

### Bids On Highway Thru Shoestring Opened, May 31

Project, Two Miles Long to Connect Links of Roosevelt Highway

Bids for the improvement of State street through the Los Angeles "shoestring addition," a project two miles long that will bring State street-Sepulveda boulevard-Roosevelt highway to the Long Beach city limits, will be opened in Los Angeles on Thursday, May 31.

This important construction news was obtained at the State building in Los Angeles last yesterday. It will be the second time that bids are opened in Los Angeles, in place of at Sacramento, it was pointed out. Last Thursday bids were opened for the section of Roosevelt highway through the south part of Torrance, which will connect up with the State street project in Long Beach.

### STORY 1

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Zampieri was not having any of his competitors. In his first time out as a Class A performer in the mile in Southern California finals he was not to be denied. There wasn't a chance for Mercer. Who made a great race, great enough to break the world's record also, but he had to yield the mile to the master of Auburn.

Mercer's time was a fraction under the world's record of 4:23.5 for the first time in history a world's high school record has been broken by a Negro man in the same race in Southern California.

The mark has stood for 18 years, since May 20, 1916. A year before Mercer was born Ed Shields of Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania, established the mark and it has defied the efforts of high school boys ever since. At its present mark it will probably stand for many more years unless the present holder of the proud title of world's champion cuts it down, and there is a possibility that he may do so when he finished Saturday. Louis walked off the course under his own power as usual after the terrific speed test, smiling and happy. Over the microphone at the finish line he greeted the sports fans of the world who had been listening in to a description of his great race.

The great Hooper, who had been causing Louis some sleepless nights in the past week, was carried off the field when he tripped out in the last lap. Hooper is said to have been suffering from a carbuncle on his neck, but carbuncle or not, it is probable that the results would have been the same had he been in the best of physical condition. Hooper's best mark for this season was around 4:24. Louis has been running all season with bad leg. A bruise due to a horse's kick has developed into a small growth on the bone, shown by X-ray pictures taken lately, and Louis has been under treatment to reduce it for several weeks.

The new world's champion was attended at the track last Saturday by his big brother Pete, Compton Jaysee's great miller, who remained with Louis until he took his place in the line and was the first to greet him when he finished. Pete has been helping to train Louis all season and has been rewarded for his efforts by seeing his brother become the most important figure in prepdom.

### Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden, Congressman, 17th District

One of the disgraceful scandals during the reign of big business has been the paying of exorbitant salaries. George Washington Hill, the president of the American Tobacco Company, is one of the outstanding examples. His salary has reached more than a million a year. This is in striking contrast to the receipts of the tobacco growers, many of whom were elated to receive as much as \$500 per year for their toiling and sweating and arduous labors. Many other American corporations have been paying fancy salaries to their high officials and even to their directors while the



investor in the stocks of the company were not receiving a red penny in dividends. It is just another kind of racket for a few business men in the control of the corporation to enrich themselves and at the same time rob the stockholders. While there has been no direct law to limit these extortionate salaries, the R. F. C. particularly has made the reduction of salaries a condition to the granting of a loan. This has had a salutary effect especially upon the railroads.

When compared with the salaries paid by the United States government, the salaries of big business appear to be entirely out of proportion. For instance, the salary of the President of the United States is \$75,000 a year which he voluntarily reduced, since his office did not come within the provisions of the Economy Act. Of course, the President enjoys free rental and \$25,000 a year for traveling expenses. He undoubtedly has the biggest business of this country and his duties are so varied that his responsibilities far exceed those of the president of the American Tobacco Company, the president of the railroads, the steel trust or other business activities in this country.

