

LIFESAVERS IN NEED OF OUTFIT

VENICE CORPS IS POORLY EQUIPPED SHOULD HAVE MOTOR BOAT AND ACCESSORIES

Adolph Toenjes, Hero of San Gabriel Flood, is Laid Up as Result of Daring Rescue Work

VENICE, Jan. 8.—Tardy, but nevertheless hearty, appreciation by the public of their heroic services has resulted in greatly brightening the spirits of members of the Venice volunteer life saving corps. The agitation being made to procure the necessary funds to furnish the corps with modern life-saving apparatus of the most improved type is watched by the boys with deep interest. Hope is expressed on all hands that the agitation may result in benefit to the crew in a very substantial nature.

The recent exploit of the Venice life savers in rescuing four persons from their dangerous predicament in their little home surrounded by the flood waters of San Gabriel river in Los Nietos valley has attracted more attention than ever before to the self-sacrificing work of the young men composing the Venice volunteer corps. This most recent performance of the boys was the climax to a series of activities in life saving extending over three years that probably equals the record of any similar organization in the United States. It is gratifying indeed, declare members of the corps, to see that the great mass of people directly and indirectly affected by their work on the beach have come to realize the importance of the life savers to this community.

At a meeting a few weeks ago the members of the life saving corps reorganized, shedding the name of "United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps" and adopting the name "Venice Volunteer" corps. The boys had been induced to associate themselves with the government volunteer service with the promise of financial support, but the support never materialized. Funds for the maintenance of the life saving work are provided by citizens of the beaches—practically the various civic organizations and societies of the community. Frequently entertainments are held by the latter, at which small sums are realized for the corps. None of the members receives a cent for his work, but engages in it for a heroic spirit and a desire to aid humanity in distress.

Each member of the crew is employed in or around Venice, and whenever the life saving alarm is given, drops his work and hastens quickly to the station at the end of the Venice pier. One case is recorded where a member lost his position for responding to an alarm, but fortunately such instances are rare. By a recent arrangement with the Los Angeles Pacific railway, brought about through the agency of President Fred K. McCarthy of the Venice corps, of commerce, the railway company agrees to haul the life boat and paraphernalia of the corps to any point on its lines in case of an emergency free of cost and furnish a special car for the purpose. By this means the field of the life savers is expanded to take in the beach northward to the long wharf and southward to Redondo Beach.

Tom Witte is captain of the corps, with his brother, George Witte, second lieutenant, and Adolph Toenjes second lieutenant. John Molitor is quartermaster. The following are members of the corps, by residence: Adolph Toenjes, shoreman and boatman; George McManus, Alex Gray, Dan McIl, Stanley Townsend, David Moreno, Albert Romo, Harry Boucek, John Martin, Yarnell and Clifford Bowes, mascot. An executive committee, which directs the actions of the life savers in time of need, is composed of Capt. P. Grant, Capt. W. King, G. L. Anderson and George Hubbard.

The equipment of the life saving corps is very inadequate, in the opinion of those familiar with the operation of life saving stations on the Atlantic coast and Great Lakes. An eighteen-foot, four-oared life boat is the only craft available when the boys are compelled to make a trip beyond the surf. A small number of cork jackets and life buoys, with line, make up the balance of the paraphernalia. A motor life boat, unsinkable and capable of great speed, such a type as that in use at the life saving stations, is greatly desired by the Venice corps to place it in position to render quicker aid to drowning persons. In addition to this a long list of life saving accessories would have to be provided for the corps. It could be considered firmly established.

