

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Capt. George Fried master of the liner America is a calm, self-effacing little hero who always seems to be about when there is some rescue work to be done on the high and raging seas.

"We had steamed for many hours through a rough sea to reach the Florida," Manning said. "When she was sighted and we determined to try launching a boat to take off her men volunteers were called for. We needed eight. Every man on the America stepped forward and offered to go.

"I selected eight who, I knew personally, had the moral courage and the physical stamina to stand up under the tremendous task which was ahead.

"The sea was running high when the boat was launched. After some effort the lifeboat was brought alongside the Florida. Some of the crew had to keep pulling on the oars to keep our boat from being splintered against the Florida.

"Finally a line was put aboard. The Florida's men removed most of their clothing and jumped into the water and with the aid of the line swam to the lifeboat.

"After fourteen men had been safely taken to the boat and the fifteenth was in the water the line parted. He was hauled back onto the Florida and we had to start all over again. It was difficult to maneuver into a new position and throw another line aboard the freighter. The Florida was held as far to the starboard that its hull was awash. Our boat shifted constantly in the rough sea and it required constant maneuvering of the line; but, at last the second line was made fast and the remaining men were taken off.

"Captain Joseph Favorola was the last man off the Florida.

"Then there was a quarter of a mile or more to pull back with our load to the America. It took us an hour to make it.

"The men from the Florida were said to have been suffering exceedingly from exposure and exhaustion when they reached the America. They were tired, wet and only half dressed. The ship's physician cared for them and when they came ashore in New York most of them appeared to be only slightly the worse off for their experience.

Captain Fried, who had run his ship far out of its depth to effect the rescue and who first gained fame three years ago with his daring rescue of the survivors of the wrecked freighter Antioch, shared the hero's honors with Manning. Fried blushed as Governor Whelan, police commissioner, or chief representative of the mayor greeted him at New York, much as he had been greeted three years ago when he brought the Antioch survivors into port. He added to the story details which Manning had neglected to record.

"The situation was very bad," said Fried. "It was only the skillful maneuvering of the small boat in the heavy seas that saved the day.

"There were times, one time in particular, when every man's heart on the America sank as it seemed certain the boys never could get back to us again."

"Fifteen minutes more and all hands would have been lost."

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh will soon take off on another good will tour down the west coast of South America to Cape Horn and up the east coast.

That Einstein's relativity fame has opened up new vistas for experimentation with another theory is the belief of savants. Einstein now propounds the thought that gravitation is related to magnetism and electricity. "Such things," said Dr. H. H. Seldon of New York University, "are keeping aeronauts aloft without engines or material support, as stepping out of a window into the air without fear of falling—are avenues of investigation suggested by the theory."

Mlle. Targo is talented, beautiful, she is a music teacher of Budapest. She taught the children of Mme. Kovach, wife of a very wealthy industrialist. Mme. Kovach said she did more, charged her with alienating the affection of Papa Kovach. The two women got real mad. They exchanged challenges and acceptances for a duel. Early in the morning accompanied by seconds and other friends they stepped into a Budapest park to defend their honor. Police intervened, stopped the duel. The two left the scene, angrily declaring they would find other means of settling their dispute. All Budapest is interested.

"Alabama casts 24 votes for Oscar W. Underwood." At several Democratic conventions those words were repeated time after time as balloting for presidential candidates progressed. Oscar W. Underwood, former United States senator, a dominant figure in American politics for 20 years. (Continued on Page 2)

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C. OF C. WILL PROBE SCHOOLS

Believe Torrance and Lawndale Oil Structures Join

WILDCATS TO TEST THEORY

Standard Leases 480 Acres Near Mines Field to Test Idea

DEEP BORE HERE SOON?

Field Men Say Test Sure if Wildcats Prove Structure Connection

That the Torrance-Lomita oil field, long considered an isolated structure, is connected directly with the Lawndale field is the theory which has prompted two major operators to begin two of the most important wildcat explorations ever projected in this district.

