

A Mexican rebel aeroplane with had aim dropped a bomb on the American side of the border at Naco. Brig-Gen. Cocheau dispatched his adjutant, under a flag of truce to the headquarters of Gen. Topete. The general was very sorry, frightened in fact. He expressed regret in a written reply to the American general. His flight, however, increased. He fled from there, leaving his troops to do the best they could.

The day before his flight there was a battle. Maya Indians, of the rebel force, attacked government troops. They were led by a tank. Rebels rose from their trenches, placed thumbs to their noses, wagged their fingers at the tank, the rebels. On came the tank. On, too, came the rebels. Federal machine guns began to spit. The tank halted, turned tail, retreated. The rebel Indians came on for a time, many dying. Later the others retreated. Activity of government troops in Chihuahua, near the border and along the West coast was on the up. The back of the revolution this week appeared about broken.

Six Philadelphia prohibition agents raided hotels in Bethlehem, Pa., steel center. Beer, wine, whiskey was confiscated. A crowd gathered. Rocks began to fly. State police were called, saved the prohibition men from the mob. One prohibition agent was arrested by Bethlehem police for driving a car while intoxicated. At the jail a physician ruled that he was sober.

Fog shrouded New York harbor. Aboard the liner Paris the dismal croak of a fog horn sounded as the big ship nosed her way toward the open sea. The pilot missed the channel, struck mud. The great ship refused to move. Tugs strained but not until the tide rose was the Paris freed again. She continued on her trans-Atlantic trip.

World financiers of Germany and allied countries, rumor has it, tentatively decided that the amount of reparations which Germany can and must pay will be \$14,000,000,000.

At Cape Town, South Africa, Jack Nante, wealthy plantation owner, in a rage, killed a native worker. Convicted of culpable homicide he was sentenced by Judge Solomon to seven years imprisonment and to receive ten lashes. A sensation was created by the sentence. It was the first time in history that a European had been sentenced to receive lashes.

First ladies of the land usually ride only in automobiles piloted by chauffeurs in livery. Not so Mrs. Herbert Clark Hoover. She took three guests for a motor ride through Washington, driving a White House car herself. There was no chauffeur, no secret service man. The guests were Mrs. Adolph Ochs, Jewess, wife of the publisher of the New York Times; Mrs. Edward Rickard and daughter of New York.

George Rost of Cologne, Germany, hates bobbed hair. He is for the long, untrimmed tresses of tradition. His wife went to the barber shop, mounted a chair, ordered her hair bobbed. In rushed Rost, brandishing a butcher knife. He killed his wife.

Dr. Luls Alofaen of New York signed the expressman's slip, opened the "surprise" package, was astonished to find himself the recipient of two pigeons. Tied to the neck of one was a silk bag. The bag contained a note threatening the doctor with death unless he put \$10,000 in the bag and released the pigeon.

At the direction of the police he prepared a note in which he explained to the blackmailers that he had been reluctant to accept so much money to such uncertain means of transportation. He suggested that an appointment be made so that the money might be turned over personally.

After the pigeons had been fattened to slow their speed they were taken to the roof of a midtown building and released. With one of the birds carrying the doctor's note. At the same time a score of detectives with binoculars stationed themselves on the roofs of high buildings from Twenty-seventh to Forty-second streets. They watched the pigeons circle and saw them fly across the Hudson River into New Jersey, where they were lost in the haze.

Three days later Dr. Alofaen received a letter, sent from the general postoffice, stating that the chance of arrest was too great under the doctor's plan and containing a threat of death for the doctor's entire family if the \$10,000 (Continued on Page 6)

Will You Respond?

A gigantic battle between two well-financed organizations of retail merchants in the metropolitan area is of moment to the people of Torrance.

Merchants of Hollywood boulevard are spending vast sums to attract trade to their district. Their campaign has met with such success that merchants of the downtown district in Los Angeles have found it necessary to combat the westward movement of trade with a great campaign of their own.

The result is a barrage of shopping news editions, direct mail broadsides, radio appeals and letters designed to attract the patronage of the people of the smaller cities of Southern California.

Front yards of Torrance every day receive contributions from the battle front of this retail war. Those who read the literature are besieged with subtle arguments why they should trade here or there—everywhere, in fact, but in their own home town.

