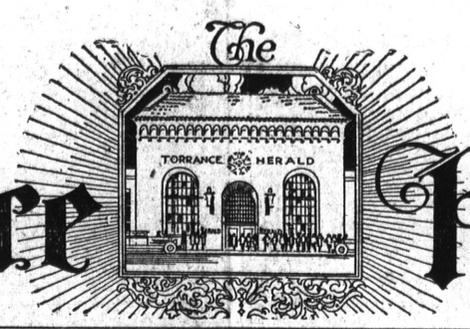


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CONGRESS RUSHES BANK LEGISLATION

COLUMBIAMAN LOSES ARM IN SAD ACCIDENT

Member Caught In Rolls Has
To Be Amputated
Below Elbow

Anthony Chakowski, age 23, residing at 2119 Andree avenue, was seriously injured Monday afternoon in a deplorable accident at the Columbia Steel Company where he was employed in the cold rolls department.

Chakowski, in tending the rubber rolls operated in drying sheet steel, had his fingers caught between the rolls which drew his arm up to the elbow into the machine. An iron brace, against which Chakowski rested his upper arm and body, saved him from having the entire arm to the shoulder crushed in the rolls.

Criticism Is Aimed At Palos Verdes Project

Resolution Requests Scrutiny
of Projects Using
Public Funds

Introduction by Supervisor Frank L. Shaw of a resolution on Tuesday before the board of supervisors recommending that all projects for the relief of unemployed, to be paid for out of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, be closely scrutinized, carries in its conclusion an indirect criticism of the work in the Palos Verdes hills recently ordered by Supervisor John R. Quinn where at present several hundred men from this district are being given employment.

The resolution is aimed at the prevention of the authorization of work to be done on private property. The scenic highway in the Palos Verdes hills comes under this class, as the property through which it meanders is privately owned. The strip of land required for the highway was donated by Frank A. Vanderlip.

Text of the resolution follows: WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors that all employment created through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Funds must be for the direct relief of unemployed and bona fide indigent persons who are citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Board of Supervisors to insist that only bona fide worthy citizens obtain employment relief through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Employment Stabilization be and is hereby instructed together with the County Bureau of Welfare to scrutinize all applications for employment in order that only bona fide and worthy unemployed persons obtain work through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the legislative bodies be requested to present projects which are only in the interests of the public, and the State Coordinator, whose duty it is to approve these projects, be and is hereby requested to scrutinize all requests in order that no work upon private property will be authorized.

Dictatorial Powers Urged For President



L. A. County Board Sets
Precedent in Adopting
Resolution

In order that nothing may stand in the way of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his program to aid the state, county and every hamlet throughout the nation, the county board of supervisors this week set a precedent for California by urging that he be given dictatorial powers.

The request was contained in a resolution presented by Chairman Frank L. Shaw, and was adopted by unanimous vote, Supervisor John R. Quinn being absent.

The resolution, which urged the local Chamber of Commerce and local civic organizations to follow suit, stated in part:

"Whereas, in times of great national emergency the president has been given full command of the affairs of government, and

"Whereas there now exists such a national emergency,

"Be it resolved that this board petition Congress to grant the president such dictatorial powers as would be given him at times of any national emergency as provided by the constitution."

Public Hearing On Fire Dist. Monday

Next Monday has been set by the board of supervisors as the time for a public hearing on proposals to change the boundaries of the Lomita and the Howard fire protection districts, the latter lying east of the city of Inglewood.

Following an altercation which took place about 1:00 o'clock Wednesday morning at the building formerly occupied by the Alpaugh Engineering Company on El Prado, Thomas Nash is being treated at the General Hospital in Los Angeles for a broken nose, and Charles Martina, accused as his assailant, is being held at the Torrance city jail under investigation, pending the outcome of Nash's injuries.

Nash is in a critical condition from loss of blood and the outcome is said to be doubtful.

SCRIP BARRED

Limited Cash Withdrawals
For Payrolls to Be
Permitted

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—The Herald was informed by United Press today that there was little possibility of the Los Angeles Clearing House Association issuing scrip.

