

The backbone of the Mexican revolution is apparently broken, and state department officials expect that the federal troops will soon be in control of the rebel strongholds of Torreon and Durango, possibly without serious battle. It looks as though this is "just another" revolution. The leaders of the revolt are to be shot and the followers released or dealt with leniently. Already reports indicate that the followers of the revolutionary leaders are deserting the cause and are being forcibly detained from returning to the federal forces.

The United States government announced this week that its government does not recognize the Mexican revolutionists as belligerents. Such recognition would give them formal standing in their fight to overthrow the government in Mexico City, which the United States is aiding in its efforts to put down the rebellion. It is understood that 10,000 rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition have been shipped to the southern republic, but Secretary Good declined to go into details either as to quantities or the route over which they would be shipped, as this information might be regarded as a military secret by the Mexican government.

In a flaming streak of super-speed, Major H. O. D. Seavey, famous British race-track driver, set a new world's speed record for automobiles of 231 miles per hour. The spectacular run was made in a powerful Golden Arrow machine, roaring over the hard, well-lapped ocean speedway at Daytona Beach, Florida. Seavey is not satisfied, however, and says he will attempt to overcome this record before the races are over. He said he felt sure his Golden Arrow would make 240 miles per hour.

Sudden justice is promised to Los Angeles criminals. The state just authorized night sessions for criminal business between 8 p. m. and 2 a. m., and between 6 a. m. and 8 a. m. in the Los Angeles municipal court.

Five hundred night clubs have hung up red signs in New York as the result of the passage of the Jones law, enabling judges to impose a \$10,000 fine and five years imprisonment for violations of the prohibition laws. Prices on all kinds of wet goods also were sharply advanced in those clubs which remained open, and open defiance for the authorities was taboed.

Admiring former soldiers laid cigarettes on the casket of Rev. G. J. Stuebel Kennedy of Livermore, where other laid flowers. During the hour the beloved paragon endeared himself to thousands of Tompkins by his frank talks and unfailing supply of cigarettes.

Colonel Lindbergh defied the gods and flew rampant in Mexico and back across the border from Mexico City to Brownsville, Texas, inaugurating a new daily air-mail service between the Mexican capital and the United States. The new service will make possible a 39 hour delivery of mail between Mexico City and New York.

Gold is thicker than blood in the Flynn family in Chicago. There were only three persons at the funeral of the Flynn brothers in 1928, but there were ten times that number at the Flynn estate hearing in Probate Court. The Flynn boys lived in a shack, like hermits, but under the decaying floors, tucked behind boards, concealed in holes, was found a fortune in gold and currency—about a quarter of a million dollars.

The battle of proxies for control of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana was won by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., when Colonel Robert W. Stewart was ousted from the board of directors at the annual meeting of the stockholders. Several positions have been offered Col. Stewart since his retirement from the Standard Oil company, but it is expected that he will take a rest before he will accept any new connections.

"Prince" Rama Maharaj swept into the Los Angeles Biltmore with a retinue of obsequious servants, flowing robes, purple turbans and announced that he came to the Southland on a mission of philosophy, which he had learned in India. Another cult was to be born among the idle rich in Hollywood. "These whoatots are nothing as compared to the rank I hold," said the "Prince."—"They are only self-styled teachers and are as the dust, while my teaching is supreme." A few days later inquiring reporters on the Los Angeles newspapers dug out the facts that the "Prince" was a former fish peddler in San Pedro, who had been financed in his bunko game by friends.

Utah joined with five other Colorado River basin states today in laying the legal foundation upon (Continued on Page 6)

COLUMBIA TIN MILL OPENS

Ten Torrance Citizens Attend Ceremony at Pittsburg Covers Eight Acres Mechanical Man Puts Mill in Motion—Gov. Young Speaks

PITTSBURG, Calif., March 13.—At an impressive ceremony attended by Governor C. C. Young and 7500 other Californians, "Mr. Telex," the mechanical man, started the giant eight acre tin mill unit of the Columbia Steel Corporation turning here at 11 o'clock today, just six months to the minute since ground was first broken for the new mill, September 12, 1928.

At exactly eleven o'clock, Governor Young blew the whistle of the new tin mill and the vibrations from its shrill blasts animated the eight-foot mechanical man, mounted high in the air over the speakers' platform. His eyes blinked and his body glowed. His hand made the electrical connections and momentarily the hum of the great new mill filled the air. The balance of the program was held in the tin mill warehouse adjoining the mill proper.