Merchants in many small cities have banded together to combat this propaganda, knowing that concerted action is necessary if they are to continue in business.

How would you like to live in a city without a store?

What do the merchants of Hollywood boulevard contribute to you—what the retailers of downtown Los Angeles?

Do they help you pay your taxes? Do they contribute to the support of the organizations in which you are interested? Do they contribute anything at all to the welfare or progress of the community which is your home town?

They do not. Their campaigns, arranged by experts, are subtle lures to separate you from your money. Beyond that they have no interest in you or in your community.

The merchants of Torrance are part and parcel of this city. Never has a civic appeal for funds for any worthy cause fallen on deaf ears in the Torrance business district. They pay taxes here. In business to stay they know that the progress of the city is their own advancement. They are loyal to their community, conscious of its problems, sensitive to its needs. They are your neighbors. They deserve the patronage of the people of Torrance.

But with all that may be said for them as citizens of Torrance, as contributors to their city's welfare, Torrance merchants realize that they do not deserve patronage on sentiment alone. They know that price considerations are important to shoppers, that service is essential to trade, that public confidence is the forerunner of commerce.

They are therefore not content to seek patronage on the basis of home-town patriotism alone. Mindful of the other considerations they are prepared to offer new and attractive inducements to buyers in Torrance and the nearby communities.

Starting this month they have arranged through a special committee an eight-months' program of special bargain events to acquaint the people of this district and this city with the stocks which they have to offer.

Acquainted with the details of this campaign, of such vital importance to Torrance, we commend it to the people of this city.

No store here is large enough to stage a sale of such magnitude as metropolitan retailers can arrange. But banded together they can present to shoppers throughout the harbor district a wealth of bargains which will match any available anywhere in Southern California. And this is just what they propose to do.

Once every month from now on until the end of the year Torrance merchants will stage special bargain days. News of these events will reach every person in the city and every home between Moneta and San Pedro, Long Beach and Redondo.

Watch for these announcements. Take advantage of the hundreds of bargains which will be offered. Investigate the stocks of Torrance stores. The greater the volume of business done here, the greater can be reductions in the price of merchandise.

Sentiment and economies to be effected will combine to convince you that without question you can "buy better in Torrance."

Question of Erecting Traffic Signs on Lamp Posts Debated

Should bronze traffic direction signs be placed on corner lamp posts in Torrance directing motorists in and out of Torrance?

That question has been debated at length by business men and city officials for weeks. The question arose when business men at their weekly luncheon passed a resolution recommending that attractive signs be prepared and hung on posts for the convenience of through traffic. The committee detailed to make arrangements, ordered the signs made, but neglected through oversight to consult the city council regarding permission to install the signs.

Councilmen, it is reported, have declared themselves opposed to erection of the signs on lamp posts.

The signs are all ready, but the committee has no place to put them.

Arguments of signs—Motorists get lost in Torrance. Signs giving directions should be erected for their convenience. If the signs are bronzed and attractive they will not detract from the beauty of the lighting system. Motorists criticize Torrance because they can't find their way through the city.

Against erection of signs—The ornamental light posts should not be used as standards to hang signs on. The signs already installed on lamp posts by the Automobile Club are sufficient. The committee should not have ordered the signs until it was ascertained if permission was granted.

P. E. CONDEMNATION LOOMS

700 TREES PLANTED IN CITY

Large Residential Area is Beautified by Various Types CITY TO WATER THEM Gascoigne Crew Will See That Young Trees Get Attention

Beautification of a substantial portion of the Torrance residential district has been effected by the planting of 700 trees of various types in the Cedar avenue, Redondo boulevard district.

Under the supervision of City Engineer Leonard and Street Superintendent William A. Gascoigne most of the trees have already been set out and the balance are now being planted. All the trees are being placed on the lots inside of the sidewalks.

Two varieties of Acacia trees have been set out on Acacia avenue. On Beech, Camphor, Jacaranda and Carob trees have been planted. Madrid avenue north of Redondo boulevard is lined with Monterey pine and Canary pine trees, with Magnolias in the parkway in the center.

On Sierra there are Red Gums between Cedar and Beech, and Magnolias between Madrid and Cota. From Cedar to Beech on Maricopa are Red Gums and between Madrid and Cota Acacias.

Mr. Gascoigne has made arrangements for watering of all these beautiful new trees at regular intervals.

