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WILL BUILD DERRICK PLANT SOON

TORRANCE GLASS PLANT SWINGS INTO PRODUCTION

CAPACITY OUTPUT SOON

Experimental Tests Prove Quality of Product of New Machines

PAYROLL IS \$5000 WEEK

New Units, Fully Manned, Will Soon Be in Operation

Early quantity production at the new plant of the Torrance Flat Glass Company was assured this week, when the new Belgian glass-making machines successfully passed all experimental tests and five of the eight units were put in operation.

Orders for the capacity output of the plant for several months are on the company's books and the new machinery, fully manned, will be steadily operating as soon as the dirt which accumulated in the furnaces during construction is eliminated.

The glass which the machines are now drawing from the furnaces is rapidly clearing up. Experts regard it as the finest glass ever manufactured on the Pacific coast.

As soon as the window glass plant with a capacity of 1,000 boxes of glass a day swings into production the rolled glass equipment will again be set in motion and all units at the big plant will be humming with activity.

Substantial Payroll Even now, with the window glass machinery running only for the purpose of cleaning the furnaces, and with the big wire glass unit idle, the company's payroll is running more than \$20,000 a month.

The company recently changed its name from the Western Sheet Glass Company to the Torrance Flat Glass Company. The new buildings, machinery and equipment represent an investment of approximately \$1,250,000.

Both the window glass plant and the rolled glass factory are modern in every particular.

The window glass plant, the newer of the two, is highly interesting. From the furnaces eight units of special apparatus draw up continuous sheets of glass through rollers to the second floor, where it is cut off in plates and trimmed. Raw materials are automatically fed into the furnaces in exact proportion to the amount of glass drawn out.

When the glass sheets are trimmed, they are carried by overhead conveyors to the elevator, lowered to the ground floor and carried again by overhead equipment to the cutting stalls. The capacity of the eight units is so great that 30 cutting stalls have been constructed to handle the output. From the cutting rooms, the glass is transported to the packing room, where it is boxed for shipment. Thence it proceeds to the warehouse, adjacent to a spur track, for loading.

Jobbers' Enthusiasm The company operates its own box factory and its own clay department, where clay is moulded for replacement purposes in the big furnaces.

The company also maintains a spacious machine and blacksmith shop, making its own machinery parts and repairs.

Owing to the fact that the new apparatus of the company requires direct current, a large transformer department has been installed and is in operation.

Officials of the company declare that jobbers are unusually enthusiastic over the quality of Torrance glass from the new apparatus at the plant here and that capacity production is certain just as soon as all eight units are in operation and the furnaces are completely cleaned out.

CARD PARTY

The Royal Neighbors will give a card party Friday evening, July 31, at 8 o'clock, in King's real estate office, opposite the First National Bank.

Employment In Industries Up And Trade Improves In June, Federal Reserve Report Shows

By JOHN PERRIN
Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

During June, 1925, general business activity in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District was maintained at approximately the same level as in March, April and May, 1925, a level well below the recent peak of February, 1925, but still slightly above estimates for normal. Agricultural developments were generally favorable and early harvest reports have tended to confirm previous forecasts of satisfactory yields of principal crops. Industrial output increased seasonally during June to levels slightly above those of a year ago, the increase being accompanied by a substantial gain in volume of employment. Continuance of a strong credit situation was reflected in banking statistics for the month. Interest rates were unchanged.

Bank Debts
This bank's index of bank debts, which reflects changes in business activity, advanced from 138 (1919 monthly average equals 100) in May, 1925, to 140 in June, 1925, during allowance being made for normal seasonal variation in the figures as reported by banks in 20 principal financial centers. In June, 1924, the index stood at 121, the apparent increase of 15.7 percent over the year period being approximately twice the estimated normal annual rate of growth for the district.

High Building Record
Volume of building construction has continued near record levels. June figures of value of building permits in 20 principal cities showed a smaller than seasonal increase as compared with figures for May, but were 38.6 percent larger than the figures for June a year ago. During the first six months of 1925 the value of building permits issued in the 20 selected cities was larger than during any half year of record, exceeding the previous peak figures of the last six months of 1923 by 6.4 percent.

Production of lumber was larger by 4.2 percent during June, 1925, than during May, 1925, a partly seasonal increase. As in May, reporting lumber mills of the district cut more lumber than they sold, but for the first six months of 1925 their reports show that production was slightly less than sales and shipments. Recent increases in demand for lumber are reflected in June figures of orders received and shipments made, which were 8.3 percent and 2.7 percent larger, respectively, than in May.

