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LEGION SHOW MAKES GREAT HIT

Extortion Trial Postponed Tuesday on Today Audience Receives Revue and Comedy With Enthusiasm

POLICE ON GRILL IN COURT

Anderson, Abbott and Attorney Morewood Face Judge in L. A.

FRYMIER STAR WITNESS

Compton Man and Abbott to Give Important Testimony Today

On agreement of counsel and subsequent ruling by the court, the trial of B. M. Anderson and Stanley Abbott, the two former Torrance policemen, and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach, on a charge of extortion, was postponed Tuesday until today. The trial proceeded this morning with several residents of Torrance present as witnesses. These witnesses included City Recorder James L. King, Arthur Melzer, City Attorney Perry F. Reiney, City Trustee J. S. Torrance. It is expected that Stanley Abbott will testify for the prosecution. Former Chief Anderson vehemently denies the charges that he received money in connection with the arrest and release of the five Compton men in Torrance last July.

B. F. Frymier, who testified before the grand jury and at the preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter, will take the stand. At the preliminary hearing Frymier, who was one of the Compton men arrested and released, declared on the stand that Morewood "extorted" \$300 from him. Frymier swore that Morewood said he intended to divide the money with Chief Anderson, Stanley Abbott, and the "political boss of Torrance."

Lomita Waging Hot Fight Over Incorporation

Hearing on Petition Before Supervisors Set for Monday

A spirited debate is scheduled to take place Monday morning, when the board of supervisors will hold a hearing on a petition requesting an incorporation election in Lomita.

After the petition was filed opponents of incorporation circulated petitions in geographical areas within the proposed incorporation district protesting against the holding of an election. Eight hundred signed these protesting petitions. They were signed by residents in all districts but Tract No. 47, which is the business area of Lomita. Opponents of the proposed incorporation now contend that the board should not call an election, but should be governed by the protests. They base this contention on the fact that the election is protested by a majority in all the town, except in Tract 47, where there are not the 500 residents necessary for incorporation. The Lomita Chamber of Commerce has endorsed incorporation and most of the merchants are in favor of organizing a sixth class city. Opposition to the movement is being led by J. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swindell of 1754 Andrea avenue are leaving this week for Oakland, where they expect to locate in order to be near their son, Torrence, who is studying singing under a teacher in San Francisco.

ITALIAN PRINCE WINS HAND OF AMERICAN BEAUTY



The engagement of Miss Katherine Linn Sage (above) of Albany, N. Y., and Prince Ranieri di San Faustino of Italy is announced. The prince's mother is an American, formerly Miss Jane Campbell. The wedding is set for next spring in Italy.

Business On Pacific Coast On Upward Trend, Declares Federal Reserve Chairman

By JOHN PERRIN (Chairman Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)

The upward trend of business activity, checked temporarily during September, was resumed in October. The improvement was moderate and minor movements contrary to the general trend were present, but the total volume of business transacted in the district was noticeably larger than in the previous month. The appraisal of the situation is borne out by figures of debits of individual accounts (bank debits) at 20 principal clearing house centers, an excellent measure of general business conditions. The total of reported bank debits was 10.5 per cent larger in October, 1924, than in September, 1924, and but 1.9 per cent smaller than in October, 1923, when greater than normal business activity was reported. The October, 1924, figures, corrected for seasonal variation and year to year growth, approximated an estimated normal for the month and year.

Crop Market Steady
Steady marketing of the district's crops, generally at prices above those paid in recent previous years, has contributed greatly to the improvement in the business situation. The rise in prices of farm products during the period of heavy sales following the harvest did much to offset the effect of smaller than average crops and encouraged prompt sale of the yields which were secured. Productive activity in the principal industries of the district was well maintained during October, although seasonal curtailment in some lines caused a moderate decrease in the volume of employment. The amount of building construction now under way is large, and so also is the amount of building in prospect as shown by the number and value of building permits issued in 20 principal cities during October. The totals for the month, excluding the figures for Los Angeles, where a large decline occurred, were slight-