The salaries of the members of the cabinet of \$25,000 a year sink into insignificance when compared with that of George Washington Hill of the American Tobacco Company with his more than a million per year. The vice president of the United States and the speaker of the House receive the same as the members of the cabinet, namely, \$15,000 per year. There is no office in the United States that commands greater respect than the chief justice of the United States who receives a salary of \$20,500 per year while his associates receive \$20,000 each. The combined salaries of the nine justices of the supreme court is less than one-fifth of the president of the American Tobacco Company. Although the amount received by supreme court judges is small compared to the salaries paid by big business, it is sufficient to allure the ablest public men of America who are probably more attracted by the character of their work and the honors thereunto than by the salary.

Ambassadors of the United States draw a salary of \$17,500 per year which is about one-fifth of the amount that the British ambassador is paid in Washington. General Pershing is the highest paid official of the army in America, and his salary is \$13,500 per year with allowances that bring it up into excess of \$20,000. It is strange that the salaries paid by the government are not in accord with the labors and duties of the office. Many men in public life put in long hours of hard labor, wear down their health and drive themselves to an early grave. Along side of them, may be another official who takes life easy, may be guilty of loafing and obtains the same salary as his fellow hard worker.

One of the paradoxes of salaries drawn by public officials is the instance of the well-known Pecora, the investigating attorney for the Senate committee on banking and currency. This energetic and able attorney has been busy for two years on one of the toughest tasks ever undertaken in the annals of Congressional investigations. He has pored over documents and files, delved into the books and accounts of the biggest banks in the country, analyzed and

### Work of Torrance Song Writer Heard Over Radio Sunday

Those who listened in over KGER to the program broadcast by the Taubman Bible class of Long Beach, last Sunday morning, heard one of Mrs. Jessie Dennis Bartlett's songs, sung by a Long Beach artist. The song was a sacred number, "We Are Waiting For His Call," sung by Mr. Bourke. Mrs. Bartlett has written a large number of songs and is now working on others which will be published later. Her songs are heard often over radio, and have a great popular following.

### TURKEY WHIPPED OWL

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (U.P.)—An irate turkey hen made short work of an owl in a battle a short distance outside this city. The owl apparently attempted to catch a small turkey. The hen leaped into the air striking with both spurs as she came down, killing the owl in three or four blows.

and hundreds of small cities that do not have the funds to follow this costly path of litigation. The result is that many of the smaller communities are unable to obtain relief and must suffer from exorbitant rates. Under the Johnson bill, the private utilities are prohibited from appealing the case to some federal judge whose court may be several hundred miles away but must take the case into the state courts. If the state courts are exhausted, then they have the right to appeal to the supreme court of the United States, thereby eliminating the lower federal courts that have been the source of so much delay and expense.

A majority of the members of the House believe that if a private utility asks for a franchise under the laws of a state, obtains its income from the citizens of a state and should abide by the laws of such state. It has been a common practice for utility magnates to take out a vest-pocket charter in a state such as Delaware which is notorious for its loosely drawn corporation laws and then be permitted to operate in all the states of the union and by appealing to the lower federal courts, avoid the laws of the state in which they operate.

With the enactment of the securities law which lays the responsibility upon the seller for the character of his stocks and bonds, the regulation and control of the stock exchanges, and the Johnson bill to compel private utilities to follow a more rigid obedience to the laws and regulations of the state, the net is tightening around the manipulations, speculations and law evasions of the past. All this legislation has been in the interests of the common citizen and is one of the progressive achievements of the New Deal.

The weather man has pulled a new one in Washington. He gave the capital city a dust storm—something "unusual" in the history of Washington. It reminded me of one of those lighter Santa Ana's that visit the Harbor district. The sky was dimmed with a cloud of ashen dust. It was a notification to official Washington that there is a severe drought in the Middle West which is suffering for the need of rain.

### Letters to the Editor

#### POLITICIANS AND RELIEF BURDEN

I see by the Herald that those who receive aid from the county, here in Torrance, have increased from a little over 200 in the beginning to almost 1400—an increase of over 1000 per cent. That to meet this enormous increase, which is daily enlarging, there is talk of doubling the county tax rate from \$1.20 to \$2.40, or more, on the \$100.

