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Start Drive Against Peddlers in Torrance

WIFE FINDS MAN DEAD IN BED

Karl Stegmaier of Keystone Stricken With Paralysis While Asleep

SIX CHILDREN SURVIVE

All of Little Ones in Family Suffering With Whooping Cough

Stricken with heart trouble while sleeping, Karl Stegmaier, 47, Amelia and Meyler streets, Keystone, was found dead in bed Thursday morning by his wife, who went to awaken him.

Mrs. Stegmaier said that her husband was well at midnight.

Dr. J. S. Lancaster was called. Mrs. Stegmaier is left with seven children, all of whom are suffering with whooping cough.

Mr. Stegmaier was a member of the Torrance Lodge of Moose, members of which will attend the funeral services at the Stone & Myers chapel at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

LEGION WILL ENJOY FEED ON TUESDAY

J. H. Scott, Commander, Issues Call for Important Gathering

Members of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, will meet for dinner at the Guild hall of the Evangelical church next Tuesday night. A letter sent out by Post Commander J. H. Scott asks members to make reservations by Friday O. Parker, adjutant, before Saturday noon. The Legion has some interesting plans to discuss at the meeting. Wives of members will attend.

SOUTH TRIMS NORTH 16-12 AT BASEBALL

Fracas at the Union Tool Grounds Is Featured by Hits, Errors, Argument

Hits, errors and plenty of argument featured the ball game Thursday afternoon at the Union Tool grounds when representatives of Southside business houses trounced the Northenders 16 to 12. The official scorer of the game went loco in the third inning, so no box score of the fracas is possible.

Only two merchants took part in the game—Sam Levy for the Northsiders and Everett Malone for the south end aggregation. Both sides maintain that their opponents rang in ringers. The Southsiders, through Charlie Vonderahe as spokesman, assert that they can trim the Northenders any time at any place. Nobuddy was hurt.

BACK FROM YOSEMITE

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh and family have returned from a "large weeks" vacation in Yosemite and in the Sierras. While at Yosemite they called on Mr. and Mrs. McVey. "Mac" continues to improve in health and says he is not coming back until "the snow flies."

FREE PHOTOS

Subscriptions to The Torrance Herald have been going like the proverbial hot-cakes this week under the plan of a free photo for each four-months paid-in-advance subscription. This is the last week of the offer. Coupons for the 8x10 photograph at La Plante's studio will not be awarded after Saturday.

New and old subscribers are entitled to a photograph. This is the last call. Good things cannot last forever.

Shadow of Anarchy Hovers over Italy as Career of Mussolini Wanes



A characteristic portrait of Benito Mussolini

By JACKSON V. JACOBS Central Press Correspondent

PARIS, July 25.—Three years ago Italy had a choice between Mussolini and anarchy. Today Mussolini's iron hand is shaky, and Italy no longer has a choice, and anarchy remains.

Observers see Mussolini sitting on a volcano. The volcano is the lawless body which, while it did save Italy for the moment, is the antithesis of civilized methods of government. It is known as Fascism. Its foundation is force. The volcano has given its warning. The somber rumble came forth with the disappearance of the probable assassin of the wealthy Socialist Deputy Matteotti, on the eve of his expected exposure of the corruption in the Fascist ministry.

The Matteotti case has Italy's nerves on edge. Mussolini promptly expressed his indignation at the deed, but his expressions were unconvincing in view of previous statements such as this:

"There is nothing to discuss on the subject of internal policy. That which happens, happens by my precise and direct will, and by my explicit orders, for which I naturally assume the full and personal responsibility. And those who attempt to defame Fascism abroad or undermine it at home should know that their deeds imply the severest risks. The enemies of the Fascist state need not be surprised if I treat them sternly as such." He made the statement a year ago.

Mussolini cannot leave his throne on the volcano. He must wait to be blown off. He is bound up with Fascism. He cannot govern without the Fascisti and their methods. He cannot disband the irregular Fascist militia which up to the present have been his personal army without any formally expressed allegiance to the crown. The militia won't let him.

He says he will bring his party back to legality—an acknowledgment that it has burst beyond those bounds. But Europe is wondering if he is big enough to do so, or if he unwillingly will be projected on a wave of lawlessness to greater power or to oblivion.

More than one student of the situation believes the latter is what will happen.

STANDARD OIL TROPHY COMES TO TORRANCE

Local Substation Exhibits Handsome Silver Tank for Business Increase

A beautiful silver tank trophy is on display in the window of the Standard Oil Company's store in the Rappaport block on Gramercy avenue, signifying that business is good in Torrance.