William John, plant manager of the Pittsburg mill, acted as chairman and responses were made by H. H. Donovan, mayor of Pittsburg; N. A. Becker, consulting and efficiency engineer; J. D. Grant, president of the Columbia Steel Corporation; Hon. Joseph R. Keene, representative of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce; W. J. Buchanan of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. An address was given by Governor C. C. Young who stated that this was the first time in his term of office that he had left the capitol, while the legislature was in session, but the magnitude of the project and its importance to California, prompted him to break his rule and attend the opening.

Two local bands furnished music for an automobile parade preceding the opening ceremonies and (Continued on Last Page)

DARK TOWN ELITE TO STRUT THEIR STUFF TOMORROW NIGHT

Friday, March 15, eight o'clock p. m. Tomorrow night's "big night," Birmingham's Darktown, made familiar to all of us through the Saturday Evening Post stories, of Octavius Roy Cohen, struts its stuff on the stage of the high school auditorium. Florian Slappay, respondent in yellow shoes, checked suit, in a yellow derby and all, Miss Vistar Goin, showing a generous portion of high-yaller back in a "Paekan" gown from Paris; Rias Nesbit, caressing and crooning to the gallop; dominos; Elzevir Nesbit, following away at the tubs to support herself and the aforesaid; "Rias." Then there is Mrs. Goin, Vistar's mother, scandalized as are most mothers at the goin's on of this rising generation. And Mrs. Lilla Bivins, a widow twice and divorced once, and therefore no amateur wife, not to mention Mr. Semore Mashby, money lender, and a most convincing detective. And last, but not least, Lawyer Evans Chew, silver tongued orator, and his charming and very affectionate wife, and their two pickaninnies. This aggregation of dark-town elite, played by our talented and popular Torrance Community Players, is sure to render an entertainment long to be remembered in the annals of amateur plays. Director Willis Brooks is to be congratulated on the masterful way he has handled this show.

Legion Hi-jinks Taxes Capacity of Clubhouse

Over 150 Veterans and Friends Enjoy Fun and Food at Big Event

Over 150 Torrance Legionnaires and their guests crowded into the American Legion Clubhouse Tuesday night to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the formation of the American Legion, Department of California. The invitations called it a "hi-jinks"—and it turned out to be a lavish feast, a rollicking vaudeville show, and an impressive patriotic ceremony. Throughout the entire evening ran a spirit of camaraderie that is characteristic of Legion affairs.

Colonel N. E. Jamieson, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post in Torrance, introduced Henry Ubricht as toastmaster, and the first faucet was opened and kept flowing in generous streams throughout the evening. Highlights in the entertainment program were Haucker and Cooke in songs; Tom Turner in Caruso-like bursts of Italian harmony; Sunburst Jim of KSN fame, followed by Ray Leslie and a retinue of bathing beauties whose masculine limbs belied their effeminately tinted lips.

During the serious part of the party notables in Legion activities responded to introductions. Among the officers introduced were: Comrade McConical, commander of the 19th District and Comrade Nix, Los Angeles county council commander.

A uniformed initial team from the Inglewood post staged an impressive and inspiring ritual and six new world war veterans joined the Torrance post. They were: E. Patterson, H. M. Thoresen, W. D. Husbands, Clyde Sellick, A. C. Adams and L. C. Doan.

Wallace Post made a plea for the support of the entire membership of the Torrance Legion in staging the Pageant of Light, which Mayor John Dennis, Chief of Police Calder, Councilman Jerry Maxwell and many business and professional men in Torrance were present as guests of the Legionnaires.

Car Runs Wild Man Badly Hurt 2 Other Crashes

Motor Continues to Race With All Four Wheels in Air

One man is believed to have been seriously injured and several others shaken up in crashes during the weekend in this vicinity.

A passenger riding in the car of Antonio Gillippo, and whose name is unknown, was believed to have been seriously injured Sunday afternoon, when the car, which was driven by Gillippo, went out of control and turned over several times.

It is asserted that the wheels of the car started "whimmying" and while the driver was trying to remedy this, the accelerator stuck, and the car went off the road in front of the Chicken Inn on Hawthorne boulevard in Welteria.

When Torrance police officers arrived on the scene immediately after the accident, the car was resting on its back with all four wheels in the air, and the engine racing madly. Gillippo was unhurt, but the passenger in the car was taken to the hospital. The car was a total wreck.

