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TWO TORRANCE HOMES LOOTED

Mrs. Shelhart Fails In Second Attempt At Suicide

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Seventh Messenger and King of the House of David colony, is dead at Benton Harbor, Michigan. The body of the dead "King" lay undisturbed for several days before his death was reported, as he had convinced his followers of his immortality and they believed immortal circles with the anounce-Members of the colony pleaded in vain for a delay in the funeral, upon which the health officers were insisting. "Lazarus rose on the fourth day," they said, "and so will King Benjamin".

State Treasurer Johnson shook political circls with the announcement that he had wired Will Rogers, comedian, a request that the famous cowpuncher humorist be a candidate for United States senator against Hiram W. Johnson.

The head of Bolshevism which has risen menacingly in Canton, China, is being cut off by the beheading acts of Nationalists, according to reports from Shanghai, which declare that 600 Chinese suspected of being Communists were executed in one group.

United States Senators assigned to investigate the intimation published in Hearst's newspapers that a fund of $1,215,000.00 had been created for four United States senators, announced before the Senate that the charges are absolutely without foundation. The investigators severely criticised William Randolph Hearst for publication of the documents which have been characterized in all official circles as forgery.

Cardinal Hayes of New York has issued a stringent order for discipline in the arch-diocese of New York, prohibiting all dances and promenades in hotels and public halls under auspices of Catholic universities, colleges, and academies.

Correspondents at Washington indicated that President Coolidge may veto any tax reduction bill which proposes reductions in excess of $225,000,000. The House ways and means committee has proposed reductions totaling almost $300,000,000.

Placing courtesy to his host ahead of all other considerations Col. Charles A. Lindbergh attended two bull fights in Mexico City. Prior to the fights he issued a statement in which he declared that he could not decline an invitation to a bull fight if it were extended and intimated that he was capable of making his own decision as to the program without advice from outsiders.

United States submarine S-4, with its crew of 45 officers and men sunk off Providencetown, Mass. For several days frantic efforts were made to rescue surviving members of the crew who were imprisoned in the hull of the ship, 120 feet under the surface of the ocean. Divers outside the hull sent and received messages from the imprisoned men by tapping in the international code on the steel flanks of the ship. Heavy seas interfered seriously with the attempt to supply the interior of the ship with oxygen and to rescue the imprisoned sailors.

Senator Hiram Johnson has introduced the Swing-Johnson bill once more into the United States Senate. Owing to the fact that political considerations will prompt most all of the Senate's activities during this session, and because states in the Colorado basin have been unable to agree, observers in Washington believe that the bill will not be passed during the present Congress.

That business in the United States will be prosperous during 1928 is the unanimous opinion of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The opinions of the directors represent all geographical parts of the country and most of the basic industries are published in The Nation's Business, the official organ of the group.

The most colorful football game for the past 38 years—the annual struggle between the Army and the Navy—will probably not be played in 1928. The Navy has severed athletic relations with the Army, on the grounds that the Army does not observe proper rules of eligibility for its athletes.

Sebastian S. Kresge, millionaire coain store owner, is pictured as a Don Juan by counsel for Mrs. Kresge, who is suing for separ-

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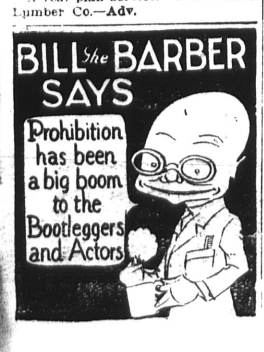
A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.



VALUE OF BOOTY $1000

C. N. Curtis Residence Entered, Thieves Miss Valuable Diamond Rings

RADIO SET IS STOLEN

Burglars Take Clothes and Dresses from Sonoma Ave. Dwelling

Burglars looted two homes in Torrance last Friday and Saturday nights, making away with goods and jewelry valued at almost $1000.

While the family was in Los Angeles Saturday evening marauder broke in the side door of the home of Mrs. C. N. Curtis, 1548 Post avenue, stealing a woven bracelet, an amethyst ring and a Swiss watch. The jewelry was valued at about $500. The burglars overlooked a $500 diamond ring, a $350 diamond ring and a $500 cameo brooch with lavalliere Mr. Curtis reported the loss to police immediately and Chief Calder communicated with the sheriff who dispatched a finger print expert to Torrance. No finger prints or other clues were found.