ly above the record figures of October a year ago. The value of building permits issued in these cities during the first ten months of 1924 has been but 5 per cent less than the value of permits issued in the corresponding period of 1923, and this despite the fact that the cost of building was higher during the earlier year. Lumber mills of the district increased their output during October, but sales were smaller than in the previous month, and considerably less than production. While distributors and consumers of lumber have shown little tendency to anticipate future needs, many mills are reported to have limited sale commitments in expectation of a rise in prices. The mines of the district, particularly those producing silver and lead, were active, and production of all of the principal non-ferrous metals continued at the high levels of recent months. The flour milling industry operated at reduced capacity during the month, output of 16 reporting mills being less than the five-year average for October and well below the figure for a year ago. The rapid advance of wheat prices during recent weeks and persistent sluggishness in the market for flour have been the prime causes of curtailed output. Further declines in production of petroleum were reported from California, average daily output during October (603,115 barrels) being smaller than during any month since February, 1923, and 29.7 per cent below the peak figure of September, 1923 (858,750 barrels per day). Stored stocks increased by 433,596 barrels (0.5 per cent) during the month, production still being slightly in excess of consumption.

Increased Sales
Wholesale trade reports for October showed increased sales as compared with September in practically all lines except agricultural implements, automobile supplies. (Continued on Page Two)

American Team Wins Match In So. Cal. League

Local Men Defeat the Fahy Fords on Broadway Bowling Alleys

The American team defeated the J. B. Fahy Fords in a Southern California League bowling match at the Broadway alleys in Los Angeles. The score: The American—Total 881 850 1099 2860
Gojun 193 170 226 589
Deininger 157 186 211 554
Miller 168 138 208 514
McNabb 184 138 195 517
Clark 179 203 259 641
J. B. Fahy Fords—Total 881 850 1099 2860
Bennett 193 215 206 614
Brahm 158 153 169 480
Rice 159 189 146 495
Torlan 157 138 163 458
Gregg 224 187 173 584

Scores of recent City League matches follow:
Tansey's Barbers—Total 794 716 845 2355
Summerville 172 160 168 500
Jake 158 113 214 485
Tansey 150 157 140 447
Miller 127 137 138 402
Burmester 137 149 185 521

Western Sheet Glass—Total 559 528 528 1615
Von Haren 170 143 160 473
Alverson 197 182 179 558
Stassin 134 154 232 520
Clark 205 182 179 566

First National Bank—Total 859 855 931 2645
Stanger 181 150 191 522
McMillan 190 164 180 534
Deininger, R. 135 105 150 390
O'Connell 179 148 192 519
Deininger, L. 220 189 167 576

Hendrie Tire—Total 905 756 880 2541
Deck, J. 178 169 151 498
Crowell 153 176 144 473
Clever, E. 179 160 157 496
Deck, H. 192 159 193 544
Clever, G. 189 190 161 540

Residence Changes And Newcomers to City of Torrance

- C. W. Wells from 2264 Redondo boulevard.
- D. D. Butterfield from 1813 Border to 1908 Cabrillo.
- Tom Russell to 712-B Amapola.
- E. H. Fordice from Murray Court to Athens.
- J. W. Cowan to 1229 Amapola from 1860 Plaza del Amo.
- Mrs. Chas. Black from Greenwood street.
- C. T. Noonan from Apt. 2, 840 El Prado, to Los Angeles.
- Mrs. M. A. Wright from 1007 Gramercy to 908 Amapola.
- J. B. Obelle to Levy Apts.
- W. A. Cramley to 2930 old Redondo Blvd.
- Charles McGee from 1926 Plaza del Amo.
- Reha January to 2071 1/2 Redondo Blvd.
- W. J. Cox from 915 Cota to Los Angeles.
- T. B. McArroy from 2104 Andrea to 245 Cota.
- Mrs. Russell M. Clark to 2117 Redondo Blvd., Apt. D.
- D. B. Waite from No. 1 Kern Court to 1402-B Cota.
- C. M. Miller to El Prado Apt. 2.
- Walter Unger to 2117-E Cabrillo.
- Fritz Sauer to 2167-D Cabrillo.
- H. C. Wray to 2072 Carson.
- Henry Kent from 1061 Sartori.
- Mrs. Ira A. Young from 1911 Andree (rear) to 1535 Marcelina.
- James H. Higgins to Apt. 3, 1015 Cravens.
- Albert Borden to 716 Amapola.
- Louis Lissoni to 1027 Portola.
- Misses Ruth and Helma Greenlund, chief operators of the Lomita and Torrance changes, respectively, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Riverside.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Baird and family will pass Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Long Beach.