Mrs. McCarthy Hurt Mrs. E. J. McCarthy was slightly injured and badly shaken up last Sunday, when cars driven by her husband and A. F. Eckert, of Monterey, collided at the intersection of Engracia and Manuel avenues. The McCarthys live at 2121 Gramercy avenue.

Milk Truck Crash Toney Martinez, 1334 Carson street, crashed into a milk truck driven by W. H. Edwards of Los Angeles, at Border and Western avenues at 6:50 a. m. Monday morning. Sun blinding one of the drivers was believed to have caused the accident.

FOOD SALE The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will have a food sale Saturday at the Quality Grocery, 2171 Redondo Blvd.

Observations

Through an Empire of Springtime Loveliness—The Coast Route in March Magic—San Francisco, the City Whose Traditions Cannot Die

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The magic of Spring has transformed the brown hills and valleys, along the Coast Route into an emerald paradise. From Ventura to San Jose the highway ribbons its way through such a country as one who has not driven from Los Angeles to San Francisco in March has never seen. Always a delightful drive this tour becomes more wonderful than ever, after the winter rains have fed the hills and vales. I have never seen so many miles of brilliant, vibrant green.

INTERMITTENTLY it rained. Between showers rifts in thick heavy clouds revealed the bluest of azure sky and always as the rain ceased there came a rainbow. Almost literally we drove all day Sunday under nature's brilliant arches of color. Almost literally we had "rainbows round our shoulders"—and while they did not fit us "like a glove," they arched to heaven with one base in the white-capped sea and the other in the purple loveliness of far-off hills.

HOW little we Americans appreciate our blessings. Nowhere else in all the world can a person of moderate means step into his car and drive 500 miles over a paved highway to the refreshing stimulus of new environment. Complete McConical, commander of the 19th District and Comrade Nix, Los Angeles county council commander.

TAKE for example the country along the Coast route. In the San Fernando Valley all the sub-tropical fruits. A little to the north a wonder-country for vegetables. Then a land for grain. Farther on an almond empire. Then softly undulating hills and valleys superb for cattle grazing. Steeper hills for sheep. Later the great prune country. Each district with its specialized products is separated by hills or mountains from the other so that along the 450 mile route one passes—as it were—through a whole variety of different countries.

To him who longs for change, we commend the Coast Route, when Spring is flinging her green garments over the countryside—when the diversity of agriculture is vividly painted in the water-color tints of verdant green and the light hues of fragrantly blossoming fruit trees—painted in breath-taking beauty on the horizon-touching canvas of the gods.

WHO doesn't love San Francisco! Steeped in the tradition of the Argonauts, it clings to memories of the past and hugs to its generous rugged bosom a love of rollicking days gone by. The chief difference between Los Angeles and San Francisco is tradition. Because of its past the city at the Golden Gate has tang and spice.

LOTTA CRAFTREE! Oh, how the old timers loved her. How the native San Franciscan loves her still. And where the statue stands, the great Tetraxini as late as 1910 sang to the people of the city. Where else would a Tetraxini sing in the night air on a Market Street?

WHERE else would a motorman and conductor laboriously and by hand turn a cable car at the foot of a hill to get it ready for its return trip up the street? And where—even if they did—would the motorman play tunes on his pretty bell as the car rolled through the thick traffic of a tumultuous avenue? Where else can you step forth to breakfast, proceed down a Powell street and run plumb into the lithe physique and stern face of a Cigar Store Indian? Now I ask you, where else? I actually wanted to shake his hand and I firmly believe that if I had withheld a restraining hand Mrs. Kingsley would have kissed him!

OLD timers bemoan the death of the San Francisco that was. I should like to have known it. But San Francisco today does very well—and probably because it has not and will not forget the past. Traditions cannot die. The personalities of Sutter, Kearny, O'Farrell, Geary, Lotta and the rest, still stride over the hillsides. Indeed they are rooted into the character of the city by the names of the very streets themselves.

