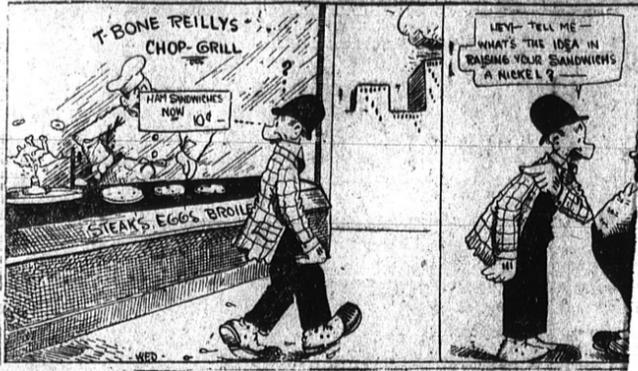


Hitt and Runn—Twas a Hard Effort to Outflank the Enemy but It Ended 'In Retreat!

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The Counties

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The Harbor Board last week revealed that business for July of this year totaled \$217,977.55, as compared with \$167,042.30 for the same period last year.

To dockage, wharfage, demurrage, pilotage, fees and rentals, Manager Edwards attributed the largest proportion of the increase. Further increase in revenue was shown by the Belt Line Railway, which, under unified operation, returned \$10,632.62, as compared with \$9,779.85 for July, 1928.

Tax Changes

Within the last month, many a town and city in Southern California has had its tax rates announced for the coming year. The following, among others, have been announced within the last fortnight:

Santa Ana. The prescribed rate of \$1.99 on \$100 assessed valuation. This is an increase of five cents on last year's rate. The rate includes the metropolitan water district tax.

Claremont. Here the tax rate was announced at \$1.80 on assessed value of \$100, a four cent reduction from last year. For city uses in Claremont the tax rate will be raised. For all taxable (city, county, state, etc.), the City of Claremont is assessed at \$3,796,380. Exemptions amount to \$709,155.

Azusa. Final validation of the former prediction that the tax rate would be \$1.78 was announced. This is a reduction of four cents under last year. A total valuation of \$4,000,000, minus a total exemption of \$1,400,000, will bring to the municipality in taxes approximately \$63,688.96.

Torrance. A steadily decreasing rate has brought the present rate to 53 cents per \$100. In what is known as the "annexed territory" the rate is as low as 49 cents. Torrance's assessed valuation is \$22,465,580. The 53-cent rate represents a decrease of 17 cents under last year and almost 50 per cent under several years ago.

San Jacinto. Last week the City Council adopted a tax rate of \$2.03 for the fiscal year just started, a reduction of 17 cents under the previous year, and plenty sufficient to meet the budget of \$11,810 decided upon by the council. The \$2.03 rate is split among the following funds: \$1.00 for the general fund; 25 cents for interest on 1925 municipal water works bonds; 25 cents for interest and principal on municipal improvement bonds; 21 cents for the improvement fund; 14 cents for interest and principal on water works improvement bonds; 11 cents for interest and principal on 1925 municipal paving bonds.

Redlands. Taxpayers at Redlands last week experienced the thrill of a 46 cent reduction in their rate on \$100. The decrease was accomplished thus: The city rate was cut from \$1.40 to \$1.30. The Redlands school tax was cut from \$2.00 to \$1.84, saving 16 cents. The county tax inside of saving 20 cents. This makes the total savings \$1.46, or 46 cents.

Pasadena. As previously predicted, Pasadena's tax rate is to be \$1.24 per \$100. A sum of \$221,125 will be set aside for the payment of water bonds and redemption of water bonds.

Ontario. Here taxpayers will pay 27 cents less per \$100 assessed valuation than last year. In the city the combined tax rate is \$2.81, compared with \$7.08 last year. In the county the combined city, county, city tax rate is \$6.79 compared with \$7.08 last year. These rates include: New \$2.35; old city \$1.85; school \$2.32; old city less; and county \$2.63, 20 cents lower.

Upland. This city's combined total rate is \$7.20, nine cents under the \$7.29 figure of last year. The city rate is unchanged. It is \$2.25. The county rate is 11 cents higher, \$2.32; the county rate is \$2.63, or 20 cents lower.

Colton. Here the rate has decreased 32 cents. Formerly it was \$7.01; now it is \$6.69.