Observations

The President Answers a Reporter—Charlie Is Married Again—The Spanish Revolution and What It Means—Post-Thanksgiving Thoughts

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A WASHINGTON reporter asked President Coolidge if he would alter his attitude toward Congress now that he has been elected by the people. The President replied that he would not, adding that he had done what he considered right in all things and that the only attitude he ever had toward Congress was based on his conviction of what Congress should do. That is typical of Coolidge. From his New England ancestors he has inherited a tendency to make up his mind slowly and after unusually long deliberation. Once that mind is made up, it cannot easily be changed. Conservatism is a splendid trait in a man placed in the most important executive position in the world. It is the cool deliberation of the President that has created all the returned confidence which now sweeps the land. The people know that the executive branch is in safe, sane, and unshaky hands. That means a lot. It means that business, industry and commerce, the backbone of the country, may proceed with full assurance that whatever program of legislation is proposed by the administration at Washington will be well thought out and carefully executed. In the final analysis, even progressive reforms must be evolved. Hasty reform disturbs the operation of the intricate loom which weaves the fabric of modern life. There will be no hasty action with Coolidge in the executive offices—not if the man from Massachusetts can prevent it.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN is married again. This time the bride is a young girl—Miss Lita Grey—whom Charlie first noticed several years ago while she was playing on the street. The director-comedian, attracted by the dainty damsel, gave her a part in "The Kid." Recently he elevated her to stardom by giving her the lead in his play "The Gold Rush," which will be released soon. Charlie has just completed a fine new house at Hollywood. May this wedding of Miss Grey and Mr. Chaplin be successful. Successful from the standpoint of the country at large and not from the Hollywood standpoint. Chaplin is a national—an international figure. He is an artist—every inch of him. But being an artist does not necessarily make him a model husband—for artists have what they themselves call temperament and what others are sometimes disposed to refer to as just plain cussedness. But the world would like to see Charlie and his bride happily wedded—ill death do them part. For people like to see their heroes in life live as they do in story-books.

SPAIN rocks with revolution. The Madrid directorate, headed by Primo de Rivera, who recently stripped King Alfonso of his power, is in a plight. The situation, from all angles, indicates that a new Castilian republic is a-borning. The degeneracy of the Spanish ruling house has long convinced the Spanish intelligentsia that Alfonso and his kind would soon be forced to step out entirely. Primo de Rivera stepped forward while the throne was tottering and assumed the dictatorship of Spain—in somewhat the same manner as Mussolini set himself up in Italy.

Then came the Morocco trouble—with Spain holding her own by a slight margin. Now the Spanish soldiers have quit. It looks a little like a repetition of the French revolution, doesn't it? The power of kings and dictators is enforced only by soldiers. Poor old Louis the Sixteenth retained his throne as long as his troops remained loyal. He lived as long as his hired Swiss guards could maintain him. When the people overcame the hirelings, Louis lost both his crown and his head. Without the protection of Spanish troops, the Spanish throne and dictatorship will go. If Alfonso is wise, if Primo de Rivera is sagacious, they will both step aside in favor of a republic. For Spain will be democratized just as surely as was France. If the king and the dictator know anything about history, they will realize this and step out, saving trouble for themselves and for the Spanish people.