Wherever possible varieties of trees were set out in the district to conform to the desires of the residents.

Garden Club Will Have Exhibit in Show at Lynwood

The Torrance District Garden Club will be represented at the flower show of the Garden Section of the Lynwood Women's Club Wednesday, April 17 at their clubhouse.

Arrangements for a display of flowers grown by club members are now being made by club president John King and chairman or exhibits Louis E. Brown. Club members plan to exhibit the following flowers at the Lynwood club: sweet peas, Dutch iris, gladiolus, and an unusually fine collection of potted Rex begonias grown by Roy Berry of Keystone.

As the direct result of winning first prize at the big Encinitas flower show, the club and Torrance as a whole has received much publicity. Many requests have been received to make displays at various flower shows, and club members are anxious to comply with as many requests as possible.

In the current issue of the Western Homes and Gardens magazine of San Jose, there is a beautiful picture of the Torrance exhibit at Encinitas, and likewise the Florists Exchange, New York, of March 29, ran a picture of the exhibit with appropriate remarks.

Relief Society Collecting Bags

Mrs. Carl L. Hyde, Mrs. Fred Lessing, Mrs. C. L. Peterson and Mrs. Geo. H. Colburn, collectors for the Torrance Relief, will call on all who have Torrance Relief bags in the near future.

This is in preparation for the sale, which is to be held April 26 and 27.

Those who do not have bags but wish to give may phone Torrance 356-J.

CARS COLLIDE

Cars driven by V. M. Harris, 1301 Cedar avenue, and E. A. McGuire of Redondo Beach, came together at the intersection of El Dorado and Cedar avenues Saturday. No one was injured.

Observations

The Sinclair Decision of the Supreme Court—Mr. Curtis, Mrs. Gann and Poor; Attorney Gann; a Stupendous Problem—The Dawes Appointment

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

HARRY SINCLAIR, multi-millionaire oil man refused to answer questions put by the Senate oil scandal investigating committee. He was arrested for contempt, convicted, took an appeal. Monday the United States Supreme Court upheld his conviction. The oil man must pay a fine of \$500—easy for him—and spend three months in jail.

That Sinclair must go to prison is far less important than the significance of the Supreme Court decision which sends him there. That decision gives congressional investigations the status of regularly organized courts. If not abused, such authority, is well-placed. Congress, by virtue of the opinion, may at any time constitute itself or one of its committees as a grand jury with full power to inquire into affairs touching the interests of the nation.

The significance of the decision goes even further and deeper. If the senate can ask questions and force citizens to answer under penalty of prison terms if they refuse, why cannot legislative bodies in states, counties and cities do likewise? And if they can, where may be the end of this new power of inquisition with which the decision cloaks legislators?

Politics is not so pure but what such power delegated to some bodies might be abused to fabricate advantage to the politically ambitious. The idea gives one pause—long pause.

OUR heart beats with pity for poor Mr. Gann. Here he is, a hard-working attorney, striving to get along. That he is husband of the sister of the vice president of the United States may be considered domestic good fortune. Certainly, however, it has of late brought him little peace of mind.

As vice president, Mr. Curtis must needs do the soup and fish and lie forth to a dinner in Washington almost every night. He is a widower. Not desiring to brave the tortures of daily dinner parties alone, he determines to take his sister, Mrs. Gann, everywhere. But to the state department, guardian of social tradition as it latches diplomacy rules that Mrs. Gann, being merely Mrs. Gann and not the wife of the vice president has no official social status. Whereupon the vice president's protest, insists that she be elevated to the same standing as that of his wife, if he had one.

THE decision is left to the state department. No ruling is forthcoming. Wherefore tongues wag excitedly in Washington and the whole diplomatic corps from Sir Esmé Howard of Great Britain, dean of the group to the dark-skinned minister from Liberia is in a fever.

The corps holds a meeting. A resolution is passed asking for an early ruling on the status of Mrs. Gann, so that diplomatic hosts may know where to place her at the festive board. The question is: Should Mrs. Gann be placed in a status higher than a diplomat's wife or below. And in either event what shall become of Mr. Gann? If Mrs. Gann is to be invited surely it would be a breach of social etiquette not to ask her husband. But if he is asked and Mrs. Gann sits with the vice president, where shall be the place of the bewildered Mr. Gann? The wag's answer that his place is in the home, settles nothing.

