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OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

Aristophanes and Mr. Jones

The battle now being staged in Los Angeles between one Aristophanes, Greek dramatist, and Capt. D. McD. Jones, vice squad leader, may not be accomplishing miracles in the cause of virtue, but to many it is a source of real amusement.

Whether true or not, the story that Capt. Jones, at the time of his first raid on the play "Lysistrata," at the Carthay Circle theatre, demanded the presence of the author, is a good one. Jones was said to have been distinctly annoyed at being informed that the Greek had been dead some 2,000 years.

Aristophanes has a bit the best of it now, since Capt. Jones is in jail because of the fact that he ignored a temporary injunction of the California supreme court in making his second raid.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen cannot but wonder whether these vice squads are not in the employ of the producers, since one raid will put a waiting show on its feet and two raids make it a real money-maker.

Had Jones been a student of human nature, he might have told newspapers that the play was an extremely high-brow production, and very educational, and the chances are that the play could not have continued for another week. Most theatregoers do not want to be educated.

U. S. FLAGSHIP AT SHANGHAI

Hunt Continues For L. A. Plane

THREE OF LOST SHIPS FOUND; ONE FLIER KILLED

By UNITED PRESS

Of seven airplanes involved in accidents from coast to coast, or missing with the fate of their occupants unknown, three were found on Tuesday. Searchers are still flying over mountainous wastes in the west and tumultuous seas off Florida, seeking traces of the others.

PILOT FOUND

George T. Douglass, airmail pilot was found at an emergency landing field near Locomotive Springs, Utah, where he had been isolated from the rest of the world for 24 hours.

Francis H. Burns, another mail flier, was found seriously injured in his wrecked plane near Marcelus, Mich.

Pilot Jack Sharpnack, flying with mails from San Francisco, was found dead by a rancher near Rio Vista Calif. His ship had burned.

Lieutenant W. A. Cooke, Jr., saved his life by "bailing out" of an army plane over the Sequoia national park, but his pilot, Lieut. Edward D. Hoffman, who flew on through a storm, has not been heard from.

Two Hundred Planes Fly Low Over Snow Covered Mountains

Clearing weather which permitted airplanes to fly over the mountain north and west of here lent impetus to the search for a missing Century Pacific airliner and its eight passengers today.

More than 200 planes were in the skies until darkness forced them to return to their ports. They had concentrated the hunt in the vicinity of Cobblestone mountain, hoping to sight the plane or its wreckage and direct land forces to the scene to recover the bodies of the victims.

Although heavy storms of the past few days had cleared away to some extent, searchers continued to be handicapped by the snow that covered everything in the mountain regions.

As the tiresome search went on and on without success it appeared that the missing tri-motored plane might not be located until a thaw sets in, removing the snow that must have covered the wreckage.

Investigation late today of a report that a searching plane had sighted what appeared to be the charred wreckage of a plane in Elizabeth Lake canyon disclosed that the object probably was a burned mountain cabin.

RENO'S ROBERTS Not So Dumb

Speaking of human nature, Reno's E. E. Roberts was not so dumb when he suggested that the best way to promote temperance was to put a barrel of liquor and a dipper on every street corner. No, that he seriously advocated any such action, but theoretically there was some wisdom in the suggestion. Drunkenness and drinking to excess have lost the stigma of disgrace. They are looked upon with tolerance or indifference by those who used to be referred to as "the better class."

In other words "booze" is fashionable and drunkenness considered amusing.

When society as a whole once more considers drinking to excess vulgar, and the drunkard disgusting, then temperance will again be on the upgrade. Intemperance is a moral and not a criminal problem, and, as a very wise and good friend of ours, a member of the bar, has remarked: "You can't legislate morals into people. They are entirely a matter of training and public opinion."

Lure of the Bulletin Board

Times are indeed changing, and that this is so can be seen in no more striking example than the press dispatch to the effect that members of the Chinese colony in Los Angeles through the bulletin boards for the latest news of events in their native land. The news is placed on huge sheets by expert chirographers as fast as received, and then pasted in the bulletin boards, where a large crowd is constantly surging. The Chinese are supposed to be a nation most reluctant to the adoption of modern customs, but these Chinese residing in a foreign land grasp quickly at the modern telegraph dispatch and bulletin board.

No doubt these Chinese, are many of them, anxious about the fate of their friends and relatives in the Orient. Similarly, we can imagine that those American citizens now sojourning in China or Japan wish they were well out of the mess, with their feet planted on the home soil in spite of Old Man Depression.