Secretary Woodin's plan of expanding federal currency two billion dollars in lieu of the issuance of scrip, and the secretary of the treasury's ruling today prohibiting the issuance of scrip in New York, was taken in Los Angeles banking circles as indicating the impossibility of issuing scrip in Southern California. Banks are permitted to allow limited withdrawals in cash to meet payrolls, Secretary Woodin advised, but only to the extent that no employee be paid more than five dollars.

Klusman Answer To Recall Is Not Yet Published

Mayor Has Until Next Thursday
to Publish Reply to
Councilman Wright

As yet, Mayor W. T. Klusman has not authorized the publication of an answer to recall charges brought last week by Councilman Joseph M. Wright. When asked by a Herald representative yesterday whether he intended to answer the charges, Mayor Klusman replied, "I cannot say. My attorney is handling that."

Under the state law, Mayor Klusman has 14 days in which to reply which would bring the final day next Thursday, March 16. He is not required to publish an answer, but if an answer is published, both the charges and the answer must be attached to the petition before it is circulated. If Mayor Klusman does not wish to reply, a statement that no answer was published must be made on the petition.

Councilman Wright stated Tuesday that the recall notice had been served on Mayor Klusman and an affidavit of such action had been filed with City Clerk Bartlett. "That's all I can do until 21 days have expired," Councilman Wright said.

Opposition also was voiced by the local chamber directors to Assembly Bill 746 which provides that the board of supervisors of any county upon the request of the legislative body of any city must call and hold a special election to consider the proposition of consenting to the separation of such city from the county in which it is located in order to set up a consolidated city and county government.

Tax Marine Gas
Endorsement of Assembly Bill 1563 which proposes a tax on all

Nash in the nose with his fist. Nash was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he refused treatment, and was then removed by Chief of Police G. M. Calder to the General Hospital. Profuse bleeding which had not been checked last yesterday afternoon gave his condition a serious aspect.

Martina was taken into custody at 9:45 Wednesday morning and placed in jail pending investigation and subsequent developments in Nash's condition.

Witnesses to the affair were L. DuBois, caretaker at the plant for the Bank of America of Redondo Beach, owners of the building, Jake, Neal and Frank Webb, who, like Nash and Martina, are "batch-liners" at the building.

Sheriff's investigators were expected to visit Nash again today, when, if his condition has not improved, they will endeavor to get an additional statement.

PASSAGE OF EMERGENCY LAWS EXPECTED IN CONGRESS TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—In an urgent message today, President Roosevelt asked Congress for the immediate enactment of legislation to relieve the present national banking situation. Both Houses of Congress introduced bills suggested by the president, and prominent members of both the Senate and House of Representatives expressed the opinion that the emergency legislation would be passed today, and that sound banks throughout the nation may be permitted to open tomorrow, or at least not later than Monday.

President Roosevelt advocated the issuance of a two billion dollar expansion of the currency to be released through federal reserve banks. He asked that scrip be barred.

Chamber Directors Oppose Force Labor On Metropolitan Aqueduct

Directors State Position On Many Issues Before State
Legislature; Favor Retention of High
School Coach

At the regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce directorate, held Monday, taxation proposals adverse to business interests were given serious consideration. The legislative program prepared by the California State Chamber of Commerce, and submitted to all chambers in this state for consideration, was endorsed in its entirety by the board of directors of the Torrance chamber. The questions included in this program are determination of county salaries by boards of supervisors; accounting, auditing and budget control; school district budget review; central administration of road work; school district consolidation; restriction of bonded indebtedness; limitation of use of school bond funds; central control of special districts; resolutions have been prepared and transmitted to various state legislative committees urging their support of the state chamber's program.

Favor Contracts
The question of whether the "day labor" method or the "firm contract" method should be used for the construction of the Metropolitan water aqueduct has recently attracted much attention and become one of earnest public discussion. Feeling that the taxpayers are entitled to have the lowest possible cost established on this project by receiving competitive bids from responsible organizations the directorate of the Torrance chamber has recommended to the directors of the Metropolitan water board that the tunnel work be awarded on contract with the proviso that as far as possible local labor from the district be given preference.

