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The Southern Counties

North *vs.* South

With final selection of the Navy's proposed $5,000,000 dirgible base site on the Pacific Coast narrowed down to two locations—one at San Diego's Camp Kearny, the other at Sunnyvale near San Francisco, in Santa Clara County—factions from both districts last week were bringing much pressure to bear on the naval board of experts who were discussing, still considering the problem, at Washington. San Francisco and bay district citizens, civic-minded, naturally desired the base to be located at Sunnyvale. Citizens of Southern California, also civic-minded, wished to bring the dirgible base to San Diego. Therefore, a spirited contest to attract the attention of the naval board was in progress between northern and southern California.

Last week, to the joy of San Francisco people, Chairman F. E. Supple of the San Francisco dirgible base committee, announced that the navy board at Washington had informed him that Sunnyvale "had definitely been selected" as the site for the new base. This report from the north was in direct contrast to the statement of Secretary of the Navy Adams who refused to confirm the rumor that Sunnyvale had been chosen by the board. Adams said the board's report would not be made public until it has been transmitted to the House Naval Affairs Committee. He added that the report was now being studied by him and would not be forwarded to Congress until he had completed its examination.

Meanwhile, counteracting the concerted efforts of San Francisco and adjoining cities in the north to lure the Navy's favor in that direction, many a Southern California city had combined last week to bring the base to San Diego. Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Pasadena, Long Beach and many another air-minded city were laboring in favor of Camp Kearny. They believed the dirigible headquarters should be in San Diego rather than Sunnyvale because: 1) The climatic conditions of Southern California—freedom from fogs, high winds, rain—were highly suitable for flying; 2) Camp Kearny is in close proximity to the Navy personnel located at San Diego, which would mean a lower cost of operation to the government; 3) Ground conditions at Camp Kearny (size: 1000 acres) are superior to the Sunnyvale site (site: 300 acres) and many new improvements already completed would mean a considerable saving to the Navy.

Late in the week the fight between north and south became more pronounced with the arrival, at Washington of T. C. McAuley, executive secretary of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. Immediately upon his arrival he conferred with Congressmen Evans, Crail and Swing. Also he conferred with Representatives and Senators from New Mexico and Arizona, hoping to gain the support of both these States.

At a meeting of San Francisco committeemen last week there was discussion as to how large the Sunnyvale site was supposed to be. Chairman Supple said the offer to the government had always been "at least 1000 acres." Many people thought it was but 300 acres. Later someone spoke of a 1700-acre site at Sunnyvale. Apparently exasperated, newspapermen said: "Does the committee offer 1700 or 1000 acres?" Said Supple: "I cannot discuss the matter for publication."

At the same time a recently published Los Angeles "Times" cartoon (see cut) was displayed to San Francisco committeemen. It brought both humorous and caustic comments, also thoughtful discussion.

Whatever site the navy board favors, whether it is Sunnyvale or San Diego, it became increasingly apparent last week that the final decision would be made by Congress, which must make the necessary appropriations before the case can be constructed.

Fire Suing

Over the mountains between Ventura and Santa Paula last September swept a devastating brush and forest fire which destroyed 25,000 acres of land and did $3,000,000 worth of damage. Cause: A high voltage wire of the Southern California Edison company's lines near Santa Paula Mineral Springs broke, made sparks, set the nearby brush alight (News Review, Sept. 23-29).

Later, the Edison company, virtually admitting guilt in causing the fire, but declining to admit liability, agreed to contribute toward the expense involved in fighting the blaze, paid the Santa Barbara National Forest and the Ventura fire district the sum of $5994.38 (News Review, Oct. 21-27).

Last week, nearly 60 days after the episode of the broken wire and the consequent disastrous fire, Southern California Edison found itself faced with five separate suits for a total of $100,000 damages sustained during the September blaze. The suits were filed in the Superior Court of Ventura by the following companies: Richfield Oil Co., $65,000; Hobson estate, $5,000; Hobson Brothers Packing Company, $4,000; W. C. Harvey, $12,000, and Charles Bach, $6000.

Asserted grounds for suit: The Edison company was (allegedly) negligent in the construction and maintenance of the transmission line. It was also stated that the company had delayed shutting off the power, and the fire could not be reached with safety for an hour and a half. Thus the fire had gained so much headway it was finally uncontrollable.

The Edison company is fully covered by insurance, but the Pacific Coast Adjustment Bureau, acting for the insurance company, has thus far declined to settle the losses with the plaintiffs.