ANOTHER Thanksgiving Day has passed. The usual perfunctory proclamations were issued by public officials and read by the people. Thanksgiving should not be limited to one day in this land of opportunity and progress. Are we as proud of our country and as grateful for the advantages it gives us as we should be? It is often stated that Californians are greater boosters for their state and its resources than are the citizens of any other state in this union. Why localize our enthusiasm for our country? No state could exist without our United States. Why should not every citizen of this country be an active booster for a nation which has gone farther than any other in the world in giving liberty, property rights, business opportunities, home conveniences, educational advantages and amusements to its people? Why should not our schools and colleges emphasize to a greater extent the advantages of a citizen of this nation under our constitutional form of government? Until something is proposed which would in a small measure give us protection and advantages equal to those which we now receive, we should express greater thanks for what we have and be less ready to listen to the thoughtless agitator or professional politician who, failing to appreciate the advantages which surround him, seeks to foist impractical theories or visionary experiments upon a people already blessed with a government better than any other so far devised? When you feel like kicking, look around you. Practically every American citizen can own his own home if he so desires. He can travel in his work either in an electric car or over a system of highways such as the Romans never dreamed of. In his home gas and electricity do work equal to that done by a score of servants to former kings and queens. The American telephone system furnishes a communication service in the humblest home beyond the wildest dreams of world-famous sultans of the past.

OUR property is safeguarded, our workmen are cared for and our lives are protected by an insurance system unheard of a hun-

Metal Lace Is Effective Used For Tunic Frock

Chorus, Musicians and Cast In "\$10,000" Draw Applause

PARTS ARE WELL TAKEN

Local Talent Displays Unusual Ability in Three Act Farce

Tuned up for introduction by the Torrance Synchronizers orchestra, a large crowd and many visitors from Los Angeles and nearby cities welcomed the members in the east as the curtains spread for the revue and farce comedy, "Ten Thousand Dollars," presented by the Brit S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion Wednesday night. From beginning to end the approval and appreciation of the audience was marked with enthusiasm. The show opened with the first number of a musical revue. Members of the girls' chorus, displaying unusual grace and showing every sign of having been thoroughly and excellently trained, were as follows: Lucille Howe, Dorothy Howe, Frances Anderson, Virginia Bressinger, Mary Stapelfelt, Florence Beckwith, Colina McNeil, Dolores McNeil and Gagnet Cook. Miss Lucille Howe and Miss Gagnet Cook delighted the audience with two song and lively dance numbers. Little Miss Virginia Cook, 6 years old, favored with a pretty dancing act. Miss Jimmie Pook followed with an interpretative dance, which was enthusiastically applauded.

Music Enjoyed
The second act opened with several splendid musical numbers. C. B. Bell sang "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise." Miss Lois Linzenfelter and L. V. Stewart followed with solos. The appreciation of the audience was evidenced by a burst of applause which followed each selection.

Miss Elsie Teal aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm when she played the Paraphrase from "Figaro," and encored with "Turkey in the Straw." Members of the cast in the farce comedy "Ten Thousand Dollars," chosen by Miss Pearl Fishback because of special adaptation to their respective parts, did themselves proud.

The play itself was particularly suited to presentation by amateurs, and the local players, who worked so diligently on behalf of the Legion, deserve credit for their earnestness and praise for their acting. Bet \$10,000
The plot of the play revolved around a bet of \$10,000 that Ben Bennett (W. Harold Kingsley) could tell the truth for 24 hours. E. M. Ralston (Sam Levy), Mr. Van Dusen (Ted Frenger) and Dick Donnelly (Ralph Satchell) bet that Bennett could not tell the truth. There followed a series of unique situations in which Ben and himself in all sorts of trouble—with his intended bride, Gwen Ralston (Miss Virginia Watson), with Ethel Clarke (Mrs. James L. King), and with everyone else in the cast. These situations took place after the manner in which Ben and himself in all sorts of trouble—with his intended bride, Gwen Ralston (Miss Virginia Watson), with Ethel Clarke (Mrs. James L. King), and with everyone else in the cast.

Public Speaking Class Planned at Night School Here

Principal I. M. Barnett of the Torrance high school announces that a class in public speaking will be made a part of the night school here as soon as 15 persons enroll. Those wishing to take this course should communicate with Mr. Barnett or with Willis M. Brooks.

BEWARE!
Deputy Fire Warden George Taylor cites the case of R. Close of Claremont, as a warning against carelessness in setting brush fires. A brush fire got away from Mr. Close and caused a stubborn fire in Palmer canyon, in the Angeles national forest. He is out under \$500 bail and will have a hearing today. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stoner have returned from a motor trip to San Francisco.

START NOW-Do Your Christmas Shopping Early-DO IT NOW