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POLICE SCANDAL CASE IS ENDED

HEMMI IS SENT TO JAIL

Torrance Attorney Draws Light Sentence in P. O. Case

HEM MI IS SEVEN MONTHS

Judge James Eschews Penitentiary Term for Local Man

J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney, was sentenced to serve seven months in the Orange county jail for having received, according to the verdict of the jury in federal court, part of the money stolen from the Anaheim postoffice a year ago.

Judge James said that the sentence was light because of the respondent's standing in Torrance and his good record. He added that Hemmi had received a severe punishment by the verdict itself, and that the jail sentence was imposed instead of a penitentiary term, as sufficient in view of all these circumstances. The prosecutor from the United States district attorney's office requested leniency for Mr. Hemmi, pointing out to the court that the Torrance man had greatly assisted the government in running down the

Typical Southern Girl, Says James Montgomery Flagg



Miss Jane Small, a student at the Agnes Scott College, has been selected by James Montgomery Flagg, celebrated artist, as a "typical southern girl." She is shown holding the sketch she made of her.

Next Baby Day at High School Friday, Jan. 2nd

Parents Desiring to Participate Requested to Register Children

The educational center held at the high school as a baby day, Jan. 2, a. m. until noon.

Parents who wish appointments for their children at the hardware store, 1000 Broadway, are requested to call at the educational center, 1000 Broadway, at 10 a. m. on Friday, Jan. 2, for a list of names. There will be no afternoon session.

DON CARLOS BAXTER BURIED

The funeral of Don Carlos Baxter, well known to most of the Torrance glassworkers, took place in Stockton last week.

Mr. Baxter came to Stockton from Indiana and was employed as a blacksmith at the Patterson window glass factory. He is survived by his widow and one son, John A. Baxter, who was employed at the Torrance window glass factory for some time.

Miss Dorothy Reineman spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reineman, of Pasadena.

Evans Is Held To Answer For Tool Co. Theft

Hunter, Acting for Recorder, Binds Over Asserted Oil Field Robber

Charles Evans, charged with grand larceny for the asserted theft of a quantity of steel castings from the Union Tool Company's plant, was bound over to Superior Court by Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter, sitting in the Torrance recorder's court yesterday afternoon. Evans, according to Long Beach detectives, recently confessed to numerous oil equipment thefts at Signal Hill. He was arrested by Torrance police who found his car near the Union Tool Company filled with castings. The police took the car to headquarters and Evans came after it. Hunter, after questioning Chief Louie Hunter, he is said to have

Legion Will Name Officers Tonight

The Bert S. Cleveland Post of the American Legion will elect officers tonight at a meeting in the Guild hall of the Central Methodist church. The meeting is called for 7:30. In view of the fact that the post will erect its beautiful clubhouse next year, the election of officers is considered unusually important.

Mrs. Walter Renn in Critical Condition Following Operation

Mrs. Walter Renn of 1434 Post avenue is critically ill in a Hollywood hospital. Following a consultation Monday of Dr. J. S. Lancaster and several specialists, Mrs. Renn underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her condition is serious.

Sister of Late President Weds as Year Nears End



A sister of the late President Warren G. Harding is a member of the honeymoon colony in Bermuda. She is Miss Abigail Harding before her marriage to Ralph Lewis of New York, with whom she is seen.

Moose Hosts to Members' Kiddies

The Loyal Order of Moose entertained the children of its members with a Christmas tree at Moose hall Wednesday afternoon. Santa Claus was present and presented the children with candy, nuts and oranges.

Joint Meeting of Scout Troops Here Is Set for Friday

A joint meeting of Boy Scout Troops Nos. 3 and 4 will be held next Friday evening, Jan. 2, in the First Methodist church, with District Commissioner Moore in charge. Definite plans for future activities of both troops will be announced and explained. Boys considering membership in either troop are invited to attend this meeting next Friday evening.

See Our Want Ads for results!

FREAK OIL WELL IN FIELD

Shell's Frenger No. 1, a Pumper, Suddenly Starts to Flow

SURPRISE TO OPERATORS Observers Unable to Explain Suddenly Increased Gas Pressure

Oil operators are unusually interested these days in the Shell Oil Company's Frenger No. 1 at Redondo boulevard and Gladys avenue. A consistent pumper for several months, the well recently started to flow while the crew was cleaning it out, and has been flowing consistently ever since.

