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BASEBALL FANS PUT UP FIGHT FOR FUNDS

DISCLOSURE AT SAN FRANCISCO INDICATES EXPANSION HERE

Plans for Expansion of U. S. Steel Plant at Pittsburg Made at Railroad Hearing

PITTSBURG, Calif. — Development of the Pittsburg plant of the United States Steel Corporation to supply the steel demands of both the northwest and the middle west, with a huge tonnage of freight in consequence, was pictured before the Interstate Commerce Commission at the San Francisco hearing last week, as one of the impelling reasons for permitting the Western Pacific and Great Northern railroad extension into California, in spite of the objections raised by the Southern Pacific railroad.

In fact, the Columbia Steel Corporation, it was disclosed had already started on the extension of its trade territory to the east and has now on file with the railroads a request for through rates from Pittsburg to Montana and western North Dakota.

The disclosure was made by W. P. Kenney, vice president of the Great Northern, and director of traffic who said that his company had been willing to make the desired rates, but the Southern Pacific would not agree, Mr. Kenney said: "Very decided reductions in rates on steel products are to be made. Application of the long and short haul clause on the City rates to the distribution of steel products will reduce rates."

Kenney's remarks over the new development of the Pittsburg area, since its acquisition by the United States Steel Corporation, created a sensation at the hearing. The witnesses said there would be a tremendous increase in steel and that new railroad accommodations would be required. He said the new owners would soon supply the northwest with steel from its plant in Pittsburg, and other industrial development in this section would create a vast tonnage to be shipped east.

Community Chest Fund Goes Over Top—Drive Still On

Up to Wednesday evening the funds subscribed to the Torrance Community Chest had reached a total of \$2105.50, and many of the usual substantial contributors were yet to be heard from, according to Wallace Post and Sam Levy who have the campaign in charge. These will bring the total well over the goal of \$2000.

Mr. Post and Mr. Levy expressed a hope that those who have not contributed will do so at once, regardless of the fact that the drive has gone over the top.

"It is not fair to those who have so generously subscribed to stop now, as there are many who really can well afford to contribute who have not yet done so," said Messrs. Post and Levy. It is pointed out that the fund is calculated to cover a two year period, and if Torrance should undergo a considerable growth within the next two years, additional funds will be needed. The money will not be wasted no matter how much is raised, but on the contrary every economy possible is exercised by the women of the Torrance Relief Society.

"The drive is still on, and this

OPPOSES HALF DAY SESSIONS AT SCHOOL

Mrs. Alverson Asks Chamber of Commerce Investigation of Crowded Condition

Aid was sought this week from the Chamber of Commerce by Mrs. Virginia Alverson to avoid the necessity of half day sessions in the northern avenue school. The following letter from Mrs. Alverson was read at the Chamber of Commerce directors meeting Monday afternoon:

"Torrance, Calif., November 9, 1929.

"Mr. Carl Hyde, Chamber of Commerce, Torrance, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hyde:

I understand that the Chamber of Commerce has an Educational Committee and I feel that there exists in one of the Torrance schools a problem worthy of their consideration.

One day last week my little girl brought home a notice from the principal of the Fern avenue school stating that it would be necessary to have half day sessions and if I approved would I please sign and return it. I sent it back unsigned. The same day I visited the school to ascertain the reason for such a plan and was informed that it was the result of crowded conditions. It seems that the principal has not as yet decided on anything definite.

Might I suggest, therefore, in fairness to all concerned, that the committee investigate before such a plan is arranged, and see what can be done to relieve the condition without half day sessions.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Virginia Alverson."

The matter was referred by the Chamber of Commerce directors to the educational committee, of which J. W. Leech is chairman.

BROTHERHOOD PLAN NOVEL PROGRAM

Master Mediumologist Scheduled to Appear Monday, December 2.

G. L. Morris, president of the Methodist Brotherhood, announces one of the most unique, amazing and amusing entertainments ever presented at the Methodist church when Dr. Joseph Jasin, "master mediumologist," presents his program at the next meeting of the Brotherhood on Monday evening, December 2 at 8:30 p. m.