The Standard Oil Company has leased 480 acres adjacent to Mines Field in Inglewood from the Los Angeles Investment Company and is preparing to begin in this wildcat operation is predicated on the Torrance-Lawndale connected structure theory.

A second wildcat project is based on the same theory. It is the scheduled Shell wildcat near El Nido which will be spudded soon, field reports say.

In addition to these certain operations the interesting theory has led oil interests to open leasing negotiations in Keystone and send out feelers regarding leases on other tracts in and near Torrance.

Field men here declare that the deep test in the Torrance field cannot be delayed much longer. If the connected structure theory is borne out by the wildcat operations of Standard and Shell it is considered certain that some one of the smaller companies will bore down to new low levels in Torrance and Lomita.

Now that Lawndale is being tested to a fever of drilling it will not be long before low correlations will enlighten geologists regarding the oil structures of this whole district.

Field men here say that even if the connection between Lawndale and Torrance is disproved the deep test here will be made anyway.

Interest in the Torrance-Lomita possibilities is intense now throughout Southern California oil circles. The deep sands at Long Beach and Santa Fe Springs, together with Lawndale development, have sent many a scout into the Torrance-Lomita area and acreage prices have gone steadily upward.

Rumors of immediate deep tests here are rampant but to date none of them has been confirmed. It is known, however, that several operators have agents in the territory buying up oil leases.

To Advertise City with Tire Covers

Business men voted unanimously at their luncheon at Earl's Cafe Wednesday to recommend to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce the purchase of 100 automobile tire covers advertising Torrance, the covers to be distributed to car owners. In case the demand for the covers is sufficient more will be ordered.

G. A. H. Steiner, chairman of the committee which secured prices said the covers would cost \$1.87 each for the full type and \$1.45 for the quarter tops type.

Boys With Gun Shoot Mexican

Emilio Gomez Hit by Lads With Rifle; Youths Escape

Enrico Villa Gomez, 27 year old Mexican, walked into the police station Monday afternoon pulled up his shirt and disclosed a bloody wound made by a .22 caliber rifle. Gomez had been working on some ties on the Santa Fe railroad tracks, and was shot by two boys carrying rifles. The shot entered his side and traveled in a curve to the backbone, where it lodged.

He then walked from the tracks to the police station and Sergeant Strook took him to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

Investigation of the accident followed, and officers found two boys Fred Lamb and Johnny Poppovitch who stated that they had witnessed the shooting and tried to catch the boys who did it, but they got away.

It is asserted that the boys who did the shooting were wearing red sweaters with white stripes, and were about 10 or 11 years old.

Women To Hear Goodwill Talk

Mrs. Elaine Dudley Will Address Club Next Wednesday

Mrs. Elaine Anderson Dudley of the Goodwill Industries, Los Angeles, will give her scrapping lecture for members of the Women's club at their bi-monthly meeting and luncheon at the clubhouse next Wednesday.

The program for the afternoon will be under the supervision of the philanthropy section of the club. Mrs. William Bush, who was formerly in charge of this section, is resigning to take up duties in the law section of the club, which was formerly under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Miller.

Mrs. Miller is resigning responsibility because of pressing outside duties that make it impossible for her to take care of both.

At this meeting, every club member is urged to be present, as a new president will be elected at this time to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Willis Brooks.

Blaze Destroys 8 Automobiles

Spurlin Court Fire Monday Wipes Out Garages and Storehouse

Eight cars were completely burned and garages and a storehouse belonging to Spurlin Court were destroyed when fire broke out there early Monday morning.

It is believed that a short circuit in the wiring of one of the cars caused the blaze.

Two cars were taken to safety before the blaze reached the section of the garage that they were in. Losses were reported by L. Rusk, Dodge sedan; M. Burns, Ford sedan; D. Jacobs, Chevrolet coupe; Tom Jacobs, Chevrolet coupe; William Madison, 1928 Pontiac sedan; D. Thomas, Oakland coach; E. Morange, Essex sedan. One other car, the owner of which is not known, was burned.

