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## LAY HOSPITAL CORNERSTONE MONDAY

### Defense Swings Into Action After Extortion Trial Delay

#### GIVE AWAY PRESENTS TONIGHT

Festival of Gifts to Public Starts at Torrance Theatre

MERCHANTS GIVE GOODS

Mountain of Presents, Worth \$1120, Will Be Awarded in Drawings

Tonight's the night; tonight, and Saturday, and Monday, and Tuesday, and Wednesday. The merchants of Torrance are giving their Christmas to the public on these nights, at the Torrance theatre. And what a Christmas it is! Hundreds of gifts, gifts of every conceivable kind, for young, for old, for men, for women. Never has a city combined to give its customers, its residents, its friends, such a wonderful Christmas.

Everyone who holds a "Buy-in-Torrance" coupon has an opportunity to share in this mountain of Christmas presents. If you haven't done all of your Christmas shopping, do it now, set your coupons, deposit one-half in the box in front of the Torrance theatre, and be on hand to participate in the biggest, grandest Christmas Torrance has ever had. You may deposit coupons at any time until 5 o'clock Christmas eve.

This is the word that comes from the Torrance theatre, which will distribute the hundreds of gifts presented to the public by Torrance business firms. There will be from thirty to forty presents given away by Santa Claus each night. The advertisement of the Torrance theatre, which appears on the second page of this issue, gives a list of some of the presents which will be given away.

The theatre has prepared a different picture program for each night, so that you will be entertained while you wait for your present.

Tonight's picture is "The Story Without a Name," an Irvin Willby production starring Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno.

Saturday William Fox presents one of his famous melodramas, "Daughters of the Night." Fox conceals sure-fire melodramas, and this one is said to uphold his reputation.

Sunday there will be no drawings. The picture is another Fox special, "The Last Man on Earth," a fantastic novelty, in addition to the regular five acts of Orpheum circuit vaudeville. This week's vaudeville bill is said to surpass anything yet shown at the Torrance theatre.

Monday the Christmas drawings will be resumed. Beautiful Leatrice Joy presents the visual entertainment in "Changing Husbands," a modern, entertaining picture.

Tuesday comes Belle Daniels, Richard Dix and Mary Astor in another up-to-date play entitled "Un-guarded Women." This one was recently shown at Grauman's Metropolitan.

Wednesday the entertainment will be a story of sage grass and cactus, an action play featuring Cullen Landis and Alice Calhoun. The title well fits the picture; it is "Pioneer Trails."

The management of the Torrance theatre announces that the dramatic stock company billed for Saturday has been postponed until later. An announcement of the date this feature will start will be forthcoming later.

**Will Publish No Issue on Next Friday**

In order to give our employees a vacation of several days at Christmas time, The Herald will not publish a paper next Friday. Our regular Tuesday issue will be published as usual next week.

#### HARD UP!

She Only Gets \$15,000 a Month to Live On, Poor Girl!



Mrs. Ida May Symington, wife of a wealthy railway supplies company president in the east, has just been awarded \$15,000 a month and the rental of an apartment by a New York Supreme Court judge pending the outcome of her husband's suit for divorce. Her request for \$200,000 a year was refused.

#### Award Charter To Rotary Club at Big Dinner

Torrance Organization Given Big Sendoff by Southland Rotarians

With Rotarians and their wives present from several cities in Southern California, the Rotary Club of Torrance last night received its charter at a dinner held at the Southern California Yacht Club at Wilmington.

Mayor R. R. Smith of Torrance welcomed the advent of Rotary into the civic life of this city. Edwin Sandison, president of the Rotary Club of San Pedro, responded with a glowing eulogy to the city of Torrance, its beauty and the foresight of the late J. Sidney Torrance in planning the municipality which now bears his name. The charter of the Torrance club was presented by District Governor Harry Mason and received by President J. B. Hines of the Torrance club, who asserted that it is the firm determination of Torrance Rotarians to live up to the high ideals exemplified by Rotary.

**Present Flag**  
A silk American flag was presented to the Torrance club by W. J. Tanner, acting on behalf of the San Pedro club. W. Harold Kingsley accepted the token on behalf of the Torrance club.

A gavel was presented to the new club by A. E. Henning, former president of the San Pedro club.

Wilfred Teal accepted it on behalf of the Torrance organization. Amos Kreisler, member of the San Pedro club and one of the "daddies" of the Torrance club, then presented each member of the new club with a framed Code of Ethics of Rotary.