Who Needs The Sympathy

While there will be much sympathy for China in her hour of trial, if history repeats itself, as it is supposed to do, it may be Japan who needs the sympathy. China has had many conquerors, but the country is so vast, and the people so numerous and submissive that the conquerors can make no impression. On the contrary, after a few years no traces of their conquest can be found. They are quietly and completely absorbed by the nation they had thought they had conquered.

City Council Declares Moratorium On Dog Licenses As Aid To Owners

FAIRMONT, Ind., Feb. 3. (U.P.)—Fairmont's city fathers have declared a one-year moratorium on the collection of dog taxes to help relieve "the distressed conditions now prevailing in Fairmont." Dog license owners were a dollar each; council members said their abolishment for the next year was "a step in the right direction."

FEDERAL JOBS AND MONEY THOUGHT NEAR

Direct Aid Bill Will Include Food, Road Funds of Millions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (U.P.)—Direct federal money and jobs for America's estimated 8,300,000 now unemployed, moved swiftly toward reality today.

ROAD AND FOOD BILL

Democratic senate leaders abandoned their announced intention of sending the \$375,000,000 LaFollette-Costigan direct aid bill back to committee, and instead drafted a combined road and food relief bill calling for a possible \$750,000,000. This bill, which is to be worked out in a Democratic conference tomorrow and offered as a substitute measure despite Hoover opposition to any direct relief, would provide:

- \$375,000,000 for relief, to be given to states with the understanding they will repay it in the future, but without requiring bond issues or other official undertakings such as are forbidden by many state constitutions. No interest would be charged.
- \$375,000,000 for highway building, to be apportioned the same as the present federal aid but without requiring states to put up an equal amount of money.

This action opens the way to a formal vote tomorrow to take up the Costigan-LaFollette bill. It will then be debated at considerable length, and a veritable flood of amendments is expected. A final vote, with probably an even chance of the bill's passage, is probable during next week.

A poll of Republican senators today showed 28 votes opposed, and 14 votes for the proposal in its present form, and 24 against and 18 for the Black proposal for a \$375,000,000 substitute grant for road building.

A combination of the two plans, however, would appease the rural congressmen and those from the cities where the unemployment situation is most acute.

These developments came suddenly today while the senate's youngest member, Robert M. LaFollette, Rep., Wis., was concluding a five and one-half hour speech, emphasizing the emergency condition and warning senators that if they fail to meet the issue here, it will haunt them in the campaign next fall.

LaFollette, black-haired and vigorous, finished his long speech as fresh as he started, and with an emotional note of warning: "Millions of children will be maimed in body if not warped in mind by the effects of malnutrition, if something is not done at once."

BURDEN 'TOO HEAVY'

The country has now, he said, "gone beyond the bounds of safety." The burden of relief has become "too heavy," he said, for the private, state and local agencies which have been "trying manfully to care for the destitute."

The house labor committee, considering a similar bill, heard coal miners from Pennsylvania and West Virginia tell of desperate situations among their coal miners, where relief funds are becoming exhausted, miners are being evicted from their houses for non-payment of rents, and the poor houses are so full that no more can be admitted. Brant Scott, of the West Virginia mine workers, said 15,000 miners are starving or otherwise suffering in his state, and Rep. Kent Keller, Dem., Ill., interjected: "If you had a governor there that was worth ten cents he'd declare martial law."

We must look the world right in the eye and tell it we are ready for the test."

"But we must dig in and work. Our compensation here in Las Vegas will be in direct relation to what we are able to create for the best interests of our whole community. This will require the greatest asset we have—courage. But I am sure every one of you is fortified and equal to the task. It will require also a complete elimination of the factionalism that has torn the community in the past, and a closely organized chamber of commerce that can rise above personal and partisan views."

"It is my aim for the coming year to give a world of efficient service—to set up an essential financial program, and to arrange an advertising program that will make it possible to reach every convention headquarters in the United States on time to get the greatest results therefrom," he concluded.

Golden Cotton



California cotton is "stealing the show" from the Dixie product in exports to Japan. Here's Miss Faith Mackey with some samples from a record 8,000 ball cargo just shipped on the liner Shinyo Maru, bound for Japanese textile mills. She is wearing a kimono made from the cotton yarn.

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COMMITTEES REPORT TO CHAMBER

The Chamber of Commerce touched on several matters of interest at its regular meeting yesterday, following the inauguration of James H. Down as president.

C. D. Baker presented a report recommending that certain areas in the Hoover dam reservation be reserved to mineral entry. The report was laid on the table for future consideration.

James Cashman reported that a plan can be worked out whereby the merchants of Las Vegas will provide free transportation from Boulder City to return for those who come to Las Vegas to do their trading. O. K. Adcock and Nye Wilson were appointed to assist Mr. Cashman in working out the details of the plan.