Mr. Spurlin reported a loss of \$3,000. One thousand dollars worth of goods was stored in the storehouse, and there was a \$2,000 loss on the buildings.

The call came into the fire department at 1:05 a. m., but the fire had gained so much headway that the blazing buildings could not be saved. Through efforts of the firemen, the fire was not allowed to spread, and surrounding buildings were spared.

Buy in Torrance Film at Theatre

The trade promotion committee of the Chamber of Commerce announces that an attractive film in Torrance film is now being shown at each performance at the Torrance theater. The film is unusually appealing and is being applauded every night by the theater audiences.

Observations

Too Many School "Shows" - The Cruiser Bill Debate - An Optimistic Outlook on the Coast - Two Banking Officials Speak

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

DIRECTORS of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have determined to find out—if possible—whether the steady business of staging shows pageants and entertainments by and for school children is essential to modern education. It is a matter which should concern every mother and father—not only in Torrance but in all cities and districts which are part of the Los Angeles school system.

Complaints from parents in Torrance against what they consider a super-abundance of "shows" are as old as the city itself. They have been voiced by individuals, by the Parent-Teachers association, by other organizations. Now they rise up from the lips of business men who have children in school.

We trust that the directors of the Chamber realize the size of the task they have cut for themselves. To investigate the matter of entertainment in the schools and do justice to the job they must necessarily investigate modern educational practice almost in its entirety.

Because the three R's are not taught today as they were 20 years ago does not necessarily indicate that the system of yesterday was right and that of today all wrong.

At the same time common sense dictates that the intense excitement created among little tots by constantly recurring pageants, shows and movies is out of place in the school system.

The Chamber of Commerce does well to investigate the problem. The directors approach the matter with an open mind. We trust that the school authorities will do likewise.

SENATOR WALSH of Montana spoke with brutal frankness. Speaking in the Senate in opposition to the cruiser bill he gentleman from the mountainous state declared that proponents of the administration's naval program fear war with Great Britain and Japan.

WE TAKE issue with the learned gentleman. It may be that there are some who favor the construction of sixteen ships because they fear war. But for every one of these there must be ten who favor the cruiser bill primarily as a means of forcing limitations on sea armaments all over the world.

At Geneva the United States and Great Britain failed to agree on a program of limitations. As a result the threat of a naval building race loomed over the horizons of the world.

Next year the powers meet again in conference over naval limitations. The United States will be able to forge limitations if our delegates are backed by such a bill as the administration is now proposing.

The most certain method of preventing a naval construction race is to authorize naval construction now and use the authorization as a means of forcing an agreement in 1930.

Should Congress fail to pass the bill our representatives next year will be stripped of strength.

HOW'S BUSINESS?

You hear that question every day—with varying answers. There is one answer that deserves attention. It is the monthly statement of the Chairman of the Federal Reserve District. His answer is always conservative. When he points to improved business conditions you know that he isn't guessing.

Wherefore the following statement of Isaac B. Newton, chairman of the Twelfth District, in which we are located, is enlightening:

"The year-end brought no fundamental change in the generally satisfactory condition of business in this district. Seasonal declines in industrial activity and in employment during December were smaller than in most previous years, retail sales expanded by more than the usual amount; wholesale trade was in moderately large volume; the supply of credit was ample for the needs of business, although at somewhat higher rates than prevailed earlier in 1928.

"Developments in marketing of agricultural products were seasonal in character during December. A shortage of rainfall was reported from all states of the District, with some damage to fall-sown grains and to livestock ranges.

"The industrial situation was marked by unusual activity at the copper mines of the district and daily average production of copper reached the highest rate ever reported, although the month's total output was slightly below the total for November. Increases in production of the metal accompanied price advances to the highest levels quoted since early in 1923. Production of crude oil increased substantially during December. Lumber output was smaller than in preceding months, a usual seasonal movement resulting largely from the annual holiday shut-down of logging camps and lumber mills.

"RETAILERS of the district reported larger sales during December, 1928, than during December, 1927, despite the fact that there was one less trading day in December of the latter year. Sales of reporting wholesalers were also larger than a year ago although seasonally smaller than in November, 1928.

