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STATE TO REST POLICE CASE TODAY

WOMAN IS ATTACKED BY MAN

Mrs. James E. Moore, Shoestring Strip, Beats Off Assailant

TEARS PISTOL FROM HER

Unidentified Man Gains Entrance on Pretext of Buying House

"Savagely attacked by an unidentified man who gained admission to her home on the pretext of wanting to buy the house, Mrs. James E. Moore, 26 years old, of Maple and Oak streets in the Shoestring Strip, wrestled desperately with her assailant and succeeded after a ten-minute fight in frightening him from the premises.

According to the statement made to Chief Patterson by Mrs. Moore, the man knocked at the door yesterday morning, saying he was interested in buying her house, and asked if he might look around on the inside.

When she admitted him he closed the door and seized her. Mrs. Moore struggled desperately. The assailant forced her across the room until she stood with her back to a bureau. Opening one of the drawers in the bureau, she drew forth a pistol, which was unloaded. The man tore the pistol from her hands and continued the struggle. Mrs. Moore beat him over the face with her hands and screamed, and the man, fearing that her shouts would attract neighbors, fled from the house.

Police have only a scant description of the man, but are working on what few clues Mrs. Moore was able to offer.

Tomkins Tot Is Struck by Auto; Badly Bruised

Car Passes Completely Over 5-Year-Old on Gramercy Avenue

Junior, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tomkins, 1811 Gramercy avenue, was painfully injured Saturday afternoon, when he was struck by an automobile driven by Ted Reeve. The little fellow ran into the street from behind a car that was parked near the curb. As the child was directly in the path of the approaching machine, Mr. Reeve could not avoid the accident. Mr. Tomkins declares that the child was struck through no fault of Mr. Reeve. The child was thrown to the pavement and the car passed completely over him. His head, abdomen and limbs were severely bruised.

Torrance Dept. Does Fine Work At Huge Blaze

Checks Spread of Moneta Fire; Beats Other Fire Crews to Flames

Credit for preventing the fire which destroyed the Moneta Canning Company's plant at Moneta Saturday night from spreading to the oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company near by goes to the Torrance volunteer fire department.

When the Torrance men arrived at the scene of the blaze the Gardena and Moneta departments were using chemicals. The local men quickly ran 1050 feet of hose and were the first to put water on the blaze.

The Redondo department and the county truck from South Los Angeles also answered the alarm, but when they arrived the Torrance men had the situation well in hand. The plant was destroyed, with a loss of about \$300,000, but the work of the Torrance men kept the blaze from spreading. They worked two and one-half hours at the fire.

Observations

Gompers, Labor's Great Leader—A Great Victory Against Opium—Immigration, the Nordics, Egypt, India, Britain and America
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SAMUEL GOMPERS is dead. He was a great man, kindly, honest, faithful to his ideals, staunch in his defense of American institutions.

Consider his dying words: "Nurse, this is the last. God bless our American institutions. May they grow better day by day."

His life was dedicated to the work of making these institutions better—not by sudden action, not by revolution, not by sabotage. His faithful, intelligent leadership gave labor a deserved dignity. With calm, sane good sense he reasoned that great reforms are not accomplished overnight—but by steady, constant striving toward definite goals.

He was a reformer of the first water, but he would not lend his energies to the winning of a "party victory at the expense of a national disaster."

Labor lost a great leader and the United States a staunch patriot when Samuel Gompers, English-born Jew, went to his eternal peace.

GREAT BRITAIN and France have instructed their delegates to the Geneva opium conference to vote with the United States for the regulation of traffic in dope. It will be remembered that the delegates of France voted AGAINST the American proposals and the English delegates did not vote at all. Their actions are now repudiated by their governments. This is splendid. May the United States always use its power and influence in the fighting of such worth-while victories.

THERE is much ado over the fact that large numbers of immigrants are still entering the United States under the restrictive law. Those who view this situation with alarm should consider, however, that the great majority of those arriving at our shores are from northern Europe—the best white stock in the world. History reveals the glory of the Nordics. When Attila swept into Europe from Asia with his hordes of Huns he slaughtered all opposition until he met with an army of blue-eyed, fair-haired Nordics at Chalons-sur-Marne. There, fearing the worst, he erected a pyramid of wooden saddles, placed thereon his many wives and stood on the top himself, after giving orders that if the foe won the battle the pile should be fired. The fair-haired men routed the Huns, saved Europe for Christianity and the whites, but the Roman general, fearing the ascendancy of his tribal allies, did not press his victory. The victory at Chalons was a Nordic victory.

