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### Pacific Coast, Fortunately, Free of Racketeer Methods

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SACRAMENTO, March 20—A curtained car swiftly drawn up to the curb—shots—a figure slumping to the ground—the machine disappearing as hastily as it came.

That may be one of several eastern or middle western cities—but it most emphatically is not California. For gangsters and "the racket" do not exist in this state, according to Clarence S. Morrill, superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Along with its climate, California boasts an absence of organized crime, that yearly takes its toll in citizen's lives and money in eastern states, Morrill declared.

"My experience has conclusively proved to me that we are fortunate in withstanding invasion of the professional racketeer," he said.

"We have our crime troubles, but they do not partake of that organization element which is so common in other cities. An occasional bank robbery occurs here, but that

is only to be expected.

"When we broke up the Fleagle gang in this state the only group that worked the eastern gangster methods in California was disposed of and since then only individual effort has been evident at scenes of crime."

Conditions in California are not suited for racketeering on a large scale, Morrill explained, and it is only on this big scheme of things that it can be successfully worked.

"Recently we had an outbreak in the bay district of what authorities thought was a racketeering game," the superintendent related.

"A fire occurred in a cleaning establishment and police believed a bomb had been placed there. A subsequent roundup of suspects failed to disclose any definite organization for 'shaking down' the cleaning and dyeing works of that region as was feared by officials.

"Even if that case was an attempt at racketeering it was on such an insignificant scale that it cannot be classed as a menace."

### WALTERIA NOTES

Mrs. E. Gelman of Los Angeles is a house guest this week at the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crowthers, of Park street.

C. Lord of Ward street, has moved to Harbor City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mangus of Ward street, entertained with a family dinner Sunday. The guests were Mrs. O. Hamilton, Mrs. Effie Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fuller of Long Beach and Sawtelle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmundson of N. Park street, spent the weekend visiting relatives in Carpinteria.

The Fidelis Club held a card and bunco party at Barber's Hall Friday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. O. Hamilton, Mrs. Effie Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fuller of Long Beach. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crothers of Park street, entertained at a card party Saturday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. Storey of North Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Santos of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan of Ward street.

Archie Nicholl of San Diego spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. J. Crowthers.

Mrs. J. Dabner of Ward street, returned to her home Sunday after a three-weeks' confinement in the Los Angeles General hospital, where she underwent an operation.

Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Gilroy of Los Angeles, died Sunday and was buried Monday afternoon at Odd Fellows' cemetery at Graham. Mrs. Bessie Gilroy, the boy's mother, is an evangelist of the Full Gospel church in Los Angeles, and is well known in Walteria. He leaves, besides his parents, two brothers and his twin sister, Maxine.

The Walteria Chamber of Commerce will meet at the school Thursday evening at 7:30, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Muir, missionaries from Africa, will speak at the United Methodist church on Hawthorne, near Newton avenue, on Sunday, April 6. All are invited to attend.

The Fidelis Club met at the home of Mrs. L. E. Burton of Wilmington Wednesday. The afternoon was spent playing Dunes, and a high score was won by Mrs. Ray Sullivan and low by Mrs. Burton. A delicious buffet luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lawrence of Long Beach were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sage and Mr. and Mrs. George Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson and Geo. Rogers of Whittier were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coates of Redondo boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Comory of Long Beach spent Friday and Saturday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crowthers of Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer of Los Coloma street, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Roy Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blotter of Redondo Beach to witness the gliders perform at Hollywood Riviera Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jacobs and daughter, Gretchen of Nece avenue, and Mrs. D. A. Alvares and Mrs. H. Higbee of Lawndale, attended the Cherry Blossom Festival at Beaumont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Engles and daughters, Melba and Della, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Premeaux of Nece avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Buckingham of Nece avenue, spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Connor, at Glendale, Sunday.

Miss Leta Ruth Wells is spending the week visiting friends in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barrington and children, Francis and Claude, of Torrance, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Redondo boulevard.

Mrs. S. D. Sexton of North Park street, accompanied Mr. and Mrs.

F. C. Bowman of San Pedro, and Dee Cooper of Los Angeles, on a motor trip to San Diego Sunday.

Kathleen Sexton and Nell Whitney of North Park street, attended a birthday party Monday evening given in honor of their cousin, Dee Bowman, on his seventh birthday at his home on Island street, San Pedro.

### Evening High School

A new History section in the Citizenship course will be organized next week and will meet on Tuesday evenings.

The Government Review class will be continued for some time, while members of the class are waiting to take their examination.

Attention, machinists! How many times the man in the shop has wished for certain knowledge that he did not possess. By devoting two evenings each week in Torrance Evening High school he will not only enjoy interesting evenings, but will be able to demand a better paying job. Think it over and investigate. Classes each Monday and Wednesday, in both machine shop and acetylene welding. Act now and prepare for prosperous times which we are entering.

The Evening High school faculty had their annual visiting night on Wednesday, April 2nd. One evening a year is set aside for the purpose of giving the faculty the opportunity to visit other schools. There were no classes in session that evening.

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