

It Happened This Week in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 4—(U.P.)—Continuation of the state's mortgage moratorium act until July 1 was provided in an emergency measure passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Merriam. The act was one of two major measures passed by the legislature during the closing hours of the first-half session. It provides that property owners may appeal to the superior courts for adjudication of debt payments.

Another bill, which the governor indicated he would not sign as passed would have provided \$50,000 for the contingent fund of the assembly during the 1937 session. The lower house spent \$36,000 last session, has available \$20,000 at the present time. The governor indicated he could see no reason why an additional \$20,000 at the most would not be adequate, reduced the appropriation to \$20,000.

While officials of the state were willing to "discuss" a proposition to establish a border "bum blockade" and prevent all persons suffering from contagious diseases from entering the state, it appeared likely that no one would actually sponsor the proposal. It also was proposed that persons seeking to enter the state should be fingerprinted.

As a result of an unanticipated flood of business, tolls on the San Francisco-Oakland bay-bridge were reduced from 65 to 50 cents for passenger cars. A rate of \$17.50 also was established by the toll bridge authority for commuters who cross the bridge up to 50 times each calendar month.

Governor Merriam urged the cooperation of the entire state in raising money for widows of men killed in the recent flood victims, pointing out that Red Cross organizations were in need of funds to purchase clothing, food, bedding and other supplies for persons in the devastated areas.

Under terms of a measure signed by the governor, committee members were permitted to use funds derived from pari-mutuel betting, for buildings and equipment. Previously the money could be used only for premiums.

Two more legislative investigations got under way as members of the assembly committees sought to complete reports by the time the legislature reconvenes and returns March 1. One undertook the task of inquiring into rules and regulations governing horse racing in California, while the other started investigation of activities of the state fish and game commission, particularly from the standpoint of expense accounts of officials.

State Gold Mining Greatest in Value Since Days of '49

Production of gold in California has been greater, from a dollar value viewpoint, during the past two or three years, than at any time since the gold rush days of 1849-52.

Walter Bradley, chief of the state division of mines, reported to Gov. Frank P. Merriam's month-end conference of cabinet members that the gold mined in 1934 was the greatest in value since 1862, and that mining in 1935 and 1936 probably exceeded the 1934 value, with the output of 1935 running in excess of \$35,000,000, according to estimates.

The richest year for gold mines was in 1852 or 1853, when \$82,000,000 worth of the yellow metal was removed from the ground in California.

Teachers' Political Activity Subject of Bulletin

To prevent candidates for the board of education from "chiseling" school teachers and other personnel for campaign funds on the promise of favors, if elected, a bulletin has been sent to all certified employees, relating to "political activity."

In explanation of the board regulation now in effect relative to political activity, the bulletin states that "no pressure shall be brought upon one employee by another, or by a superior officer, to cause him to support or refrain from supporting any political group for any political purpose whatever. An employee's political activities, so long as they are within the law and of good conscience, are strictly his own affair."

Admiral Byrd Will Show Antarctic Film

Following innumerable requests for a return engagement received from all sections of the country, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will return to Los Angeles to lecture and exhibit motion pictures of his expedition to Antarctica. It was announced by Margaret Hughes, manager of the Pacific Geographic society.



ADMIRAL BYRD

Admiral Byrd appeared in 200 cities and record throngs turned out to hear his story of the second expedition to Little America and to witness his thrilling motion pictures. In scores of cities, many were unable to secure seats for the lectures.

When he appears in Los Angeles at Pasadena, Admiral Byrd will show pictures taken during explorations by land, sea and air, which added 450,000 square miles of new territory to the world's map. Nine thousand feet of film will be shown which enables audiences to view the vast and terrible landscapes of the continent, the crevasse, wind and black winter night dazed by the intrepid leader and his men; the strange animal life of the continent at the bottom of the world; the rebuilding of Little America and the life there; the scientists at work, the adventures.

An exciting sequence of his lectures and Byrd's story of his lone vigil at Advance base, 123 miles south of Little America where he spent five solitary months of the winter night to maintain the world's farthest south weather station. Tickets for the Los Angeles appearance at Shrine auditorium are available at the Southern California Music Company, 737 South Hill street, Toluca 1144, and for Pasadena, at the Civic auditorium box office, Wakefield 8473.

Congressman Colder at the Capitol

By CHARLES J. COLDEN Jan. 30, 1937.