AFTER the Moslems had won the Mediterranean and conquered Spain they crossed the Pyrenees to subjugate Gaul. The short, black-haired tribesmen of southern Europe were easy victims for the disciples of the Koran. But at Tours the Asiatics met with the blue-eyed, blonde Nordics under Charles Martel and were completely routed.

The greatest warriors on earth and the most capable executives, the Nordics, despite their victories, were shoved by Asia to the shores of Europe, where they might eventually have been exterminated had not the new world been discovered. The North American continent and Australia are inhabited by members of the Great Race. The Nordics have come around the world, where they once more face Asia.

The new immigration law is more selective than prohibitive. We should welcome Nordics to our shores. They have saved the White Race twice. They may have to save it again.

BRITAIN'S trouble with Egypt is only an incident in a much more important drama. Egypt is important to the British because of the Suez canal. The canal leads to India. And it is in India that tremendous events are gradually approaching a climax. Despite strict censorship, news of the growing unrest throughout the great Asiatic peninsula filters through. The passive resistance sponsored by Mahatma Gandhi is slowly but certainly eating its way into the foundations of British supremacy.

The Egyptian trouble called for drastic action because, without a submissive Egypt, the road to Bombay and Calcutta would be made difficult if not blocked.

So Britain extinguished the Egyptian flareup with a firm, cool hand.

Now the Conservatives, with the government in their hands, turn their attention to the fomentations farther east.

Will they crush resistance in India with the same drastic action used in Egypt?

It seems probable that they will.

The supremacy of Greece waned with the Peloponnesian wars. The far-flung empire of Great Britain has been unsteady since the great conflict in Europe.

Was Britain's war with Germany her Peloponnesian war? Time alone will tell, but the drama unfolds with ominous thunderings.

The United States must be interested in the retention of India by Great Britain. With India lost to the great white power, the grip of the white race in the east would be almost broken.

There are those who contend that Britain erred in her drastic action against Egypt. In the light of her necessity for holding India she could do little else.

WHAT has preceded is pretty far back in history and pretty far from home. But it is closer to us than we think. From an ethnic standpoint the destiny of the United States is bound inseparably to the destiny of every other white nation on earth.

That is why we should welcome Nordics, the most capable white race, to our shores. That is why we should be especially inclined to promote friendship with the republics of South America.

That is why we should not be niggardly in expenditures for aeroplanes. That is why we should be particularly generous in expenditures for aeroplanes. That is why we should insist that white men stop killing each other in racially disastrous wars in Europe.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE is considering Congressman Lineberger's plans for the improvement of the Long Beach-San Pedro harbor. The congressman has presented the President with statistics showing the marvelous growth of ocean traffic in and out of the port and has commended to the executive the proposed construction of the breakwater from Long Beach.

When one considers the millions of dollars that the government has expended for the betterment of harbors along the Atlantic coast and realizes that trade on the Pacific is increasing enormously every year he must regard the proposed expenditures for improvements here as both logical and necessary.

Dr. Lancaster Will Return Thursday
Dr. J. S. Lancaster will return to Torrance Thursday from a trip to the east, where he attended several clinics, including that of the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn.

Miss Alma Jumper of Seattle, Wash., arrived in Torrance recently and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Martha Jumper, a member of the E. W. Huddleston household. Miss Jumper, who has recently been with the Bell Telephone Company in Seattle for several years, will also spend some time with friends in Los Angeles.

G. P. Brings In Its First Well On Poggi Lease

No. 1 on Weston Street Looks Like Flowing Producer

The General Petroleum Corporation yesterday afternoon swabbed its Poggi No. 1 into production. The hole was drilled to 3750 feet. It is slowly cleaning itself out and will be a flowing well, according to present indications. The Poggi is located just north of Weston street near Harbor City, and offsets the Consolidated Mutual's well. There were no new developments today in the quest for a deep sand in the field.

Hemmi on Trial in Postoffice Case

The trial of J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney, on charges of complicity in the Anaheim postoffice robbery a year ago, opened in Superior Court today.

Torrance Police Arrest Firemen; Three Are Fined

A gang party of six in an automobile careened into Torrance last Thursday night, shouting uproariously. Motorcycle Officer Stanley arrested them. They were all firemen of the Los Angeles city department. The driver of the car was fined \$500 by Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter for reckless driving and transporting liquor. Two were fined \$25 each for drunkenness and three were released.

Two Officers Are Released By Patterson

McMillan and Dillon Released; Successors Not Yet Named

Officers McMillan and Dillon have been relieved from duty on the Torrance police force, Chief Louie Patterson announced today. No appointments to fill the vacancies have been made as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frenzer entertained at dinner Sunday. Mr. Frenzer's brother Herman, of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hoyt of Redondo, and Grover Whyte of Torrance were guests.