The home of Mrs. E. Weber and H. K. Wells at 2828 Sonoma street was looted Friday night. The burglars broke through a window. The missing articles were reported to police as follows: one radio set and loud speaker, $12 in cash, a russet leather bag bearing the initials "E. W." an $85 fox fur, a woman's $85 coat, a rose embroidered dress, a woman's suit, two pairs of women's shoes, a silver backed toilet set marked with the initial "E" and a leather purse.

Chief Calder said today that house burglars are generally active around Christmas time and warned all local residents to lock their houses carefully before retiring and not to leave valuable goods unwatched during the evening or night.

Eastern Star Installs Newly Elected Suite

Impressive Ceremony Is Set in An Old Fashioned Garden

An oldfashioned garden was the setting in which officers of Torrance Chapter, O. E. S. were installed last Thursday evening by Worthy Grand Matron Gladys F. Pierce.

Ferns and palms were arranged around the walls and tall hollyhocks grew in the corners of the hall. Trellises rose above the chairs of all the officers except the associate matrons; here was a garden seat under a vine-covered arbor, with hollyhocks at the side.

The retiring matron and patron were escorted to the East through gates in the garden wall, where the pages, Margery Page and Junior Fess were in attendance. The star points, seated on garden benches under palm trees, wore shoulder knots of tulle in colors appropriate to their stations.

Mrs. Lola Mae Tomkins, retiring worthy matron, carried a beautiful bouquet of oldfashioned flowers, presented by her patron, John Glenn Wilson. The new matron, Mrs. Lillian Shriner, carried pink rosebuds. The other officers carried sweet peas.

Mrs. Tomkins was presented with a past matrons' jewel from the chapter. Miss Thelma Price, a member of Mrs. Tomkin's Sunday school class made the presentation. A past patron's jewel was presented to Mr. Wilson by his daughter Annorr, in behalf of the chapter. The retiring officers' gift to Mrs. Tomkins was a beautiful Spanish shawl.

Prof. I. H. Barnett of Brea, formerly principal of Torrance high school, gave the address of welcome. Several vocal numbers and readings were interspersed in the ceremonies.

E. O. Faulkner, Well Loved Here Expires in Santa Fe Hospital

City officials and business men of Torrance this week were mourning the death in Los Angeles of Edwin O. Faulkner, ranking Santa Fe railroad official on the Pacific Coast and chief executive of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company.

Mr. Faulkner died Saturday at the Santa Fe hospital from pernicious anemia, said to have been due partially to advanced age.

Mr. Faulkner had been an employe of the Sante Fe since 1889 and he joined the company as an assistant to John Manville, then president of the system. He came to Los Angeles 18 years ago and during his residence in Southern California served as vice-president of the company's subsidiary organizations.

Torrance has received the special attention of Mr. Faulkner during recent years and his unsurpassed business ability, jovial disposition and ready wit won him a host of friends in this district. It was under his executive direction that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company drilled the discovery well in the Torrance field. It was upon his recommendation that the Santa Fe selected Torrance as the location for its Pacific Coast industrial subdivision and purchased land with an eye to that development from the Dominguez Land Corporation for consideration of two million dollars.

Subsequent to the purchase of the land, Mr. Faulkner negotiated personally with city officials for the vacation of streets in the company's property so that the land might be sub-divided to suit industrial purposes. While these negotiations were in progress Mr. Faulkner made numerous commitments on behalf of his company, all of which he kept to the letter. Only two weeks ago as he lay on his bed in the Santa Fe hospital, he instructed other officials of the company to come to Torrance and personally, and in writing assure city officials that streets which the company has laid out on its property here will be dedicated to the city of Torrance within a year.

Mr. Faulkner was regarded by his company as one who was, more than any other, personally responsible for the Santa Fe's progressing growth throughout the West. In 1906 the Santa Fe adopted Mr. Faulkner's recommendations regarding wood preserving methods for all natural structural timber. The recommendations were made after a world wide investigation by Mr. Faulkner, who brought the wood preserving process, a German invention, to the United States, where it was eventually adopted by almost every other railroad.

Edwin O. Faulkner was born in Forfar, Scotland on March 3, 1850, and went to Canada in 1871. A few years later he came to the United States and became a citizen of this country. He was a high ranking Mason.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Faulkner of Los Angeles, a daughter, Katherine Faulkner, and two sons, David S. Faulkner, president of the Union Tool Company of Torrance, and E. O. Faulkner of Redondo Beach, also connected with the Union Tool Company.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at the Highland Park Presbyterian church in Los Angeles.