Pacific Electric Employees Pay \$200,000 on 128 Homes in Torrance Over Nine Years

The economic advantages of buying a home has been forcibly demonstrated by recent figures given out by the Pacific Electric Railway, through W. A. McCammond, in charge of the real estate and resort departments. "In the past nine years, the Pacific Electric Railway has invested \$475,000.00 in 128 homes for its employees in Torrance," said Mr. McCammond, "and of this amount \$190,000.00 has been paid back to the company with interest at six per cent. This represents a saving of nearly \$200,000.00 by 128 families in Torrance." Mr. McCammond pointed out. Authorities on real estate values in Torrance state that the present market prices on residential property here are as reasonable as can ever be expected, and purchasers of homes in Torrance will not only reap the benefits of saving money as did the Pacific Electric employees, but they will also profit by a considerable increase in valuations over the present prices. Many good houses can now be bought for small payments down and monthly payments as low as rent.

Pageant of Light Is Postponed Until Tuesday, March 26, Bigger Program Planned. Bargains, Too!

The Pageant of Light, commencing the completion of the elaborate new lighting system in Torrance, has been postponed from March 22 until Tuesday, March 26. The change in date for the district-wide celebration, was thought advisable by the public affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, headed by J. W. Post and Mayor John Dennis, in order that there be no possible eventualities in completing the system in time for the great civic fete.

In the meantime, plans for the public celebration are going forward in splendid shape, according to Mr. Post. Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, widow of the founder of this city, has consented to participate in the short program. Mrs. Torrance will throw the golden switch which will turn on the lights.

Mayor Dennis has invited city officials from other municipalities in Los Angeles county to attend and a number of them have accepted. The new system in Torrance is unique in lighting history, in that the city is installing an entirely new system throughout, whereas most cities install them piece-meal; some streets using one design and others another type of fixtures. Pacific Electric Railway men were busy this week on Cabrillo avenue, attaching the trolleys to the new lighting standards and removing the wooden poles from the center of the avenue.

An entire block on El Prado, between Sartoff and Craven, will be roped off during the opening ceremonies.

Merchants are planning a giant Bargain Day on Tuesday, March 26th, as a further inducement to neighboring communities to visit Torrance and enjoy the Pageant of Light. Further details of these special offerings by local merchants will be given in the special Pageant of Light edition of the Torrance Herald, which will be distributed on Monday, the day preceding the celebration. It is planned to give wide circulation of this special edition in the adjacent territory as well as within the city of Torrance.

Orders were given this week to decorate the down town section with bunting several days prior to the date of the opening fete.

Wholesale Arrests Follow Chief Calder's Warning to Halt Increase of Auto Accidents in Torrance

Making good his warning to fast and reckless automobile drivers published last week that arrests would be made if the practice was not stopped, Chief of Police Calder reports arrests of eleven alleged violators of the motor vehicle law in Torrance during the past week. The rigid enforcement was necessitated Chief Calder said by the rapidly increasing number of automobile accidents on the streets of Torrance.

Frank S. Alden was arrested for driving 45 miles an hour on Western avenue. Case to come up tomorrow.

Maurice R. McClure was fined \$25 or 25 days for operating a motor vehicle on Redondo boulevard at the rate of 48 miles per hour, and driving without an operator's license.

Barney Byrne was fined \$10 for driving 35 miles an hour on Arlington avenue.

H. S. Bernhardt was fined \$25 or 25 days for driving 55 miles an hour on Western avenue and having no operator's license. \$15 suspended.

A warrant has been issued for P. K. Harrgrave, who failed to appear to answer charges of speeding on Western avenue and having no operator's license.

T. Ashizawa was arrested Sunday evening and charged with reckless driving and being drunk, following a collision at the intersection of Arlington and Carson when Ashizawa struck a car driven by Sergeant Casselbury of the Los Angeles Police department. He paid \$175. S. Fuji, who was riding in the car with him paid \$25 on a drunk charge.

Eert M. Simms of Wilmington, driver of a bakery truck, was arrested on the complaint of B. H. Lingenfelter for disturbing the peace and reckless driving. It is asserted that Simms backed his truck into a car driven by Lingenfelter and used abusive language to him.

Arrests made by "Speed Officer" Main last Tuesday afternoon were: F. M. Montyone for driving 32 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone. M. C. Hall for driving 38 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone. Wesley A. Wood for driving 35 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone. M. E. Howard for driving 35 miles an hour in a 15 mile zone.

J. RIPPLE IS LAID TO REST

Brother of Lewis Ripple and Associate in Furniture Store Dies ELECTRICAL ENGINEER Deceased Traveled Much Before Coming to Torrance 5 Years Ago

After an illness of two and one half months during which time he was confined to the hospital, John Raymond Ripple was claimed by death last Saturday evening at the Garfield Hospital in Monterey Park.