Andy Rafael made a report favoring the postponement, for various reasons, of the annual meeting of the Chamber. On motion of Mr. Yates, the matter was left to the discretion of President Down and the committee.

City Engineer Thompson reported favoring the expenditure of state funds on improving the highway from Las Vegas to Charleston mountain. On motion of H. N. Gambill, a resolution was passed asking the state highway department to provide funds for improving the highway and also that a portion of the federal funds for building highways through the forest reserves be applied here.

Secretary Nye Wilson reported on the prospective visit to Salt Lake City of himself and a committee of members.

Ryland Taylor called attention to the fact that the act passed by congress providing sittings of the federal court in Las Vegas did not make it compulsory. The matter was referred to the committee on laws and legislation. Fred S. Alward, chairman.

Two visitors were present at the meeting. Art Harrington introduced Mr. Williams of Salt Lake City, and Rev. A. S. Kean presented Mr. Wellington of Hollywood, who was described as a director of musical dramas. Mr. Wellington entertained the members with an address at the close of the meeting.

LEGION PARTY BEING PLANNED

Another event of major importance to Las Vegas socialites was announced last night, when plans for an American Legion dinner party at the Meadows February 10 were announced.

The dinner dance will be held at 8 p. m., and the public is cordially invited, according to the committee in charge of arrangements.

A big feature of the affair will be an entirely new show, presented for the first time that night. The show will be produced by Mary Lou Dawn, and is sure to include several novel and entertaining ideas.

EAGLES DISCUSS PLAN FOR DANCE

Last night's regular meeting of the Las Vegas Aerie, 1213, F. O. E., was made pleasant for members and their friends by a social hour at which refreshments were served. During the business session, plans for a dance soon to be given, were discussed.

The meeting was well attended, and many of the non-resident visitors expressed themselves as having enjoyed the affair.

VISITS DAUGHTER

M. E. Kelly of Rockford, Ill., arrived in Las Vegas last night for a visit with his daughter and son-in-law, Officer and Mrs. Jack Ott.

ILL AT HOME

Mrs. Edith Gregory, employe of the Southern Nevada Telephone company, is confined to her home on account of illness.

LEAGUE STAND SEEN BY ITS LEADERS AS SUCCESS

Nations' Act Toward Oriental Crisis Is History's Strongest

GENEVA, Feb. 2. (U.P.)—The League of Nations, chief cog in the world's machinery for peace, was believed by league leaders tonight to have been vastly strengthened by action of the world powers in the Far Eastern warfare.

CHANCE FOR SUCCESS

The concerted action to restore peace in China also was considered a triumph for the league's world disarmament conference, now in session, which had been facing the danger of failure, but is now given a much greater chance for success.

The proposals presented to Japan and China by the governments of Britain and the United States, backed by France, Italy and Germany, were described as the strongest concerted action any group of nations have taken in such circumstances since the World war.

The fact that the United States fully supported the move was received with the greatest satisfaction in league circles, as there had been some fear of American withdrawal from cooperation as a result of the unsuccessful Paris session of the league council on Manchuria.

The news of Japanese bombardment at Nanking, capital of China, provided a dramatic setting for the session, which brought to the fore the concern not only of the league, but of the great powers in regard to the oriental menace to world peace.

ARMS PARLEY

After the council adjourned, the delegates hurried over to the electoral hall, where thousands of persons were packed together to hear the address of Arthur Henderson, of Britain, formally opening the disarmament conference.

There was a general tendency in unofficial circles to take the attitude that the Anglo-American action, supported by other powers, was directed more at Japan than at China, but it was pointed out that the move actually was in response to a request by Japan, made on Sunday, and that there was nothing more to the action than "proposals" for peace arrangements and an offer of the good offices of the United States and Britain.

America's Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (U.P.)—The American-Allied peace plan, submitted today to Japan and China after its hasty conception by President Hoover and Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson, offers a basis for solution of the entire Far Eastern dispute.

It could be made to include negotiation of the Manchurian problem.

The plan contains five points, as follows:

- Cessation of all acts of violence by both sides forthwith.
- No further mobilization or preparation whatever for further hostilities between the two nations.
- Withdrawal of both Japanese and Chinese combatants from all points of mutual contact in the Shanghai area.
- Protection of the international settlement by the establishment of neutral zones to divide the combatants; these zones to be policed by neutrals; the arrangements to be set up by the consular authorities.
- Upon acceptance of these conditions prompt advances to be made in negotiations to settle all outstanding controversies between the two nations in the spirit of the pact of Paris and the resolution of the League of Nations of December 9, (proposing an investigating commission) without prior demand or reservation and with the aid of neutral observers or participants.

