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News From Washington

By Your Congressman CHARLES J. COLDEN

There was a lengthy discussion in the House on the big Navy bill. It provides for an appropriation of \$460,000,000 for the building of a fleet to full treaty strength which will give this country a navy on par with Great Britain. There were a number of attacks on this bill but it withstood all of them and was passed by a large majority.

Some of my constituents were opposed to the expenditure of such a vast amount. My own reaction is that an efficient army and navy is the best insurance policy for peace that this country can obtain. If we had had an efficient army and navy at the beginning of the World War, Germany would have respected our rights and we might have avoided becoming involved in the World War.

The vast majority of our citizenship is for peace and the Jingo is but a small minority. But in my opinion, a big stick is one of the best guarantees of a peaceful pursuit of our national destiny.

Attention in Washington is being focused on the President's program for expending four billion dollars for public works throughout the country. Already delegations are appearing from all sections desiring to share in this huge appropriation. One of the features of the program that is of considerable interest and will have far-reaching results is the expansion of the subsistence homestead plan which will enable workers in the industrial centers to secure a cozy modern home and a small tract of land which is to be sold to them on long time terms with a low rate of interest. This movement, like the C.C.C. program is one of the innovations of the New Deal. Expanding the same idea is a bill introduced by Senator Bankhead of Alabama in the Senate and by Representative Jones of Texas in the House, providing for the issuance of a billion dollars in bonds for the purchase of large tracts of land and the subdivision into small tracts so as to enable the tenant farmers of America to become owners of the soil which they till. This bill has the same purpose as the land settlement introduced many years ago in Ireland by the British government for the elimination of the landlords and for the ownership of the farms by the tenants.

The subsistence homestead division of the department of the interior is under the direction of Charles E. Pynchon who is making purchases of land near cities or towns where families are in need of rehabilitation. It occurs to me that Watts, Gardena and Torrance and Long Beach are ideal locations for such prospects. A hint to the Chamber of Commerce might be sufficient. There is an opportunity to utilize the valuable water the county sanitation districts propose to waste.

I have been much interested in the reports that I have been receiving from the department of commerce based upon the recent farm census. As compared to five years ago, these reports disclose that a large number of people are gravitating from the city back to the farms. This tendency to get back to the soil which is greatly augmented by the aid of the government program, is a most healthful sign in American life. After all, a little cottage with a vine and fig tree, a garden and chickens owned and paid for, is the best social security that any people can enjoy. An old age pension is proper for those who have been over-whipped by mis-

fortune but the home occupied by its owners is the best security that this world affords. I always support all such measures with enthusiasm.

The oratorical war between the New Englanders and the South continues unabated. Recently Massachusetts and North Carolina were the principal combatants. The Republicans from Massachusetts have been berating the Democrats and charging them with neglect and indifference toward their textile industry. There was so much said and so much criticism from the Massachusetts delegation on the minority side of the House that it finally got under the skin of some of the Southern Democrats. So the other day the Honorable Lindsay Warren, one of the modest members of the House but a man of rare ability in a carefully prepared speech, waded into the opposition and made the fur fly much to the amusement of the Democrats and of considerable irritation to the Republicans. Mr. Lindsay proceeded to show that the trouble in the New England textile industry began years ago and that the greatest loss to the New Englanders occurred during the 12 years of Republican administration. In other words, Mr. Lindsay Warren argued that the growth of North Carolina and other Southern states and the decline of the textile industry in New England was due to climatic conditions, the comparative shorter distance from the raw material and other agencies that had nothing whatever to do with politics. It was one of the most masterly arguments that has been presented on the floor of the House since I became a member.

When I was a member of the board of harbor commissioners of Los Angeles in 1924-25, I began a campaign for 40 feet of water at pier one in the outer harbor. Like a good many things you undertake, I was disappointed at the time that the proposal did not receive more favorable attention. But now I am happy to state that the proposal of ten years ago may soon be realized. Under a Senate resolution of the Seventy-second Congress, adopted in April 1932, the survey of Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors was ordered reviewed. A report was recently filed with the Senate committee on commerce by which the 40 feet of water at pier one of the outer harbor was approved. This improvement will be offered as an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill in the Senate and favorable action is anticipated. This is another illustration that legislative achievement is slow. A depth of 40 feet of water at Los Angeles harbor will accommodate the largest ships afloat and is another step to make secure its important place among the leading ports of the world. This depth of water is also a contributive factor in securing a navy yard at San Pedro.

The state of Florida by a constitutional amendment adopted at the last election exempts from taxation all occupied homes, both farm and city, with an assessed valuation of \$5,000 or less. I am informed that real estate is assessed for about one-fourth or one-third of its actual value.

A member of Congress from Florida informs me that his home which cost him \$30,000 is assessed at about \$5,000 by the county in which he lives and is therefore exempt from county taxes. But the city in which he lives assesses his home at \$7,000 and as a result, he pays taxes to the city on \$2,000 on a \$30,000 home. This exemption on property in Florida is very attractive to the small home owners but the tax exemption is permitting many home owners to squeeze in under the provisions of the law who should ordinarily pay considerable taxes. The situation has brought about a very grave crisis in state affairs and in all political subdivisions of Florida for the reason that a large part of the revenues in the past have been derived from the properties of \$5,000 or less. Now the state and counties and cities are threatened with a heavy loss of revenue.

