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## BABCOCK CASE FACES YEAR DELAY

### Newspaper Contest Count Shows Chance For Go-Getter

#### Torrance Cashier and Henry Porter Are Out on Bail

Clog of Trials in U. S. Court Puts Issue Ahead 12 Months EXAMINATIONS WAIVED Two in Toils for Shortage Appear Before U. S. Commissioner

That L. V. Babcock, former cashier of the First National Bank of Torrance, and Henry Porter of Long Beach, who are facing charges in the United States district court in connection with the shortage in Babcock's accounts, will not be tried for a year or more was the statement of federal officials subsequent to the preliminary hearings before the court commissioner.

Babcock, charged with altering the accounts of a national bank, is out on \$5000 bail furnished by members of his family. Porter, accused of conspiracy in connection with a national bank asserted embezzlement, voluntarily surrendered himself last Friday and furnished bond of \$10,000.

The charges in both cases have to do specifically with a \$2000 check which Babcock is said to have cashed for Porter and which came back, and which Babcock confessed he "covered up" in his accounts.

Federal court officials said that 1500 criminal cases are "on the docket ahead of the Babcock and Porter-cases and that the two men probably will not be tried for at least a year. Porter and Babcock both waived preliminary hearing. Unable to furnish bail, Babcock was remanded to the county jail, where he spent about 36 hours before bail was furnished.

Protests innocuous. Porter declares that he was innocent of the means by which Babcock raised the money and that he had nothing whatever to do with the shortage at the bank. Babcock, it is asserted, has told authorities and officials of the National Surety Company that Porter was aware of his (Babcock's) precarious position with his accounts and utilized this knowledge to secure still more money after the first bad check was cashed.

Complaints against the two men were sworn out by the National Surety Company, with which concern was under bond for \$25,000 and which company was obligated to pay the amount of the shortage at the First National Bank.

#### Chief Announces Phillips Resigns As Officer Here

G. W. Dalton Named as Successor to Retiring Policeman

Chief of Police Calder announced today that G. W. Dalton Wednesday succeeded William Phillips as an officer on the Torrance police force.

Dalton has lived in Torrance several years. He owns his home at 2029 Arlington avenue and is an experienced police officer, having served in that capacity at Tulare.

#### FORD BURNS

E. G. Christopher of 1411 Cedar avenue suffered the loss of his Ford Coupe Saturday when it caught fire due to defective wiring. Mr. Christopher had stopped for lunch on his way from Long Beach to Torrance and when he came out of the restaurant he found his car in flames.

Lutheran bazaar Saturday in Ruppert Bldg.—Adv.

Tickets for the minstrel show to be given at the Pier Avenue School, Hermosa Beach, Friday evening by the Women's Club of Torrance are being sold rapidly.

#### RAILROAD MEN MEET HERE IN SWITCH CONFAB

Freight Interchange Move of C. of P. First One of Persuasion WILL STUDY PROPOSAL Needed Freight Shipping Change to Be Considered by S. F. and P. E.

That the Pacific Electric and Santa Fe Railway Companies will seriously consider a definite proposal from the Chamber of Commerce for the construction of switching facilities between the two roads in Torrance was the statement of representatives of the carriers at a luncheon in Torrance Tuesday noon.

The meeting was called by Carl L. Hyde, secretary, and Rufus Page, chairman, of the industrial and housing committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The need for facilities for interchange of freight between the two roads was stressed by Mr. Hyde and Mr. Page.

