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JAMESON FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Blizzards, Longyon—"Shaw"

California Shivers—Crime
Short Editorials
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page of the Los Angeles Times of Sunday to a promise rashly made by the writer to bring news interpretation of the Christmas Eve forebodings of bills, and the knowledge that copy in this department written hurriedly in order to maintain uninterrupted of typewritten matter to our insatiable linotype operator.

COLUMN 1—"Twenty-three Perish in Blizzards of Northwest," says the headline. To one born and reared in lake-locked Michigan, where the north wind sweeps down from Hudson's Bay, the news is not unusual. And yet, after thirty years of residence in that region, it seems that I never was so cold as last week right here in Southern California. Ten below is Michigan is not as cold to the Michigander as 34 above is to the Angeleno.

The Michigander is prepared for cold weather, dresses for it, builds his house for warmth. The average Southern Californian lives in a shell, sans furnace, sans adequate air-spaces in the walls, and usually sans a sufficient quantity of thick quilts like Grandma used to make.

The skin of the person who is accustomed to great variations of temperature automatically functions according to the thermometer. When the weather is warm, the pores open and throw off heat in perspiration. When the thermometer is low the pores close, shutting in the heat of the body. When it becomes suddenly cold in a generally warm climate the pores, long accustomed to being open, do not close tightly enough to protect the body thoroughly against the sudden chilliness.

Just the same, I'm glad I'm not living in Michigan, where a man has to go down cellar every couple of hours these days to have a dollar's worth of coal into the devastating mouth of a pitiless furnace.

COLUMN 2—"Port Under Red Siege," declares the headline. The story under a Paris dateline details a struggle between government troops and Reds in the city of Longyon, France. The headline writer is guilty of a geographical bonhead. Longyon is not a port. It is an inland manufacturing city near the Belgian border, just south of Arlon and farther south of Echarterach, Luxembourg, on the Moselle river, where yours truly lay with a sprained ankle in the original monastery of the Benedictine monks, utilized as an American army hospital, while Pershing's divisions were hiking to the Rhine.

Reference to Longyon brings memories. As Americans marched through that city they were greeted by curious fashions of little American flags. The city had been held for four years by the Germans. When the Americans came through, the French women hung up flags of all the allies. Having no American flags, some made them—pitifully unlike the real Stars and Stripes. Some had two stripes, some three, some one star, some seven or eight—according to the amount of colored cloth possessed by the good dames who stitched the banners. Yet these home-made American flags warmed the hearts of those doughboys even more than "store" Old Glory could have done. They represented a sentiment not on sale in shops.

COLUMN 3—"Shaw Hits England," the headline tells the reader. Shaw has done nothing but hit England since 1910. He will continue hitting until Time deprives him of his hitter. Yet he is an entertaining cudgeler. Even the most stalwart supporters of the Crown must find him so.

In this particular article the dramatist takes his government to task for the manner in which it handled the Egyptian crisis. He reminds the England excited 150,000 pounds from the Egyptian government because "the Egyptian government allowed the government to be assassinated." Proceeding error-general to the same reasoning Shaw declares that not long ago according to the British government "allowed Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson, an American gentleman, the streets of London, to have his life attempted with such vigor that he lost an eye and nearly had his back broken." Shaw then "shudders to think" what the United States, had it been in for "blood money," would have exacted from England for this affair.

Logical? Certainly. And entertaining.

COLUMN 4—The reader is told that the cold wave is ended in the Southland. Good news. From the Palos Verdes hills Saturday afternoon, the smoke from the smudgepots to the north and east rose in great clouds, testimony to hard work through the night for grove-owners and employes to save their crops. Good news for the easterner. A long cold spell here would mean unusually high prices for California fruits later on.

COLUMN 5—A reprint from the Denver Post reveals the sort of publicity California is receiving these days. The Post tells of the long breadlines in Los Angeles, asserts that visiting motorists are being provided with five gallons of gasoline and \$5 in cash and headed out of the state.

COLUMN 6—Wherein is related the fact that James Renale, husband of Dorothy Gish, paid Uncle Sam \$12,900 as a penalty for failure to declare valuable jewels which the Gish sisters brought from Europe recently. The gems were seized and held by the Customs until the penalty was paid. Women who attempt to sneak jewels into the country without paying duty are smugglers just as much as those who make smuggling their profession.

COLUMN 7—Story from Santa Barbara reveals that a Los Angeles beggar is a wealthy man. He tells police he is worth \$25,000.