ANDERSON, LAWYER DEFENSE, PREPARES TO TAKE UP FIGHT

Witnesses Corroborate Details of Long Recital of Events Set Forth in Stanley Abbott's Testimony on Stand

WIFE AND FATHER, BANK CASHIER, ARE WITNESSES

Mrs. Abbott and Former Officer's Parent and L. V. Babcock Bolster State's Contentions; Torrance Takes Stand

The prosecution today will rest its case in the trial of B. M. Anderson and A. P. Morewood on charges of extortion, and attorneys for the defense will seek to offset the testimony of the score of witnesses by whose assertions Deputy District Attorney Costello has sought to secure a conviction.

Just what turn the trial may take when the defense swings into action is a matter of conjecture, but all seem to agree that few witnesses will be called.

The prosecution yesterday spent the day interrogating witnesses whose testimony was calculated to corroborate the long recital of events detailed last week by Stanley Abbott, former motorcycle officer and star witness for the state.

Trustees Present
When court opened Monday the entire board of city trustees and City Clerk Bartlett were present, as the result of subpoenas issued by the court in an effort to locate the affidavit which Abbott made to Trustee J. S. Torrance and City Attorney P. G. Briney when investigation of the release of the five Compton men was under way in Torrance.

The defense seemed to place unusual importance on this affidavit, which has not been received. A. H. Bartlett testified that he was the notary before whom Abbott signed the statement, and added that he saw the document only once after that—at the preliminary hearing in Long Beach, when it was in the hands of Deputy District Attorney Richardson.

J. S. Torrance testified that he saw it last in the grand jury room on Oct. 7, when Richardson had it.

Briney on Stand
P. G. Briney took the stand and corroborated the statement of Torrance. He introduced a carbon copy of the affidavit, which he swore was the same as the last original. This copy was admitted in evidence and read. Abbott was called to the stand and asserted it was the same as the one he had signed.

At this point Judge Collier was requested to excuse members of the board of trustees, who informed him that they were unusually busy men. He excused them. They then came to the courtroom and listened to the trial all day.

Attorney Montedeleon, counsel for Anderson, asked Abbott if he heard any conversation between City Recorder King and Sergeant Ollie Stevenson at police headquarters on the day that Abbott was struck by Dr. Frenzer during the Carson street fracas. Abbott replied that Stevenson showed the recorder where Abbott had been struck behind the car.

"Did you have an understanding with Schenk (Ferneroff cafe former employer) that you would accept a bribe?" asked the attorney. "I did," replied Abbott.

"Praise" From Morewood
On redirect examination Costello asked Abbott why J. S. Torrance urged him to leave Torrance after he had signed the affidavit of confession.

"He did not want me to come in contact with Anderson or King," said Abbott.

Abbott then testified that after the hearing in Torrance, when he was getting in Morewood's automobile, Morewood patted him on the back and said: "Boy, you made a good witness. You're all right."

Montedeleon then asked Abbott if he told Anderson that he would drop the case against the five Compton men if he "got enough money."

Abbott said "Yes."

Mrs. Abbott Testifies
Mrs. Abbott was then called to the stand. She corroborated the testimony of Abbott regarding the visit of Anderson and King to the home of her sister-in-law on the night that the grand jury started

its investigation of the case. She said she drove back to Torrance with her husband. (It was on this night, Abbott previously testified, that Anderson urged him to leave the state.)

Judge Collier then asked: "Mrs. Abbott, after your husband left for Troy, did you see Anderson?"

"Yes," she replied. "He came to the house three or four times and advised me to pack up and go to Troy."

She testified that Anderson told her to tell Abbott not to come back, and that if he did return he would "not get less than 15 years."

"Did you decide to go to your husband?" she was asked.

"Yes," she replied. "I packed up and our furniture is still crated."

She also testified, in response to questions, that investigators from the district attorney's office called on her several times and that when she told Anderson of these visitations he advised her to "tell them nothing, but just pull out, quickly."

Father on Stand
William D. Abbott, father of the former motorcycle officer, corroborated the testimony of his son regarding disposition of the \$150 which Abbott says he received from Anderson. He testified that his son gave him \$150 in cash and that he gave his son a check for \$135 on Aug. 4.

L. V. Babcock, cashier of the First National Bank, was called. He showed bank statements which revealed that Abbott's father on Aug. 4 deposited \$150 and drew out \$135 and that Stanley Abbott deposited checks amounting to \$385. Abbott previously testified that this \$385 was his month's pay and the \$135 check from his father.

J. S. Torrance was recalled to the stand. He related the details of his first meeting with Morewood, on the night of Aug. 28, when he and P. G. Briney arrested Morewood in the office of Chief Henry of Redondo Beach.