National production of non-ferrous metals, except copper, a considerable proportion of which is mined in this district, was smaller

during June, 1925, than in May, 1925, but larger than in June, 1924. Reported daily average production of petroleum in California during June, 1925, was 642,938 barrels, a figure 2.6 percent larger than that reported for June, 1924, and 5.9 percent larger than the figure for May, 1925. Indicated average daily consumption increased 11.1 percent during June as compared with May, but continued less than production, and stored stocks advanced to new high levels (110,956,791 barrels on June 30, 1925).

Greater than seasonal increases in flour milling activity reported in June were the consequence of unusual inactivity during May rather than of a broad improvement in the demand for flour. Output of reporting mills during each of the past months (March-June) has been smaller than in the same months of any year since 1921, when this bank began keeping the record. Stocks of wheat and flour held by the mills have been allowed to decline during recent months. At the end of June their stocks of wheat were 43.1 percent and of flour 19.7 percent below the five-year average (1920-1924) holdings on June 30.

Retail Trade
Value of sales at retail, as reported by 22 department stores in seven principal cities of the district, declined 3.2 percent during June, 1925, as compared with May, 1925. The decrease was less than that which normally occurs at this season of the year, and this bank's index, when adjusted for normal seasonal movements, advanced from 145 (1919 monthly average equals 100) in May, 1925, to 147 in June, 1925. In June, 1925, it stood at 138. Total value of sales for the first six months of 1925 exceeded total value of sales for the first six months of 1924 by 2.3 percent.

Trade at wholesale during June, as reflected in reports received by this bank from 190 firms in eleven lines of business, was considerably more active than a year ago, and relatively more active than in previous months of the present year. Compared with sales during June, 1924, the June, 1925, sales of these firms showed an increase of 13.8 percent, values of sales in all lines, except groceries, being greater than a year ago. This is by far the largest increase reported in any month of this year as compared with the corresponding month of 1924, the figure for May being 5.2 percent, and for April and March less than 2 percent. During the first six months of 1925 total sales of reporting firms were 2.5 percent larger in value than during the first six months of 1924.

Will Spud Well On Palos Verdes Acreage at Once

Doheny Lease South of Lomita Regarded as Excellent Territory

Drilling on the Palos Verdes acreage recently leased by the Petroleum Securities Company, Pan American subsidiary, will be started at once, field representatives of the big producing company said today.

The test well will be located about a quarter of a mile south of Redondo boulevard and just west of Western avenue. Orders for rig material have already been placed and construction of the derrick will be started in a few days.

According to oil men here, geologists regard the area leased by the Doheny organization as excellent potential oil land.

Torrance Boys at Citizens' Military Camp at Monterey

Homer Morgan, Turner McLean, Floyd Chandler and Theodore Rathburn are Torrance representatives at the citizens' military training camp at Monterey this month. The boys have enlisted for the summer training and, according to letters received by the home folks, are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

City Directory For Each Home Is Herald's Plan

Wide Distribution Promised for Book Now Being Prepared in Torrance

A Torrance city directory for every home will be furnished free of charge by The Torrance Herald as soon as the work of compiling and publishing the new book is completed.

The new directory will be up to date, containing names, telephone numbers, vocations and addresses of all residents of Torrance and some of the nearby territory.

In order to give the directory the widest possible distribution The Herald will deliver one to each home and place of business in the city.

Work of compiling data has already been started.

Dolley Annex Is Newly Appointed

Completely and attractively re-decorated, the Dolley Drug Annex presents a fine appearance. The new decorations were accomplished last Saturday night and the annex was open for business Sunday morning. The fountain at the Dolley Annex is modern in all details. Every glass is sterilized after use.

Observations

Bryan, His Homespun Honesty and His Dazzling Memory—Floyd Gibbons, the Lusitania, a Lost Eye, and a World Newspaper Scoop

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

UNCOMPROMISING, a granite advocate of what he thought was right, endowed with a homespun honesty possessed by few men, William Jennings Bryan left this world of strife softly and peacefully. Stealing over him as he slumbered, his death was in sharp contrast to the stormy life he led, while for 30 years he launched his philippics against special privilege, militarism and the agnostics.