San Bernardino. Citizens last week were anticipating a four cent increase in their tax rates. A recently lowered city tax rate did not properly tax care of the cost of the city's participation in the development of the Metropolitan Water District. Based on an assessed valuation of \$20,110,280, San Bernardino must raise \$8,044.11 to be paid over to the Metropolitan Water District this year to help build the Colorado River aqueduct.

Placentia. Water users expect no reduction in rates, was the announcement following a meeting of water users and the American States Public Service Corporation. The present returns on Placentia's investment in the water system are only 2 9-10 per cent against 7 per cent allowed under public utility regulations. Moreover, there are only 450 water users, this fact mitigating against any reduction of rates.

More "Reds" "Red" propagandists were not deterred in Southern California thought divers district attorneys of divers counties recently. They are making it a point to interest as possible to the proposition of the Bolshevik movement, officials took every opportunity to catch the offenders. In the San Bernardino foothills a miniature Soviet republic, bearing the innocuous name "Children's Camp," was abolished. Distributors of communistic hand bills were apprehended.

Last fortnight alleged plans of the "Red" organization were disclosed. Soviet literature was to be distributed among the cadets of the visiting Japanese training ships. Its purpose was to incite the student officers against their government. Quantities of the nefarious material fell into the hands of the police.

Informed of the communist plans was Lieut. William Hynes of the Intelligence Bureau of the Los Angeles police. Enlisting squads of officers, Hynes instructed them to prevent the passing of the propaganda hand bills to the visitors. A motorcycle patrol was detailed to guard the cadets while enroute to the City Hall of Los Angeles, where they were officially received by Governor C. G. Young.

An intensive search for the leaders of the "Red" movement in Southern California was instituted. At Redlands, the case which was to have tried nine alleged Reds for conducting a miniature Soviet camp was postponed last week. Reason: Unknown.

The offenders were to have been arraigned before Judge Potts' court at Redlands. The trial was postponed at the request of Dist. Atty. Wardell Evans.

The nine defendants, seven of whom were held, were accused of displaying the Red flag in opposition to organized government. It was later also found that the camp was being operated without a license. Two of the defendants, Katherine Kuschack and Sarah Babko, never appeared. Bench warrants are out for them.

Forests Primeval Much of the land area of California is covered with valuable virgin forests. Great acres of timberlands stretch over one-fifth of the State. Since 1920, a total of 24,123 acres have been denuded, reduced to ashes, 7,255,979 acres verdant woodlands. In their place are miles of charred waste, practically desert.

And with the passing of the great trees goes the destruction of California's greatest resource. The monetary damage to the forests is far from being the sole item of loss. No figures are available, but the loss to agriculture in valuable watershed is incalculable. The State's water are the forests.

Said Walter Mulford, dean of the forestry school of the University of California: "Whole nations, empires, have risen and fallen, in direct ratio to their intelligent management of their greatest national resource—forests. California is now in the face of this issue. We are the West of a barren desolate coast according to the wisdom we exert in the protection and utilization of our forests."

In the House of Representatives at Washington, interest in California's forest lands became popular. Avid discussions were held. Result: On the heels of many another investigation group, a sub-committee on agricultural appropriations arrived last week in Southern California. It was headed by Congressman L. J. Dickinson of Congress. Its purpose: to investigate the future of the members of the committee on agricultural appropriations at Washington the need for appropriations for national forests in California.

Program of the visiting sub-committee: At Glendale the investigators detoured; in an automobile they toured Los Angeles and Pasadena districts lying within the Angeles National Forest. At Hemet they inspected the forest nursery as guests of the Los Angeles Forestry Department. Lawrence National Forest via Mount Wilson and Barley Flats road to view the road and firebreak construction, burned and chaparral areas.

At Whittier, the sub-committee attended the opening of the Whittier entomological laboratory situated on the campus of Whittier College. The new building will house the United States government Department of Agriculture experimental station.

Truly primeval are the great swamps of tree lands in California. Good sized saplings were here once huge Redwood trees when Nero nonchalantly playing his fiddle, watched Rome burn. Good sized trunks were there when Napoleon met final defeat at Waterloo. Every year California's once pristine forests suffer severe loss. Sometimes, if the loss continues, Professor Mulford's warning is bound to become a reality.

