

An American named Miller, resident of Nicaragua where he is engaged in the planting business, wanted to see the American Marines catch Bandit Sandino and end the revolution. Through natives he secured information of value to the Marines, reported it to the proper officers. Sandino learned of the fact. A band of rebels raided the American's plantation, brutally mistreated Mrs. Miller, wrecked the ranch buildings. The outrage was so terrible that the whole section is aroused.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon told Pennsylvania Republican delegates that Herbert Hoover "seems to have come close to the standards we have set for this high office" (the presidency). Still Mr. Mellon urged the delegates to go to the Kansas City convention unpledged. His words of praise, however, started a general rush toward the Hoover standards by party men who had been waiting to see what Mellon would do. Hoover himself stole away from Washington and went fishing.

The floor of the Senate sizzled. Wheelers to the two parties swung into strategic action. Results: The Senate Republicans held the main plank of their tax reduction program by obtaining a 12 1/2 percent corporation tax; Democrats won a fight for a lower tax on corporations with small incomes. The bill calls for tax reductions aggregating about \$200,000,000.

Over Pontiac, Michigan, Harry Anderson, pilot, was enjoying the spring air in his plane. A passenger was Harry Frechette. Suddenly Frechette, who, according to friends is mentally deranged began beating Anderson over the head with a hammer, knocking him insensible. The plane went into a nose dive. At an altitude of only 100 feet Anderson regained consciousness, righted the plane after a fashion, so that he made a landing, which saved his life, although the plane was wrecked. Both men were injured and taken to a hospital. Aviators recalled to a similar episode in which a passenger shot and killed a passenger pilot in a plane over the English channel and all but one aboard was killed. New commercial planes in many instances will carry two pilots operating a double control.

A robot, or mechanical interne, devised by a professor in the University of Maryland, will give an aesthetic. This machine, it is asserted, does away with the necessity of having a special surgeon or nurse at surgical operations and will assist surgeons who are forced to operate alone in emergencies.

Herbert Hoover's pre-convention campaign has cost approximately \$250,000. James J. Good, former representative from Iowa and Hoover campaign directing manager told the senate investigating committee. Good said this amount was not large. Substantial contributors to the Hoover fund included Edsel Ford who donated \$5,000. Gov. Al Smith of New York said his friends had contributed \$103,310 to his fund, of which \$92,090 had been spent.

For the first time in the history of man's conquest of the air, a lighter-than-air machine has landed on the deck of a ship, delivered mail, picked up a passenger and returned to shore. The airship was the army dirigible TC-5. It landed aboard the Steamship American Trader off Ambrose Light. The test was made under the auspices of the Associated Press, the Army, the Shipping Board, and Paramount News. Movie men and newspaper men went on the trip.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has requested the resignation of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. Stewart was implicated in the mysterious Continental Trading Company's profits revealed by the senate investigating committee as source of big campaign contributions. The next day members of the United States Chamber of Commerce gave Mr. Rockefeller a tremendous ovation. The chamber also passed a resolution condemning the corruption of public officials by business men.

Bert Acosta who accompanied Commander Richard Byrd on the memorable flight to France cannot enjoy the use of the Chicago municipal airport for ten days. He looped the loop at an altitude lower than the law allows over Chicago. Chicago passed an ordinance regulating air travel above the city some years ago after the dirigible had crashed through the gables of a large downtown bank building killing several and injuring many. Many cities have no such ordinance.

The General Electric Company has announced that it will broadcast the benefit of experimenters and amateurs who have television receiving sets. The broadcasts are from New York.

A real plan, service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv

SATURDAY SHOPPING BREAKS RECORD

Wood Cites Torrance Setback If School Bonds Fail

DECLARES ISSUE VITAL

Principal Asserts Enrollment Demands Additions to Local Schools
TAX INCREASE MINOR
If Bonds Approved Levy Will Be Raised Only Three Cents

Herbert Wood, principal of the Torrance High School declared yesterday that unless the bond issue of \$29,400 proposed for new school buildings and sites in the Los Angeles school district for the next four years is approved by the people on June 5, Torrance will suffer severely from lack of proper school facilities, both at the high and elementary institutions.