It is right that Columbus should weep at her loss. Stalwart against compromise, lacking ability to give a little in order to win a lot, demanding full rights in progress rather than sacrificing something in order to win one step forward at a time, Bryan never won to those high goals he sought. But he fought with such sincerity, with such fervor, with such unswerving honesty, that he left on the country which he loved a mark that time will not erase.

THE boy orator of the Platte, he went to Chicago in 1896, stamped a great convention and led Democracy in a glorious but futile rush to storm the heights of the Presidency. From that day, until 1925, when he stood, gray-headed, battle-scarred, splendid and fine, scoffed but undaunted at Dayton, fighting uncomprehendingly for what he thought was right, he has been a towering figure in American political and religious life.

I still do not think he was truly a great man. But I think he was greater than many who defeated and most who beguiled him.

BRYAN probably knew more persons in the world than any other man of his time. His memory for names and faces was uncanny. His head was a storehouse of acquaintances that must have been numbered in the hundreds of thousands. I recall an incident that brought home to me this remarkable memory.

In 1912, when the Commoner was stumping the country for Woodrow Wilson, I interviewed him on his special car between Detroit and Flint, Michigan. I remember that I asked him what he thought of Chase S. Osborn. Osborn was an ex-governor of Michigan and in the thick of the Michigan political fight.

"No," I replied.

"Then I don't think anything about him," snapped the Nebraskan. Then his face lighted up with that expansive smile that so many millions knew and he added, "But if you want to know what I think about anyone who is seeking office, I'll be glad to accommodate you with an opinion."

Several years later I was standing on a railway station platform waiting for a train at Akron, Ohio. Gazing about with the indolence of anyone who is waiting for a train, I saw William Jennings Bryan.

I walked up to the Commoner and proffered my hand. "How do you do, Mr. Bryan," I said.

He took my hand smilingly, and said, "Let's see. Let's see. You are a newspaper man from—oh, yes—from Michigan. Kingsbury, is that the name?"

Of course I was flattered. He missed the last syllable of my name, but he had me pegged geographically and vocationally, and he almost had the name. Yet I suppose he had met more newspaper men between 1912 and the day I met him at the station than any other man in the United States.

FLOYD GIBBONS is at Fox, reporting the present unpleasantness between the French and the Riffians. Do you want to hear the story about Floyd Gibbons? It is interesting.

When the war broke out in 1914 Gibbons was a police reporter on the Chicago Tribune. He was a rattling good reporter and ambitious. He wanted to report the war. But he didn't have enough reputation. Older heads were sent to Europe. But Gibbons went anyway—as a free-lance, trusting to his ability to sell his news stories after he reached France.

He booked passage on the Lusitania. When it was sunk he was the first man ashore. The story of the disaster which he wrote on the wharf at Queenstown was the first detailed account of the tragedy to reach the United States. Today it stands with Will Irwin's story of the San Francisco fire as the greatest piece of spontaneous reporting in the history of journalism. It was a newspaper masterpiece. It made Gibbons, the Chicago Tribune put him on an accredited front line correspondent. Favored with a lucky chance, he had made good, made good tremendously.

SAM BLYTHE once said that if he had to report a war he would take about fifteen first class police reporters to the front and say to them: "There is a war. Report it."

New Traffic Ordinance Goes Into Effect in Torrance Today; Angle Parking on Five Streets

The new traffic ordinance, calling for parallel parking throughout Torrance with the exception of a few streets, goes into effect today.

By the provisions of the measure adopted by the Board of Trustees cars must be parked parallel on all but the following streets, where angle parking will be in force:

Southeast side of Marcellina avenue between Cravens and Sartori El Prado between Sartori and Border avenues. Sartori between Cabrillo and El Prado.

Northwest side of Post avenue between Sartori and Cravens avenues. North side of Carson street between Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues.

Starting tonight it will not be necessary for parking lights to be lighted on parked cars until 1 a. m.

Petition Asks Paving of Carson Street to Orange County Line

That Carson street will be the next through east and west paved highway from Orange County to the sea became evident this week when a petition was presented to the Board of Supervisors for improvement of the thoroughfare from Long Beach boulevard to the county line.

The proceedings for the paving between Torrance and Long Beach boulevard are going forward and it is expected that the contract for the work will be let this fall.

The new petition asking that the paving be extended to Orange County was signed by 80 percent of the owners of adjoining property, it is reported. The Montana Farms Company, owner of a large tract which the pavement would bisect, has signed, it is said.