THE problems of naval limitations, the League of Nations, the Monroe doctrine, the American policy in the Caribbean has paled into insignificance before this weighty problem.

And in the meantime Mr. Gann tells news men that he doesn't care what his social status may be and even goes so far as to declare that he doesn't give a hoot whether he has any status at all. Meaning Mr. Gann leans for the peace of his own fireside with a pipe in his teeth and a book in his hands while the vice president and Mrs. Gann remain adamant in their insistence upon her social standing. Mr. Curtis has even intimated that if his sister is relegated to a dinner place below that of diplomats' wives he will take his evening sustenance in the privacy of his own dining room. We doubt the sincerity of such a threat. It is our guess that Mrs. Gann would prefer to sit beside the minister from the Island of Yap—if any—rather than stay away from the party.

A KNOTTY situation—what? The destiny of the nation hangs in the balance. Kings have lost their thrones and empires cast to limbo for less.

To think that the Republican party did not anticipate the trouble, but went ignorantly ahead and nominated for vice president a widower with a sister, thus burdening the administration with the most stupendous problem since the days of the Missouri compromise.

MAY we humbly offer a suggestion, meekly point a way out for our befuddled Washingtonians.

Turn the whole affair over to Princess Alice Roosevelt Longworth for decision. No diplomat would dare protest her ukase—for if he did she would assign him to eat with the butler.

(Since the above was written events in the Gann affair have transpired rapidly. The secretary of state, finding the problem too burdensome, referred it for decision to the diplomatic corps. The corps held a meeting at the British embassy, voted against giving Mrs. Gann the status demanded by the vice president. Later in the day another meeting was held and Mrs. Gann was unanimously voted the status of a vice president's wife.

At which momentous decisions the whole world must have heard a sigh of relief as swept the hemispheres when news of the Armistice broke over the earth.)

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S selection of Charles Gates Dawes as ambassador to Great Britain, prize diplomatic post, may not please the old Republican machine, but it certainly ought to meet with the approval of the rank and file of citizens. In selecting Dawes the president shut his eyes to the former vice president's antagonism to the Hoover candidacy prior to the convention. Dawes was pro-Lowden. In his desire to send to London a man amply qualified for the post Mr. Hoover shut his eyes to politics. He knew Dawes was the man for the job, so what difference did his pre-convention activities make?

It is refreshing to know that there is in the office a chief executive who thinks in terms of ability rather than pure politics.

HOOVER, food administrator, head of world relief knew Dawes when the pipe-smoking banker from Chicago was head of co-ordinated purchases for the A. R. F. He learned then the tireless energy of the Illinoisian. He learned also that Dawes knew how to win and hold the admiration and respect of European statesmen. So the president knows that Dawes would go to London fortified with wide acquaintance in Europe and first hand knowledge of European conditions.

Friends of "Hell and Maria" were not happy when the Illinoisian was nominated for the vice presidency. They felt that he was too (Continued on Last Page)

Miss Stachowicz Is Appreciative of City's Pride

From Milan, Italy, where Miss Wanda Stachowicz has stormed the heights of fame with the sweet tones of a trained voice, come a letter from the former Torrance girl—a letter of appreciation for the pride of Torrance in her accomplishment, as recorded in The Herald recently.

Miss Stachowicz's letter follows: Milan, Italia, March 24, 1929.

The Lomita-Torrance Publishing Co.,

Kind Friends: Please accept my many thanks for the lovely article in The Torrance Herald, about my debut, which I had the pleasure of reading just now.

Needless to write that it has made me very happy indeed to know I had such wonderful friends back in my home town who think of me. Most sincerely, Wanda Stachowicz.

CITY MAY START SUIT

Council Halts Parking on Right of Way to Prevent Barricade

FRIENDLY ACTION SEEN Company Would Not Contest Action Executives Have Told Council

Early action by the city in proceedings aimed at the eventual paving of the Pacific Electric right of way on Cabrillo avenue was hinted at this week when members of the council made a temporary compromise with the railway company, to halt threatened fencing in of the property.

Representatives of the company came to Torrance last week, declaring to Mayor Dennis and councilmen that they had orders to barricade the right of way to prevent the parking of automobiles on the company's property. Inasmuch as the company owns the right of way in fee and could barricade the property if they wished councilmen sought a compromise. The company representatives declared that on many occasions cars have been parked so close to the tracks that car crews have been forced to stop and push automobiles back in order to avoid running into them.