T. J. Day, freight traffic manager of the Pacific Electric, asserted that his company would give consideration to a proposal offered by the chamber at such time as the proposal is made in writing. The following men attended the luncheon: E. L. Annable, general superintendent of the Pacific Electric; T. J. Day; G. F. Squires, assistant freight traffic manager of the Pacific Electric; F. J. Weeks, general agent, Pacific Electric; C. K. Adams, assistant general freight agent, Santa Fe; George Eberle of the firm of Eberle and Rigsleman, consulting engineers, representing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; W. H. Nye, purchasing agent, Columbia Steel Corporation; S. S. Coates, manager, Torrance Flat Glass Company; K. R. Smith, plant manager, Union Tool Company; J. Aaland, manager, American System of Reinforcing; A. D. Rhodes, field engineer, International Derrick and Equipment Company; Charles V. Jones, manager, Consolidated Lumber Company; Rufus Page; Carl L. Hyde; W. Harold Kingsley, vice-president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber of Commerce representatives explained that the future of Torrance is dependent upon industrial development and that the work of locating new industries here is severely handicapped by a lack of switching facilities between the two railroads serving the city. Pacific Electric representatives made it clear that in the event an interchange was established they would be surrendering some business, owing to the fact that all Torrance industries but one are located on P. E. right of way.

Mr. Page and Mr. Hyde stated the community is deeply appreciative of the great factor the P. E. has been in the development of Torrance and vouchsafed the belief that any business lost by that company through an interchange would be but a temporary loss, owing to the fact that the interchange would materially assist in a great growth of Torrance industrially and the consequent increase in shipping to and from this city.

S. S. Coates of the Torrance Flat Glass Company suggested that the Chamber of Commerce make a definite request in writing to the two railroad companies, so that both would have a definite proposition for consideration. This was acceptable to the railroad representatives, and a proposal will shortly be tendered them by the chamber.

In calling the railroad representatives together the Chamber of Commerce sought to bring them to an agreement on the interchange without the necessity of having to file a request for the facilities before the State Railroad Commission.

### \$25 in Cash Offered for Best Letters on 'Live in Torrance'

#### HERE ARE RULES IN "LIVE IN TORRANCE" ESSAY COMPETITION

Rules in the Chamber of Commerce "Live in Torrance" essay contest follow: 1—Every resident of Torrance is eligible to compete, except directors of the Chamber of Commerce and their families. Contestants may submit as many letters as they choose. 2—Letters must be not more than 400 words in length. They must be legibly written on one side of the paper and signed with the name and address of the writer. 3—Letters must be at the Chamber of Commerce office in Torrance at or before 5 p. m. Monday, June 28. 4—The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to publish all or any part of any letter received. No letters will be returned. 5—The prize winners will be announced in The Torrance Herald issue of Thursday, July 1.

#### C. OF C. WILL GIVE COIN FOR BEST ESSAYS

Plan is Part of Campaign to Induce Workmen to Live Here ALL RESIDENTS ELIGIBLE Commerce Body Opens Drive With Program of Torrance Education

Why should men who work in Torrance live in Torrance? The Chamber of Commerce will offer \$25 for the four best answers to this question. The awards will be as follows: First prize, \$10; second prize, \$7.50; third prize, \$5; fourth prize, \$2.50.

The Chamber of Commerce is actively engaged in a campaign to induce men who work here to live here. The first move in that campaign is to bring to the attention of workmen the many advantages of life in Torrance as seen by people who already live here. Hence this letter contest.

Hundreds Leave Town Every day when the factory whistles blow as a signal that the day's work in Torrance industrial plants is finished hundreds of men leave the city for their homes in other communities.

Some travel by street car, some by automobile. IF ALL THESE MEN LIVED IN TORRANCE THIS WOULD BE A CITY OF 20,000 OR 30,000 POPULATION.

If only 50 percent of them can be induced to take up residence here Torrance will quickly become a city of 10,000 to 15,000 people. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce decided last week that the people who already live here are best qualified to set forth to workmen who earn their living here but live elsewhere all the facts about residence in Torrance—its social life, its municipal advantages, its beauty, its schools, its churches—all about the city as a good place in which to live.

Ask Residents' Aid So this \$25 cash letter-writing contest was authorized as an added inducement to Torrance residents to aid in the campaign to benefit the whole city. Its present residents, its industries, and also the men who work here but live elsewhere.

The contest is open to all residents of Torrance, old, middle-aged and young. The judges will be the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. They alone will be ineligible to compete. Rules of the contest are published in an adjacent column.

Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in announcing the contest said: "Many of the men who work here but live elsewhere are unaware of the splendid advantages Torrance offers as a home city. A lot of them drive directly to work and directly away in the evening. They have never seen the beautiful tree-lined residence streets of Torrance.

