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## L. A. City Council Postpones Action On Milk Ordinance

Acceding to the request of the county board of supervisors, the Los Angeles city council has deferred action upon adoption of its new milk ordinance, which would affect dairymen in all sections of the county.

The supervisors asked that a conference be arranged between the two bodies, to consider the adoption of a uniform ordinance for the city and county. It was claimed that the city ordinance as it was proposed for adoption last Thursday would have worked hardships upon dairies where properties were located on the Los Angeles city boundary lines, as they are in some instances.

Among the provisions of the city's proposed ordinance was a monthly health inspection for employees preparing the milk for consumption in Los Angeles city. A small tax on the butterfat was proposed to offset the inspection cost.

## Supervisors File Request Sent In By Local Legion

Request of Torrance Post No. 170 of the American Legion that all public work in Los Angeles county henceforth be done by force account was "received and filed" this week without comment by the board of supervisors.

Forwarded by Commander L. H. Deininger, the resolution read in part: "We recommend and request that the board of supervisors put into effect an order providing that in the future all public work shall be done under and by force account labor and that in no instance where it is possible otherwise shall the supervisors allow any work to be done by contract."

Members of Bert S. Crossland post believe that under force account and a reasonable wage a greater number of residents will work than would be the case where work is done by a contractor.

## Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden  
Congressman-elect, 17th District

Editor's Note: Here is another highly interesting letter from Honorable Charles J. Colden, Congressman-elect from our local district. Mr. Colden is now in the capital getting first hand information in preparation of taking office at the next session of congress. His personal glimpses of affairs at Washington make very interesting reading. His letter to the editor of the Torrance Herald follows:

"I took a stroll Sunday and braved the cold and the snow and piked my way carefully over the icy sidewalks. I did not relish the idea of losing my standing and mopping up the sidewalk with my two hundred pounds. I passed by the White House and felt thankful to President Hoover for sprinkling the sidewalk in front of his home with sand. I was glad that the president had done a good deed which I could approve. Later, I discovered that other places were sanding including the safety platforms constructed for street car passengers. I regret I must withdraw credit to President Hoover but it is a good idea just the same. I find that my Southern California feet are rather reluctant and uncertain in treading these slippery and treacherous paths of Washington winter. As your man I'm not complaining but I just want to remind you that it is not the climate of the nineteenth district of California.



CHARLES J. COLDEN

"Joe Shannon, congressman from Kansas City, invited me to attend a meeting of a committee of the 'Government in Business' of which he is chairman. He urged that he had a 'big fish' to testify before his committee and that I would find it of interest. The witness was none other than E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, the man who has been drawing \$75,000 per year salary. Mr. Creekmore explained that he has had his compensation greatly reduced, receiving but \$50,000 a year at present. Sounds like a whale of a salary yet to me. He tried to make it plain that cotton men are accustomed to salaries of \$100,000 or more and that he was but a small fry in the cotton game. He did not appear to see the inconsistency of such salaries from the standpoint of the cotton growers who are facing bankruptcy and starvation at present prices.

"Mr. Creekmore's company has an authorized capital of \$30,000,000 but only \$75,000 paid up. On this basis his company borrowed \$30,000,000 from the farm board and is facing a loss of more than \$50,000,000 which the American taxpayer will be forced to pay. Mr. Creekmore was not disturbed by this fanciful financing but several members of the committee were visibly excited and shot many pertinent and personal questions at the witness. Mr. Creekmore made the Julian speculators of Los Angeles look like a bunch of

pickers. And this was done under a Hoover program. And sitting on the sidelines and listening in, it occurred that the scheme was manipulated more to the advantage of the cotton brokers and investors than to the aid of the cotton farmer, who needs the necessary legislation was promoted. Although the program was sponsored by the president it was supported by a large majority in both houses and Democrats as well as Republicans must share the responsibility. But it is a vivid lesson of government in business and I hope to profit by what I heard here on this committee.

"The Democrats occupy that half of the floor to the right of the speaker and the Republicans to the left. There is not much mingling between the two parties during the sessions but occasionally some one makes a friendly or businesslike overture to the other side. The next session will have much larger Democratic majority that it will be necessary for the Democrats to overflow on the Republican side as the Democrats will number 213 and the opposition 117. There are no desks in the house and the seats are not assigned so the members walk in and occupy any seat available. As I am usually early I have my choice. The speech-makers usually walk down in front of the speaker's desk to deliver addresses thus facing the members and the galleries. Most of the speeches are delivered in a country-pie voice so that the visitors in the galleries may hear above the din of conversation indulged in by the members who have usually more concerned in their own problems than in the speeches. Just back of the floor of the house is a long, narrow room called a cloak room where members gather for a smoke or a sandwich or piece of pie, etc. In fact there are two rooms, one for the Republicans and one for the Democrats. I haven't yet found out the real reason for this segregation. I have so many Republican friends that I do not share this discrimination. I have never refused to take lunch with any person because he was a Republican and hope that this demarcation in Washington will not lose me any prospective invitations at home. I have always had a good record in accepting invitations from all my friends. If any one questions this statement I refer them to Col. Browne of Watts and Doc McQuarrie of Gardena.