There is not another flowing well within half a mile of the Frenger. The well was always one of the best pumps in the Redondo district, but never until a short time ago did it evidence enough gas pressure to make it flow. The gas pressure gradually increased a few weeks ago, transforming the well from a good pumper into a flowing well with a production of about 100 barrels a day.

TOWNE TALKS "Just for Fun"

By RAS BERRY

They wasn't any paper last Fri. and Ras took a vacation and, is kinda out of touch with folks and things. So news are scarcer this wk. than ever.

Harry Dolley says he is glad Christmas is several days past so as he can get a taste of something besides turkey.

Harry Warren and Lovelle Ott sold some turks that was guaranteed to last a whole wk. The one Ras had lasted so long that Ras woke up all the neighbors gobbling in the middle of the night. He gobbled so much he gobbled.

They broke a record over to the Columbia Steel company for rolling steel the other day and the melder got paid \$59 for one day's work. So, says Sam Levy, when they roll steel this bozo steads a roll.

They is a gent from San Francisco named Rex Black who is visiting the bus. Mr. Black mgr. wrote him to bring his bathing suit as they might go to Catalina and Christmas morning when they was driving out that they was ice Verdes golfed around Mr. Black from Frisco got mad because he had brought his bathing apparel instead of his skates.

This paper, says Mr. Black, looking up from the L. A. Examiner, says the mean temperature in L. A. the day before Christmas was 44, and that's what I call editorial license.

Doc Shidler give Ras a dandy Christmas present. He wrapped up all of Ras's books that he had borrowed and returned 'em. Thank Doc.

TORRANCE CHARADES Answers to Last Tuesday's Nickname for governor of New York, Al. First name of one of partners in firm of Gilbert, Hansen and Pate, Fred. A small squash, gourd. Organ of hearing, ear. Alfred Gourdiar. Name of street. Angry, mad. What you like to be of bad rubbish, rid. Madrid. Name of street. Part of verb to be. am. An exclamation, ah. The girl who didn't marry Charlie Chaplin, Pola. Amapola. Guess These A man's name. First name one syllable, the king of England. (Continued on Last Page)

Observations

Enter the Ultra-Microbe—Blunt Colonel Harvey—A Great Invention, the Square Alarm Clock; Uncle Sam, Circus Owner

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FROM the University of Minnesota comes the news that the ultra-microbe, presumed to live on disease bacteria, has been isolated with results that promise much for future treatment of all diseases caused by minute organisms. The ultra-microbe, it is stated, is too small to be seen by the strongest microscope. Yet the experimenting savants declare that a drop of fluid containing only a small number of these bacteria-devouring organisms has killed the strongest disease bacteria in a few hours.

In seeking to isolate the ultra-microbe, science is merely attempting to approach a more thorough understanding of nature. That is all there is to science—the discovery of natural laws and conditions. Once such a law or condition is established, it is a simple matter to shape it to mortal advantage.

Scientists do not invent wonders. They discover them. Physicists and surgeons cannot defeat nature. They can only set one force of nature against another. The more natural forces they understand the more readily can they array the right ones against those who make for disease.

COL. GEORGE HARVEY is blunt. He is likewise undiplomatic—albeit he was sent as ambassador to the Court of St. James by President Harding. While there he made several speeches that embarrassed the government at Washington. Now he issues a tirade against France, at a time when the Paris government and our state department are ready to discuss the funding of the French debt to the United States. Undiplomatic, to say the least. The French people regard Harvey as a semi-official spokesman for the Republican policies. Not understanding American politics, they assume that Harvey, once ambassador to England, naturally speaks and writes in a manner inspired by the party under which he received his appointment to London. The trouble with most European diplomats is that they do not understand American politics. The trouble with most American diplomats is that they do not understand European politics. But Harvey, who had a chance to study European statesmanship, should know better than to inject himself into the negotiations between Paris and Washington. Americans know his statements are unofficial, but Europeans do not. And his service in London apparently taught him little or nothing.