Dr. Jasin will present his mystifying and side-splitting specialty, "Mystery of Medium Exposed," a program which he calls "Counterfeit Miracles." He will give their methods by duplicating and explaining their methods.

Dr. Jasin is called a "second Houdini" by the Los Angeles Breakfast club, and his talks and demonstrations are lauded by newspapers and societies all over the country. The Long Press Telegram says of him: "This man is a national known lecturer is a master magician as well as a deep student of the occult." J. De Jen, manager of the Dr. Jen company of magical shows, Cleveland, Ohio, says of him: "Houdini lectured in Cleveland and I can say frankly that his demonstration did not come up to yours by a long shot."

In addition to Dr. Jasin's talk, there will be a fine musical program, which will include a male quartet. This meeting of the Brotherhood promises to be one of the most novel and entertaining ones ever held, and a complete ticket "sell out" is anticipated many days before the dinner.

These dinners are open to both men and women and newcomers are given a cordial invitation to attend. Tickets may be obtained from G. L. Morris, D. C. Turner and R. F. Hogue.

PIE SALE

A pie sale will be given by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church on next Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving, at the Piggy Wiggly. The sale will begin at 10 a. m.

HUGE COPPER INDUSTRY MAY LOCATE HERE

Federal Examiner Urges New Low Freight Rate from Arizona Mines

PLANT WOULD COST ABOUT \$8,000,000

Ore Now Shipped to East for Treatment Would Come Thru Local Ports

Location of one of the world's largest copper refining plants in this vicinity at an estimated cost of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 will result if the Interstate Commerce Commission follows the recommendation of its examiner, J. Edgar Smith, and reduces the freight rates on copper between Arizona points and the local port.

An executive of one of the largest producers of copper in Arizona stated that establishment of a refinery in this district had been under consideration for some time and that if the railroad rates are reduced as recommended by Examiner Smith, the plant will be built near this city.

It was pointed out that with lower rates in effect it would be profitable to Arizona copper producers to ship the bullion here and refine it at a local plant instead of shipping the slab metal to New Jersey for treatment as is done at the present time.

The type of refining plant proposed for this locality would be electrically operated and would be devoid of obnoxious smoke, fumes or gases. It was stated by one producer. The plant would employ skilled workmen. Inasmuch as Arizona produces close to one-half of the country's output of copper, the tonnage handled would be extremely large, it was pointed out.

Examiner Smith holds that the existing rates on copper westbound from Arizona and El Paso are "unjust, unreasonable and indefensibly high." The rates now are \$21.20 to \$26.50 a ton from Arizona points and \$31.20 from El Paso. The examiner recommends a rate of \$5 per ton from Arizona points and \$8.50 from El Paso.

The report says that the existing rates greatly favor the port of Long Beach. The copper rail rate from Arizona to the Atlantic coast, twice as far distant, is now \$14.50 per ton and \$2 less if the product is transported by Gulf points. From El Paso eastward the rates are \$2.50 per ton lower.

The \$6 rates from Clarksdale, Ariz., to Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors was established in 1924 by the Santa Fe railroad. It has resulted in the movement of considerable copper to Los Angeles harbor from Clarksdale.

Shipping men predict that if the recommendations of the examiner are approved, it will mean an increase in copper shipments from Arizona and Texas to the district here of 350 per cent. The reduction in the location in or near the harbor here of a copper refinery which would handle the products from Arizona and Texas, it is claimed.

The railroads are expected to protest the findings of the examiner and are given until December 2 to file exceptions to the Smith report.

Kindly Torrance Women Cheer War Victims at Sawtelle

A little party of nine women drove from Torrance to the Veterans hospital at Sawtelle Tuesday afternoon, the three cars in the procession laden with fruit and cakes for the boys there.

The "boys" were waiting for them! Waiting at bridge tables with their crutches leaning against the pillars and their canes against their chairs. Others were walking, top-lying quietly in their beds, seeing only four walls that have been seen for the past eleven years—and in the blind ward where there wasn't even four walls to take away the monotony of the eternal darkness.