"I heard a Missouriian telling a cow story that interested me as I was raised on a farm and had an intimate association with the cow question, as milking was one of my daily duties. But this story was about a cow that was carefully raised and nourished in Central Missouri. When she arrived at the age when her beef was considered of more value than her milk, her owner gave her generous feed of the surplus cabbage, turnips and other choice vegetables along with an abundant supply of blue grass and hobbins. Having reached the corpulent shape and the proper weight her 960 pounds were shipped to the St. Louis market and the expectant farmer awaited the receipts with visions of a check that would pay the taxes, buy shoes for the children, coffee for the breakfast table and a dress for mother and perhaps a plug of store tobacco or a twist of long-stem for father. But the depression destroyed all the farmer's dreams, for when he opened the envelope from the commission firm and the cost of freight, feeding, selling and other charges were deducted, he found himself the recipient of a check for 12 cents. The railroad had taken its usual charge, the commission firm and all the rest had deducted prosperity prices for their services and the farmer reaped the remnants left by the depression. But a city doctor who witnessed the transaction was moved by a generous impulse and gave the farmer more than a hundred new cents. The doctor paid the farmer 25 cents for his check and proceeded to have it framed for his office. This is an extreme example of course, but it affords an insight into the deplorable state reached by the farmers of the mid-west.

"The Italian-Americans have every reason to be proud of La Guardia of New York City. He is one of the able and alert members of congress. He is held in high esteem by the progressive group of both parties. I have heard him on the floor and before committees. He is able and fearless. He is also a pronounced wet. I heard him speak on the proposed beer bill before the Ways and Means committee and state that if the committee bowed to the wishes of the brewers that the people of America would become so disgusted with the liquor traffic that the Eighteenth Amendment would fail to be repealed. La Guardia made a plea that Congress in permitting the sale of beer should restrict its use to eating and health use and not allow its indiscriminate sale. And there are many others who share this view. The beer bill has a rocky road ahead of it.

"Partisanship was wholly disregarded when Dyer of St. Louis, a Republican member of the Missouri delegation, arose and delivered a tribute of praise to C. C. Dickinson, a Democrat colleague from the same state. The occasion was Mr. Dickinson's 83rd birthday and the oldest member of the house. Mr. Dickinson has been in Congress for 20 years and is a member of the most powerful committee of the house, Ways and Means. He is a man of the highest integrity, able and fearless. He has maintained the high reputation in congress that he earned in the Missouri legislature 30 years

## Revive Ancient Mining Method In Hunger Fight

(By United Press)

SASABE, Ariz.—How hundreds of Mexicans and a few white persons are starving off the pangs of hunger and want was disclosed here by state officials in reporting development of old placer workings for gold.

Conditions similar to those two centuries ago when the Spanish conquistadores explored this region, now prevail in the barren valleys south of here where the natives seek a livelihood from the earth.

Crude machines, known as arastres, built of huge circular stones and using planks and material cut from cacti, dot the sandy wastes. Beneath the stones, the natives crush low-grade ores to extract the gold.

Use Burros  
Blindfolded burros, trotting for hours from sunrise to far into the night, provide the power by which the arastres operate.

In the center of a circular, paved space about eight feet in diameter stands a tall timber to which are attached great stones. These stones, dragged around and around over the paved surface, crush the crude ores.

Then the natives wash the crumbled rock to extract the gold. If a rich amount of ore is used, the native can usually collect about 50 cents worth of gold. This is sufficient to keep him and his family fed and clothed until the next batch of gold grains is extracted.

The Mexicans are content to exist on poquita frijoles, beans and a bit of tobacco for their ever-present home-made pipes.

Many Americans, attracted by tales of rich strikes to be made in the placer deposits, usually fail to find the promised riches and leave. Only a handful remain, and no means only because they have no means of travel.

## Lomita Driver Reports Collision

Report of an automobile collision at the intersection of Miller street and Cypress, Lomita, Monday, December 19, was this week made to constables by Walter Buz of 2504 Pennsylvania avenue. Buz told deputies that W. M. Swope, 1122 Neptune avenue, Wilmington, was driver of the car which struck his coupe.

Deputy Straight, investigating the collision, made no arrest when Buz refused to swear out a complaint.

ORLAND.—(U.P.)—Doris Gully could write an interesting essay entitled "Schools I Have Attended." She has attended 26 schools in the last eight years.

ago when I was his colleague. I look forward with pleasure to serving with him in this greater capacity. If I should serve my constituents for the next 20 years in Congress, I, too, hope to achieve and retain that same high regard. Other aspirants will kindly take note.

"A dignified cabinet member furnished some comedy before the Appropriations committee. Postmaster-general Brown was being quizzed as to his reason for purchasing a Lincoln car for departmental purposes. The committee took the position that a much cheaper car would serve the purpose. In a very dignified manner Mr. Brown explained that he had traded in eight old cars and \$1,700 for a new Lincoln for his own use. Later he found that he could not sit in the car and wear a top hat; that he would be obliged to carry his hat in his hand as there was not clearance enough. So he persuaded Congress to appropriate money for a new car that enabled him to wear a top hat and the other Lincoln was turned over to the department for every day use. Another illustration of the ease with which some officials expend the people's money.