The trophy was awarded to the Torrance substation for showing the greatest percentage of increase in the sale of Red Crown gasoline and Zerolene during the month of June. It changes hands every month, but the Torrance men insist they are going to keep it here for a while.

R. A. Christman, manager of the Torrance station, was manager of the Artesia substation in May when the cup was won there. Transferred to Torrance as manager, he enjoyed the pleasure of having the trophy follow along. The Standard Oil Company force in Torrance consists of ten men, most of whom reside in this city.

BOLD NIMROD

J. W. Macdowell is back from a hunting trip to Grant's Pass, Ore., where he shot a deer and hobnobbed some with the Osage Indians.

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HYDE DEFEATS MAYOR SMITH OVER ALLEYS

No—Not City Alleys, but Bowling Alleys, at Opening of The American

The Chamber of Commerce won over the City of Torrance Tuesday night when Carl Hyde defeated Mayor R. R. Smith in the first official game rolled over The American bowling alleys. The mayor, however, asserts that the Chamber of Commerce president is welcome to what questionable credit goes to the winner of a bowling match that ended with a score of 84 to 78.

Five hundred persons attended the formal opening of the alleys. The large hall was decorated with flowers sent by individuals and fraternal organizations. Flowers were sent by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, Harvel Guttenfelder, Sam Levy, and Warren Johnson.

The high score made on the alleys was rolled by Bob Evans of Evans and Clark. He made 268 Tuesday night.

A FISH STORY

E. N. Tomkins and his "man Friday" went on a fishing trip to El Segundo one day this week. According to Ernie, "the fish weren't biting, so we came home; that's all!"

AT HARBOR CHAPTER

The officers of Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., put on the work last Tuesday evening at Harbor Chapter, in San Pedro, and were highly complimented.

SOCIAL HOUR

A social hour will follow choir practice at the M. E. church tonight, when the husbands and wives of the various members will be entertained.

Observations

The Sick World—An Aid Against Divorce—Mr. Cobb's Grey-Matter—Business Looks Up—Dempsey and the Dawes Parley—Word from J. C. McVey

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE world is still sick. A revolution rocks Brazil. The Norwegian cabinet, unable to put over the budget program, resigns. Anarchy hovers over Italy as the end of Mussolini's career nears. Diplomats, guided by shortsighted national selfishness, outwardly praise the Dawes plan and secretly promote the ungenerous desires of their own nations. Most of the European countries are bankrupt.

The United States alone is in sound financial condition, with prospects bright. Yet our welfare is solidly linked with the welfare of the whole world. Flying machines have made millions of oceans, and electric waves knit all countries together in a new world fabric.

The United States is not isolated. Our destiny is as closely related to the destiny of the rest of the world as conditions in New England are related to those in the cotton belt.

Business may be good and industries strong in the United States while the rest of the world is suffering financial pains, but business will be better and industries stronger here when the rest of the world recovers from its post-war sickness.

That is why we are intensely interested in the negotiations over the Dawes report now taking place in London.

JUDGE IRA F. THOMPSON is sponsoring the establishment of a "Matrimonial Peace Court" as an adjunct to the Superior Court in Los Angeles.

The jurist asserts that the idea came to him after he had effected numerous reconciliations between estranged husbands and wives.

The idea is worth a trial. The sorry parade of parents into the divorce mill has a degenerating effect on society. Hundreds of children are robbed of home influence every month because of parents who will not live happily together. Eminent judges declare that half of the divorces could be prevented if the courts had time to attempt reconciliation.

One judge devoting all of his time to the Christian task of smoothing over matrimonial differences could do a lot of good in Los Angeles county.

TY COBB, up there among the ten leading hitters of the American League after all his years with Detroit, is now making a strong bid as a pennant-winning manager. As this is written Ty has just led his aggregation to first position.

When the great Tyrus took the management of Detroit the team was woefully weak in pitching material. The team always was a heavy-hitting squad; Ty immediately started building up the twirling staff. Today he is placing dependence on young pitchers new to the big league.

If Detroit wins the pennant, the credit for victory will go to Cobb's brains and powers of discernment. Tyrus is still a great ball player. And he is proving himself a great manager.

It is hard to beat brains.

THE slight financial depression which is general throughout the country is a direct reflection of the sorry plight of Mississippi valley farmers. Agriculture is the basic industry. Upon it economic house of the world is built. When the purse of the farmer is lean the purse of everyone else loses weight.