Cites Morewood Denial
Torrance testified that on this occasion Morewood denied any knowledge of the \$850 and then told them that his fee in connection with the case of the Compton men "was very nominal."

Costello asked the witness why he urged Abbott to leave Torrance after making his confession. Torrance replied emphatically, but his statement was stricken from the record, as constituting a conclusion drawn by the witness.

Montedeleon cross-examined Torrance: "Are you the political boss of Torrance?" he asked.

"I have not that distinction," replied the witness.

"Did you receive \$200, or any money, in connection with this case?" asked the attorney. "I did not," replied Torrance.

Denies Threats
"At the time Abbott made his statement did you threaten him or make any promises regarding his release?" asked the attorney. "I did not," was the reply.

Torrance testified in answer to questions that the first inkling he had of the grand jury started

TORRANCE MERCHANTS SEND IN RUSH CALLS FOR MORE TRADING COUPONS

More coupons! More coupons! This was the call that Torrance merchants sent in repeatedly this week as the interest of the public in the Five-Day Festival of Giving created a heavy demand for the Buy-in-Torrance certificates which entitle holders to share in the \$120 worth of merchandise to be given away free.

Business firm after business firm checked up Monday morning and found that the coupons were running low. All reported that the buying public is not forgetting to ask for a coupon with each dollar's worth of merchandise purchased from any of the participating business firms.

The mountain of merchandise which will be given away on the nights of Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 has been assembled. A small part of it is on exhibition in front of the Torrance theatre, and more may be seen in the show windows of The Torrance Herald.

Persons who receive coupons should retain one half and deposit the other half with the merchant from whom the purchase is made or place it in the big box in front of the Torrance theatre.

On each of the five nights when the goods will be given away there will be two presentations, one after each show.

Winners will be announced both inside and outside the theatre. If the winner is not present when called the coupon will be placed back in the box.

The names of firms at whose places of business coupons may be obtained are as follows:

- AUTO ACCESSORIES AND SERVICE Day and Night Garage.
- BANKS State Exchange Bank, First National Bank.
- BARBER SHOPS AND BEAUTY PARLORS American Beauty Shoppe, Bond's Postoffice Barber Shop, Tansy's Barber Shop and Beauty Parlors.
- BATTERIES Torrance Auto Electric.
- BOWLING ALLEY American Bowling Alleys.
- BUILDING AND LOAN Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association.
- BUILDING MATERIALS Haynes Lumber Company, Consolidated Lumber Company.
- CIGAR STORES United Cigar Stores.
- CAFES AND RESTAURANTS Golden West Cafe, Ferncroft Cafe.
- CLEANERS AND DYERS Torrance Cleaners and Dyers.
- DRUG STORES Dolley Drug Company, Torrance Pharmacy, Beacon Drug Company.
- DEPARTMENT STORES Sam Levy, Rappaport's, Army and Navy Department Store.
- FEED AND FUEL Torrance Feed and Fuel Company.
- FURNISHINGS (WOMEN'S) Van Anders' Specialty Shop.
- FURNISHINGS (MEN'S) Ed Kelly, Torrance Toggery.

- FURNITURE Lewis Ripple, Huddleston's.
- GROCERIES Fess Grocery, Paige's, Ream & Tomkins, City Cash Market.
- HARDWARE "Hardware" Reeve, Paxman's Hardware.
- INSURANCE Tom Foley.
- JEWELRY Baker Smith, House of Parr Values.
- LAUNDRY Torrance Laundry Company.
- MANUFACTURERS Hendrie Rubber Tire Company.
- MEAT MARKETS Harry Warren, Levell Ott.
- NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTING Torrance Herald.
- NOVELTIES 5, 10, and 15 Cent Store.
- PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND DISTRIBUTION Standard Oil Co.
- PHOTOGRAPHERS Le Plante's Studio.
- PLUMBERS Torrance Plumbing Company.
- RADIO SUPPLIES DeBra Radio Company.
- REAL ESTATE Dominguez Land Corporation.
- SERVICE STATIONS Palmer Service Stations.
- SHOES Hoffman's Shoe Store.
- TAILORS J. Lepkin.
- TREATRE Torrance Theatre.
- VARIETY STORE Cies Variety Store.

Women Husk Corn to Pay Church Mortgage



With the auctioneer's hammer poised above the new \$25,000 Methodist church at Cunningham, Kan., a dozen members of the Ladies' Aid Society went into the fields of farm members and husked corn from daylight until dark, and the corn at \$1.07 a bushel, and paid off the mortgage. Photos show the women with one load of corn, and the church they saved.