"Washington is a smug town but it gets the jitters every time the unemployed march into town. The police pulled a fast one by steering the so-called communist parade into a blind street from which it could not escape. And Washington thought it a smart trick. Some innocent farmers who were caught in the parade were corralled with the hunger marchers. Some of the farmers in a recent parade are rivals of E. P. Buyer of the 11th Main Democrat-Progressive Club in singing. Here is one of their songs:

"Our houses leak and totter,  
Our children freeze in rags,  
Our corn sells for a nickel  
And spuds won't pay for bags.  
For working hard and faithful  
You'll take our farms and tools,  
In this land of wealth and plenty,  
In this land where Wall Street rules."

"These words were sung to the tune, 'Springtime in the Rockies.' The singer, F. P. Buyer could wake Washington with his enthusiasm in this same song.

"Washington is dependent upon the salary of government employees and is not a good listener to the sad stories of the depression that has stricken all parts of the country. But wait until the new members of Congress arrive fresh from the fields of hunger and hardship. Washington ain't heard nuthin' yet."

"C. J. COLDEN"

## "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER" GOOD MOTTO FOR BURGLARS!

"Better late than never" may be a good motto, but the owners of the Boulevard Market, Lomita, are not sure.

For instance, unknown persons selected mats, groceries and tobacco, to the value of \$95, and for good measure, they took \$5 cash. But they didn't do it during the day. Instead, they came at night, Friday, December 18, and broke in through the back way.

Deputy Constable Straight, of the Lomita Constable's office, investigating the midnight visit to the grocery, at Narbonne and Rondono boulevards, found only fingerprints.

The callers hadn't left anything else in payment.

## Must Register, Buddies, If You Want to Get Work

Work for jobless ex-service men! Provided on the Metropolitan aqueduct, the Harbor Breakwater, and the skyline project near Azusa!

And all that members of the local post of the American Legion ask of their ex-service buddies who are unemployed is that these jobless former soldiers register, either with Charles Smith, post finance officer, or Adjutant Burchett.

This was the call sent out this week by local Legionnaires, who report that jobs are actually being provided, and that more are to be had.

Both Smith and Burchett will receive registrations for employment at the meeting of the Legion, to be held Friday evening, December 23, at the Legion clubhouse, they announced.

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county flood control district, has been successful in having the testimony of three appraisers for the Sepulveda company stricken from the records. This was done on the districts' motion late last week. The testimony which was ruled improper was given by Edward Horn and Elbert H. Brown, real estate men, and D. E. Hughes, civil engineer, all of San Pedro. The court decided they did not possess the proper qualifications to judge the values involved.

For the sanitation districts, the most important witness has been S. A. Greeley, consulting engineer of the firm of Pierce, Greeley and Hansen of Chicago. It was this firm that made an extensive survey of the Metropolitan sewer system plans three years ago, when Long Beach was considering membership in the system. Long Beach has since withdrawn, but the system has been built up to function without Long Beach, and serves a number of communities south and east of Los Angeles city, as well as some metropolitan territory.

The sanitation districts and Torrance have been endeavoring to push the right-of-way acquisition for several years. San Pedro interests favored the so-called Badger avenue line which would dump the sewerage just beyond the harbor breakwater, where currents might carry it to the Long Beach shore-line. In 1919 A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the district, obtained a permit from the state, department of public health, declaring the outfall project one of public necessity.

Sepulveda has failed in attempts, through his counsel, to show that there would be damage to the estates from odors that might be blown back toward land. He also was unsuccessful in attempting to show that discharge from the sewer a mile from shore would be washed up on the shore by ocean currents.

The defendants as yet have not indicated what they would ask for right-of-way, but thus far the county has scored an overwhelming number of points. The case was continued this week because of the illness of a woman juror.

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## Busick, Socialist Lecturer, to Talk Here Friday Night

William W. Busick, national organizer of the Socialist party, will speak in the auditorium of the Torrance high school on Friday, December 23, at 8:00 p. m. He will speak on "America's Way Out!"

"The problems which confront the American working people today are of major importance, and demand immediate solution. Unemployment and poverty must be stopped," quotes Busick, "or society will find itself in a dilemma which it will not be able to solve. The uncoverings of thousands of well-known scientists in the past few years have brought out astounding facts which everyone must understand. It is possible to give everyone a job, at high pay, and short hours, which will be conducive to the building of a stronger and more powerful race," continued Busick.

Busick has recently returned from a tour through the southwest, where he delivered over 100 lectures. Admission to the lecture will be free, and the public is invited to attend. The lecture is to be held under the auspices of the Socialist party of Torrance.

African Art is Exhibited PHILADELPHIA.—(U.P.)—A collection of ancient African art is being exhibited by the University of Pennsylvania in its museum. From the heart of the Congo, the French Sudan, the Ivory Coast and the Gold Coast, University expeditions have assembled what is said to be one of the finest collections in this country.

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