Now jump from the farm belt to New York. Wall street is sensitive to conditions throughout the country. Crop conditions are good in the great valley this summer. Wherefore stocks go up on the New York exchange.

The Mississippi valley is emerging from its several years of economic depression. Farm prosperity is on the way back. That means general prosperity is coming.

JACK DEMPSEY'S Rolls Royce is a week and he is nursing a few bruises received when the big car plunged into a ditch between here and San Diego. The accident prompted Los Angeles newspapers to use columns of good white space to record the details of the mishap. One paper showed the champion heavyweight and war-time shipyard employee in various poses in six different pictures.

On the same day the same paper devoted less than one column to the parley of European statesmen over the Dawes report. Perhaps more readers were interested in the Dempsey accident than in the European conference. But newspapers that cater exclusively to mass circulation by means of overlapping unimportant events are not good newspapers. There isn't a real GOOD newspaper in Los Angeles.

J. C. McVEY of Torrance writes interestingly of water conditions in the Yosemite and the Sierras. To quote him in part: "Ordinarily Nevada Falls are between 50 and 60 feet wide at the top. Today they are five feet wide. The water was never so low as at the present time. All smaller streams have dried up entirely."

Referring to Yosemite Falls, Mr. McVey writes: "The stream is so small that when it makes the first descent it is all carried away by the wind and forms nothing but spray."

He sends a picture of Happy Isles, showing plenty of water, and comments: "This picture represents normal conditions. You can cross now and not get your feet wet. The power plant here is being closed. The government has arranged with an outside company to furnish electricity on a moment's notice. The power situation is far more serious than I realized, and I only wish all the people of Southern California could see conditions as I have seen them."

Every vacationer returning from the mountains brings back the same story of dry streams and scarcity of mountain-top snow. Until the winter rains fall the people of Southern California must conserve electrical energy.

Let's all help.

Shell Company Brings in Five Wells in Field During Week

The Shell company hung up a new record for itself in the number of completions made during the week ending with Thursday, when five new wells went on production in the Torrance field for an aggregate initial yield of 1110 barrels. Of these March No. 8 is the best well, with a daily flow of 450 barrels. The other completions were as follows: Kettler No. 12, 110 barrels at 3850 feet; Kettler No. 13, 200 barrels at 3851 feet; Kettler No. 14, 150 barrels at 3843 feet; March No. 9, 200 barrels at 3860 feet.

The Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company brought in two new wells on the Torrance lease. Torrance No. 57, completed at 3725 feet, is making 500 barrels a day. No. 57 is also producing at a 500-barrel daily rate, having been drilled to 3700 feet.

Superior Company Shuts Off Water and Well Pumps Oil to Sump

Successfully plugged back to 3655 feet, the Superior Oil Company's Torrance No. 1 on the Shedd lease on Carson street is pumping into the sump at an estimated rate of 100 barrels a day. The cut is almost 75 per cent of mud, but the well is making no water. Owing to the length of time the well stood idle it will close out slowly, but looks like a fairly good pumper. Across the street the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's well is pumping between 50 and 75 barrels a day.

New Scarf Sleeve Is Latest Wrinkle Right From Paris



By MME. LISBETH

We are used to coalition in governments, but now we have one in fashion circles. The very latest frock from Paris uses what might be termed a coalition of scarf and sleeve. At first glance, and worn ordinarily, the frock, which is a black satin trimmed with colored embroidery, has a wide, short sleeve on the left side and on the right side is sleeveless. A scarf matching the gown—that is, of black satin—is attached and may be worn in the usual manner, to encircle the throat. But on occasion it may be deftly wound about the right arm, forming a novel sleeve.

Besides this unique feature the frock is distinguished by the embroidery trimming that encircles the front of the waist like a girle and is finished at the side with silk tassels. All the fashions from Paris now are showing the shorter skirts.

We are told that the mid-season displays of clothes shown in Paris now show the real trend of the autumn fashions. The first thing noticed in these styles is that we will continue to be slim and short in daytime things, with more breadth allowed in the evening, when both types of gowns are correct. The smart tailored suits with hip length coats that were much worn in the spring will undoubtedly be popular this fall, but the really smart thing will be the frock with three-quarter or long matching coat—the en semble costume.

SHEDD WELL LOOKS LIKE A PRODUCER

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Heed Police Siren, Anderson Warning

"Heed the police siren." This is the substance of a warning issued by Chief of Police Anderson, who declares that many motorists in Torrance fail to drive to the side of the road when the siren on the police car sounds. The chief said that the siren is never used unless the car is on a hurry call.