The bond issue, Mr. Wood made clear, is for new buildings, additions and sites exclusively and that it is absolutely essential in order to maintain school facilities abreast with the constant growth in school enrollment.

"Next fall," said Mr. Wood, "the Torrance elementary school will be forced to use the auditorium for a class room in order to avoid some of the most serious inconveniences of the situation will be even more acute and one can picture the condition in two or three years unless money is provided for more school buildings. The board of education has already approved of a new site for a grammar school in Torrance on the northwest side of the city and a committee is even now considering several locations. This new school is essential if Torrance is to provide adequate buildings for the purpose of educating children. However, no buildings will be needed in need of more space. The plan for additions at the high school call for shop additions and a new science building. These structures are designed to fit into a pre-conceived plan to make Torrance High a compact, scientific and efficient unit as well as a beautifully grouped cluster of buildings.

"There is room enough at the high school to take care of next year's growth. However, the bond proposal is to cover a four year period and before that time elapses we will be acutely in need of more space. The plan for additions at the high school call for shop additions and a new science building. These structures are designed to fit into a pre-conceived plan to make Torrance High a compact, scientific and efficient unit as well as a beautifully grouped cluster of buildings.

Schools Measure Growth
"As everyone will admit a city can grow no faster than its ability to provide school facilities. Efforts to bring in new industries and induce families to live in Torrance will be of little avail unless our schools are able to take care of children as they move to town."

"On the face of it \$29,400,000 seems like a large sum of money. Contrasted with the great assessed valuation of the entire Los Angeles school district it is not a large sum, however, if the bond issue passes, it will not increase taxes more than 3 cents for each \$100 of valuation. Four years ago the school tax was \$1.60; three years ago, \$1.55; two years ago \$1.59; last year \$1.57. If the issue passes the tax will be no larger than it was four years ago—and the whole district will be in a position to meet the challenge of still greater progress in Southern California.

"The efficient manner in which money for new buildings is expended by the board is well known by anyone who is in touch with the matter. Not only are extremely low bids secured but plans are so designed that there are no extras. Supervision of construction is unusually strict and specifications are lived up to rigidly. "I trust that the people of Torrance will vote with vision on June 5. The average intelligence in this (Continued on last page)

Observations

Hoover Bandwagon Takes on a New Load—Smith Still Lacks Votes—the State Park at Sacramento—When Children Plant Trees—Elusive Sandino

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT looks like Hoover. Comes Mr. Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury and omnipotent leader of Pennsylvania politics. First he puts out a feeler, announces that Hoover is obviously best qualified of all Republican candidates for the office.

THAT announcement creates a stir. Lesser leaders in various parts of the country who had been waiting for developments to show which way the "big boys" were going to leap, were suddenly overtaken with acute attacks of Hoover bandwagonism.

Many of them leaped aboard with one might jump. Others seized the rallying with one hand, ready either to spring aboard or to let go.

AMONG the larger fry who climbed on was Mr. William Butler, chairman of the Republican National committee, adviser to President Coolidge and power in Massachusetts. Right after the Mellon announcement Mr. Butler began bending his efforts to make the Massachusetts delegation unanimous for Hoover.

THEN, of equal and vast political importance came murmurs from New York to the novel effect that the uninstruced delegation from the Empire state would probably be largely for the secretary of commerce.

THESE events in the political world may mean several things. Possibly Mellon was for Hoover all the time, but held back his endorsement until the psychological moment. Possibly he actually had not made up his mind, but was waiting to measure the strength of the several candidates before casting his lot. If this be true it must also be true that he sighted the Hoover popularity from afar and lined up before it was too late.

In either event the Hoover pre-convention campaign has been most astutely planned and executed.

