

# An Open Letter To The Dominguez Water Company

Board of Directors, Dominguez Water Company.  
Gentlemen:

Residents of the city of Torrance are justly incensed at the condition of the water supplied by your company to the Torrance Water, Light and Power company and by them distributed to the people of this city for drinking purposes.

On behalf of the citizens of Torrance, after long consideration of the matter we place the case before you, hoping that you will exercise fairness in correcting the evil of which you are cognizant, but about which you have done nothing.

J. J. Jessup, city engineer of Torrance, and our health officers have reported, after investigation, that the water from your wells and reservoirs is not unhealthful.

After a careful examination of your wells and reservoirs Mr. Jessup reported to the Torrance board of trustees that

the water is on the other hand unusually healthful, coming as it does from deep wells. He asserted, however, that the light, flooding into your uncovered reservoirs, causes considerable vegetable matter to grow in the reservoirs, giving the water a most disagreeable odor, which makes it decidedly distasteful for drinking purposes.

He declares that this situation would be eliminated if your reservoirs were covered.

We are mindful of the fact that the Torrance board of city trustees and the Torrance Water, Light and Power company are powerless to remedy the situation without your complete co-operation.

Your company is not even a public utility, so that we have no opportunity for redress before the State Railroad commission.

In short, the people of Torrance are entirely at your mercy in this most important matter.

For that reason we appeal to your fair-mindedness in the hope that you will see to it that your reservoirs are covered as soon as possible.

It seems to us that you owe this to the people of Torrance. If you and your families were compelled, as we are, to drink the water which we, by virtue of our dependence upon you, are forced to accept, we are quite certain that the reservoirs would be covered and the extremely unpleasant, not to say unjustified condition remedied without delay.

So, on behalf of more than 5000 water consumers, we hereby request you to remedy the evil at once.

The people of Torrance hope that the remedy may be applied without any further action on their part.

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Editor, Torrance Herald.

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## Honor Fallen Heros

### Will Drop Flowers From Plane Here On Memorial Day

Exercises at Theatre and Park Arranged by Legion CHILDREN TO AID

Big Patriotic Meeting Is Scheduled for 10:30 A. M.

Memorial day exercises to honor the men who have fallen in the nation's wars will be held in Torrance on Memorial day, Friday, May 30, at the Torrance theatre and in the park at Marcelina and Sartori avenues, starting at 10:45. The program will be given under arrangements made by the Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion. A. W. Greiner is chairman of the Legion committee in charge.

The ceremonies in the park will conclude when Mr. Greiner will fly over the park and drop flowers from an aeroplane.

Veterans of wars will assemble at Legion hall at 10:30 and march to the Torrance theatre. They will enter the theatre between lines formed by school children.

Post Commander Scott will introduce Robert J. Deininger, who will preside. Rev. J. W. Morris will deliver an invocation. The singing of "America" will be led by the school children. The American Legion preamble will be read by Ma Scott. Mayor R. R. Smith will deliver an address on behalf of the people of Torrance. A high school student will read Gen. John A. Logan's Memorial day order, No. 11, issued on May 5, 1868.

Chaplain Matthews of Fort MacArthur will speak.

The assemblage will then proceed to the park, where school children will sing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Commander Scott will deliver a brief address and Percy G. Briney will recite "Flanders Fields." Six girls, each representing the fallen heroes of one of the American wars, will lay wreaths at the foot of the flag pole, after which Rev. Zeller will pronounce a benediction. G. A. R. veterans will then raise the Stars and Stripes and the aeroplane will soar overhead dropping flowers.

### Ask Supervisors to Pave Madrona Ave. West of City

On motion of William T. Klusman, seconded by Dr. J. S. Lancaster, the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon passed a resolution requesting the board of supervisors to pave Madrona avenue between Carson street and the Torrance-Redondo road. The strip is in deplorable condition. It was pointed out. It is the street which connects Carson at the westerly limits of Torrance with the Torrance-Redondo highway, and lies just east of the Santa Fe shops and houses.

The resolution passed by the board requests that the pavement be 30 feet wide.

#### CAKE SALE

The Officers' club of Torrance chapter O. E. S., will hold a cake sale at the Fess grocery Saturday morning at 10:30.