The House has passed the first deficiency bill, carrying with it an appropriation of \$790,000,000 for relief until July 1. It is estimated that \$90,000,000 new on relief rolls will be absorbed by employment in the spring.

It is difficult for a member of Congress not on the Appropriations committee to form an exact estimate of the amount required. Harry Hopkins makes up his estimate from the number of people now on relief submitted to him by the state and local authorities. This estimate is not guess work, but is based upon the actual conditions now existing. Then his figures are scanned by the President, by the Bureau of the Budget, and later by the Appropriations committee.

Those who sought to change the amount by amendments were unable to give real authority for their contentions. Mr. Taber, Republican leader on the Appropriations committee, tried to cut the amount to \$500,000,000; more generous members of the House tried to increase the amount to \$1,000,000,000, but the House members stood by the recommendation of the President, Hopkins and the committee.

ITEMS IN THE BILL

Some of the smaller items in the deficiency bill were for \$10,000 each to six widows of members of Congress who have died. It is the established custom for Congress to appropriate one year's salary to the widow of a deceased member. Another interesting item is \$2500 each for portraits of the late Senator Joseph W. Byrnes and the present Speaker William B. Bankhead.

In the Speaker's lobby, just back of the Speaker's desk, are the portraits of most of the Speakers of Congress. Another item was an additional appropriation for the Los Angeles postoffice building. The former appropriation of \$6,250,000 was increased to \$7,280,000.

NO SANTA CLAUS

James P. Buchanan of Texas, chairman of the Appropriations committee, is a Scotchman in business as well as by ancestry. His colleagues from Texas call him "Buck." Buchanan is very critical of expenditures and nobody ever calls him Santa Claus. Like any good Democrat, he supports the President, but when he arises on the floor to explain one of the large appropriation bills, he always

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Alice Taylor & Dorothy Elder

Being Different—The senior B's, to be different, have decided to have senior jackets this year instead of sweaters. Although the many styles and colors have been discussed, nothing definite has yet been decided upon.—A. T.

Personal Tours—Monday was a busy day for many of the high school students. They were to be found busily ushering the new B7's about the school. An interesting movement has started among the students about the school and in their studies. It is hoped this "big brother and sister" work will produce better school citizens.—A. T.

Remembrance—The Torrance high school student-body and faculty extend their deepest sympathy to the Mowry family upon the death of Mrs. Mowry, the wife of their chemistry teacher, Guy L. Mowry.—A. T.

Nostalgic Grads—Although the former senior A's (now alumni) appear to be very happy since they graduated, we know that deep down in their hearts they're all a tiny bit sorry to leave the dear old school.—A. T.

Mugging Time—This one or that one? I just can't make up my mind!—Such are the sighs of the seniors these days. They are having their senior pictures taken for the annual that will come out in the spring. The work is being done by Halg and Halg, photographers. The seniors must have their pictures taken before Feb. 27 if they want them to be in the annual.—A. T.

High-Water Mark—When he was interrogated on the deficiency bill as to his attitude on future appropriations for the flood sufferers, he expressed himself as being in deep sympathy with the victims of the Ohio Valley. He related that he had expended the best years of his life on a 3600-acre farm in the Brazos river bottom. He told the story of having crops, mules, cattle swept away by floods and his tenants ruined along with him.

B7's Honored—A big brother and big sister act, sponsored by the World Friendship society, went into effect Monday. Students of the senior high school were assigned to take some little B7's under their wings. A splendid program was given to them Monday afternoon followed by refreshments.—D. E.

Relieve Samaritans—Good Samaritans who give rides to "guests" would be released from liability in event of accident, under a bill presented to the legislature by John Gee Clark, Long Beach assemblyman.

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Consolidation of Postoffices Urged By Gardena Man

Rep. Charles J. Colder of the 17th Congressional district asked Congress late last week for \$100,000 to build a new postoffice at Gardena.

Circulation of a petition requesting the Postmaster General to consolidate the Gardena and Moneta post offices and relocate the office in the central part of the valley is under way by Maurie Schroeder, director of the Gardena Valley Improvement Association. At the same time, Schroeder announced that he was circulating the petition merely as a Gardena resident and not on behalf of the improvement association.

The petition which Schroeder is circulating, states that great confusion is occasioned by the fact that the only post office in the city of Gardena is designated as the Moneta post office and the office named Gardena is located in the Los Angeles "shoestring" strip.