On behalf of the charter members of the Torrance club Hurm Reeve presented the club with an attractive photograph and engraving, bearing the pictures of the five organizers of Rotary in Torrance, J. B. Hines, Wilfred Teal, Walter Henn, Rufus Page and W. Harold Kingsley.

Enjoy Music  
Delightful selections were rendered by Miss Elsie Teal at the piano and by Mrs. Mary Lincoln-Thompson and Miss Lois Lingenfelter.

After the dinner dancing was enjoyed. (Continued on Last Page)

#### MOTION TO DISMISS DENIED

Judge Refuses Move for Quashing of Morewood Charges

TELLS OF BOOZE PARTIES

Briney Explains Why Dillon and McMillan Were Ousted

After a day and a half of forced adjournment, due according to the court, to "unusual circumstances" which had arisen, the prosecution rested its case yesterday in the trial of former Chief B. M. Anderson and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach, and the defense swung into action.

Court was adjourned Tuesday afternoon after a consultation by the attorneys and Judge Collier. The judge then dismissed the jury and the audience from the room, announcing that "unusual circumstances" had arisen. On Wednesday morning Attorney Morewood was absent from court and a physician telephone call after the trial of former Chief B. M. Anderson and Attorney A. P. Morewood was present Thursday when court opened, and the trial proceeded.

**Briney Testifies**  
Star witnesses in the closing testimony taken by the state were P. G. Briney, city attorney, and Sergeant Otto Stevenson of the Torrance police department.

Briney related at length the reasons why Officers McMillan and Dillon were released from the Torrance police force last week. He made this explanation after Attorney Montelone Anderson's countering testimony that it was not true that the two officers were dismissed because they were to be witnesses for the former chief. Briney said that was not so.

Briney then testified in effect as follows: That after Anderson was removed from the force and the chief was engaged the new chief was informed by the board of trustees that he would have complete responsibility for the conduct of the department and that the board would stand behind him in any action he took regarding the employing or removing officers. That the board had reached the conclusion that a "housecleaning" might be necessary. That later the chief appeared before the board and stated that two members of the force should be removed—McMillan and Dillon. That since Anderson's removal Dillon had attended several "booze parties" with Anderson. That after the release of the five Compton men in Torrance B. F. Frymier's brother reported that Dillon, who had been passed, and that he didn't get any of it. That Dillon told Frymier he knew something was fixed up, because he hadn't been a policeman for 12 years for nothing. That the trustees decided that it was not conducive to efficiency on the part of the force to have a policeman on duty who was attending drinking parties with the former chief in such a "brazen manner." That the two policemen were removed before the conclusion of the trial because the trustees believed that if they were retained the trial would be over the impression might be conveyed that they were removed because they testified for Anderson.

**Stevenson Testifies**  
Ollie Stevenson detailed minutely his knowledge of the five Compton men. He testified that after he had booked the men at the jail Anderson came in with City Recorder James L. King. He said that Anderson told him to let no one in the jail. He testified that he saw the pictures of the five men and that he had \$3000 and that he had each of the other four would be \$1000. He asserted that Mrs. Draffen was twice refused permission to talk to her husband. He then related how King on Sunday morning telephoned him to

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#### Observations

A More or Less Successful Effort (Judge for Yourself) to Write an Editorial Suggested by Each Item on a Daily Front Page

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

"HOW do you find things to write about," queries a reader. Answer: The difficulty is to decide what not to write about. Every human activity is interesting, has a definite significance, should teach us something, or start in our minds an engaging train of thought.

"Let's try out that theory and see. Here is a daily newspaper before me—to be sure not a real good daily newspaper, but one of those morning misdeeds perpetrated in Los Angeles and forced upon residents of Southern California, who haven't much choice in the matter.

Let's take this paper and try to say something about every news item on the front page. All right, we're off.

**HIRAM JOHNSON** tells the Senate committee on irrigation and reclamation that the Boulder dam is vital to the safety of the Imperial valley, that it should be constructed both as a means of generating power and as a flood prevention measure. Swing and Johnson insist that the same bill provide for the dam and for the All American canal. Congressman Fredericks has introduced a bill providing only for the dam. This difference of opinion among California representatives will not hasten congressional action on the project. Is it possible that California will be deprived for a long time of the benefits of the dam, because individuals supposed to represent the will of the people of this state cannot exercise the restraint and good judgment necessary for arrival at a compromise?

**MME. PASQUALI** noted grand opera singer, is seriously ill. She has pleurisy, brought on because she refused to disappoint a Minneapolis audience and appeared in a concert against the advice of physicians. The next day her cold developed into pleurisy.