**BUY A POPPY**  
In France American soldiers went over the top with garlands of blood-red poppies adorning their steel helmets. The poppies, growing abundantly over the battlefields of the great war, have a deep significance to the veterans of the A. E. F.  
Thursday, May 29, will be Poppy Day in Torrance. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell poppies in the city for the benefit of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines.  
The poppies will be worn in honor of the fallen heroes of the great war.  
Members of the Auxiliary and the Legion hope that everyone in Torrance will wear a poppy on Thursday and on Memorial day. The poppies were made in France.

### E. C. Abel Made Vice-President, State Exchange

Bancitaly Corporation Secretary Succeeds O. B. Kee

E. C. Abel, secretary of the Bancitaly corporation, a \$14,000,000 company controlled by the Bank of Italy, was elected vice-president of the State Exchange bank here Tuesday afternoon, at a meeting of the board of directors of the local institution.

The election of Mr. Abel followed the vacancy created by the resignation of O. B. Kee, who recently sold his stock in the State Exchange bank to the Bancitaly corporation.

### Business Men's Minstrel Show Set for June 9

The business men's minstrel show will be given at the high school auditorium Monday night, June 9. Owing to the demand of out-of-town business men for tickets, it may be necessary to give a second show Tuesday night. Rehearsals have been in progress for the past three weeks. Last night the end men met and rehearsed their jokes and songs.

The directors of the show feel highly elated over the co-operation of the members of the cast, who are "doing their stuff" fine. Torrance, say all who have witnessed the rehearsals, will be greatly surprised at the high caliber of the local talent here. The regular rehearsal tonight will be held in the auditorium and will be one of the final rehearsals for the opening part. Every member must be in attendance. A professional orchestra has been arranged for, and advertising to give the show proper publicity will start next week.

## Observations

Home Problem — D'Oisy's Tough Luck; Politics—Insurance for Vets—Pinchot's Frankness—Meet the Tame Borah

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

"AT eight o'clock they threw a full milk bottle on the sidewalk just to hear it break." Thus started the report of the lady of the house on the morning activities of the "crown prince" and his small associate in juvenile crime. The report continued as follows:

"I had just cleaned up this mess and was getting at the ironing when they put the kitten under the nozzle of the hose and would have drowned the poor little beast if I hadn't arrived just when I did.

"That little trouble straightened out, I went to the ironing again. Looking out the window in a few minutes, I saw them drawing pictures with chalk on the polished rear of the neighbor's new sedan.

"At this juncture a spanking was necessary. The result of this punishment was good behavior lasting almost half an hour, during which interval I ironed some shirts.

"Then I heard screams outside. They were fighting one another with boards that had nails in them. I settled that row.

"Ten minutes later they were digging up the plants in the neighbor's garden. And fifteen minutes after that they bumped their heads together and came crying into the house.

"Then you wonder why I can't get the housework done in an hour or so and have the rest of the day for the pursuit of pleasure."

The husband to whom this report was made had been through a pretty tough morning himself. A woman, whose husband is in trouble, wept in the office because news of the affair was in the paper.

A man objected strenuously because we refused to publish a Bolshevik screed in defense of direct action against private property, and the I. W. W.

The motor on one of the presses broke down. An excusable typographical error had twisted the meaning of a story in the paper, to the justified disgust of another reader, who made known his sentiments in positive, if unreasonable, terms.

The linotype operator had been waiting for more copy, but continued interruptions made its preparation extremely difficult.

The husband related all this, and added: "And then you wonder why I'm late for meals."

Many domestic misunderstandings would be easily ironed out, would, in fact, never arise, if husbands and wives could trade jobs for a month every year.

FRENCH citizens boo our athletes and hiss our flag at Colombes. That was poor sportsmanship. But it is not the spirit of the American public to return like for like. We are sincerely sorry that Capt. Pelletier D'Oisy, intrepid airman, ruined his plane when landing near Shanghai. The feat of the Frenchman in flying from Paris to China in such amazingly short time is admired by every American who respects courage in a worthy opponent.

NATIONAL politics is still in a muddle. Coolidge will be the Republican nominee. The Democratic leader at this writing is William Gibbs McAdoo, with 400 delegates to his credit. But the nomination of McAdoo will be difficult in the face of the Democratic two-thirds rule, governing selection of candidates.

Senator Robert M. La Follette's friends assert that the Wisconsin man will be a candidate on an independent ticket, but that he will not run against McAdoo.