THE campaign for the secretary of commerce began as a boomlet, gained power slowly at first, then with acceleration. It broke into a deafening roar with the Mellon announcement and is still thundering throughout the land. Unless something very unforeseen transpires Hoover will probably be nominated on the first or second ballots, possibly on the third. Many state delegations will cast their first vote as a compliment to native sons. And then most of all of them will probably join the cry for Hoover.

ON the Democratic side Al Smith appears to be lacking the votes necessary for the nomination. He has more than a majority but is shy about 70 of the two-thirds necessary to win. Just what will take place at Houston is in the hands of the gods. It seems possible that the anti-Smith forces may be able to hold enough votes to prevent Smith's nomination, even though they may not be able to nominate a man of their own choice. At the same time the Smith leaders may be able to win through a resolution changing the Democratic rules so that only a majority will be required to nominate.

AT all events—as conditions have shaped themselves thus far—it seems a safe prediction that there will be more of a contest at Houston than there will be at Kansas City.

BEHIND every beautiful building, behind every lovely park is the name of one individual with foresight and the ability to make a dream come true. I should like to know the name of him who originated the idea which has made the park surrounding the State Capitol at Sacramento such a delightful place. This man should be honored highly.

THE feature of Sacramento which stands out in the memory above all others is the trees—and particularly those in the park near the Capitol. A stroll through the park for one who delights in nature's most beautiful tree growths and who will take the time to study the placards on the trunks, telling the name of each tree and the country of its nativity, the park is a never-ending delight.

TREES are there from every continent in the world. Some of them possess a strange beauty which one who has visited only two continents never before knew.

ONE type of tree—the deodar from India—is particularly noteworthy. I have talked with no one who has visited the park who does not remember that lovely row of Indian trees. Planted 50 years ago, they have attained a majestic maturity. From their vast trunk huge branches extend in slightly curving lines almost parallel with the ground. The foliage is evergreen which spreads flat and fanlike to make deep, cool shade. I hope that the man who planted them lived to see them reach their mature growth. I can think of few monuments finer.

AND speaking of trees it is a splendid thing for parents to see that each of their children plants at least one. I knew a man whose father did that—and in middle age this man went back to his old home. There, towering skyward, glorious and strong stood the elm which he, as a small boy, had planted. He said that he felt a sense of pride such as nothing else in his life had made him experience.

GENERAL SANDINO seems to possess two qualities worthy of comment if not commendable. He is cruel and able to raid the property of others without being caught. News of this marauding Nicaraguan's depredations fill columns in the daily press. He sneaks in with his band and destroys the machinery of a mine—and all of our Marines are unable to catch him. He punishes humans atrociously. Nor do our Leathernecks seem able to punish him for that.

QUITE obviously we bit off a large hunk when we decided to supervise the next election in the nervous little republic. And quite obviously too, we will still have to do some first class supervising down there even after the supervised election—unless somebody catches Sandino.

Torrance Boy Scouts Entertain Mothers at Fine Party Friday

Troop No. 3 of the Boy Scouts entertained their mothers with a Mothers' Day program Friday evening at the regular meeting. Mothers were the guests of honor. Each boy introduced his mother and presented her with a carnation. About 30 mothers were present. Mrs. H. L. Bodley was introduced as Troop Mother. Each of the four patrols of the troop put on a short skit, of which mothers of the boys were the judges. The Raven patrol won the competition with their idea of the interpretation of Hamlet. On the musical program was George Lancaster, who played two accordion solos; William Barnes, two banjo solos and Richard Pullman and Melvin Howard sang several numbers. Rufus Page, on behalf of the Raven patrol, presented a charter to the troop. A senior patrol leader's badge was awarded to Clyde Bodley, and junior assistant scout badges given to Charles Ruppel and Earl Tavan. Refreshments were served.