Is it better to give to all beggars in the hope of helping one who is needy, or should one refuse them all in the belief that only one in ten is really hard up? Write your own answer. The writer has never been able to decide this thing to his own satisfaction, his various answers to himself depending from time to time on the state of his digestion.

COLUMN 8—The old home town makes the front page. Three men dead near Flint, Mich., from exhaust gas in a garage. The news story says the garage was between Flint and Holly. It isn't Holly, it's Holly. My uncle lives there and I know. I shall let him know the clipping and ask him if they have changed the name of the town on account of the nasty winter weather in Michigan this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. French of Star street, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mills of San Pedro, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fleming of Los Angeles.

PENN. AVE. HOLE IS CHOSEN

New Second Sand Test at Rogers No. 1, Near Acacia Street

LORA J. DATA VALUABLE

Company Expects to Profit From Palm Street Experience

Another deep test well will be drilled at once in the Lomita field by the Jamieson Oil Company. The well selected for deepening is the Rogers No. 1, on Pennsylvania avenue, near Acacia street, formerly owned by Bush and Voorhis.

The Jamieson Oil Company recently purchased five wells from Bush and Voorhis for a cash consideration, and has selected the Rogers for a deep test.

With the data acquired from the experiments at the Lora J. on East Palm street Jamieson company officials believe that they will have little difficulty in bringing in a producer from the second sand when they deepen the Rogers. The company is still experimenting with the Lora J. in the hope of shutting off the water, but observers are skeptical as to the results.

The Lora J. has been a valuable test, in that it definitely established the fact that a second sand exists below 4200 feet and that the oil at the low level is accompanied by a gas pressure that seems sufficient to make the oil flow.

As is the case with all wild-cattling operations, the Jamieson had to proceed at the Lora J. without definite knowledge of the water strata below 3800 feet. It is probable that the Rogers will be cemented lower than was the Lora J., and probably will not be drilled quite so deep. The water at the Lora J., it is believed, is coming in either just under the cement or from the bottom of the hole. By cementing deeper and not drilling so far, the company hopes to make the Rogers a clean producer. If they succeed a rush of deepening operations all over the field, especially on the small leases, will start.

Club Members at Mrs. Luck's House

Members of the North Lomita Embroidery Club were entertained at luncheon Thursday by Mrs. J. L. Luck of 25th street. Places were marked for Mrs. Anna McCabe of Long Beach, Mrs. Ed Morrison of Torrance, Mrs. David Adamson, Mrs. Frank Jordan, and the hostess.

Scouts Enjoy Fine Times as Barnes' Guests

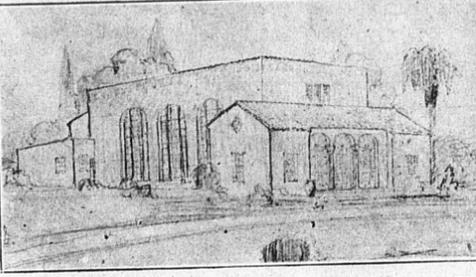
Merchant's Home Scene of Merry Party Given for Boys

The home of J. W. Barnes was the scene of a merry gathering Friday evening, when an evening of games was enjoyed by a number of Boy Scouts under the direction of District Commissioner E. P. Moore.

Various prizes were awarded to those who excelled at the games. Refreshments were served to the following Scouts: Arthur Barnett, Gerald Donigan, John Hammack, Edward Meiz, Ralph Parsons, Marion Randies, Marshall Richey, Arthur Thistle, Roy Thistle, Tryve Thorsen, Wallace Welch, Milton Anderson, Joe MacLymann, Charles Paige, Edward Gaseo, Roy Dawson. Other guests were Rev. E. E. Clark, A. E. Cook, and Mrs. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. David Adamson and daughter, of Camino Real, were Long Beach visitors Monday.

New Home Will Aid Women's Club in Community Program



The picture shows the architect's conception of how the home of the Torrance Women's Club will appear when it is finished.

With a splendid program of education, designed to broaden the scope of women's activities and to serve the community, the Women's Club of Torrance, boasting a membership that includes women of this entire district, has adopted plans for its new clubhouse, which will be erected soon.

The Women's Club is by no means a mere social organization. This is demonstrated by the program of its weekly meetings, which are dedicated to the following purposes: To open wide the doors of opportunity for women; to help extend the blessings of its home into community life; to insure a sound body for every child; to eliminate illiteracy; to promote general happiness and prosperity; to make human life safe.

With this program constantly in mind, the Women's Club of Torrance constitutes one of the most valuable assets to this district. Its membership is open to all women. It is non-political, non-sectarian. Up to this time the club has grown and prospered despite its lack of a home. With the new clubhouse erected, the club will be able to put into practice many of the ideals on which the organization is founded.