Members of the council have indicated since that it is their intention to start proceedings for the condemnation of the company's right of way, so that it may be paved. Past conferences between city officials and Pacific Electric executives have indicated that the company cannot sell the land without court action as it is included in company property against which bonds have been issued and sold. However, company officials have tentatively suggested that if condemnation proceedings were instituted by the city the company would not fight the action. If this procedure were carried out the court action would be merely to establish the price which the city would have to pay for the property.

Owners of property along Cabrillo avenue are planning to call a meeting in the near future to discuss the situation and to stand behind city officials if proceedings for the condemnation are instituted.

Truck Collides With Auto Here

The car driven by Mrs. Dave Hoffman was struck at the intersection of Engracia and Cravens avenues Monday afternoon by a May company truck driven by Leonard Lege of Inglewood, which was coming from the fight on Cravens avenue.

The impact threw both the car and the truck against the curbing at one corner of the street. Mrs. Hoffman was travelling south on Engracia, and Mr. Lege was going east on Cravens.

A wheel on the truck was crushed, and the axle broken, and considerable damage was done to the body on the right side of the Hoffman car.

Newspaper Man's Little Daughter Killed by Auto

Dorothy Preston, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Preston of Acacia street, was instantly killed this morning at 11:30, as she ran out on the street from her home and was struck by a truck driven by Ed Little. Her father was slightly injured in removing the body from under the truck tire.

Mr. Preston is advertising manager of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News, and the news of the little girl's sudden death cast a shadow of sorrow throughout the entire newspaper staff.

Club Hears of Film Reviewing

Mrs. Jacobs Tells Women of Methods for Approving Movies

Mrs. Jacobs, district federation chairman of motion pictures, spoke before the Women's club Wednesday afternoon on the work of her department telling of the manner in which the reviewing of pictures was carried out and how the list of approved pictures were distributed not only in California and America but all over the world. She also told a few of the troubles of the theatre manager in dealing with children who are parked in the theatre all of the afternoon and sometimes until the close of the show at eleven o'clock at night. A Glendale theatre manager had to take a small boy many miles to his home after the close of the show because the child's father had forgotten to call for him. She also told of the work of the juvenile matinees which are being held in some theatres on Saturday afternoons when pictures that have been approved for children are shown.

John Young Jr., son of a past president of the club gave his opinion on the "Development of the Constitution." This oration won first place in the contest at the high school.

A large map of California was displayed and two members of the club spoke of their experiences in Inyo county and Mrs. M. L. Mays of those in Mendocino county.

Mrs. George Worcester, chairman of co-operation with ex-service men sent out an S. O. S. for silk stockings and tall coffee cups that may be embezzled and used for vases. She also asked the members to go to Sawtelle on April 16 to help entertain the boys there. She asked for cakes to take with her and many responded. She told those who could not send cakes to send cigarettes.

Delegates to the district convention to be held in Pasadena, April 17, 18 and 19 were Mrs. Clara Curtis and Mrs. Julia Neelands. Alternates were Mrs. Edna Stone and Mrs. L. J. Danford.

A bridge luncheon will be held April 24 and on May 3 an evening party will be held to which all the members of the club families can come as there will be something to entertain all.

Mrs. Sammons read a poem, "I Know Something Good About You." Mrs. Guy Mowry acted as secretary pro tem. Mrs. Thomas Edmonds having had the misfortune to break her arm.

Leonard Asks for Park Area Plaints

City Engineer Frank Leonard yesterday requested The Herald to announce that any persons whose property between sidewalk and curb has been left in an unsatisfactory condition by the street lighting installation should communicate with his office.

"If any parking in the area requires attention we will see that it gets it, provided we are informed before workmen for the contractors complete their job here," said Mr. Leonard.

Wanted: Silk Hose for Rug Makers

The American Legion Auxiliary will be glad to call for any old silk stockings or underwear that have been discarded, if the donors will call Mrs. R. J. Deinger, 355-J Boys in the O. T. department at Sawtelle are in need of material for rugs, which they make out of silk stockings.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
A FAT WOMAN IS OFTEN A CHARMING GIRL GONE TO WAIST.