Gale in the Los Angeles Times

"IT'S TIME WE LENT A HAND!"

It brought forth humorous, caustic comments, also thoughtful discussion.

City Status

In the center of the Orange County orange groves, not many years ago, began the little community of Garden Grove. From a small community it grew into a town. Last week, citizens of Garden Grove, realizing the tremendous growth of their town, took steps to make it more than just a town, sought to incorporate it as a city. Loyal townsmen, equipped with sheafs of paper petitions, plodded from office to office, home to home gathering eighty signatures which would bring the matter of incorporation to the attention of the County Board of Supervisors.

The matter brought to their notice, the Supervisors set the date of Nov. 26 for a hearing of all concerned, either in favor of or against the project. Provided there are not sufficient protests against the plan of incorporating Garden Grove as a city, the Supervisors will set the date for an election to decide the matter. The proposed area to be incorporated covers approximately one square mile.

Paramount reason for incorporation: The State has taken over Garden Grove's public library property for delinquent taxes. Unless the community incorporates, the library will be finally lost because the trust company in charge of the property refuses to deed it to anyone but the incorporated City of Garden Grove.

Residential Oil

Residents of Montecito — far-famed community of beautiful homes, wealthy residents, winding roads, forest-shaded pathways — want their community to remain as it is, unsoiled by unsightly commercial enterprises. Last September, concerted action of scenic-preserving residents withstood attempts of a few commercial-minded property owners who wanted a 1000-foot section of the Coast highway rezoned, thus allowing hot dog stands, barbeque emporiums, gas stations, etc., to be erected there (News Review, Sept. 23-29).

Early in November Montecito residents again were alarmed. Reason: Montecito Property-owner Mrs. Elena Meyer has leased a portion of her land to one William Inskeep, who erected thereon an oil derrick, proceeded to drill for oil. Although knowing that a county zoning ordinance prohibited such activity, residents of the community took out a temporary restraining order against Mrs. Meyer and Oil Operator Inskeep, filed suit against them.

Last week the anti-oil drilling residents made a surprise move. At Santa Barbara they had the suit dismissed; planned instead to let the County Planning Commission take charge. The planning body, it announced, would have the operator arrested for violating the ordinance should he attempt to resume activity on the well.

San Diego's Mission

Displeased because the old Mission San Diego de Alcala of San Diego's early days was gradually crumbling to dust, the San Diego Advertising Club last September decided it would sponsor a campaign to restore the old edifice to its former grandeur. (News Review, Sept 2-8). Immediately, upon the announcement of the Advertising Club, the San Diego Union (Copley daily) contributed $1000. Not long after, from the Sisters of Nazareth (mother house) in Europe, in answer to a plea from the advertising men, came a draft for $25,000 to aid in the work of reconstruction. Numerous, but smaller have been other contributions from various sources. Last week, another substantial gift was forthcoming from the Marston Company of San Diego, which donated $1000.

Other gifts from public-spirited San Diegans, business concerns have brought the Advertising Club's Mission Fund to a large total.

Kern Caravan

Separated as they are, the city dweller in the industrial areas and the farmer in the agricultural areas have different viewpoints on many questions of vital interest to both.

In every Bakersfield business and banking firm one day last week there was at least one member missing. For bankers and business men from every firm in Bakersfield had formed themselves together in an automobile caravan, which made a tour of the agricultural districts of Kern County, endeavoring to create a county-wide friendship and community understanding which would link the business and agricultural life of the county.

Sponsored by the University of California (extension service) and sanctioned by the Kern County Farm Bureau, the Bakersfield Civic Commercial Association and the Kern County Chamber of Commerce, the tour, said those in charge, is expected to bring business, banking and civic leaders into closer touch with farm problems.

G. O. P. Confabs

Late last month G. O. Potentates, representing the Republican County Central committees of the ten southern counties, met at Santa Barbara, discussed there the proposed reapportionment of Congressional districts (to be contingent upon the 1930 Federal census), and decided, among other things, that the vast Congressional District 11 should be split into three new domains thus: San Bernardino, Mono and Inyo counties to comprise District 20; Orange, Riverside and Imperial counties to comprise District 21; San Diego County (alone) to comprise District 22 (News Review, Oct. 28-Nov. 3).

Last week Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara county committees met for their respective monthly meetings; brought forth new developments in Congressional reapportionment plans.

