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MEDIATOR . . . Dr. Louis Bloch, of the Maritime Labor Board, who came to San Francisco from Washington when the federal government stepped into a labor dispute between the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and the Matson line which tied up two liners.

New Hardness For Steel Seen

PITTSBURGH (U.P.)—A new electric heat treating furnace which will be used to study combinations of radio-active elements and steel has been developed by engineers of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.

Intending first to make the elements "radio-active" by subjecting them to treatment in the 65-foot "atom smashing" machine developed by the company, engineers say that new hardnesses of steel may be found with the "radio-active" treatment.

Discarding the accepted theory that elements are constant substances, Dr. A. A. Bates, manager of the chemical and metallurgical division of the Westinghouse Research laboratories, said the "atom-smasher" will change one element into another. The smasher can energize one element into intense radio-activity rivalling that of radium itself.

The new furnace, Dr. Bates said, will facilitate an investigation of crystallographic transformations in steel.

SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

TEMPUS FUGIT . . . . .

Vernon Coil, local boy and one time store clerk, now popping out of bed early every A. M., tooting about Torrance in a Golden State truck, delivering milk to local residents . . . . . **"Red" Brown,** ½ the firm of Brown & Medieus, auto mechanics, making himself a few extra nickels betting he can make a screw driver remain suspended in midair; and he does it! . . (Let Red show you how it's done) . . . . **Harvel Guttenfelder,** smiling happily as crowds & crowds jammed Cravens last Friday afternoon to watch a really spectacular Safety Demonstration staged by Goodrich . . . . . **Gene & Ed Auto Electric,** after planning to be in their new home on Carson by this week, find that repairs on the new place are behind schedule, won't be moved for another week . . . . .

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A friend of ours, salesman for a large oil company in Long Beach, tells of the following Great, To Do that exploded in his firm. It was occasioned by a letter written to the head office in San Francisco by an irate car owner from the beach city. Seems that at the last Rose Parade in Pasadena this Complainer had dire need to use a service station rest room on Colorado Ave., for which he was nicked a five cent piece. Plenty mad, The Complainer sat down, dashed off a scorcher to San Francisco. Typical of a huge corporation, wheels began to grind slowly, gained momentum, finally reached a screaming crescendo with The Complainer's letter going from president to second vice-president, to Los Angeles manager, to Long Beach manager, to our salesman friend . . . . . who climbed in his car, drove out to personally placate The Complainer. Rather embarrassed as well as flattered, The Complainer refused his nickel back, insisted that the rest room was a company operated one, in contradiction to the company's findings that he had wandered into a privately owned garage next door, thought all the time he was a guest of The Corporation.

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Al Isen, attorney, one of the first in the country to operate a chain law practice . . . Al just opened branches offices in Lomita . . . . . **George Arnette,** Gilmore Service Station, took a day off last week, did not sell much gas & erl while trucks, men & steam rollers cluttered up his place, would not leave until they had put down an asphalt covering over the entire yard, replacing the dirty, old gravel one . . . . . **Howard Locke,** Insurance & Insurance, starts today an interesting series of travelogue stories in The Herald called "The Trailer Vagabond," well written yarns about places & things The Vagabond sees as he trailers about the U. S. . . . . .

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In a letter from B. L. Fitzgerald, principal of Torrance-Gardena high schools, to Rev. C. M. Northrup of this city, the former offered the assistance & co-op of the School Board to the idea of organizing a community singing group in Torrance. Said many requests had come in for such a thing. First meeting of the class was held March 27, 7 p. m., evening high school. Like gatherings will be held every Monday eve hereafter. B. E. Reeder, secretary of the high school asked Shop Talk to herein mention these classes in the hopes that interested singers (good & bad) will take up the class, attend with their friends.

Consider it herein mentioned.

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Alden Smith's enterprising young **Charlie Elen** fixed up a mighty swank window display last week when he introduced the Easter motif, had wedding ensembles neatly nestling in cracked egg shells, rabbits and assorted poultry strewn about . . . . . With plenty on the ball, **Mike Fenwick's Shoe Repair** wound up the bowling season the other eve in second place, after having whipped the Torrance Plumbers in the play off, with the largest team score recorded in the Merchants' League . . . . . **Sam Kennedy,** sign painter . . . Would suggest to Sammy that he bring up to date the sign board directory across from the post office . . . . take off the names of Paxman and Worrell, both deceased . . . . . Names for the new spring fabrics now catching the fancy of all style conscious women are the following . . . . . Fuchsia, Cyclamen,

26 Men Seized in Gambling Raids Pay $340 in Fines

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and suspension. They each paid $25.