That is good politics on the part of La Follette. He does not wish to split the big labor vote between himself and McAdoo. But if McAdoo should not be nominated and La Follette should run, the chances of Coolidge's election would diminish. La Follette would attract a large progressive, farmer and labor vote—perhaps enough to elect the Democrat, or to throw the election into Congress. In the latter event La Follette would control enough Congressional votes to prevent the selection of any "old guard" candidate.

A very, very interesting situation—probably the most engaging since Theodore Roosevelt split the Grand Old Party in twain.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE went into a gas chamber and inhaled chlorine to cure his cold. Evidently the gas in the Senate chamber did not have the desired remedial effect.

THE bill providing for insurance—not a bonus—for veterans of the great war is a law. It is not just the kind of a bill that the country wanted. But it is satisfactory. The service men did not want money. They wanted to experience the satisfaction of knowing that the country which promised so much to the men in 1917 and 1918 would keep that promise after the fever heat of war patriotism had cooled. Wall street did its best to defeat the bill. Wall street tried also, during Wilson's administration, to defeat the Federal Reserve plan. It fought the graduated income tax, Roosevelt's conservation policy, the initiative, referendum and recall, state eight-hour laws, state child-labor statutes. If the nation followed Wall street all the time the country would revert to something quite akin to medieval feudalism.

WELL, Andy Gump and Min are reconciled at last. Now if Walt finds Skeezix, and Barney Google makes his race in Boston a success, two more important national problems will be disposed of.

IN a splendid article in the Saturday Evening Post, Gifford Pinchot, now governor of Pennsylvania, and the man who helped Roosevelt save billions of dollars' worth of natural resources for the American

## Chamber of Commerce Offers Cash Prize For Best Torrance Slogan

What slogan best describes the city of Torrance? The Chamber of Commerce will pay money to find out. If you suggest a watchword which will best convey to the world the individuality of this city, you will be awarded five dollars in cash.

More than that, the best slogan submitted will be used on the big electric sign which will be placed on Harbor boulevard at the intersection of East road.

Everyone in the city, directors of the Chamber of Commerce and their immediate families alone excepted, is invited to submit suggestions.

The following rules will govern the contest:

- 1—No slogan of more than 20 letters will be considered.
- 2—In case two slogans exactly alike are submitted, the one which is received first will be the prize-winner.
- 3—No single contestant is permitted to submit more than four slogans.
- 4—The board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be the sole judges of the contest.
- 5—Suggestions must be at the office of the Chamber of Commerce on El Prado street by 12 o'clock noon, Monday, June 1.

The slogan which has always been used in connection with the name of Torrance has been "The Modern Industrial City."

That slogan is too long to be used on the electric sign. Hence the desire for a new one and the prize offer of the Chamber of Commerce.

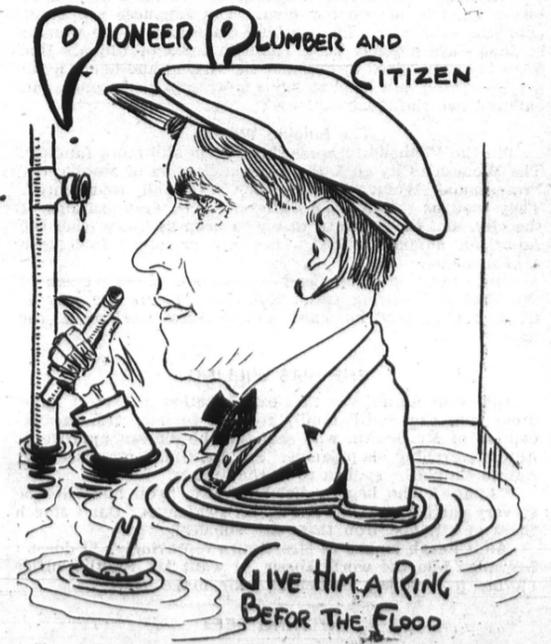
Remember, before submitting your slogans, that the best one is very apt to be that which best describes the individuality of Torrance to the outside world.

Torrance is a city of beautiful, tree-lined, paved streets, a city of marvelous climate, a city with several great industries and an enormous payroll. It is modern, built according to a well-conceived plan. It is progressive, prosperous, and enjoys a low tax rate. It offers unusual advantages to the home owner or the home builder.

Try and originate an expression of 20 letters that will, in your mind, best tell the story of this city.

## MR. PARKS, THE PLUMBER

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



American plumbing art is so far onstrated its superior civilization, in one respect, by the painstaking attention of time to draw comparisons. suffice to say—this country has dem-

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