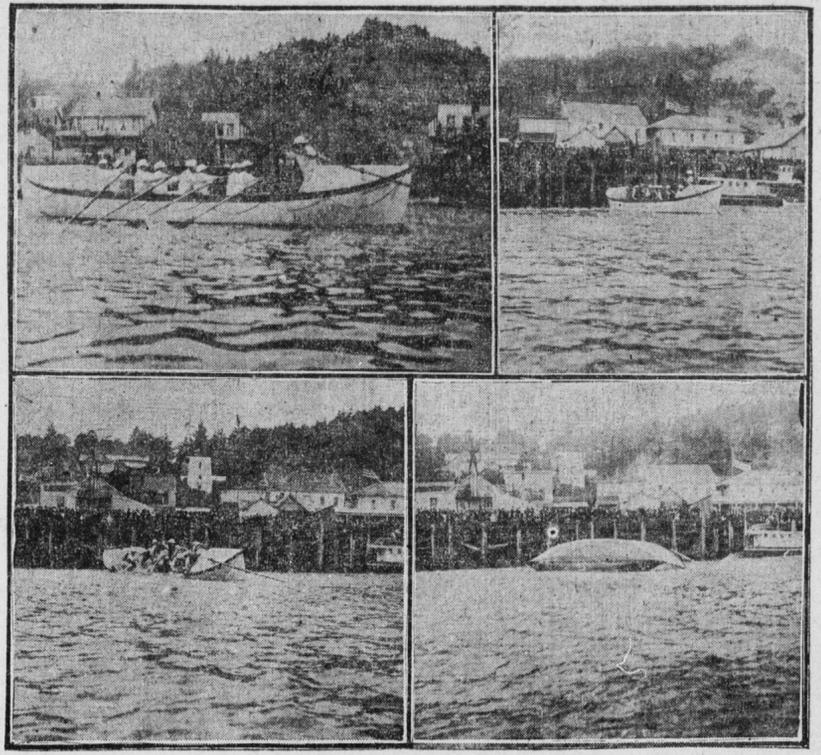
Adolph Toenjes, who with George McManus, braved the torrential waters of San Gabriel last Sunday, was injured in the right leg by becoming entangled in a barbed-wire fence. Little attention was paid to the injury at first, but it has since developed a possibility of blood poisoning, according to the attending physician. Toenjes is now practically laid up as a result of his volunteer life saving work.

COLLEGE DAYS RECALLED AT FRATERNITY BANQUET Sixty Members of the Beta Theta Pi Gather in Annual Session at Hotel Westminster

Members of the alumni chapter of the national college fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, were carried back to their college days last night when the annual banquet of the chapter was held at the Westminster hotel. Many colleges were represented around the banquet board, the college songs and yells held to renew the spirit of younger days.

B. Lippincott, Kansas '87, acted as toastmaster. Judge H. C. Gooding, who was graduated from Indiana in '59, gave a toast on "The Olden Days." Others who responded to toasts were H. S. Van Dyke, California '93; K. S. Riley, Chicago '05, and Harry Beard, Stanford chapter, '10. Sixty members were present.

Venice Lifesavers Who Rescued Four Persons Sunday, in Action at Beach



MAKES FIRST ARREST FOR SMOKING ON CAR

Former Patrolman, Alleged to Have Puffed Cigar in Front Section of "Electric," Refuses to Desist When Ordered

The first arrest made since the recent passage of a city ordinance prohibiting smoking on the front platform of an electric car was recorded last night when Thomas M. Kristovich, a former patrolman, at present proprietor of a restaurant at 835 East Fifth street, was booked at police headquarters and released on \$5 bail to appear for trial Monday morning.

DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOOT QUARRY AFTER LONG CHASE

Dying Man at Martinez May Prove to Be "Drug Store Bandit" Wanted in San Francisco

MARTINEZ, Cal., Jan. 8.—R. H. Veale, son of Sheriff Veale and a deputy in his office, shot and probably fatally wounded a man who gives the name of Thomas O'Neil, this morning, but who is believed to be the much sought after "drug store holdup" man in San Francisco.

GRIP AGAIN CUTS WIDE SWATH IN NEW YORK CITY

George J. Gould Victim of Prevailing Epidemic, but is Not Seriously Ill

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Grip is again epidemic in New York, bringing in its train an increased death rate. The mortality per 1000 has jumped to 17.35 against 15.08 for the preceding period a year ago.