**PERSONS** who appear before the public live a hard life. They must fill their engagements, no matter how oppressed their minds, and frequently when their bodies are assailed with ills. So traditional among actors and artists is the determination to appear despite mental worries or physical ailments that many times appearances are disastrous—as appears to be the case with Mme. Pasqual.

**RATS** in New Orleans are afflicted with the fleas that carry bubonic plague. Surgeon General White announces that the plague is confined to rats and has not spread to humans. In the old days science was not far enough advanced to check the terrible carried, it is not difficult to stamp it out. Witness the speedy manner in which the disease was checked in California recently.

**A NEWS** story tells of the failure of cowboys to round up 30,000 deer in Arizona and drive them southward so that they would not starve this winter. The deer could not be rounded up into herds, but scattered in every direction. The deer will starve because they cannot reason. The power of reasoning is the one thing that differentiates men from beasts. When men dissipate to such an extent that they impair their reasoning powers, they revert to type—lower themselves to the level of animals.

**HARRY C. BRECK** of San Francisco, says a front page news item, will go to Berlin to assist S. Parker Gilbert, who is agent general for the reparations under the Dawes plan. Gilbert has not been cordially welcomed to Europe. Strictly a financial agent, he has scorned to observe European diplomatic customs. Continental newspapers whine because he is so young. They think an older man should be given the difficult job of directing the reparations plan. But American bankers know that Gilbert will financial genius. So no matter what Europeans think, Gilbert will probably remain on the job as long as the American bankers, who really are making the reparations plan possible, are satisfied with his activities.

**HERE** is a story of interest. President Calles of Mexico is instituting a modern system of accounting and auditing for his nation, in an effort to stabilize the Mexican treasury. Calles apparently knows that Mexico cannot progress until the government stabilizes finance. Under modern conditions all material progress is based on an economic foundation. Foreign capital will not enter Mexico in large sums until the government is sound. The government cannot be sound until its finances are stabilized and its treasury procedure established on fool-proof, graft-proof lines. Calles starts his term wisely.

**A SMALL** headline near the bottom of the page tells of the serious illness of Congressman Julius Kahn of the Fourth California district. The headline writer refers to Mr. Kahn as J. Kahn. The reason for that is plain. There are too many letters in "Congressman Julius Kahn" to fit in a column space. The headline writer wishes to announce that it is Congressman Kahn and no other man named Kahn who is ill. So he writes CONGRESSMAN J. KAHN'S CONDITION GETS WORSE

Those lines balance nicely. Headline writing is an art. Printers cannot squeeze type. A column provides space for only a certain number of letters of a certain size type. Yet each line must be about the same length.

The necessity for the use of short words by headline writers has brought about some interesting results.

Roosevelt was a name too long for general use in headlines. So the newspaper desk-men coined the famous initials "T. R." and the nickname "Teddy." The term Heart Balm is a product of the headline writer, who simply had to find something shorter than "Headline writers were happy when Taft was president. Only four letters in his name. And it is probable that most of them voted against La Follette.

**A Dispatch** from San Francisco declares that 25 gunmen from the Chicago underworld have been imported to San Francisco to battle prohibition agents in their fight against Golden State booze runners. This does not seem improbable. Prohibition has brought about the formation of a huge interlocking system among bootleggers. The organization is nation-wide and financially powerful. It makes prohibition enforcement the more difficult. Rather than submit to real enforcement of the law, the underworld will fight desperately. The battle to stamp out liquor under the Volstead law has only begun.

**VICE-ADMIRAL** Sato of Japan, according to a Tokio dispatch, declared in a speech that the United States navy should be (Continued on Last Page)

#### INDEPENDENT

Niece of John D. Teaches in College Despite Her Rich Kin



Miss Isabel Rockefeller, a grandniece of John D. Rockefeller, has become a teacher of biology at the Teachers' College, Columbia University. She is the daughter of Percy A. Rockefeller, financier, and a granddaughter of the late James Stillman, long president of the National City Bank of New York.

#### Jamieson May Make New Test In a Few Days

Hope for Second Sand Production as Christmas Present

An attempt will be made by the Jamieson Company to present this district with a Christmas present in the form of an oil well producing from the second sand.

#### Ask Commission to Adjust Freight on Torrance Bricks

Informed by the Torrance Brick Company that there is a difference in the freight rates charged by two railroad companies for shipping bricks from Torrance, the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon passed a resolution requesting the railroad commission to adjust the difference and place the rates charged by the two companies on an equal basis.