The petition for the pavement between Torrance and Long Beach boulevard specifies National paving, while the other one stipulates cement.

Oilers To Meet Tom Mix Kitties In Game Sunday

Wild Cats and C.-C. M. O. Nine Play Ball at 2:30 Sharp

What makes the Wild Cat wild? That is the problem that Eddie Copeland and his Oiler bunch are going to try to solve Sunday afternoon when Tom Mix brings his herd of Wild Cats to the C.-C. M. O. park to fill in an open date in the Major Summer League schedule due to the Irvine club having canceled their game.

The Wild Cats are setting a lively pace and have been knocking off some of the best semi-pro clubs in Southern California, so are coming to the beach Sunday confident in their ability to take the measure of the fast-stepping Oiler outfit.

"Cy" Williams, the Oilers' big right-hander, who held the hard-hitting Pasadena Merchants to five scattered singles last Sunday, will be on the mound for Manager Copeland, while Tom Mix will no doubt start Strong, the lad who turned in a 6 to 2 victory over the Bell Merchants last Sunday, with Ellison on the receiving end.

The game will be called at 2:30.

Program Party Every Thursday At Fun Center

A program party with many novel features will be held at The American Recreation Center (Moose Hall) next Tuesday night, Messrs. Crowell and Alverson announce Recreation Plan.

In announcing the program party, Mr. Crowell and Mr. Alverson inaugurate The American Recreation Center, which includes Moose Hall for dancing and The American Bowling Alleys and Billiard Hall. Each Tuesday night a program dance will be given and several features introduced.

The American Six will furnish the music at the weekly dances.

STEEL CO. SHOP TO GO UP

International Steel Co. Factory Delayed by Steel Shipment

HYDE DISPROVES RUMOR Ohio Concern Is Ready to Order Plant Equipment Now

Disquieting rumors concerning the International Steel Derrick Company's proposed Torrance plant are entirely unfounded, according to Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The plant will soon be erected on the company's site on Carson street, west of the Santa Fe station, where the company's new office building now stands. Construction of the plant has been delayed for several weeks on account of a delay in the shipment of structural steel. The contract has been awarded.

This week Mr. Hyde received a request from the company for data concerning power facilities and current at the Carson street site. The company needed this data before ordering electrical equipment for the factory. Mr. Hyde supplied the necessary information at once.

The new industry will employ between 50 and 100 men. The company manufactures steel derricks for oil wells, all types of steel towers, and standard steel buildings. Its main plant is at Columbus, O.

Rev. Tinning Is New Pastor of Lomita Church

Will Take Pulpit Next Sunday; Announces Evolution Talk

Recently the Community Presbyterian Church of Lomita extended an unanimous call to Rev. Louis Tinning of San Juan Capistrano to become its pastor. Rev. Tinning later accepted this call and is moving to Lomita this week and will take up the active work of the local pastorate next Sunday, Aug. 2.

Mr. Tinning expressed himself as much pleased with his new field of labor and he is confident that both the Lomita community and church have a promising future before them.

Native of New York Mr. Tinning is a native of Schenectady, N. Y., and is a graduate of Monmouth College in Illinois. He later graduated from Xenia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He has been pastor of churches in Reinbeck, Ia., and Aurora, Ill. Since he came to California 13 years ago he has been pastor of churches in Whittier, Glendale, and San Juan Capistrano.

During the war he spent a year in San Pedro as War Work Secretary with the Navy, Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Tinning will take charge of the services on the Sunday church next Sunday, and will speak both morning and evening. At the morning service the sermon subject will be "The Glory of the Church." The evening sermon will be a popular message on "Evolution—Theory or Fact?" This will be a frank talk on the origin of man from the Bible standpoint, with some startling statement developing out of the great present-day discussion and agitation.

Public Invited The new pastor and officials of the Lomita church cordially invite all members and friends of the congregation to attend these services. The morning services will be devotional in type and the messages will be expository in character. The evening services will be less formal than the morning, but none the less helpful.

Will Speak Here On Guatemala Folk

Miss A. L. Fitch will speak on "Guatemala: Its People, Customs and Art" at the Episcopal Parish House, Engraceta avenue, Monday evening, Aug. 10, at 7:30.

Miss Fitch has passed a number of months among these interesting people, whose civilization was old when Columbus discovered America. All are invited to attend. There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halladay and children, Evelyn and Malcolm, have left for a several-weeks trip to northern California.

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