Why this unprecedented increase in the destitute here in Torrance? The Columbia Steel is employing more men than ever before in its history—the Union Tool has large orders from abroad, giving work to many men—the other factories are all doing their part. Where, then, do all these destitute people come from, in ever increasing numbers, blockading our streets in lengthening lines, compelling our relief authorities to rent larger supply quarters in order to accommodate the increasing throngs? Are they all Torrance people? Could there be any duplication or fraud?

In addition to the enormous expense of supplies, alone, there are nine big county captains of relief—each receiving \$350 a month salary—whose sole duty (with the aid of an army of stenographers, clerks, helpers and so forth, and so on, to do the actual work, each one drawing a good fat salary) is to supervise and distribute this unprecedented relief in the history of our nation!

England staggered under the "dole system," finally coming to her senses before it was too late, on the brink of financial ruin, stood for righteousness and all the people. Her system of relief administration was nothing as compared to ours of graft that would eventually overthrow our republic or any other government. Lo! Here comes one of our politicians, followed by a hungry group of clamoring backers begging this and demanding that announcing himself as a candidate for governor of the state of California on a platform of honesty and economy!—Fine!

Let us pause to consider! Let us look over the deplorable situation in this beautiful land of plenty! Everywhere people in want! Everywhere people losing their homes—men, women and children starving, destitute, driven from homes by taxes— Taxes to the right of them! Taxes to the left of them! Taxes in front of them! Booming and thundering— Fat politicians Smiling and lying Double them Triple them

While they are trying. A politician has two paramount desires. He may preach economy, economize efficiency, rave over honesty, but he cares nothing at all about them! What he wants first, last and all the time, is Office and the Nimble Penny. Power and prestige is his god. All men are not politicians, thank our lucky stars! There are many honest, able men who would gladly do the work of these self-

appointed politicians, at \$100 per month and thus make a big reduction in the expense squeezed out of the mouths of starving people. There are others who would render their services gratis, as they patriotically did during the

World War for the nominal price of \$1 per year—a great saving in this World Crisis! I believe the time is not far distant when the professional politician will be seeking cover. The people have had enough of his machinations and robberies, and

will rank him with the thief and kidnapper of personal liberty. The life of this nation, now as never before, depends on wise men—honest men—brave men who would stand or fall for righteousness. ELIZABETH S. MABERLEY.

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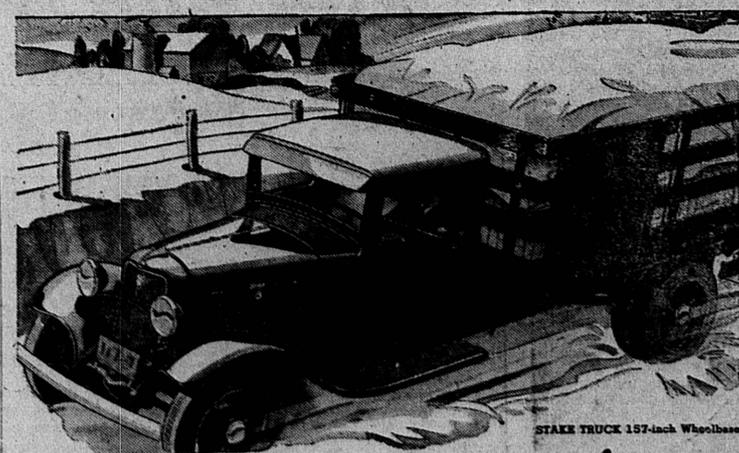
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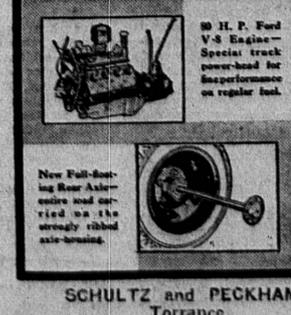
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