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Two Sites Passed by the people of California in November, 1926, was amendment 10 providing \$5,500,000 for State structure. Six million was allotted to the building of additional buildings for the Universities at Berkeley and Los Angeles; \$2,500,000 for a State office building at Los Angeles.

Already have the University building programs been practically finished. But, yet has been started the State office building in Los Angeles.

Last week a conference was held. At it Governor Young and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors discussed two lots selected by the supervisor for the proposed building. Governor Young declared himself satisfied with their choice. But he thought the building should be made to face on three streets.

Most favored of the two sites is the property at First and Spring streets, partly owned by the County. Whether the County intends to put its State building here or not, it will purchase all the land on this corner for future use. Civic Center proponents say the location of the new building there will not interfere with plans for the new Courthouse, to be erected nearby.

The other proposed site is at First and Hill streets. Part of this land also the County owns. But the part is so small that it makes no sense to purchase it. To buy, condemn and raise the Klinker Bldg., now occupying part of the lot. Then the new State building could be built to cover all the land from Broadway to Hill streets. Then it would face on three streets, in accord with the Governor's wishes. Added to the cost of the present County-owned property at Hill and First streets, the cost of the Klinker Building would bring the total up to almost \$1,000,000 before the building had even started.

Always an ardent supporter of the Civic Center plan for Los Angeles, Supervisor MacClellan of the Hill site, thinks the First and State building, despite the fact that designers of the whole block between Temple, Broadway, Hill and First streets, for a huge court-house.

Real estate appraisers are investigating closely both locations, seeking to buy them at lowest prices.

Bill Jumpers Jumpers of water bills last week made an emergency ordinance inevitable in Ontario. Curbing future practices of those who vanish, leaving unpaid water bills behind, in the aim of the new law.

A vicious circle has been created by shrewd bill evaders, whose method of procedure is this: They rent a house, live there until the bill is due, move to another neighborhood, leaving the bill for the next tenant or owner to pay. Very careless is this, for a new renter is not allowed to obtain water service until the bill for the last bill jumper goes to another payer to pay the bill comes, moves on, the bill jumper goes to another neighborhood, leaving the bill for the next tenant or owner to pay. The ordinance to keep track of such persons reads:

"Before water shall be supplied from city mains the owner or occupant shall make written application to the proper city forms. Water will not be provided while the water bill is unpaid."

Riverside's Mayor At Riverside an election is soon to take place. Three candidates, one incumbent, will vie for the office of mayor on September 17. They are present Mayor J. S. Long and two contenders to succeed him, J. W. Prater and Frank Grayson.

Long's greatest threat to keep him from succeeding himself is Prater. Reason: At the last election, remaining candidates Grayson, thirty-two votes, a cement contractor, opposed Prater from present office, made a deputy sheriff. In the Fourth Ward is the only contest of the Councilmanic situation. There, F. M. Lindsley, promoter of churchmen's brotherhood workers, opposes present-Councilman Olhausen. For the newly formed Seventh Ward, G. Lohrl is a candidate seeking election.

Adult Aid Approved last year was a constitutional amendment by the people of California to give aid to physically handicapped adults. Spiritual support was plentiful. From present indications it is obvious that only the spiritual aid is forthcoming. The Legislature forgot to appropriate money to put into effect the good intentions of the people of the State.

Letters asking relief arrive daily at the State Department of Social Welfare. That the approval of the amendment automatically puts it into effect is the belief expressed in these letters. Until the Legislature meets again in 1931, however, physically handicapped adults must find aid elsewhere.

Labor Disatisfied and rebellious last week were Alfonso Cota and G. Tapia, citizens of Mexicali, Mexico. Progress in the "Unionizing" of restaurants and saloons in northern Mexico was not at all to their liking. They had ultimatum to the American and Chinese establishments declaring that 80 per cent Mexican labor must be employed. At first the foreign houses had refused to acquiesce, but soon a compromise was reached agreeable to both sides.

But the faction led by Cota and Tapia was by no means appeased. Into their own hands they took matters, attempted to disrupt the agreement reached by the restaurant owners and closed shop leaders; radical methods were employed, trouble was brewing.