He wore knee breeches at a court ball in London. It is obvious that he is now wearing them in the kindergarten of international statesmanship.

ALL the great inventions of the age are not awe-striking. Minor but epoch-making improvements and inventions daily come into being with little notice. Consider the humble but all-essential alarm-clock.

Ever since the first diligent clock-maker fashioned the first clock with the torture-dealing alarm apparatus, those clocks have been made with little sensible improvement. True, they have been made more efficient with repeating devices and other torturous improvements, but in shape and form they have remained the same.

What housewife has not longed for years for an alarm clock with legs that would last as long as the works of the clock? What household has not at all times possessed an alarm clock with legs broken off, standing on its side or propped up with some kitchen article?

All legs of all alarm clocks always break off, and the owner must slant his head to one side like a puppy listening to a queer noise in order to tell the right time.

At the writer's household is an alarm clock. Shortly after it was purchased its legs, of course, broke off. Well, so propped it up with an old knife handle and a piece of a rasp. The old clock did its duty splendidly, even surviving several falls to the floor. Then one day it fell into the kitchen sink, which was full of water, and lay there for some few hours, refusing at all times thereafter to run unless placed face down. So there it stays, its utilitarian face turned to the table-top, ticking off the seconds, minutes, hours and days.

When one wishes to know the time of day, one must lift the clock tenderly on high, stoop down and peer upward at the face. For if the face of the timepiece is moved from a strictly horizontal position, the clock will thereupon cease to function. And when it thus stops, none but the lady of the house can cajole it back to its normal operation.

All this because men have always made alarm clocks round with weak little legs.

And so it is with delight that one notices a great boon to mankind, just announced. A man has put on the market a square alarm clock with a flat bottom and no legs.

Whereupon it is not out of place to remark that this individual has done as much for his fellowmen as any other inventive genius. Think of the financial advantage alone, regardless of the increased peace of mind among millions of mortals when these square clocks come into general use. With efficient, accurate, un-square clocks in mind among millions of mortals when these square clocks come into general use. With efficient, accurate, un-square clocks in mind among millions of mortals when these square clocks come into general use. With efficient, accurate, un-square clocks in mind among millions of mortals when these square clocks come into general use.

UNCLE SAM owns a circus and doesn't know what to do with it. He took it over when the outfit neglected to pay its federal taxes. Uncle has no desire to run a circus and can't find anybody who wants to buy it. But really he has the opportunity to become owner of "the greatest show on earth." The circus he has is now only a small one. But by augmenting it with a few trained seals from the House, a bevy of lame ducks from the Senate, and a few of the fence-walking performers of both branches, he would have an amazing collection of freaks and performers.

Hiram Johnson would make a splendid ringmaster—and Herbert Hoover could sell popcorn and pink lemonade.

DURING the Christmas rush the special appropriation allowed the Torrance postoffice was not sufficient to enable Postmaster Gourdiar to employ enough help and transportation to give prompt and efficient service. No provision was made for transportation and efficient service. So the postmaster provided facilities for the delivery of parcels. Otherwise residents of Torrance would have been forced to call at the postoffice for their parcels—and the efficient system would have been well nigh impossible.

Postmaster Gourdiar is anxious that a third carrier and a parcel delivery system be allowed for the Torrance office. The citizens of Torrance who are interested should write Congressman Fredericks, urging that parcel delivery by a carrier working on part time should be instituted here.

EXPRESS THANKS Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone entertained for Christmas dinner Mrs. Malone's mother and father and two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cattaneo, of Porterville; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Daniel and two children, of Redlands; and Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, of Los Angeles, nominal mission.

Anderson, Morewood Sentenced, Appeal; King Quits Office

District Attorney Keyes Declares Resignation of City Recorder Closes Affair as Far as He Is Concerned

COLLIER SENTENCES TWO MEN TO SAN QUENTIN

Attorney and Former Chief Draw Two to Ten Years; Fined \$20,000 Bail

Following the conviction of former Chief B. J. Anderson and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach on charges of bribery and extortion, by a jury in Superior Court last Tuesday afternoon, the Torrance police scandal developed rapidly. In sentencing Anderson and Morewood to serve from two to ten years each at San Quentin Judge Collier recommended that Charles T. Rippy take action to have City Recorder James L. King removed from office and "any other action that the district attorney might deem proper."

