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**In This Paper Forty Years From Today**

By C. A. HEAD.

Jack Willacy is talking by radio to the folks back in Yorkshire, England, these nights. Jack does most of the talking, telling the people of his old home all about the wonders of Southern California. Jack's radio set is one of the most up-to-date west of the Mississippi. He says he hears the folks in Yorkshire clearly when he gets a connection via the Pacific, but when he cuts in across North America and the Atlantic, he declares, the yapping of congressmen around Washington disturbs him.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Husbands met in annual convention here this week. This society was organized in 1925 to combat the success of women who did away with their husbands and were acquitted. The secretary reported that the organization would disband, because it had failed of its purpose. The report of the secretary stated that men haven't changed much in the last few decades and that juries will still acquit good-looking gals.

The limit on the height of skyscrapers was raised by the board of trustees again this week. Builders will now be allowed to erect office structures 88 stories high.

A curious collection of old pictures is on display in the City Museum today. It shows some interesting fashions popular among the women-folk of yesteryear. Considerable mirth was provoked by one photograph which showed a girl of 20 or thereabouts with hair cut short like a Zulu. Old residents denied the allegation that girls of 1923 wore rings in their noses, and assert that the 'young people' of those days were much more modest than the younger set of today.

San Francisco is still planning to put a bridge over the Golden Gate

Alarming reports from Sacramento point certainly to the approach of race suicide. The average family of today is only two and a half. The condition is brought about by the custom, started years ago, of refusing to allow children in apartment houses and other dwellings for rent. Gradually the birth rate decreased, until now only one married couple in two has a

child. Extreme measures probably will be taken by the next legislature to check the approach of race suicide among native Californians. It is probable that a bill will be passed making it a felony for the owner of an apartment house or dwelling to refuse to rent to a family with a child or children. Extremists would make it unlawful to rent to any married couple without a child, but this is opposed by others as too likely to present serious complications. They point out that under such a law it would be impossible for newlyweds to get a place to live. The consequences, if it is contended, might be surprising, under such a measure. Residents here will remember the time when married folks with children were forced to live on rafts well out in the Pacific.

Three wild-eyed men were admitted to the insane asylum here today, after having been hurried from the business district by police. They were tearing their hair on the street corner when apprehended. It was learned that the three were perfectly normal as to mind when they engaged in an attempt to name the boundaries of the city of Los Angeles. All three went stark mad.

Germany sent a note to the powers today, declaring that it is impossible for her to meet the reparations demands of France. This was the 467th note reiterating the statement. France is still in the Ruhr and England is still playing 'em all both ways from the middle.

**Edison Company Stockholders to Meet Sept. 7**

Hundreds of stockholders of the Southern California Edison company in Torrance, Lomita and vicinity received notification from President John B. Miller Wednesday that a special meeting had been called for September 7 at the Edison building, Los Angeles, for the purpose of authorizing a rearrangement and increase of the company's authorized stock capitalization and bonded indebtedness.

District Manager W. E. Oliver said that the purpose of the proposed increased capitalization was for continuing the company's policy of planning ahead for the financing and construction of hydro-electric power to meet the ever-increasing demands of Southern and Central California.

Explaining the new plan of financing, Mr. Oliver said: "The increased authorized capital will provide a broad and strong foundation for financing through to completion more than a million additional horsepower to be installed on our Big Creek-San Joaquin project, together with the necessary transmission and distributing lines throughout the ten counties in which the Edison company renders electric service. This expenditure in the next ten years is estimated to amount to \$200,000,000. The plan which will be voted on is, in brief, as follows: The increase of authorized capital stock from \$100,000,000, as at present—which consists of \$60,000,000 of common stock and \$40,000,000 of preferred stock—to \$250,000,000, consisting of \$125,000,000 of common stock and \$125,000,000 of preferred stock.

"The stockholders will also be asked to approve an increase of the authorized bonded indebtedness of the company to \$250,000,000. The vote of the stockholders in the nature of an enabling act giving the directors power to sell bonds and stock as may be required. The stockholders' vote in itself does not actually create any bonded increase as under the public utilities act of California neither bonds nor stock can be sold by the directors except under authority of, and at prices fixed by, the state railroad commission.

"The new plan when authorized will give us a financial set-up which, it is expected, will take care of the company's needs for the next 20 years. The enlargement of capital involves no fundamental changes in the right of any stockholder or bondholder. It merely provides the larger structure which the increasing business and investment of our company has made necessary. Our company's organization now comprises over five thousand regular employees and over sixty thousand stockholders. With the combination of popular ownership, private management and public regulation it constitutes, in the judgment of our board of directors, the most efficient and satisfactory instrumentality for meeting the exacting obligations incident to rapidly increasing demand for service, arising from growth of population and the wider and more extensive use of electricity for light, heat and power, which it has been the policy of our company to stimulate in the interests of the public."

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