MAY LOSE YERKES TREASURES

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The Yerkes art treasures, composing one of the largest private collections in the world, will be lost to the people of New York if some philanthropic deed does not come forward to prevent them falling under the auctioneer's hammer. Unless the collection is bought by private dealers, the entire lot of paintings, tapestries and rugs probably will be sold in March.

SHAH RETAINS TITLE

ODESSA, Saturday, Dec. 25.—An imperial rescript is published here giving to the deposed shah of Persia titles of "shah" and "majesty" in Russia. The rescript relieves of embarrassment the officials and newspapers who did not know by what title he was to be addressed. The former shah takes a keen interest in western life and customs and is daily seen in the streets of Odessa.

COUNT WITTE BECOMES UNPOPULAR WITH CZAR

Emperor Nicholas Orders Street Bearing Public Man's Name to Be Called "Peter the Great"

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday, Dec. 25.—It is officially announced the emperor has canceled the name of Witte, recently given to one of the important avenues by the city council, and has ordered it to be renamed "The Street of Peter the Great."

CLERGYMAN RESIGNS TO PERFORM MENIAL WORK

Former Assistant Pastor of Aristocratic Church Amazes Parishioners by Unusual Conduct

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Rev. Walter E. Evans, Princeton graduate and until recently assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, one of the city's aristocratic parishes, unexpectedly resigned a month ago and disappeared from public view.

RAILWAY COMPANY FINED FOR NOT CUTTING WEEDS

Long Island Road Fails to Comply with Law Requiring Right of Way Cleaned Twice Yearly

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—For failing to cut the weeds, brush and grass along the company's right of way in Smithtown, L. I., a jury in the Suffolk county superior court has rendered a verdict of \$2300 against the Long Island railroad. The damages asked were \$73,000, covering two years of neglect on the company's part.

OPPOSES SPRING VALLEY BUY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—By a vote of 95 to 17 the San Francisco Labor council this morning decided to oppose the acquisition of the plant of the Spring Valley Water company by the city. Mayor McCarthy opposed the Spring Valley bonds on the same grounds that he had urged before the Building Trades council.

TO ESTABLISH MUSEUM

AUBURN, Cal., Jan. 8.—Dr. J. W. Haver, a well known geologist, has suggested to the city trustees here the advisability of establishing a Placer county museum in the Carnegie library building. He points out the need of prompt action to save historical specimens in which this county is so rich. The trustees are favorable.

PARENTS SENT TO PRISON

OROVILLE, Cal., Jan. 8.—Fred Triest and his wife, Sadie Triest, with their 17-weeks-old girl, appeared in court yesterday and were sentenced to one year, but put on probation and given the custody of the child. They pleaded guilty.

REBEKAH SECRETARY DIES

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Olive Hodgkinson, 68 years of age, died here yesterday. Mrs. Hodgkinson for the last twenty years was secretary of Myrtle Rebekah lodge of the I. O. O. F.

FATALLY INJURED IN QUEST OF REVENGE

Man in Denver Attempts to Punish His Wife—Starts Six Riots, and Finally Is Shot

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 28.—Frederick Goebel, a packer employed in a wholesale dry goods house, was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning while attempting to break into his wife's apartments to punish her for having instituted divorce proceedings against him.

CONVICTED BANKER'S AFFAIRS TO BE CLOSED

John R. Walsh to Sign Contract in Settlement with Chicago Institutions

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The final move in the settlement between John R. Walsh and the Chicago clearing house banks, probably will be taken today or Monday.

STORM RELEASES OIL WHICH LATER FLOWS INTO WATER SUPPLY

AUBURN, Cal., Jan. 8.—Blown from a big pit by storms, 1000 gallons of oil that had been stored by railroad contractors near South Yuba Water company and later was pumped into a big reservoir in this city from which the residents draw their supply for household purposes. The mystery could not be explained at first and water consumers voiced deep indignation. Investigation by the company finally disclosed the cause of the trouble, and steps were at once taken to correct the same.

CRUISER STARTS FOR JAPAN

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 8.—The United States cruiser New Orleans left the Mare Island navy yard today on her way to Yokohama. She will stop at San Francisco to adjust her compasses and take on stores.

TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burdette sailed for Honolulu from San Francisco on the Korea Friday, January 7.

WOMAN DIES OF GRIEF

CHERRY, Ill., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Charles Erimmano of Spring Valley, Ill., whose husband was a victim of the Cherry mine horror, is dead of a broken heart. Doctors say the case is one of the few that have come to their attention where the patient actually died of grief.

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HOLDS HIGHEST SERMON RECORD

REV. A. C. SMITHER FILLS PULPIT TWENTY YEARS

NUMEROUS DISCOURSES GIVEN IN ONE CHURCH

Pastor of First Christian Congregation Will Have Preached Fifteen Hundred Times to Flock This Morning

Rev. A. C. Smither, pastor of the First Christian church, will preach the fifteen hundredth sermon in his church at the service this morning, which will make a record seldom attained by a pastor in one church. In the evening Rev. Mr. Smither will speak on "How to Get Married," in compliance with the request of the commission on marriage and divorce. This will be preceded by a stereopticon prelude on "Up the Pyramids."

Prof. A. C. Smither received the call to the First Christian church at the time of his graduation from his theological course twenty years ago, and this is the only charge that has ever held coming here direct from college. He is now in point of service the oldest pastor in Los Angeles, none other holding as long a record of continuous service by several years. Rev. Mr. Smither is very popular with his congregation and is one of the prominent clergymen of the Christian denomination on the coast.

Will Install Pipe Organ

The Central Baptist church has recently let the contract for a \$3500 pipe organ which is to be installed in the church in the near future. Mrs. Sarah E. Walker started the subscription with a gift of \$1500, and the organ will be a memorial to her husband, W. H. Walker. A choir choir and orchestra are being organized at this church for the Sunday evening services. This morning Rev. A. S. Phelps, the pastor, will speak on "The Light of the World." The Light Tackle club, a section of the Fishermen's club, will have charge of the evening service under the leadership of Rev. T. C. Horton, captain of the club.

'Narrow Door' is Topic

Rev. Levi D. Barr, a former Friends' pastor who has recently joined the Bellevue Methodist church, south, will preach at this church this evening on "The Narrow Door." The Young Women's Association of the University of Southern California will speak Monday evening at the City Union Rescue mission, 606 East Fifth street.

Conducts Revival Services

The revival meetings at the First Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles Edgewood Locke, are meeting with much success. The audiences have been large each evening, and many persons go forward to the altar for prayers. The meetings will continue each evening this week, except Saturday. Dr. Locke will preach this morning on "Lift Up a Standard." In the evening his theme will be "More Truth About the Devil; Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out."

Will Address Federation Club

Rev. E. S. Chapman, head of the Anti-Slavery league, will address the Federation club at its luncheon next Wednesday noon on "Small We Incurably Grow." His theme will be "If Ye Abide" will be the Sunday morning topic of Rev. A. B. Pritchard, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, at the evening subject.

Will Celebrate Feast

The celebration of Epiphany or "Little Christmas" will be observed on the octave of the feast at the church of St. Vincent de Paul this morning with a solemn high mass at 10 o'clock and the Christmas music will be repeated, the choir to be assisted by a string orchestra. Rev. T. A. Shaw, C. M., will preach the sermon. Solemn vespers will be celebrated at 7 o'clock at which Rev. T. J. Devine, C. M., will preach the sermon.

Rev. Mgr. Harnett will preach at the 10 o'clock mass this morning at the Cathedral of St. Vibiana. Father Kirk will preach at the evening service. "The Young Ladies' sociality of the parish will meet at 3 o'clock in the parochial hall.

TO BE CRIPPLED AT SEA

Asiatic Vessel is Limping Across the Ocean with Only One of Her Propellers Working

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The Japanese steamship Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which sailed from Seattle December 21, was due to have arrived at Yokohama yesterday, but she will not get into that port until January 18, eleven days behind her schedule.