Tears came to the eyes of these kindhearted boys and the ones who live in darkness—tears of joy that someone had remembered that they were not forgotten and that someone cared for them as well as some little gift of fruit or cigarettes.

"The war is over," wail many when newspaper articles are published on that subject, "and let's

PETITIONS FOR WATER READ TO CITY COUNCIL

Sufficient Signatures for Calling Election Secured in Few Days

Petitions were presented to the City Council Tuesday evening requesting the council to call an election to decide whether or not a publicly owned water system should be acquired or developed to supply the major portion of the city of Torrance.

There were 268 names on the petition, which is well over the ten per cent of the registered voters in the city, required by law. After reading the petitions, the council referred them to the city clerk for checking.

The next move will be to set a date for the election, as soon as the city clerk has certified that there is a sufficiency of qualified names on the petitions. No indication was given by the council before its next regular meeting on December 3.

Hardware Assn. May Meet Here

Retail hardware dealers throughout Southern California have signified a desire to hold their annual meeting in Torrance this winter. It has been learned from Hurum Reeve, who has been president of the association for three terms.

It is anticipated that between 300 and 400 dealers from municipal and throughout the Southland will attend and visits will be made to the Columbia steel mills and other industries in Torrance.

Chamber of Commerce directors appropriated \$100 to help defray the expenses of the convention. The event that Torrance is chosen, it is planned to serve a buffet luncheon the day the association meets here.

Harry Stair Injured in Crash

Harry L. Stair of Torrance was injured Tuesday morning when the car in which he was riding was struck by a car driven by Robert Baxter of 1250 East 99th street.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Carson and Main at 8 a. m. It is asserted that the Stair car was crossing Main on Carson and the impact of the crash turned the car half way around, throwing Stair to the pavement.

Witnesses of the crash took the injured man to his home in Hamerton tract.

PICTURES DISPLAYED

Pictures representing the "bulls" and the "bears" clash on the stock market are on display in the side window of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan at Marcellina and Crayens avenues.

CHAMBER COMMERCE BOARD PLAYED FOR REFUSING SUBSIDY

Fleery Session at City Hall Fails to Alter Hands-Off Position of Council

HYDE AND LEVY DEFEND ACTION OF CHAMBER

Say City Tax Would Be Double if Chamber Had Not Fostered Annexations

The question of support for the Torrance baseball team came in for a liberal airing Tuesday evening when members in the audience at the City Council meeting made a plea for the continuance of the \$1200 annual subsidy from Chamber of Commerce funds.

R. E. Burdick opened the discussion by stating that he had read in the Torrance Herald that the Chamber of Commerce had refused to continue the \$100 per month contribution to the baseball league under the management of Ed Tansey. Mr. Burdick stated that while the Torrance team had only played two games at home, that they had played before large audiences all over Southern California, and he felt that the advertisement derived from their appearance warranted the continuance of the Chamber of Commerce support for the coming year.

S. S. Worrell stated that he thought it was a matter for the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to decide, and that the support of the team should address their remarks to the Chamber of Commerce.

J. M. Wright then interposed the remark that he thought the ten cent tax per \$100 on assessed valuation was a mistake, and he thought the administration of the advertising fund should be left to the Council instead of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Dennis explained that the ten cent per \$100 tax had been voted by the people and that the Council could not, after the payment of it without authority from the voters. The Mayor said that when the tax was voted, it was understood that it would be administered by the Chamber of Commerce. He reviewed the condition of Chamber of Commerce activities before municipal support was given, when fifteen or eighteen business men were the victims in supporting Chamber of Commerce activities. But now under the tax plan, the Mayor said, the cost is divided among all, both non-resident owners of property and those who are active in civic affairs. The cost is small and in his opinion was not working a hardship on anyone, the Mayor said. The Council could not be expected to administer such a fund, the Mayor continued, as it already had plenty to do to run the city affairs, and the Councilmen were certainly giving as much of their time without cost as they could be expected to give.