Business Men Will Hold Meeting on May 24; Boost Torrance Aim

Closer teamwork among business men with the object of continuing the progress of Torrance as the shopping hub of this district will be encouraged by meetings of merchants at regular intervals. The next will be held at the City Hall Thursday night, May 24 at 7:30. The session will be entirely given over to business matters. W. G. Blossom of the Southern California Edison Company and Dan K. Allen, manager of the Long Beach and Harbor district territory for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company will speak. The meeting is sponsored by business relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce. A letter announcing the gathering says in part: "There is today a definite need for closer team-work between the business men of this city. It is to this end that the proposed meeting is dedicated. The maximum of benefits will accrue to us only in proportion as we contribute a maximum of our co-operative efforts in well directed channels. This degree can only be attained through the business men of this city meeting together, and thinking together, for the common good of all. The opportunity is abundantly ripe for a closer understanding by all, of those things which develop good-will and business."

300 Hear Shuler at M. E. Dinner

L. A. Minister Wins Approval of Throng with Talk on Monday

An enthusiastic crowd of 300 persons gathered at the Methodist Brotherhood supper last Monday night to hear the noted speaker, Rev. "Bob" Shuler. The expectation of the crowd was fully met. His lecture, "Some Dogs I Have Known," captured his audience and carried them with him as he spoke of "loyalty," "courage" and "stickability." The violin numbers by Mr. Crouch, and the duets by our Indian friends, delighted all. Mack McComiskey proved himself a first class chef, and the men waiters, "never spilled a bean." Get ready for next month.

Logan D. Bidwell Taken by Death

Logan D. Bidwell, age 65, died suddenly last Monday, May 14, at 4:30 p. m., at his home in the National Hotel. The cause was attributed to heart trouble. Born in Du Quoin, Illinois, Mr. Bidwell and his family moved here January 8, 1928. He was a member of the First Christian church of Du Quoin.

Besides his wife, he is survived by nine children. Two sons, Loren and Clifford, and a daughter, Mrs. Eula Kennedy reside in Torrance; two sons, Harry and Lyle, and two daughters Mrs. W. A. Isaacs and Mrs. Charles Belcher of Du Quoin, and two daughters Mrs. E. J. Jones and Nettie Bidwell of Painesville, Ill. He also left 16 grandchildren, three sisters and a brother.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Stone and Myers chapel, conducted by the Reverend Jacob Feuerstein. Mrs. Bidwell, and Mrs. Kennedy, wife and daughter of the deceased, will accompany the body back to Du Quoin, Illinois, for burial.

ROTARIANS RETURN

The Torrance delegation to the Rotary Conference of the Second District of Rotary International held at Sacramento returned to Torrance Sunday morning. In the delegation were J. W. Post, Dr. George P. Shidler, Sam Levy, Dr. R. A. Hoag, Donald Findley and W. Harold Kingsley. Seven thousands Rotarians and their wives attended the convention.

CHURCH DINNER

The Lutheran ladies are giving another of their famous dinners tonight at the American Legion clubhouse. Service is from 4:30 to 7:30 and the public is invited.

Mrs. A. E. Shugg and Mrs. S. O. Carruthers of El Monte were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess.

Local Lads Win Dist. Track Meet

Torrance elementary school took first place in the district track meet held at the Torrance field yesterday morning. Eleven schools entered the competition. Torrance won 126 points, Gardena came second with 78 points, and Moneta third with 22 points. It was believed that two city records were broken in the meet yesterday, but as official reports had not been received at the time of writing, they will be announced next week. All boys who took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the meet were awarded silver certificates by the city of Los Angeles. In the posture parade, Moneta took first, Gardena second, and Torrance third.

42 Students Visit Torrance Friday

The Chamber of Commerce was host to 42 men from U. S. C., at a luncheon given at Earl's Cafe Friday noon. These were students from two classes, one in industrial plant management, and the other in mechanical engineering. They were brought to Torrance by T. H. Ross, of the firm of development. Mr. Ross, briefly told of the company's work in the recent industrial surveys here. In the forenoon, the plant visitation group went through the Columbia Steel, and in the afternoon visited the Pacific Electric plant, and the new Santa Fe industrial properties.

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