Mr. Ripple took sick the night after Christmas, while visiting with his brother in Alhambra, was rushed to the hospital and underwent an operation.

He hung between life and death for many days, then recovered sufficiently to be taken to the home of his brother Charles H. Ripple in Alhambra. He spent several days there before it was necessary to return to the hospital.

Largely by his strong will power, he walked to the ambulance that was to take him to the hospital for the last time, and on arrival at the hospital he lapsed into a coma that lasted until his death last Saturday night.

Mr. Ripple was well known in Torrance and had a host of friends here, where he was associated with his brother, Lewis, in the furniture business. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, Feb. 15, 1865, and died at the age of 44 years.

For over 20 years he was an electrical engineer with the General Electric Corporation, and traveled all over the United States in his interests. It was for the G. E. that he first came to California to do some installing for the Los Angeles Gas and Electric company. From there he was sent to Spanville for the Red River Lumber company, then to Alta, California.

He married Blanche Fulton of Beaumont 16 years ago, and together they went to Cuba where Mr. Ripple was electrical engineer in charge of the care and repair of the huge turbines in the Alto Cedro Sugar company at Marcano, Cuba. He spent six years there, each year making a trip to the United States on vacation.

Returning to the United States five years ago, he came to Torrance, where he became associated with his brother Lewis Ripple in the furniture business. Although he gave up electrical engineering when he entered the furniture business, he was interested in electricity and electrically driven machinery up to the time of his death, and made an extensive study of them. He was a sincere student, a well educated man, and possessed a remarkable memory.

He leaves a mother, Mrs. Hetty H. Ripple and two brothers, Charles H. Ripple of Alhambra, and Lewis Ripple of Torrance. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Stone and Myers chapel with Reverend Kelley of the Episcopal church in charge.

At the service Mr. Sam Williams sang two solos, "There is a Blessed Home" and "Just as I Am."

Cremation was at Inglewood. Mr. Ripple was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Ontario, California, and the Royal Arch Masons at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Father's Death Leaves Mother with 11 Children

Herman Diaz died at his home at 21480 Western avenue Thursday, March 7, suffering from pneumonia.

He was 41 years of age and an employe of the Columbia Steel Corporation. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Guadalupe Catholic church in Los Angeles, with interment at Calvary cemetery.

He leaves a wife and 11 children.

Contract Let for Paving to G. P. Refinery

Torrance Labor to Be Used in Improving New Streets

Bids from eight paving concerns were opened at Tuesday night's meeting of the city council, for the construction of improvements of portions of Dominguez Street, Cedar avenue and Arlington avenue leading to the General Petroleum company's location north of the city. Sully Miller Contracting company furnished the low bid and was awarded the contract. Their proposal was as follows: for grading, per square foot, 1 cent; 7-inch asphaltic concrete, 17 cents; for decomposed granite sub-base, 5 cents; for headers, per linear foot, 8 cents; for culvert and headwalls, \$300.00; the total proposition amounted to \$38,146.10. Other bids were: Oswald Bros., \$45,548.59; Braun, Bryant & Austin, \$44,880.20; G. G. Fisher Co., \$52,334.11; Southwest Paving Co., \$52,200.97; G. R. Curtis Co., \$38,537.29; Griffith Co., \$38,506.13; Geo. R. Johnson Co., \$53,313.06.

CIRCLES TO MEET

Circles of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will meet next Tuesday, March 19. Places of meeting are as follows: Circle No. 1 at the home of Mrs. J. O. Bishop at 2021 Carson street; Circle No. 2 at the home of Mrs. J. O. Bishop at 2021 Carson street; Circle No. 3 at Mrs. J. Keeter's at 1012 Cota Avenue.

Easter Spirit to Dominate at Women's Club

Fashion Revue, Special Music, Readings, March 20

An Easter atmosphere will dominate the Wednesday, March 20th meeting of the Torrance Women's Club. Mrs. B. C. Buxton will read from Mrs. Winter's book, "Ethics of a Club Woman." Mrs. R. A. Young will read two selections. Miss Mulholland of the Cosette Froek Shoppe will present a fashion revue. Among those who will assist are Mrs. C. N. Curtis, Mrs. Dewey Quigley, Miss Helen Reeves and Mrs. Walter Schlick. Tea arrangements are being planned by Mrs. John McMillan. There will be music and several surprise features are being planned to make this a day of renewal of club interest.