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ST. LAWRENCE NOW ON PUMP

AS GUSHER WELL FLOWED 2000 BARRELS

BROOKSHIRE EXPECTS BIG FLOW FROM NO. 1

Standard Gets Results on Section 30. Law Suit Will Arise Over Gas. Amber Enters Rich Sand. Sale at \$800 an Acre

TAFT, North Midway Field, Jan. 8.—The St. Lawrence, on section 5-22-23, has put its No. 1 well on the pump. The well came in a gusher and flowed intermittently, producing from 1500 to 2000 barrels a day. The oil is of 19 gravity, by standard test, and is going to the Standard Oil company. The company is now rigging up for No. 2 a short distance east of No. 1.

The Brookshire is cementing off the water in its well on section 24-31-23 at a depth of 2200 feet. It is evident the company is about to bring in a well, judging from the comparison of its log with that of the Crandall. The two records have agreed almost perfectly and the Brookshire has punctured a shell under which is supposed to lie the rich sand. A considerable gas blowout occurred when the shell was drilled through. No. 2 has been spudded.

Standard Boasts Fine Well

It is evident the Standard has a fine well near the center of section 30-22-23, in the northeast quarter. Last Saturday it was opened and flowed a steady stream in large volume for more than a day, after which it choked with sand and at last advices it had not been brought back. When the flow occurred it was necessary to connect temporary reservoirs and most of the oil was saved. It is estimated that 1000 barrels were produced.

M'CARTHY DECLARES FOR LIBERAL TOWN

New Mayor of San Francisco Takes Charge of City's Affairs and Outlines Policies He Will Carry Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The new city administration, headed by Mayor McCarthy, took charge of the municipal government here at noon. The incoming board of supervisors will hold its first meeting next Monday.

DIVISION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS WAS FRIENDLY

In the recent division of the property interests of the old Fort of Vallejo, the heirs of Walter Vall, eight in number, including the widow, receive the Santa Rosa ranch of 4700 acres in Riverside county; also the old Pauba ranch of 4000 acres in Tehama, and the Total Wreck mine and the Empire ranch, located in Arizona.

LOS ANGELES FORM COMPANY

FRESNO, Jan. 8.—Articles of incorporation were filed today with the county clerk for the formation of the American Oil Fields company, which is capitalized for \$25,000,000. Of this sum \$700 has been subscribed. The directors of the company are the following Los Angeles men: E. L. Doherty, C. A. Canfield, J. C. Anderson, T. A. O'Donnell, J. M. Danziger, Norman Bridger and L. A. McCray.

TO PAY DIVIDENDS

The Silver Tip dividend for December will be paid January 24, according to Coalinga advices. On that day both the December and January dividends will be paid. The delay is said to be due to a dispute over settlement from the agencies for November's oil.

OFFER IS FOR PERPETUITY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 8.—A local land company in order to have the proposed new court house located in its subdivision has offered to supply in perpetuity from Hot Springs water and heat for the building. The county authorities are said to favor the offer, especially as five acres of land goes with it.

DEAN OF LAW SCHOOL DIES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 8.—Prof. James Burr Ames, dean of the Harvard law school and formerly chairman of the athletic committee of the university, died today. Dean Ames was 63 years old. He was a leading authority on suretyship, admiralty, partnership and equity jurisdiction and author of numerous legal reviews.

VIOLATES NEUTRALITY LAWS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 8.—After deliberating for an hour the jury in the case of Jose M. Rangel returned a verdict of guilty yesterday. Rangel was under indictment charged with violating the neutrality laws of the United States by beginning a military expedition and setting afloat a military enterprise against Mexico. Sentence was deferred.

Ministers Will Debate

A ten-night series of debates on the subject "Mormonism" will be opened Monday night at the Boyle Heights Christian church when Rev. I. Harvey Hazel, the pastor, will debate with Rev. T. W. Williams, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (reorganized). Each speaker will have one hour on evening. The debate will be conducted according to parliamentary rules. Rev. Mr. Hazel participated in a sixteen-night debate on the same subject in Salt Lake.

Don't fail to read Occidental Park, page 6, part 4.