Supports Local Plants
Authorization was passed at this meeting for the presentation of a request to the Los Angeles department of water and power that serious consideration be given to the matter of giving local industries an opportunity to bid on materials to be used in the construction of the power transmission line from Hoover Dam to the city of Los Angeles. The item of steel required for the towers to serve such transmission line would result in more than one million dollars being spent in Southern California by benefits to local utilities through increased power load and revenues which augment the stimulated purchasing power which large employment would bring to tradesmen generally.

Back School Coach
The retention of Athletic Coach Bernard J. Donahue is also being urged by the Torrance chamber. Mr. Donahue has been highly successful in this activity locally, and the splendid spirit of discipline and loyalty which has resulted from his coaching is generally conceded to merit recommendation to the Los Angeles school board that he continue this activity locally, chamber directors said.

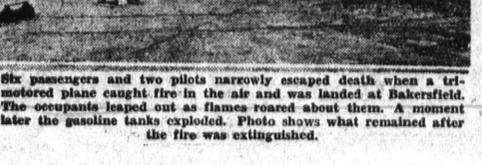
Columbia and National Supply
Columbia Steel Company paid off Tuesday in checks of \$15 or less, and the National Supply Company met its payroll by issuing checks of 50 denominations. This action on the part of Torrance industries greatly facilitated employees in making purchases and meeting obligations.

Odd Coins
The shortage of cash brought to light many unfamiliar bills and coins, which apparently have been in hoarding. Two dollar bills, large-size twenty dollar bills, old and battered-up coins, and even 1907 scrip were seen in circulation. The cashier at the Herald office discovered a counterfeit 50-cent piece in the cash drawer, which was promptly consigned to the lead pot and cast into type.

Griffith Company To Start Work On Roosevelt Highway

Work is expected to begin Monday upon the newest link of the Roosevelt highway, a section 1.4 miles long in the city of Redondo Beach. It was learned today from officials of the Griffith Company, low-bidding contractors on the work. The contract recently was awarded by the state department of public works, being known also as the Elena street project.

The work will provide a 56-foot artery extending south from Torrance boulevard virtually along the boundary line of the city of Torrance. Curbs will not be put in at this time throughout the 1.4 miles. Asphaltic concrete will be the paving material used. The Griffith Company today was awaiting the return from Sacramento of the contract the company had signed and forwarded last week.



Six passengers and two pilots narrowly escaped death when a trimotored plane caught fire in the air and landed at Bakersfield. The occupants leaped out as flames roared about them. A moment later the gasoline tanks exploded. Photo shows what remained after the fire was extinguished.

Columbia Bids On Bridge At S. F. Are Low

Corporation Submits Bids On
East and West Super-
structure

Local employment may be stimulated within the next few weeks, should the contracts for construction of the east and west bay super-structure of the San Francisco-Oakland bridge now being built, be awarded to the Columbia Steel Corporation.

Columbia was the low bidder in both instances when bids for this construction work were opened this week.

Its bid on the west bay work was \$13,782,000, and on the east bay span was \$8,798,096. Low bids submitted and officially computed so far aggregate \$7,580,000 under the estimates, according to a statement by Earl Lee Kelly, state director of public works.

Contracts are expected to be awarded within a few days.

D & M ISSUES SCRIP IN PAY TO EMPLOYEES

Other Local Industries Pay-
Off In Small Checks; Old
Currency In Circulation

To the D. & M. Machine Works goes the distinction of being the first local institution to provide a substitute for cash during the current banking holiday. Quick to realize the need of furnishing its employees with funds with which to purchase necessities of life, officials of the D. & M. Machine Works authorized the printing of \$5000 worth of D. & M. scrip, which is backed by a \$5000 cash deposit in the First National Bank.

The initial issue of D. & M. scrip was released Monday to meet the company's regular payroll, and local merchants accepted the scrip in payment of purchases. The scrip is printed on bank note stock paper in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations.

Under this system, persons living in the vicinity of Torrance, who need hospital care and who are financially unable to pay for the service may apply for admittance as county patients here instead of being sent to the General Hospital in Los Angeles. The county will pay their expenses in the local institution, this being the custom where patients, unable to gain admittance to the General Hospital because of crowded conditions there, are maintained in rest homes and other hospitals not connected with the General.