At San Bernardino that county's committee met at the Courthouse, heard again the plans presented at the Santa Barbara meeting, expressed firm, but broadminded discontent with the plan. Earlier in the month Riverside and Orange county committees had brought forth the proposal of eliminating Imperial County from proposed District 21, and adding instead San Bernardino County. At their meeting of last week San Bernardino G. O. Potentates, chairmaned by Bruce I. McDaniel, listened to a motion by Redlands' Lyman M. King, former State Senator, which would put them on record as favoring the Riverside-Orange Plan. They adopted it.

Their reasons (set forth in the resolution): "...similarity of interests and industry in these three counties makes such a district desirable." The committee, however, indicated that it realized the uncertainties of the census upon which the reapportionment will be based, and expressly provided that it did not seek to bind legislators who will be faced with the problem of protecting the County's interests at the time the bill is drawn in the 1931 Legislature.

At Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County committeemen met. It was the first time in many a year that they had convened in the northern part of the County. Chairmaned by Fred H. Shauer, the committeemen tackled the reapportionment problem, found little to say against the proposal of including Santa Barbara (along with Ventura, San Luis Obispo, etc.) in proposed Congressional District 8. To make the County more redistricting-wise, a special sub-committee was appointed.

At Los Angeles, Republican leaders found that that County, instead of gaining only five Congressmen, would in all probability gain eight.

Said Los Angeles Chairman Fowler: "....One Congressman will represent a population of 275,000. Assuming California's population to be 6,000,000, this will give us 22 Congressmen instead of the 11 we now have. At this rate, it is only fair to set aside eight for Los Angeles County, leaving four for the other counties."

Allocation of Los Angeles County Congressmen, as outlined by Chairman Fowler: four for the City of Los Angeles; two for the coast side (of Los Angeles); two for the foothill and citrus territory.

Allocation Protests

Bewildered and deluged by a host of protesting representatives from the Southwest, Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur last week at Washington listened to a barrage of objections directed against the recipe of his Boulder Dam "power pudding" (News Review, Oct. 21-27, et seq.), and was told by many a power-seeking interest that his pudding was not eatable, indigestible. Announced as the final hearing for dissatisfied customers, Wilbur's session was attended by envoys from every State, city, and utility company vitally interested in the prospective Boulder Dam power and water supply.

The protests heard, the arguments presented:

Southern California. Although it received 25 per cent of the total "power pudding," the Southern California Edison Co., represented by Attorney W. C. Mullendore, declared it had not received its fair apportionment. Reason: Since the Edison company serves the bulk of the Southern California power market, including homes, farms and

LEST WE FORGET

THANKSGIVING IN CHATTANOOGA

Ed.—The following was written to the Chicago Journal in by Benjamin F. Taylor from the battlefield of Mission e).

The day after the battle was Thanksgiving, and had services in Chattanooga—sad, solemn, grand. church-bells hung dumb in their towers, indeed, you shall know why in its time, but for all that, were chimes so grand that men uncovered their s as they heard them. At twelve o'clock the great at Fort Wood began to toll. Civilians said, "Can be at it again?"—and soldiers said, "The guns are shotted, and the sound is too regular for work." I ened out to the Fort, and the guns chimed on. A impression I had received before brightening as I upon the parapet and looked over the scene. t it was like flashed upon me in a moment: the was a grand cathedral, Fort Wood the pulpit of nighty minister, and far down the descending aisle ont rose Orchard Knob the altar. The dead were there, far out to the eastern wall, and God's delier hung high in the dome. They were the its of praise I was hearing; thirty-four syllables of sgiving the guns were saying: "Oh, give thanks the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth er!" And the hills took up the anthem and t sublimely in; from the Ridge it came back, "give s unto the Lord," and Waldron's height uttered r His mercy endureth," and Lookout Valley sang , "forever, forever," and the mountains cried, n!"

R. TURTLES ARLINGTON CARSON

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hen escaped injury last evening when the sedan they were riding, was another car at the in- of Arlington avenue and eet.

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er car was driven by R. te of 1015 Acacia street. S. Leslie as his pas- was going east on Car-

car was damaged to the $125, while the other damage was a flat tire.

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ildren received a severe and some bruises last when the car in which iding with Mrs. W. J. ed into the rear of a by Mrs. H. S. Smith. ted that Mrs. Neff was rs. Smith's car when suddenly came to a op without giving a her intentions. The be crash, in which the Neff car was dam-

Kipp received bruises end, Barbara Neff re- bruises and Dora and received minor bruises. children were treated ian immediately.

