. Thomas Elson, principal, gave a short talk and the junior choir made its first appearance.

Vocational Session . . . Tuesday morning the first vocational group conference of the year was held. The subject was "teaching."

May Get Career . . . While returning from the opera "Aida" recently, Miss Donna Jo McCutchen and her escort, Reggie Treloar, stopped at Lucca's for a midnight meal. It was here Reggie asked Donna to sing. Donna consented and after being escorted to the stage by the leader himself, sang "Am I In Love." She was encored twice, after which the management asked her to consider a contract. At present Donna is gravely considering this offer, and we all hope for her that it is just a step in her climb to fame.

Friday night, Dec. 3, Donna will go to KMTR radio studio for an audition. Students of Torrance high are wishing Donna lots of luck in this audition and are hoping that she may realize her career.

Alls vs. Alls . . . Tuesday afternoon one of the fiercest football games ever witnessed was played at the high school field. Coaches Rossett, Radford, and Herlett's "All-American's" kicked off to Coaches Pupkoff and Richhart's "All-Stars." Both teams being very evenly matched, were composed of non varsity football players and any others who wished to play.

The game went scoreless until Akigi Shimatsu in the third quarter smashed off tackle for 35 yards to score the one tally, and the "All-Americans" came out on top with the score of 6-0 An unmatched game will be played next Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m. Coach Roy Cochran, grid mentor, says.

INVENTOR FRIES EGG OVER BULB OF SMALL SIZE

SEATLE (U.P.)—A railroad locomotive can be run from the heat produced by its headlight, E. H. Franson, Seattle inventor and apartment house janitor, said, as he stood before an unusual contrivance and fried an egg over a common electric light globe.

Franson, 58, has perfected an invention that utilizes heat from a light globe to warm a room or cook. He has been working on it for 10 years and has been trying to interest the Federal government in it.

"If I can get the government to back my invention, I'll solve the nation's fuel problem," Franson said.

His invention consists of a 300-watt light globe encased in copper, aluminum and sheet iron, set in a standard 3 feet high. Two tubes extend from the bottom and air flows thru them into the chamber holding the tube.

Franson says the globe radiates heat and breaks down the oxygen in the air, consumes it, and gives more heat. He said the same principle that enables him to fry an egg or heat his room could be applied to running a locomotive with heat from its headlight.

Brothers Meet After 53 Years

BILLINGS, Mont. (U.P.)—R. A. Prater and his brother, E. L. of Gainsville, Ga., were reunited here for the first time in 53 years.