#### Mrs. Harder Is Chosen to Lead A. L. Auxiliary

Legion Women Select Officers at Meeting Tuesday Night

Mrs. Dorothy Harder was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary Tuesday night. Other officers elected at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Greiner, 803 Portola avenue, are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Ruth Leetz; treasurer, Miss Corlissa Reeve; secretary, Mrs. A. W. Greiner.

#### Keystone Baptist Mission Meeting

The Keystone Baptist mission held a business and social meeting recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Transchel of Appian Way.

A pleasant social hour followed the business meeting, when music and songs were enjoyed.

#### Mrs. J. S. Torrance Will Wield Trowel at Ceremony Here

People of City Will Show Appreciation of \$80,000 Gift From City Founder's Heirs at Hospital Site

ALL RESIDENTS OF CITY URGED TO BE PRESENT

First Opportunity Afforded for Expression of Gratitude, Hyde Points Out, in Issuing General Invitation to Public

Every resident of Torrance is invited to attend the ceremony next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Mrs. J. Sidney Torrance, widow of the late founder of this city, will lay the cornerstone of the Torrance Memorial hospital—the \$80,000 institution which is being constructed and will be donated to

the use of the people of Torrance by Mrs. Torrance, Brian K. Welch and Torrance Welch, heirs of Mr. Torrance.

Mrs. Torrance will wield the trowel on the cornerstone of the structure which will be a memorial to her late husband, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, an old friend of the late Mr. Torrance, will deliver an address, setting forth the qualities of the man whose name the city now bears.

**FOR POSTERITY**  
Following is a list of the articles that will go into the cornerstone of the Torrance Memorial hospital next Monday afternoon:

History of the City of Torrance by Brian K. Welch.  
Picture of Jared Sidney Torrance, treated so that it will not fade with time.  
A biography of Jared Sidney Torrance.  
Coins bearing the date of 1924.  
Photographs of scenes in Torrance taken in 1924.  
A message from the mayor of Torrance in 1924 to the mayor of the city at the date when the cornerstone is opened—probably 100 years hence.  
A copy of today's issue of The Torrance Herald.

The following organizations will be represented by large delegations: Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Association, Torrance District Realty Board, Torrance Rotary Club, Torrance Women's Club, Torrance Parent-Teacher Association, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Torrance Progress Club, the Masons, the Oddfellows, the Moose, the Eastern Star, the Maccoes, the Royal Neighbors, the Knights of Columbus, all church organizations and Sunday schools, the Boy Scouts, and the Boy Rangers.

#### J. U. Hemmi, on Stand in His Own Behalf, Denies He Took Money, Knowing It Was Loot

J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney on trial in United States District Court at Legon hall tonight, received part of the money stolen from the Anaheim postoffice on Dec. 23, 1923, took the stand yesterday in his own defense.

The Torrance man denied emphatically the statement made by J. R. Abernathy that he knew when he took the money from Abernathy that it was part of the postoffice loot. Abernathy, serving a five-year term, was brought from Leavenworth prison to testify for the prosecution. He admitted that he took part in the robbery and said that he gave a bundle of money, some \$11,000, to Hemmi, telling him it was part of the loot.

Hemmi has consistently denied this and did so on the stand yesterday morning, when the defense opened its case.

He declared Abernathy told him the money was from a big "deal" which he wanted kept secret.

Hemmi testified that he had no suspicion that "anything was wrong" until he went to Missouri after the robbery and discovered evidence which indicated that Abernathy might have acquired the money illegally. It was then, according to Hemmi, that he decided to advise Abernathy to confess.

Hemmi returned to California and urged Abernathy to "tell the whole story," according to the defendant's testimony. When he would not do so, Hemmi took detectives to his Gramercy avenue home in Torrance and showed them where the money was buried.

Numerous witnesses testified to Hemmi's good character. Among them were J. B. Hines of Torrance and Rev. J. W. Morris, former pastor of the Torrance M. E. church.

The case will go to the jury late today or tomorrow, it is thought.

#### Progress Club Meets Tonight at Legion Hall

Important Matters of Public Interest Will Be Discussed

The Torrance Progress Club will meet at Legion hall tonight at 7:30. Dinner will not be served. Important matters of public interest will be discussed.

#### Stores Will Be Open Evenings

Merchants to Keep Shop Nights for Shoppers' Benefit

Stores in Torrance will be open every night next week for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.