Despite the fact that to grand jury had twice failed to indict Recorder King along with Anderson, Morewood and Abbott, the district attorney then declared to reporters that he would immediately launch an investigation into the case and demand that the Torrance board of trustees remove King from office.

Trustees Name Charles Rippy City Recorder

James L. King's Resignation Accepted Saturday at Special Meeting

Accepting the resignation of City Recorder James L. King Saturday night, the board of trustees in a special meeting appointed Charles T. Rippy as municipal judge.

The board was notified more than two weeks ago by Recorder King that he intended to resign, and had been seeking his successor. Saturday afternoon Mr. Rippy agreed to accept the appointment and Judge King was notified to that effect and immediately tendered his resignation in writing.

Charles Rippy graduated from the law department of the National University at Washington, D. C. in June, 1918. He was admitted to the bar at Washington at that time and passed the California bar examination in June of last year. He is at present affiliated with the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association.

Justice of the Peace J. Hunter of Lomita has agreed to handle the Torrance police court cases pending the transfer of records to Mr. Rippy and the passing of the City Recorder King's letter of resignation follows:

Honorable Board of Trustees, Torrance, California, Gentlemen:

Having held the office of City Recorder for approximately three years, I wish to call your attention to the following facts relative to said office:

FIRST: In order to properly function in said office it is necessary that the Recorder be versed in all the laws of the state, which can only be accomplished through a course of study and practice.

SECOND: It is necessary that the Recorder keep himself informed of newly enacted laws, by constant study and observation.

THIRD: It so happens that in ninety-five percent of the cases handled by the Recorder, the persons involved said cases become personalities of the Recorder and great feelings of animosity and vengeance.

FOURTH: The Recorder is involved in said office a great amount of time in court and in keepers.

FIFTH: The office requires the continuation of the Recorder, by the necessity of said accepting of bail at the end of the day and night.

SIXTH and lastly is always a great deal of money involved in "so-called" scandal by the Recorder.

Therefore, believing the reimbursement and honor received by holding office (Continued on Last Page)

Acceptation Resignation

The board of trustees Saturday night called a special meeting and formally accepted the resignation of King. Two weeks before tendering his resignation in writing Recorder King had informed members of the board of trustees that he intended to resign. That his resignation would be forthcoming at any time was known by every member of the board, who for two weeks had been pondering the question of his successor. It was not until last week that Charles T. Rippy was induced to accept the appointment and he was named Saturday night as city recorder.

Jury Out Short Time

The jury in the Anderson and Morewood case deliberated only an hour and ten minutes, returning with a verdict of guilty for both men on each of the two counts in the indictment which charged them with bribery and extortion.

The sentence of two to ten years imposed by Judge Collier was imposed for both charges.

Counsel for Anderson and Morewood immediately filed notice of an appeal, and the two respondents were released by Judge Collier on \$20,000 bail. This was on Friday morning. Judge Collier permitted Anderson and Morewood to spend Christmas with their families and did not sentence them until Friday morning.

In passing sentence on Anderson and Morewood Judge Collier asserted that the evidence showed that King was equally guilty and declared that although he was given an opportunity to testify at the trial he had not done so.

Call Trustees

Following this declaration District Attorney Keyes instructed City Attorney Perry G. Briney to notify members of the board of trustees to appear at his office Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. At this time he intended to demand the removal of King. He did not learn until Monday that King's resignation had been accepted Saturday night by the trustees.

Mr. Keyes, in answer to a question by a Torrance reporter, said that the only reason he asked the Torrance board to appear before him was to ask the removal of King.

"Now that King has resigned," he said, "I have no reason for consulting with the Torrance trustees. The affair is closed as far as the district attorney's office is concerned."

With the exception of the proposed appeal of Anderson and Morewood, the police case, starting last July with the arrest and release of the five Compton men here, is ended.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Chambers of 823 Cota avenue entertained a number of out-of-town friends with a turkey dinner.

Those enjoying the repast were Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon and Marie Cannon, of Santa Ana; Mr. and Mrs. Don Lathrop and Mrs. Herman, of Long Beach; Mrs. A. Robbins and the host and hostess.