Something drastic should be done to quell the mutinous faction, thought Governor Abelardo Rodriguez and sent officers to the headquarters of the rebellious ring leaders. Warrants of arrest were sworn out and duly presented to all available members of the disgraced clan. But Cota and Tapia were not available. They are being sought.

Juan Guerra, a Mexican with an uncontrolled analytical nature accompanied with a gun last week. Lacking were the customary precautions against self-annihilation. Scene: A gunshot wound in the hand and attendant burns.

Secondary result: Rumors spread through Mexicali that fighting had broken out among the factions involved in the labor controversy. The police were notified and a tense atmosphere pervaded the city.

In their territorial palace, Mexican officials heard of the incident. Immediately an investigation was launched, proving the terrifying rumors false. Citizens of Calexico, Calif., neighbor city, heaved sighs of relief, for they desired no Mexican fighting across the border.

A strike was in prospect last week among the Mexican laborers on the tank farms of the Texas Oil Company and the Richfield Oil Company, near Cypress, Orange County. Recipient of the blame for attempts to foment the disturbance were agitators of the I. W. W., independent and unofficial labor organization.

Santa Ana and Cypress police officials thought the Cypress embroglio was in connection with a movement recently discovered in a field of fields to organize a union of Mexican laborers.

To the scene were called Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff E. W. Howard and Deputy Harry Carter to quiet affairs among the one hundred workers involved. The potential "walkout" was averted and work not interrupted.

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Weston street, Lomita. Father Bradley, pastor. Mass celebrated Sundays at 8 a. m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Weston and Walnut streets, Lomita. Mathwig, Elder. Sabbath school, 2 p. m. Preaching service, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 p. m.

CATHOLIC

Cota and Manuel Ayesca. Rev. D. Hurley, pastor. Ph. 332. Mass celebrated Sundays at 8 a. m. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school, 9 a. m., Saturday and Sunday. Benediction, 7:30, Sunday evening.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, TORRANCE Women's clubhouse, Engstrom avenue. Sunday services at 11 a. m. Sunday school classes, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings held at 8 o'clock.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST SCIENTIST "Christ Jesus" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday, October 1, in all branches of Mother Church. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in B. Mass. The Lesson-Sermon treated Scriptural selections from the Old and New Testament correlative passages from Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. One of the Scriptural texts gave accounts of healing by Jesus as related in the gospels Matthew, and in part a lower: "And when Jesus descended, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thy son David, have mercy on us when he came into the world to heal the blind men like to his Jesus saith unto them, Behold I am able to do this: touch my eyes, and thou shalt be healed. And they touched his eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened." Correlative passages from Science and Health presented words of Mrs. Eddy: "We established in the Christian precedent for all Christian healing and healing... Our said to every follower: 'Go all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!'" Love thy neighbor!

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1620 Manuel avenue. Ph. 374-J. R. A. Young, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock. Subject: "The City of God." Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "The City of God." Epworth League, 6:30. Prayer meeting, the first of the month. Bible study every hour and friendly.

FIRST CHRISTIAN ENGRAVED AT ARLINGTON 145-J. George G. Elder, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. day will be "Enrollment our Bible school." Morning service, 10:50 o'clock. Subject of sermon: "The City of God." Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "The Bible. There will be a fine musical program." 8:30. "What Does Our Church Ask of You?" is the topic for consideration at the 6:30 meeting next Sunday night. Lois Goddard, leader.

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Woman's Benefit Association Torrance Review No. 87 Meets Second and Fourth Tuesday Mae Lowry, President Women's Clubhouse, Engracia Avenue 7:30 P. M.

Scouts Return from Eight Days in Mountain Camp

Twenty-one members of Boy Scout Troop No. 4, returned Sunday from eight days of fun and education at Camp Arthur Letts, in the foothills north of Hollywood. Swimming, baseball, hikes, and tent passing were crowded into the busy days. A colored chef did himself proud by proving that he knew what hungry boys liked to eat. The boys were each charged \$5 for the eight days outing.

They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Frank Steinhilber and Scout Executive E. P. Moore.

Mrs. Jack Tinney and daughter have returned to their home in Salt Lake City after a visit with Mrs. Tinney's sister, Mrs. Everett Ienhower of Poppy street.

KERN'S MILK advertisement with logo and text: 'Every drop of it is food - no waste. Back goes my head the glass to drain. I hope another drop to gain. IT'S SO GOOD.'

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