Chris S. Adzovich, 27, who gave his occupation as a truck driver and said he lived at 2122 Torrance boulevard, plead guilty to operating a percentage game as did Benny Gortzman, 26, who said he was a former steelworker and lived at the Roi Tan hotel. Both were fined $200 or 100 days in jail of which $150 was suspended. If re-arrested in two years they will be automatically sentenced to 75 days in jail, Judge Lessing pointed out. Both paid $50 fines.

Warned About Abatement

Deputy Sheriff J. E. King, who was a member of the raiding party, warned Torrence, Crawford and Reece that if gambling is resumed in their poolhalls "we will go to the Attorney-General and start abatement proceedings to close your places permanently."

Police Chief John Stroh also insisted that the operators remove various "blinds" and other equipment that has been used in the gambling operations. This the proprietors of the places promised to do at once.

The authorities originally charged Adzovich and Gortzman with bookmaking on horse races, not only on California tracks but elsewhere in the U. S. They were questioned at length by Deputy Sheriff King concerning their connections with "higher ups" but both refused the information desired. They maintained, even tho the authorities confronted them with the actual book records that showed considerable money transactions in "bookie" bets, that they were working independently.

Judge's Statement

Police discounted their statements, pointing out that the pair had telephones in the poolhall and used them to call outside numbers in placing wagers.

Before passing sentence on the "small fry" of card players that appeared before him yesterday morning, Judge Lessing declared:

"I know it is impossible to stop gambling. There is little or nothing we can do to eliminate it from any community. But it is necessary to make arrests of this kind from time to time to show that the police mean business when they try to keep our city clean.

"I think if a man can afford it, gambling is alright at times. We all do it and it's human nature to gamble. But it has a bad effect on our young people here to see you men frequenting gambling places openly and persistently. I order each of you to pay a fine of $25 of which $20 will be suspended on condition you are not re-arrested for this offense within two years," Judge Lessing concluded.

Defendants Listed

Those who appeared in court were: Alfred Reece, 36, laborer living at the Torrance hotel; Thomas Hogge, 22, waiter, 813 Portola; A. B. Larson, 56, Lawndale carpenter; Jack Strong, 51, watchman, 911 Amapola; Roy Mathews, 55, oilworker; J. M. Holland, 37, steelworker, Torrance hotel; W. H. Scott, 37, Hawthorne oilworker; W. O. Prince, 60, unemployed, 1021 Cravens; and W. A. Thomas, 30, steelworker, 813 Portola.

Those who did not appear and thus forfeited their $10 bails were: William Buchanan, 41, Lynwood oilworker; Ray Hagin, 31, bartender, Erwin hotel; Carl Pagac, 27, steelworker, Park hotel; William Phillips, 48, steelworker, 2023 Andreo; Bert Anderson, 40, mechanic, 1513 Cota; Mitchell Watson, 31, laborer, 2116 Cabrillo; H. M. Griffin, 47, Gardena salesman; M. E. Sirratt, 36, laborer, 1639 Cabrillo; Walter West, 20, blaster, 1106 El Prado; H. F. Crawford, 64, laborer, Spurlin Court; Jack Cole, 51, laborer, 1611 Sartori, and Evans Myrick, Los Angeles.

Eshelman Area Tops Oil Activity

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bent from 5,160 feet at 238th and Walnut is holding up well, it was reported. Hydrocarbon Products Inc., has finished Torrance No. 1 northeast of 237th and Eshelman, flowing and swabbing some 200 barrels.

Criton-Colvin Oil has completed No. 1, flowing 190 barrels of 26.2 gravity, cutting 2.0 percent. Near 237th and Eshelman, Lone Star Drilling added Pestor No. 1, flowing 190 barrels of 27.0 gravity, cutting 1.0 percent from 5,170 feet this week.

At the southeast corner of 237th and Eshelman, A. B. C. Oil finished its Angelich No. 1, flowing 200 barrels by heads cutting 25 percent. Farther south, at 242nd and Eshelman, Deep Hole Drilling's No. 2 failed to flow on a test of the upper zone.

Attempting Revival

At the most southerly venture to date, King Petroleum is reporting corings taken from 4,800 feet show the top of the oil structure has been reached. This well is on 247th, east of Walnut, Golden Bear and Bass and Goodnight have outpost wells drilling in this vicinity.

World Petroleum company is going ahead with its attempt at reviving the old South Torrance field near Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards on the west side. The location is along the edge of proved territory for the 10-year-old shallow field and the new venture will plumb lower stratas.

Sun Gold, Japonica, Cranberry, Wine Ooze, Caramel . . . . Prime idiocy is a new cosmetic line put out by Elizabeth Arden called Sky Blue Pink . . . . . plain old red, blue, yellow, etc. are obviously lost in the shuffle, too, too corn-fed to use these days . . . . .