"I don't know as the Chamber of Commerce money is always spent as wisely as it should be," said the Mayor, "but in most respects like this baseball question, the Chamber of Commerce directors have taken the Council into confidence and are acting in harmony with them."

The Mayor closed his remarks with the recommendation that the friends of the baseball team take the matter up again with the Chamber of Commerce directors. "I don't think the Council should interpose its policy would detract from the work of the Chamber, and it is better for all concerned that the matter be referred back to the Chamber of Commerce."

Sam Levy, who is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, then arose and asked Carl Hyde, the Chamber secretary, to explain how much money the Chamber of Commerce had made for the city.

Money Made

Mr. Hyde stated that subsequent to the time the ten cent per \$100 tax was voted, the assessed valuation of Torrance had been doubled by annexing new territory. "None can deny that these annexations have not been conceived, fostered and accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce, and by the Chamber of Commerce alone," said Mr. Hyde.

"In other words," said Hyde, "the Chamber of Commerce has been responsible for raising 50 per cent of the city's revenue during the past year, and had it not been for the activities of the Chamber of Commerce the city tax rate would have been about \$1.00 in-

stead of 60 cents. The money actually paid into the city treasury by this one activity of the Chamber of Commerce alone has represented half of the taxes collected by the City. Before the tax was voted, the assessed valuation of Torrance was approximately \$11,000,000, but through the work of the Chamber of Commerce, sufficient territory has been annexed to bring the assessed valuation to over \$22,000,000. And most of this new territory is of a nature which will not cost the city any additional money to serve. It is raw land, without improvements, and when the time comes for improvements, the property owners in the districts will pay for them," Mr. Hyde concluded.

John Salm stated that he could readily see that every city's growth was governed by the work of its Chamber of Commerce. "One of the first to join the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and I for one, donated as much as I am still a heavy contributor through being a taxpayer in Torrance. I will be thankful for the time when I can add more money to my taxes for Chamber of Commerce support. I regret that they haven't more money in the Chamber of Commerce treasury, as the growth of the city is due to the Chamber of Commerce." Mr. Salm stated that he had occasion recently to spend considerable time with Secretary Hyde, and that in his opinion Mr. Hyde was worth several times over your Chamber of Commerce," pleaded Mr. Salm.

"As a citizen, I differ with the Chamber of Commerce on the water situation. The Torrance Herald published just one side of the question, and I believe the citizens should know the other side as well. We should not be one-sided, and that is the reason why I am attending this meeting tonight, so that I can watch this issue. I believe in being fair in this issue. I have watched the Council, therefore I speak. I wish the Chamber of Commerce fund was greater," concluded Mr. Salm.

Grover C. Chyette, editor of the Torrance Herald, changed the comment of Mr. Salm. "The speech of Mr. Robert, general manager of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, was printed in the Torrance Herald, almost verbatim in to the Chamber of Commerce and certainly you must know that I am not in sympathy with what Mr. Robert said," said Mr. Whyte. "The Torrance Herald ran about a half page of remarks by various members of the council and the audience at the water hearing. If there were any left out, they were because they were actually said what had already been said by others. And you, Mr. Salm, know that I told you over the telephone a few days ago that if you had anything to say on the water situation, no matter whether I agreed with you or not, that the columns of the Torrance Herald were open to you to express your views without cost. I can see no reason for throwing this matter to this meeting, as you know very well that you have never been refused expression through the Torrance Herald. It's columns are open to comments on civic matters whether those comments are endorsed by the publisher or not."

Mr. Salm made no reply. Charles Quandt stated that he thought the Chamber of Commerce (Continued on Next Page)

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
The Weather May Be Awful But It's Better Than None.



Overrule Protests on Colden Ave.

Protests against the improvement of Colden avenue between Western avenue and Halldale avenue were overruled by the Los Angeles City Council and the work will proceed as originally ordered.

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BUILDING PERMITS

Fay Parks, 1617 Border, \$2500.
60x80 galvanized iron building.

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