"An active demand for credit was experienced during 1928, particularly during the closing months of the year. Increased use of bank funds was accompanied by advances in interest rates, but at no time during the year was there a lack of credit available to business at relatively moderate costs. Changes in member bank and reserve-bank statements at the year-end were largely seasonal in character."

ADD TO THAT conservatively optimistic statement the one recently issued by Will C. Wood, California superintendent of banks and you have a pretty California economic picture. Says Mr. Wood:

"Banking statistics for the United States show California ranking fourth in total savings deposits. California is exceeded only by New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in this regard. Further comparison brings out the fact that California stands only fifth from the top in point of total bank resources and individual deposits, and sixth in total capital, surplus and undivided profits.

"Taking the figures on a per capita basis, we find that with \$881 per inhabitant in bank resources, we rank third, being surpassed only by New York and Massachusetts. Individual deposits in all banks in California, when divided by our population show \$700 for each man, woman and child on deposit, and that we rank third in per inhabitant deposits in the Union. Similarly there is in savings deposits \$406 for each man, woman and child in California, a figure exceeded only by New York and Massachusetts.

"THE phenomenal growth of California banks since 1921 has had much to do with our prominent position in the nation's banking enterprise. In that period total resources have increased by 74.3 percent, or from \$2,450,138,000 to \$4,270,933,000; savings deposits (Continued on Page 2)

Expert on Roses Will Speak Here

John Van Barneveld Will Address Garden Club Monday Night

John Van Barneveld, authority on roses, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Torrance District Garden Club Monday evening, Feb. 4 at the American Legion Clubhouse on Carson street.

Mr. Van Barneveld has charge of all the hybridizing, propagating, and trying out new varieties of roses for Howard and Smith. This firm is famous throughout the world as the originator of the beautiful Los Angeles rose. They never roses, named the Mrs. Lovell Swisher and Mrs. Erskine Pembroke Thom are very beautiful, and it is predicted that they will soon match the popularity of the Los Angeles.

Every person interested in beautiful flowers should not miss the opportunity to hear roses discussed by this world recognized authority. The meeting will be open to all those who care to come.

A coming event, and one which the Garden club is looking forward to eagerly, will be the Mid-winter International Flower Show to be held at Encinitas, California, for four days starting Feb. 31.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has made it possible for Torrance to be represented in this show with a booth. Members of the Garden Club will have charge of the decorating of the booth, and attend it.

17 Lads to Get Letters Friday

Torrance Football Team Members to Be Honored at Assembly

Seventeen Torrance high school boys and two managers will be awarded their "letters" for football activities during the last season, during an assembly Friday morning.

Motts Blair, supervisor of athletics for the city of Los Angeles, will be the speaker of the morning.

Those to be awarded letters are Harold Stevenson, Homer Webber, Toshaki Suminaga, Expert Merrill, Joe Tavan, Earl Tavan, Paul Welch, Al Minton, Al Pennington, Gerald Clark, Richard Waller, Ralph Harter, Robert Bartlett, Captain John Reynolds, Leslie Minton, Willie Aspitoy, Roy McVoy, and managers Al Bartlett and Louis Brigant.

Graduation will take away six seasoned football players, but Coach Nylander is optimistic over the fact that the majority of the lettermen will be back for football this fall.

Graduating lettermen are Paul Welch, Al Pennington, Gerald Clark, Ralph Harter, Robert Bartlett, and Captain John Reynolds.

Increase Staff at Local Bank

Several changes in the personnel at the Bank of Italy, Torrance branch, will occur February 1 when C. A. Birch, assistant manager, leaves for Toronto, Canada, to take a position with the Royal Bank of Canada. Mr. Birch has been identified with the Torrance branch bank for four years, coming here from the main office of the Bank of Italy in Los Angeles.

Alfred Reimerson, second assistant manager, will take over Mr. Birch's duties.