"I believe that I can get 600 or 700 names signed to my petition," Schroeder stated, "and my sole purpose is to try and solve a situation which is a nuisance and needs improvement for the benefit of the entire community."

Hospital Receives Eight New Patients

New patients confined this week at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital were: Irvin Barber, 716 Flint avenue, Wilmington, who entered Tuesday for medical treatment; Mrs. Eva Goldman, 217 Seventh street, Manhattan Beach, who arrived Jan. 31 for medical attention and Mrs. Bonita Hilligas, 1330 Laguna avenue, Wilmington, Jan. 31, for the same purpose. Mrs. Anna G. Mabee, 1301 West Second street, Wilmington, arrived Jan. 31 for surgical attention; and Mrs. Esther Park of 1313 Cabrillo avenue, wife of Crane Operator Robert Parker at the Columbia Steel plant, was received Monday for surgery.

Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, 1667 Gramercy avenue, entered Tuesday for medical treatment; Mrs. Louise Stanton, 408 North Broadway, Redondo, was received Jan. 30 for surgical attention; and Mrs. Lena Siles, 710 1/2 Second street, Hermosa, who entered Jan. 29, is another surgical patient.

PARENTS ATTEND DAUGHTER

Mrs. J. W. Flannery of Lomita is reported critically ill in a Los Angeles hospital. Her parents arrived from New Orleans Tuesday night to be with her.

DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction By BETSY BYRNES

"Flow's are closed and lambs are sleeping, Lullaby, lullaby. While the birds are silence keeping, Lullaby, oh lullaby. Sleep, my baby, fall a-sleeping, Lullaby, lullaby."

Christina Rossetti. The languid charm of the lullaby—of the 19th-century! Here's a 20th century version: "Go to sleep, my homely brat! Shh! He's sleeping! Where's my hat?"

QUESTIONS: You adorn yourselves with precious stones, preferably diamonds, if you can afford it. Just what is a diamond? Diamonds make us think of money and money makes us think of banks. Have you any idea when and where the first public bank was established?

TO-DAY'S PROVERB: "All my goods are of silver and gold; even my copper kettle" says the boaster.—Dutch.

ANSWERS: The diamond is the hardest substance known. It's brilliancy sets it apart from all other matter. There are some who say that the diamond is a me-

Withdraws



This picture of Carl Lowe, representing the American Radio Telegraphists' Association, was taken this week as the announcement was made that the telegraphists would remove the last barrier to the peace referendum on the maritime strike by voting on latest shipowners' wage proposals.

teoric offshoot. Others claim that it is crystallized coal. In case you would like to find a few, let us remind you that diamonds may be found in North and South America, Africa, Australia and Asia.

The first public bank was established in Venice, Italy in the year 1171. Banking, however, is known to have been in existence many years before the birth of Christ.

Blue is the favorite color of bees! Only one guess, now!

ADIOS: "Prosperity may spoil me, But, Lord, send it down once.—

I think I'll take the chance! —Anonymous.

"Aqueduct News" Sketches Career of Col. Jamieson

A picture of Col. N. F. Jamieson, former city engineer and a Torrance resident, together with a "thumb-nail" sketch of his career appears in the current number of the Colorado Aqueduct News. Col. Jamieson has been labor employment officer with the Metropolitan Water District since 1933. Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, his wife, is the popular librarian here.

The News' summary of the MWD official life and work to date follows: "Born at Stannard, Vermont, March 13, 1880. . . Served as a non-commissioned officer in the U. S. Army in Philippines, 1898-1901. . . 1901-02, United States Military Academy of Engineers, West Point. . . Commissioned as Lieutenant of Artillery Corps, U. S. A., 1902. . . 1902-1906, Army duty. . . Resigned from Army in 1908 to become engineer, and later Chief Engineer, for the Maricopa Mines Company, Austin, Nevada. . . 1911-1913, General Superintendent, Mint Mining Co., Rawhide, Nevada. . . 1915-17, City Engineer, City of Torrance. . . 1917-1919, Captain, Major, and Regimental Commander, Field Artillery Corps, A. E. F. . . 1919-21, Inter-Alleed Rhineland High Commission, Coblenz, Germany, as Kreis representative. . . '21-'25, Chief Geologist, Sunburst Oil and Gas Co., Great Falls, Mont. . . '25-'33, Geologist and Mining Engineer."

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