The first movement to restore the revenues was to greatly increase the assessed value of the homes in Florida. But this has been thwarted by a law just passed by the Florida legislature which prohibits the raising of assessments. Consequently, Florida is facing a very tough problem and while not in such great proportions as in California, it gives the officials of that state plenty to worry about.

A better plan would have been to have adopted a graduated tax system by which the smaller homes and holdings would be exempt with a multiplying rate on the large holdings of property. This system would discourage the with-holding of land from use and for speculation and discourage the landlord system. The restoration of home-ownership is one of the crying needs of America.

ATTEND POLICE MEETING

Police Captain John Stroh and Officer Frank Schumacher attended the meeting of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, held Tuesday at Topsy's Cafe, 8191 Long Beach boulevard.

improvements at other points on the Los Angeles county shoreline. It was pointed out by prominent yachtsmen that a series of such harbors for small craft lined the New England coast from Newport to Bar Harbor, and that a number of other harbors must be constructed in the Southland before

yachting could be satisfactorily enjoyed. Communities adjoining such harbor would benefit from the supplies purchased by boat owners and a large number of men would be given employment in repairing and servicing the boats, it was pointed out by members of the executive committee.

Sheep Had Quintuplets

CRESTLINE, O. (U.P.)—A sheep belonging to Roy McKeeman gave birth to quintuplets. Three lived.

used entirely in the welfare work of the Legion and auxiliary, the bulk of it in the work of the local post and unit.

"March" for Ticks

WHEELING, W. Va. (U.P.)—Every child marching in a parade with a pet dog or any other obtainable, was given a ticket for the Tri-State Kennel Club's two-day dog show.

110 Blood Transfusions

VERSAILLES, Mo. (U.P.)—George Frisbie, who received 110 blood transfusions in four months in 1932, recently returned to a hospital at Booneville for a few more. Frisbie was operated upon three times in the four-month period in 1932. He was given 14 gallons of blood, all supplied by friends.

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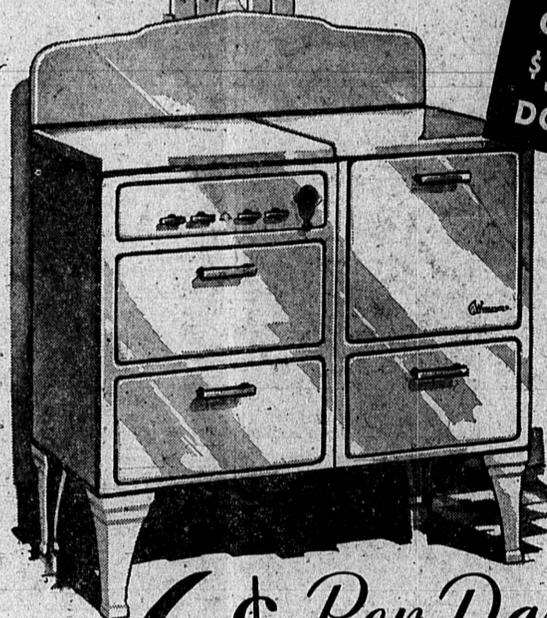
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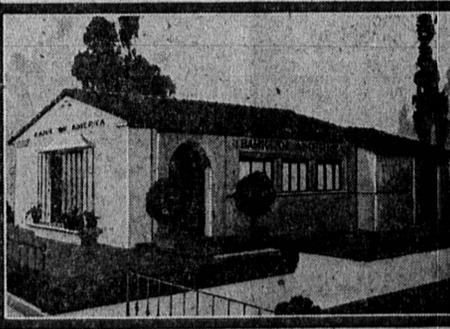
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Remember The Veterans On Poppy Day

Legion Auxiliary Will Have Flowers to Sell On May 25

Saturday, May 25, will be Poppy Day in Torrance. On that day the women of Bert S. Crossland Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute little red poppies on the streets to be worn in honor of the World War dead. The observance here will be part of the annual nation-wide observance of Poppy Day, during which millions of Americans will pay tribute to the memory of the war dead by wearing memorial poppies. Poppy Day activities here will be directed by a committee from the auxiliary headed by Jean Patterson, chairman. A large corps of volunteer workers will be organized to carry out the distribution of the flowers.

The poppies which will be worn here have been ordered from the Sawtelle Veterans hospital at Sawtelle, where they have been made by disabled World War veterans through the winter and spring months, enabling them to help support themselves and families. Public response on Poppy Day will determine how soon and how extensively this work can be reopened.

In exchange for the poppies, the Auxiliary women will ask each person to make a contribution for the welfare of the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, the widows and the fatherless children of veterans. This money will be



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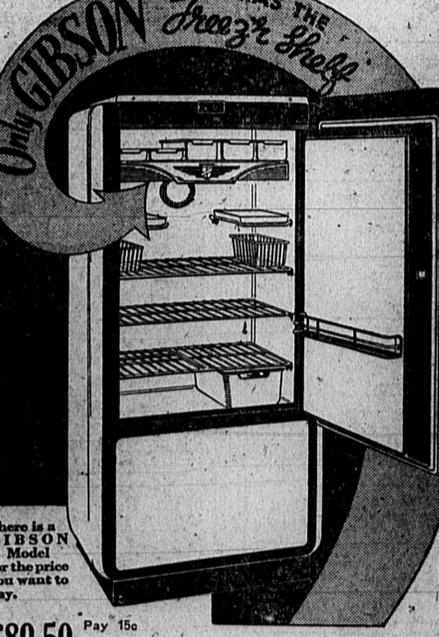
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