"No Agent" Signs Given Away Free At Herald Office

Ordinance of City Makes Sales and Attempts at Sales Illegal at Houses Which Bear Anti-Canvasser Messages

POLICE HERE PROMISE THOROUGH CO-OPERATION

Get Signs Free at Herald Office, Put Them on Display, and Rid Yourself of Agent Nuisance, Is Plan in Drive

ORDINANCE No. 50

Section 12

"It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale or attempt to sell or obtain orders for any goods, wares or merchandise or any property of any description on any private property on which there shall be posted conspicuously a notice in effect as follows: 'No peddlers or canvassers allowed.'"

The section of Ordinance No. 50 of the City of Torrance as quoted above is the means by which Torrance police expect to rid Torrance of the peddler nuisance in the city.

Scores of complaints against the droves of peddlers and canvassers that daily "work" Torrance have been received lately by the police department.

To assist the police department and the city, and those housewives who wish to rid themselves of the annoyance of answering the doorbell time after time for peddlers every day, The Herald has printed signs as called for in the ordinance. These will be given absolutely free of charge to residents

of Torrance who call at the Herald office on Marcelina street and ask for them. One will be given to each person calling.

The Herald has no fight with peddlers, but does realize the nuisance of repeated interruptions at Torrance homes every day, and offers these printed cards for the benefit of housewives who wish to take advantage of the stipulations set forth in the city ordinance.

Residents who tack up the printed signs on their front porches over the doorbell may notify the police department if peddlers disregard the notice. Chief Anderson has promised to enforce the ordinance rigidly.

Biggest California Drilling Program of Pan American Under Way in Oil Field Here

Says the California Oil World: "Torrance, July 23.—Twelve wells, offsets to neighboring development, are under way on the Petroleum Securities lease of 430 acres obtained by the company some time ago through the Security Bank of Los Angeles and located on the Long Beach-Redondo boulevard in the eastern extension of the Torrance field. These wells are the first of the biggest drilling campaign now under way in any California field.

"The extent of the activity of the Pan American, of which Petroleum Securities is a subsidiary, at Torrance will be realized when it is considered that this campaign comes right upon the completion of 28 wells on the property owned in fee on the west side of the

Lomita area, and that besides all this Pan American is drilling five other wells at Torrance.

"Neighbors of the Petroleum Securities are the Standard, Shell, Consolidated Mutual, Sentinel, Superior, and others, all of whom are actively drilling and bringing in producing wells. Torrance is the center of the biggest Pan American drilling operations in California today.

"Completion of the 12 wells will be followed by the starting of others, locations for which up to the number of 32 have been made. Just how far the campaign will be carried at present has not been announced, but it is likely that it will depend somewhat upon marketing conditions and other developments."

Standard Will Make Deep Test At Ellinwood West Side Well

Planning to make a deep test well out of Ellinwood No. 1, southwestern outpost in the field, the Standard Oil company has taken the well off production and is drilling ahead. Thursday afternoon the hole was down 3700 feet. The Ellinwood offsets the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's Del Amo No. 13, and was making about 50 barrels a day on the pump.

First Air Mail Letter Received Here by Couple

The first aeroplane letter received in Torrance was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wise, 1753 Andree avenue, by friends in New York, congratulating them on their fortieth wedding anniversary.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Nine of the twelve line wells of the Petroleum Securities Company in the east side of the field are being drilled. Of these, Kleinmyer No. 1-A is down deepest, at 2000 feet. No. 2-A is drilling at 1900 feet.

Dominguez No. 2 of the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company is pumping into the sump-hole, and no accurate estimate on its production has been made. No. 1, one location away, is pumping about 40 barrels a day.

The drill crew at Francis No. 1, Chanlor-Canfield's Western avenue wildcat, has failed to land the fish and is still trying to pull it up from 4875 feet.

The vast amount of development still ahead of the Santa Fe in this field is indicated by the location of Del Amo No. 100 south of Redondo boulevard. The company has 25 rigs on the lease and will drill about 200 wells before completing its operations.

The Petroleum Securities Company is completing a large warehouse and office building on the east end of the Kleinmyer lease. The building will be occupied in a few days. With the exception of the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's shops and offices, it is the largest in the field.

The C.-C. M. O. has landed oil string on three wells on the Torrance lease as follows: Torrance No. 58 at 3720 feet, No. 62 at 3705 feet, and No. 66 at 3700 feet.

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