Meaning of Christmas Will Be Blended with Spirit of Santa in City's Annual Yule Program

The true significance of Christmas and the spirit of Santa Claus will be blended in the Torrance annual Community Christmas party for the children tonight. The big Christmas tree is up and decorated. The stage is set. All plans are completed and the program all arranged. Santa himself is in town and has presents for all the little tolks.

The annual event under the auspices of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department will be held on the vacant property owned by the city at the corner of El Prado and Cravens avenue. If the weather is inclement the event will be held on Friday night. Santa Claus has told the committee that he doesn't want to get his whiskers wet, for he might catch cold and he doesn't want any "flu" in his chest on Saturday night when he makes his world tour to the homes of all children.

Following is the program which was arranged and will be conducted by the churches of Torrance: "Joy to the World" to be sung by all; prayer by Rev. Schmid; pageant, "The Nativity," by the Methodist Sunday school; anthem by the Methodist choir; Christmas carols led by Herbert Wood, principal of the High School.

The words of songs will be thrown on a screen so that all present may join in the singing.

After the program Santa Claus will be assisted by firemen and Boy Scouts and presents will be given to every child.

Plan for City Lighting System Tentatively Okayed by Council

The City Council Tuesday night approved, subject to minor changes, a map prepared by City Engineer Frank Leonard showing locations of overhead and ornamental lights as they will be installed in Torrance if the proposed system is eventually adopted.

The plan calls for ornamental lights in the business, semi-business and close-in residential districts. Overhead lights are proposed as follows: In Cedar avenue between Carson and Redondo boulevard; on Carson street from Cedar to Juniper; on Sonoma avenue from Cedar to Juniper; on Madrid avenue from Sonoma to Dominguez (with conduit under Redondo Boulevard); on Dominguez street from Madrid to Arlington; on Arlington from Dominguez to Border; on Border from Arlington to Engracia; on El Prado from Llewelyn street to Western; on Western from El Prado to north limits; on 212th and 213th streets from El Prado to eastern limits; on Border from 213th St. to Plaza del Amo; on Plaza del Amo (south side) from Border to Arlington; on Arlington from Plaza del Amo to Camino Real.

The map as tentatively approved may be seen by the public at the city engineer's office in the City Hall.

City Engineer Leonard is now completing a master map of the plan. Blueprints will be made and guaranteed estimates of the installation costs obtained. Before any official action to secure the system is taken by the City Council guaranteed costs of installation and maintenance will be definitely ascertained.

Petitions Conflict on Arlington Ave. Zone Controversy

Conflicting petitions regarding the zoning of Arlington avenue from the residential to the business zone were received by the City Council Tuesday night. Forty four signed the document favoring the change while the petition opposing the change carried 58 signatures. The petitions were received and filed pending checking of the signatures by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Torrance Church Members Present Play at S. Berdoo

"Janie," the missionary play was presented to an appreciative congregation at the Evangelical church in San Bernardino. The cast, all members of the Central Evangelical church of Torrance enjoyed a pot-luck supper in San Bernardino before the play.

COLUMBIA MANAGER QUITS

D. H. Botchford Resigns as Steel Head Because of Ill Health

SUCCESSOR APPOINTED

Board of Directors Put Stock in Cash Dividend Basis

Acording to dispatches from San Francisco the board of directors of the Columbia Steel Corporation on December 19, accepted the resignation of D. H. Botchford, vice-president and general manager, and appointed L. F. Rains, vice-president and assistant general manager as general manager. Mr. Botchford resigned owing to ill health.

Mr. Botchford is well known in Torrance, having spent considerable time here while the company's sheet mill was under construction. He was present at the celebration staged by the city when the big mill was opened.

The directors placed their preferred stock on a cash-dividend basis at the quarterly dividend meeting. The directors voted to pay a half-year's dividend in common stock and a half-year's dividend of $3.50 a share in cash. In view of the quotations of the common at $10 a share, the dividend return to preferred stockholders will have a value of $8.50 a share as compared with $7.00 requirements.

Hitherto the company had been permitted under an agreement with the stockholders to pay preferred dividends in common stock. Consequently a share of common stock was paid in lieu of cash in January, 1924; January, 1925; January, 1926 and January, 1927, for the preceding years. This privilege ended November 22, last.

While the directors were required only to pay cash from the latter date, they earned sufficient during the year to establish payments for a full year. Incidentally it was officially announced that the company had earned its preferred dividends by a sufficient amount to justify payment of future disbursements in cash or to leave them accumulate.

Payment of an additional half-share of common will mean the disbursement of nearly fifty thousand shares, making the total outstanding, after payment, approximately $1,230,000.