Perhaps no single aim of the club is more needed now than that which has to do with the leadership of young girls. When the clubhouse is completed, the organization plans to carry on its work for girls in a definite, practical manner, providing wholesome social entertainment for girls under womanly supervision.

Girl Reared By Chinese Doctor Learns At Altar She Is White



When Miss Evelyn Kendall Moy and Henry E. Hinkley, shown above, arranged for their wedding at Billings, Mont., recently Miss Moy believed that she was of Chinese extraction. She had been reared by Dr. Moy Hing, Chinese physician, and his white wife. Just before the wedding Mrs. Moy revealed to the girl that she was but a foster child of the doctor's and that her real mother was a wealthy Toronto, Kan., merchant's wife.

Federal Court Jury Convicts Torrance Man

J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney, was convicted by a jury in United States District Court Friday afternoon, on charges of receiving part of the money stolen a year ago from the Anaheim postoffice.

Our Want Ads Pay!

Music Pupils Are Guests at Party

Miss Viola Harlan of Sun street entertained her music pupils at a party Saturday afternoon, when decorations and favors carried out the holiday spirit.

At the memory games Valerie Johnson and Francis Roberts were awarded honors.

EXTRA

Both Men Convicted On Each of 2 Counts Bribery, Extortion

Jury in Police Conspiracy Case Is Out Only One Hour and Ten Minutes—Judge Will Sentence Men Friday Morning

Former Chief of Police B. M. Anderson and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach were both convicted of bribery and extortion by a jury in Superior Court this afternoon.

The verdict was rendered at 4:20. The jury was out one hour and ten minutes. Morewood and Anderson will be sentenced Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Judge Collier announced.

The verdict of the jury found both of the men guilty on both of the counts in the indictment returned by the grand jury.

Prior to being charged by Judge Collier, the jury heard one of the most vehement arguments ever made in Superior Court, when Deputy District Attorney Costello held the floor for the state.

Scores of residents of Torrance and many Los Angeles attorneys heard Costello's plea.

There was every promise this morning that the case of B. M. Anderson, former Torrance chief of police, and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach, charged with extortion and bribery, would go to the jury before night.

The defense rested its case Friday afternoon and Deputy District Attorney Van Cott opened the argument for the state. He was followed Monday afternoon, there being no session Monday morning, by Attorney Monteleone, counsel for Anderson. This morning Attorney Fletcher, for Morewood, pleaded, and was scheduled to be followed by Deputy District Attorney Costello.

Denies Implication

Anderson on the stand Friday emphatically denied all knowledge of the alleged conspiracy which led up to the alleged extortion and bribery. He denied all the statements made by Abbott on the stand which would have tended to implicate him. Following the testimony of the former chief, Attorney Monteleone extorted the jury to disavow the testimony of Abbott, whom he characterized in an exhorting address as a "coward, sneak and perjurer."

From Monteleone's plea it was evident that the attorney places his hope for an acquittal of the former chief on the acceptance by the jury of Anderson's testimony as against that of Abbott.

Taking the stand on his own behalf, Anderson flatly declared that he received no bribe money, plotted in no extortion conspiracy, and that he did not give Abbott the \$150 which Abbott says he received from the hand of the former chief.

Former Chief's Denials

He denied having had anything to do with the complaint filed against the five Compton men; denied he swore abusively at the five men; denied that he refused them bail; denied that he threatened Abbott in order to make the motorcycle officer swear to an affidavit repudiating the statement he had made to Trustee Torrance and City Attorney Briney; denied that he urged Abbott to leave the state when the grand jury investigation was about to start; denied

that he met Abbott at his (Anderson's) home on the night before the case of B. M. Anderson, former Torrance chief of police, and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach, charged with extortion and bribery, would go to the jury before night.

Henry on Stand

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Mrs. Anderson Testified

Mrs. Anderson testified that she did not pass any money out of the window of her home to Abbott the night before Abbott left for Troy. Mrs. Anderson was not cross-examined.

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Ray Leslie Testifies

Ray Leslie of Torrance testified that he was present when Anderson met City Recorder James L. King after the dismissal of the Compton men at the Torrance hearing. He declared that Anderson did not hand King any money. He said he was at the jail shortly after the arrest of the five men and that he did not hear Anderson swear at them or abuse them. Mr. Leslie said that Anderson entered the cell-room and that all he heard him say to the prisoners was "Ed, 'swear' thing for you that I was in Abbott's place, or there would have been slow walking and soft music."

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