Clarence D. Haarer, recently of the California National Bank at Long Beach, has been added to the staff at the Torrance bank as paying teller and Miss Frances Goss, who has been employed in the women's department of the Bank of Italy at 7th and Olive, Los Angeles, will be another member of the organization. Miss Goss was employed as relief clerk in the Torrance bank two years ago and returns to be a permanent member of the staff.

Mr. Haarer, for three years in banking at Manchester, Mich., before coming to California, will move to Torrance soon.

Increased business at the local branch has made this addition to the force necessary, according to a statement made by Manager J. W. Leech.

Mrs. E. C. Nelson spent last week visiting relatives in San Diego and recuperating from a recent illness.

Directors Voice Protest Against Too Many Shows

Men Make Objection to Ten-Cent Movies in Elementary School and Plays by and for Pupils

ASK PRINCIPAL BELL TO MEETING MONDAY

Chamber Will Study Problem with Grammar School Man and Strive to Remedy Situation Under Protest of Parents

Following receipt of many complaints from parents that there are too many entertainments in the Torrance schools—particularly in the grammar school—directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night voiced their disapproval of what they termed "the round of school shows" and requested James Leach, chairman of the education committee to invite Principal William Bell to next Monday night's meeting to discuss the matter.

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Legion Protests Move to Allow Billboards in City of Torrance

Legionnaires have added the weight of their anti-billboard protest to that voiced by the Women's Club of Torrance.

A resolution unanimously passed by the Bert S. Crossland post post town any change in the present signboard ordinance. This ordinance limits signs to 12 square feet. The protest has been mailed to the city council.

The letter from the post is as follows:

To the Honorable City Council, City of Torrance, California, Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion of Torrance held the 22nd day of January, 1929, following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That a formal protest against any change or changes in present order of ordinance of this city governing the erection of bill or signboards of a size different or larger than the present allowance for said signs or billboards be entered with your body.

"The letter further resolved, that this protest and resolution be read at your next regular meeting and be published in The Torrance Herald on or before your next regular meeting.

"Respectfully submitted," "N. E. Jamieson, Commander," "Louis Deinger, Adjutant."

The action was taken after representatives of an outdoor advertising company had requested the council to pass an ordinance which would permit the erection of billboards in the city.

New Cement Plant Will Favor Local Residence; Executive of Industry Tells Business Men

H. H. Helbush of Los Angeles told business men at their luncheon Wednesday noon that ground will be broken in about 60 days for the big cement plant which he and his associates will erect in South Torrance. Mr. Helbush declared with emphasis that there would be no nuisance from dust when the plant is in operation.

"I understand a few property owners in the district are a little nervous over the possibility of dust," he said, "but I am willing to go on record here that I will buy the home of any person who suffers from a dust nuisance at the price he paid for it. Our plan will be modern in every particular and it will be dustless."

Mr. Helbush also declared that his company would do its utmost to employ local workmen and that preference at all times will be given to men who live here.

Engineers for the company have arrived from the east and are preparing plans for the new plant.

D. and M. Company Orders New Machines to Make Lomita Plant Largest Piston Factory in World

Returning from the east Tuesday with a broad smile on his face, a pocket full of orders and an enthusiastic outlook over business prospects for 1929, Frank Dalton of the D. and M. Machine Works announced that purchase of two new automatic turret lathes and other equipment which will double the capacity of the Lomita plant, making it the largest piston plant in the world.

Mr. Dalton has been in Oklahoma and Texas for more than two weeks looking after the interests of the D. and M. While in Oklahoma he established a warehouse to handle the rapidly increasing D. and M. piston patronage.

When the new equipment is installed the D. and M. will be operating 16 hours a day turning out 500 pistons every 24 hours. The company is selling its product in all parts of the world, recently shipping a large order to the Russian government.

Cabrillo-Eshelman Petitions Ready

Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce announced at the business men's luncheon at Earl's Cafe Wednesday noon that petitions for the Cabrillo-Eshelman avenue improvement and extension will be filed with the county Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Briney plan to spend next week end at their cabin at Big Bear.