The convenience of this arrangement for people living in this district will be apparent. The Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital is well prepared to take care of a number of cases, is well equipped and admirably staffed with competent nurses and technicians. The arrangement will operate to the benefit of both patients and hospital, which will, under the contract, be assured of remuneration for the services rendered.

Patriotism, the Message Tonight

A message on patriotism will be heard tonight at the meeting of the Triple City Ku Klux Klan, held at 1741 Border avenue. According to L. Dirchner, Sr., vice president of the group, the Klan "has been reviled, slandered, misunderstood, attacked and abused, even by those who have profited most by its efforts. And still with no regrets for the past, no fear for the future, and an abiding faith in the future, the Klan carries on for America."

At the meeting held last Thursday night, an interesting address on Klankraft was given. Supper is served free at the conclusion of each meeting.

SMITH CHECKS ATTEMPTS OF NIX TO ARGUE SEWER CASE

San Pedro Attorney Refuses Request to Put Statements
in Writing Opposing Construction of
Needed Improvements

Efforts on the part of Lloyd Nix of San Pedro, attorney for the Sepulveda interests, to inject a jarring note into the proceedings of the Democratic Club at its meeting at Earl's Cafe Monday night, were definitely checked by Beverly B. Smith, president, who ruled that Nix' proposed remarks were inopportune and requested that they be submitted in writing.

Nix and several others, apparently his constituents, were present during the address of A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the Metropolitan sewer district, who spoke for an hour on the outfall sewer situation.

When Warren had concluded his address, Smith called the members of the Democratic Club to order for a business session whereupon Warren excused himself and left the hall.

The doors had scarcely closed on Warren when Nix jumped to his feet and asked permission to introduce some arguments opposing the statements just made by Mr. Warren.

"Considering the lateness of the hour," said Mr. Smith, "and the fact that the club has some other business to transact at this time, I am afraid that this permission cannot be granted, but if you wish to appear at some other time, arrangements no doubt can be made to have you."

Nix insisted on being heard immediately, and Smith reluctantly granted him three minutes. Nix was not satisfied with this arrangement, and demurred at the limitation, whereupon Smith said, "Mr. Nix, I am a member of a committee of the Taxpayers' League of this community, which is taking this very matter under investigation, and if you have any information which would be of value to this committee I would be glad to have you put it in writing and submit it to us."

"I will not put anything in writing," said Nix, "but I will be glad to appear before your committee at any time." Nix claimed that if he should put his data in writing that "your mayor would use it against me."

Mayor W. T. Klusman, who had been a member of the audience of some 50 persons gathered to hear Mr. Warren, then addressed the chair. "Mr. Chairman, I want to say a few words regarding a matter that Mr. Warren has not even touched upon in his address. I did not have a chance to defend myself. Mr. Chairman, the city council has seen fit to provide me with a bodyguard when I attend the meetings of the sanitation district, so that they can see how I vote."

"Mr. Mayor, you are out of order," said Smith, and the mayor sat down, but sprang up again to join the group with Nix who were leaning the hall and engaged in a whispered conference with Nix which began in the ante-room of the banquet hall where the meeting was being held and ended in the darkened kitchen of Earl's Cafe, where the whispered colloquy continued for several minutes.

Nix and his friends then left the cafe and Klusman returned to the Democratic meeting.

The club proceeded to the transaction of several matters of business, which included the appointment of an executive committee of which Beverly B. Smith, George Shidler, H. G. Black, E. M. Kingsley, Karl Semetets, H. F. Ullbricht and Mr. Shellenberger of the Palos Verdes Estates, are members.

The meeting was preceded by a dance program, given by the pupils of the Betty Elroy School of Dancing of San Pedro.

Warren's address, which occupied a full hour, outlined the salient points of the history of the formation of the sanitation districts and the operations of the Metropolitan Sewer District since its organization in 1925. He referred to the decisions of experts regarding the feasibility and desirability of the outfall sewer and the investigations which had preceded the decision of the state board of health to grant a permit for its construction. The erection of the treatment plant at the Point