Prices Low Now "Many of them are unaware that the oil boom days of high land prices and rents are gone in Torrance. Many of them are unacquainted with the fact that Torrance as a city possesses many modern improvements than any other city in this entire southwestern area.

"Many of them are unaware that homes on reasonably priced lots can now be easily financed in Torrance today. And many of these same men are renters in other communities.

"The cost of commuting is high. Men who work here and live elsewhere actually lose money. "They are paying a premium—some of them in order to live in a community in which no sewer system exists, in which only a few streets are paved, in which taxes are much higher, in which streets are lined with utility company poles, in

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#### Observations

Two Sons of Old Families Add Proud Chapters to American Tradition—End of British Strike Averts World Calamity By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SONS of old American families are forwarding the brave traditions of the American people. I am thinking of John Rogers and Dick Byrd. There has been a John Rogers in the American navy since the days of the doughty John Paul Jones. The latest John Rogers, son of a proud family of courageous men, was commander of an aeroplane that set out to span the Pacific. His plane was disabled. On the bosom of the ocean he rigged up canvas, caught rain water from the sky, and when located was sailing the plane into port.

America was proud and thrilled with the thought that the national blood-stream carries such characteristics of courage as course through the veins of the modern John Rogers. NOW comes another navy man, again the son of a proud family, to carry the fame of American courage to the North Pole and return.

Dick Byrd's ancestors founded the city of Richmond, Virginia. From them he inherited the restlessness and indomitable spirit of the pioneer. At the age of 12 he went around the world unaccompanied. At the age of 15 he determined to discover the North Pole. With this ambition he entered the United States Naval Academy, but while there Admiral Peary defeated the Arctic.

SO young Byrd decided that some day he would be the first man to reach the Pole by airplane. He studied aviation, entered the navy air service, invented aeronautical instruments and won general distinction. Fired with ambitious courage inherited from a long line of American pioneers and fed by the tradition of Virginia, he persuaded Edsel Ford and John D. Rockefeller to finance him on an aeroplane journey to the Pole.

LEAVING Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, the other night shortly after the stroke of 12, he flew with Lloyd Bennett, navy chief petty officer, to the Pole and back, 1500 miles, in less than 16 hours. The fact that Byrd accomplished the great feat stirs American pride. But the fact that he is the son of an old American family characteristic of courage, determination and intelligence that have made this continent what it is.

These are American attributes. Exemplified by the son of an old American family they keep alive the great American tradition. The type of men who settled first along the Atlantic seaboard, who worked westward, who crossed the desert and won the Pacific Slope, live still.

As long as we possess men like John Rogers and Dick Byrd that tradition not only lives but grows.

THE whole world should rejoice that the fine qualities of the English have succeeded in bringing a satisfactory end to the British industrial strike. Astute students of world affairs have freely predicted that the World War wrote the first chapter in the decline of the greatest empire the world has ever known. Should the seat of this empire domination will approach with startling rapidity. At least that is the opinion of the world's most able authorities on present-day historical trends.

WHAT disintegration of the British Empire would mean to the rest of the world—especially to Christendom and the white man—is almost too obvious to require elucidation. The Anglo-Saxon has borne the white man's burden to the far corners of the globe. Since defeat of the Spanish Armada Englishmen have been building an empire of vast proportions. They have proved themselves the greatest colonizers in history. They have placed the British flag on the shores of every sea. And that flag has come to signify not only Great Britain's but the white man's supremacy.

TEAR down the British banner from the flagstaffs of the world—and the war between the races, postponed since Charles the Hammer quelled Oriental invasion at the battle of Tours, looms over the horizons of the broad Pacific. When Columbus sailed westward to locate a new route to the Indies and stumbled on undiscovered land, the white man found an outlet from the little peninsula called Europe to which he had been shovled by the Orientals.

For the last 400 years the white man has been busy consolidating his forces in this hemisphere. Enriched by commerce between the old world and the new, he has flung his forces deep into the Orient. His chief representative has been England.