Mikelsons Observe 18th Anniversary

Quite the nicest affair of the season was the Christmas party given last Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mikelson of Cypress street, in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary. The house was beautifully decorated, the Christmas motif being used.

Following an evening at cards and games, an elaborate supper was served. The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Mikelson with a handsome silver coffee urn.

Honors at cards went to Mrs. Reed, Ed Johnson, Mrs. Knutson, Mr. Bergstrom and Mrs. N. E. Johnson.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Northrop of Hollywood; Miss Ellen Sandberg of Los Angeles; Ernest Sandberg of St. Peterburg, Florida; Mrs. P. O. Swanson of Superior, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Knutsen of San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Northrop, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reed, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. William Herlein, Mrs. Alma Sandstone, Miss Joanna Olsen, Miss Armida Sandstone, Alfon, Anna and Carl Bergstrom, Carl Sandstone, Margret and Bill Anderson, and Norman and Truman Mikelson.

Born, Dec. 18, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McCluskey of Pasadena. The newcomer is granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hoon.

Observations

The Passing o fE. O. Faulkner, Genius and Wit—Hearst's Latest Boomerang—Rogers for Senator? The Hoover Whisperings—King Ben Is Dead

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WITH the death of Edwin O. Faulkner in Los Angeles many Torrance men realize a deep personal and community loss. Having been active in negotiations for his company here for a number of years he will be remembered by all who knew him here as a business genius whose word though not rashly given, was as good as a bond, once he gave it voice.

Probably no man who ever conducted business negotiations in Torrance was more widely respected. E. O. Faulkner could win a point from those with whom he was negotiating and make friends while he was doing it.

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MANY city officials and business men will recall the conference at which Mr. Faulkner first laid down the Santa Fe's plans for a Torrance industrial development and made the first tentative request that the city vacate certain streets so that the program could be carried out.

At least 20 Torrance men were present. Those who did not know Mr. Faulkner well were more or less inclined to pity him as an elderly gentleman greatly outnumbered by opponents at an important conference. When they all had assembled and while the atmosphere was charged with the electricity of an impending verbal and mental contest, Mr. Faulkner leaned back in his chair and said "It seems just right for me to tell a story now."

Wherewithal he continued as follows: "Pat Murphy, back in Ireland, after the Napoleonic wars was boasting about his value as a soldier. According to Pat the British army was lined up in ranks just before the battle of Waterloo, when Lord Wellington rode down before the troops shouting, 'Is Pat Murphy here, is Pat Murphy here?'

"'Here Oi am sor'"

"'Very well then,' said Wellington, 'let the battle begin.'

"And now, it is proper that I inform you E. O. Faulkner is on hand, let the battle begin."

Suffice to say that even if Pat Murphy may have exaggerated his own prowess as a soldier, Mr. Faulkner, as all who were present will agree, in no way overemphasized his own astuteness as a negotiator.

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ONCE more William Randolph Hearst, pioneer yellow journalist of the world, stands before the country in his true light. Without thorough investigation he published in his many papers the "news" of a Mexican fund set up for the purpose of bribing four United States senators, namely, Norris of North Dakota, Borah of Idaho, Heflin of Alabama, and La Follette of Wisconsin. Complete investigation by special committee of the senate has revealed that none of the senators is in any way implicated. It is an axiom of yellow journalism to place the lust for spectacular scandal ahead of any possible consequences of its publication. In this instant Mr. Hearst apparently went even a step further to published a scandal that wasn't a scandal, cast suspicion on men men and in his own papers even after the men were found innocent, continued to maintain a militant attitude against them. Personally we would not have a Hearst paper certainly in our home.

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THERE may be more sense than foolishness in the conception that Will Rogers might make a worthy representative of California in the United States senate. Will though a comedian is a political economist par excellence and a politician of no mean attribute. The fact that he is a comedian should not be held against him. There are many comedians in the United States senate, numbering about two to a state. The only difference between them and Rogers is that he makes his living by being funny and admitting it while they are paid for being serious but succeed only in being funny.

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JUST at this period of the season, with a president of the United States to be selected within the year, Washington is rasping with whispers. Not the least rasping of these concerns Mr. Herbert Hoover, whose popularity as a candidate for the Republican nomination seems to be exceeded only by the fears of his opponents that he might succeed. Wherefore the whispers find their way into print. The Democratic New York World, journalistic bulwark of the Al Smith boom, questions Mr. Hoover's constitutional qualifications for the presidency. The constitution declares that to be eligible for the presidency a citizen must have lived in the United States continuously for 14 years, despite the fact that Mr. Hoover has always maintained a residence in this country even while working on large projects abroad, despite the fact even that the highest legal rights in the country have declared him eligible, those who fear his wide popularity continue to whisper and even such a prominent newspaper as the World picks up the cry.