NEPHEW TORRANCE PLE BURIED

vices for Jessie Lloyd years old, who died y of diphtheria at a hospital, were held Friday morning. her death, the child me with her aunt and d Mrs. LeRoy Lloyd street.

r Your Paper On day Morning

ments of the Tor- d and Lomita News Thanksgiving Day. issues of these pa- delivered early Fri- as usual. and news copy ay morning issues ed up until 5 p. m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES TO BE HELD THUR.

Union Services at Baptist Church at 10 A. M. Communion at Episcopal

Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning at the Baptist church, beginning promptly at ten and lasting for one hour.

Reverend G. G. Elder of the First Christian church will deliver the sermon, and take as his subject "In Everything Give Thanks."

A choir of 20 voices will render the anthem, "Give Unto the Lord," with Mr. R. V. Roelofs as the leader.

Episcopal Church

Special Thanksgiving services with Holy Communion will be held Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church.

Choir rehearsal will be at 8:00 p. m., Wednesday instead of Thursday on account of Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AIM OF GARDENA

People Say Only Way To Avoid High Rates Charged

GARDENA.—Petitions have been in circulation for the past week, for the formation of a county water district in the Gardena Valley. Three separate petitions are being circulated, one in the county territory west of Vermont, one in the Los Angeles city strip and one in the county territory east of the city strip.

"The petitions," said B. R. Simms, chairman of the campaign committee, "are the result of several months' effort on the part of the joint committee representing practically every civic organization in the valley. The committee has considered the water situation from every angle and has decided that the only solution to the high water rates and inadequate distribution system is a publicly owned and controlled system.

"We are having no difficulty in securing names to the petitions and the required 10 per cent of voters voting at the last election for governor, will soon have signed the petitions."

REDONDO MAN HURT IN CRASH WITH SAILORS

J. F. Scanlon, 120 N. Elena street, Redondo, suffered painful head cuts when the car in which he was riding collided with a car occupied by two sailors at the intersection of Hawthorne boulevard and Beyrle street Monday morning.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock when Scanlon was enroute to work.

GLIDERS MEET TO BE HELD IN TORRANCE

Manpower Aircraft To Compete in Unique Event in Palos Verdes Hills

Sponsored by the Western Aircraft Show and managed by E. C. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, Torrance, the first gliders' meet to be held in this city will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, on the slope of the Palos Verdes hills just south of Hollywood Riviera.

Gliders which have just been on exhibition at the Western Aircraft Show, will be used in this competition, which is open to all persons interested.

In a letter to Mr. Rowell, the Aeronautical Journal, the pioneer trade journal of the aviation industry, puts at his disposal a number of valuable trophies which have been donated by parties interested in promoting gliding activities, which will be awarded to the winners in the various contests.

Competition will be in four classes, and points will be awarded on two counts under each, as follows:

1. Sailplane: (a) duration of flight; (b) distance from starting point.
2. Secondary: (a) duration; (b) distance.
3. Schooling: (a) distance; (b) best handling.
4. Miscellaneous; (a) youngest pilot; (b) spot landings.

In addition to the trophies offered, Clifford F. Reid, Inc., on whose property the meet will take place, has offered a suitable first prize for the winner in the soaring event.

Cash donations from the city of Redondo, the Redondo Chamber of Commerce, have already been received toward the promotion of this affair, which has attracted the attention of aircraft enthusiasts all over the southwest.

Arrangements with one of the large broadcasting stations have been made to set up equipment and loud speakers at the field so that the crowd may be kept informed of the progress of the performers.

Gliding is the oldest form of flight, experimented with long before the first successful motored airplane was invented. Lilienthal, in Germany, Chanute at Chicago and the Wright brothers flew gliders before the latter had made their first motored flight.

The Wrights held the American official record of a little over ten minutes for duration, a record which had not been surpassed up to March of this year.

However, ten minutes is by no means the world's record for sustained glider flight, for Hesselbach flew for hours over Cape Cod in his experiments of last summer. Records of fourteen hours for duration, 2500 feet for altitude above the starting point and of forty-five miles for distance have been established in Germany which has made the greatest development in motorless flight equipment since the treaty of Versailles placed upon it restrictions against motored flying.

More and more in this country, has the inclination of the air-minded experimenter turned to the glider, until gliding contests are becoming frequent events, and are attended with surprising success.

Redondo Blvd. Is Smooth Now

For the stranger to Torrance who once remarked, about Redondo boulevard, "I'll bet they don't drive milk wagons down this street, because the milk would all be butter before they get down it," an invitation is extended to drive down the street now.

Crews have been busy for some days doing away with the bumps, and the street is in better condition now than for the past few years.