IT was the masterful colonization of the Anglo-Saxon that created throughout all the Orient the idea of the white man's invincibility—a thought which the Orient resigned itself until the Japanese demonstrated the contrary by administering defeat to Russia. A converted Moslem tells us that this victory sent throughout Asia a sibilant whisper that at last the eventual supremacy of the yellow and black was assured. The Buddhists are marking time. Patient through the centuries the Mongol watched with interest the general strike in England.

I HATE jingoism. And I do not write this as an alarmist. I believe that the spirit of the people of Christendom would, in moments of calm, revolt at the very thought of such a war. But the forces that shape the movements of races are deep and obscure, powerful and little understood, strong in the face of human frailty. Picture the British weakened, a revolt in force in India, and the Mongols seeking to overcome Australia. Such threats of Oriental dominion in lands now mastered by the whites would stir every white nation on the globe to gird for the fray. People

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### Live Wire Entrant Can Still Leap To Lead in Big Race

Ten Active Aspirants for Free Auto Award Show Low Totals as First Tally Is Made by Herald and News

#### BELETED STARTER CAN YET JUMP TO THE FORE

Contestants So Far Rely on Friends Without Doing Much Real Work in Great Field as Yet Hardly Touched

Today the first vote count of the candidates in the Torrance Herald and The Lomita News' Great "Everybody Wins Something" competition for two handsome automobiles and purses of silver and gold is printed on page 9. Hereafter the vote will be changed in each issue of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News and will include votes cast for publication showing the standings of the ones who are doing the work and who recognize genuine opportunity when they see it.

Many expiring subscriptions have been renewed during the past two weeks. That of course made votes. And these votes were cast at the option of the subscriber for some candidate. Sample copies of both The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News and the announcement of the election have stimulated subscriptions also.

That's how it is today. More votes have been cast by subscribers themselves in favor of candidates than the candidates have secured for themselves. Not Fair Indication Neither the list of the candidates nor the recorded vote today is a fair indication of how the race will be. Subscriptions and coupons have been turned in for some who as yet have made no apparent actual effort themselves. Another few have tried to skim the cream. Eventually the election will narrow down to the real workers—the real prize winners.

Some contestants there are who will get along very well for a few days. They'll tumble over with enthusiasm. But it won't last. They'll go out and get their ears knocked down once or twice and they'll be ready to quit. They haven't got the stuff in them that will urge them on. And rather than admit their deficiency they come into the office or write and say "I find I haven't got the time." Others will be content to let their friends vote for them when they turn their subscription in over the counter at the Herald and News office. Some will start but will not finish.

Miniature Life's Battle It's just a battle of life in miniature. Some have it within themselves to be successful. Others can become so with the proper urge. Still others lack confidence in themselves and ability to stick and win. The prizes are extraordinary. Never before have such wonderful, such luxurious motor cars or such a bevy of cash and prizes been offered in this section in a newspaper election. And yet contestants and others will lag along, hoping that by some miracle the other fellow will stay asleep and allow them to carry off the prizes without work and—without giving a semblance of return to The Herald or The News. That isn't fair.

Is there a chance for a new live-wire contestant? Is there a chance for a real worker? You know there is. And there is the same chance for any contestant now entered. All are on even terms. It is time now to work. Subscriptions mean more votes now than they ever will again. In a few short weeks the votes will be less per subscription. The time to get votes is NOW—TODAY—when they count more and are easier to get.

Chance for Live One

Not forget the Torrance Relief Association's rummage sale and bazaar, to be held next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 20, 21 and 22. In addition to good used clothing there will be an excellent assortment of aprons and fancy articles for sale at reasonable prices.

#### Torrance Relief Sale Next Week

TO BUILD HOME Mrs. Effie Jane Hayden of Post avenue has bought a lot in the New Torrance Tract. Mrs. Hayden expects to begin to build on this lot in the near future.

#### Emmos Will Go Out Picking Shells on Sunday Afternoon

Now come these here rollicking baseballers who wear the uniforms of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company—see, that's a long name!—with the announcement that next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the See-See-Emmo park in Torrance the curtains will be lifted on a nine-act drama entitled: Picking Up the Shells.

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