The whisperings in Washington and the intimations in the World actually reveal the fact that Hoover is so strong and has such a splendid chance to win the nomination, that his opponents will leave no stone unturned in his path. Else the blatherings about his constitutional eligibility would have died long ago.

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WE are not among those who mourn the passing and hope for the resurrection of King Benjamin of the House of David. For a number of years this self-styled immortal has provided nauseating news for the tatterdemalion press. Official investigation into the domestic relations of members of the colony have been made, each one revealing facts not fit to print. Now that King Benjamin is dead, we shall probably have a little rest from this sort of guff. And let us all pray that he shall not rise again.

Seek Record of Rented Garages

Sheriff Traeger has requested Chief of Police Calder to induce Torrance residents to register rentals of garages. Blanks may be secured at the Torrance police station. The sheriff's department believes that many criminal cases which are never solved might be solved if the department had on file a complete record of all garage rentals in the county. Co-operation of all persons owning private garages which they rent is urgently requested. The campaign is county-wide, the sheriff told Chief Calder.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Aller of 237th street were visitors in Blythe Wednesday.

WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE?

Tonight—Community Christmas tree at City Hall.

Friday, Dec. 23—Christmas party at Methodist church. "White Christmas" at Central Evangelical Church.

Sunday, Dec. 25—A Christmas Message at all churches.

Monday, Dec. 26—A holiday.

Tuesday, Dec. 27—Regular meeting, I. O. O. F., Lomita.

Wednesday, Dec. 28—Regular meeting Torrance Masonic Lodge.

January 1—"The Light Eternal" at Central Evangelical church. "A Cantata" at First Christian Church.

January 9—Brotherhood dinner, Methodist church.

PULMOTOR DEFEATS DEATH

Wife of Water Co. Man Turns on Gas, Discovered by Daughter

FIREMEN REVIVE HER

Has Been Despondent for Months Over Ill Health, Says Family

Mrs. W. E Shelhart, 1117 Eshelman avenue, Lomita, wife of the superintendent of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company failed Sunday afternoon in her second attempt to take her own life. Almost asphyxiated in her room, she was discovered by her daughter and saved by the administrations of the San Pedro Fire Department pulmotor squad.

For several months Mrs. Shelhart has been dispondent over ill-health, according to members of the family. Once before she attempted to end her life, but failed. Sunday she attended church with her daughter. On returning home she seemed extremely nervous according to the family. She left the house, and when she did not return soon, her daughter became uneasy, and opening a bedroom door saw her mother unconscious on the bed. The windows were down and a gas jet turned on full.

A hurried call was sent for the San Pedro pulmotor squad which arrived quickly. After a prolonged effort, Mrs. Shelhart was revived and is regaining her health at her home.

Old Santa Sails Over Torrance; Here Three Days

Jolly Old Fellow Drops Gift Coupons From Airplane Wings

Santa Claus soared into Torrance this afternoon, did a Lindbergh over the city, dropped a clutter of gift certificates, landed outside of Torrance and came into town for his three-day stay.

About two o'clock the eyes of just about every child in Torrance and those of most of the adults were cast heavenward. For the whole city had been apprised that Santa would arrive by airplane. Nor was the host disappointed. There came the plane and on the wings stood Old Santa himself, dropping posters and gift certificates. Those who picked up autographed dodgers were entitled to free merchandise from Torrance Stores.

Santa was induced by the Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce to visit Torrance and Harry Dolley, chairman of the Merchants' committee arranged for him to come by plane. After soaring over Torrance Santa landed in a flying field nearby and drove into town where he was the center of hundreds of children's eyes. He will be in the business district tonight, Friday afternoon and night and Saturday afternoon and night.

Church Women Elect Officers

The Women's Guild of the Episcopal church held their annual election on Thursday, December 15. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. S. C. Collins, president; Mrs. S. N. Nourse, vice president; Mrs. R. N. Stuart, secretary, and Mrs. George Welch, treasurer.

While this is a very small body of women, the report of the year's work shows that much can be accomplished when all work together. It is expected that the coming year will be a busier one than the past, as the women are planning on helping with funds for the building of the new church.