LAST RITES FOR L. V. GIRL

Funeral services for Helene Horden will be held Thursday at the Holy Cross cathedral at Los Angeles. It was learned yesterday. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery in that city. Miss Horden died Monday morning after a serious illness and several delicate operations.

Many Las Vegas friends and relatives of the Horden family are leaving today for Los Angeles to attend the funeral. Others, unable to attend, are sending floral offerings.

ST. GEORGE, SNOW BOUND, RECEIVES AGE BULLETINS

Snowbound for the past two days, the citizens of St. George, Utah, do not believe in going without their news of the world's affairs, especially the tense situation between China and Japan.

Cut off from most communications with the outside world, and from all sources of world news, St. Georgians are being kept informed of the Sino-Japanese situation by telephoned bulletins from The Age. At the request of several citizens of the Utah town, who phoned their request in the first of the week.

JAILED WHEN HE ASSAULTS VEGAN

An allegedly unprovoked assault by Victor Martucci upon Ben Bernstein at breakfast time yesterday resulted in Martucci's arrest and imprisonment on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

According to stories told police by witnesses of the affair, Bernstein was in a downtown cafe eating his breakfast when Martucci entered and became abusive in his language to Bernstein, finally attacking him. Martucci was drunk when arrested, police said yesterday. He was released on bail later in the day.

MRS. FERGUSON IMPROVES

Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, who has been confined to her home with influenza, is now able to be about and will motor to Overton Thursday morning to spend several days visiting her mother in that city.

Slight Earthquake Is Reported In Cuba, Chance Radio Message Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (U.P.)—New York officers of the Mackay Radio corporation reported early today that they had intercepted a wireless message indicating there had been a slight earthquake in Cuba. Operators in New York said a yacht in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba was querying the land radio stations in Cuba concerning the report.

The Chinese were fighting on Chinese soil, but the Japanese artillery was employed on the rifle range at the end of the North Szechuen road, which is the proposed Chinese position.

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PORT CLOSED AS HOUSTON REACHES GOAL

Woosung Bombarded By Japanese Ships in Whangpoo River

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Feb. 3. (U.P.)—At 3:10 p. m. today Japanese headquarters officially announced that the offensive had been resumed on all fronts.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Feb. 3.

(U.P.)—Chinese and Japanese troops were fighting fiercely in two sections here today as the U. S. cruiser Houston, flagship of the Asiatic fleet and first of 10 U. S. warships to arrive from Manila, arrived at 2:30 p. m., just before the port was closed.

BATTLE UNABATED

Hostilities which began in the battle scarred North railroad station area at 10:45 a. m. were continuing unabated this afternoon, and at 2:30 p. m. Japanese airplanes, which had been over the city all day, began bombing the Chinese positions. It was the first time airplanes have bombed the area since the first clash of last week.

The second engagement was between Chinese forces in the Woosung forts at the mouth of the Yangtze river and Japanese naval units. The forts are 20 miles from Shanghai proper.

An official announcement was made that Chinese had ceased firing from Woosung after about three hours of fighting. No Japanese marines were landed immediately.

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The order closing the port of Shanghai had rescinded after the Chinese ceased firing at Woosung.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Feb. 3.

(U.P.)—The U. S. cruiser Houston, flagship of the Asiatic fleet, arrived in the port of Shanghai at 2:30 p. m. today from Manila. The Houston arrived just before an order closing the port had been issued because of a severe engagement between Japanese destroyers and Chinese land forces in the mouth of the Yangtze.

The Houston in command of Rear Admiral Montgomery M. Taylor, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, is now in the Whangpoo river off the Bund, Shanghai's waterfront.

CHINESE CEASE FIRING

After almost three hours of fighting, it was officially announced that the Chinese defending the Woosung forts had ceased firing. Japanese marines have not yet been landed there.

U. S. Consul General Edwin S. Cunningham had said earlier that the Japanese informed him they would take the Woosung forts today.

The Japanese explanation of the start of the battle, however, was that the destroyer Nire was fired on by Chinese as it steamed past the forts.

Rumors were current in the city that the naval engagement at Woosung had been started to delay Admiral Taylor's arrival on the Houston while the battle in the North Szechuen sector of Chapei continued.

Admiral Taylor becomes senior officer of the defense corps in the international settlement, and Cunningham had scheduled a private conference with him as soon as he could reach shore. The marines on the Houston are to be landed and added to the American defense forces in the settlement.

MORE U. S. SHIPS

Nine U. S. destroyers which left Manila the same day the Houston sailed are expected here tomorrow. These ships are the J. D. Edwards, Smith-Thompson, Whipple, Barker, Peary, Pillsbury, Ford, Tracy and Pope.

The transport Chaumont carrying the 31st U. S. infantry regiment, is also en route from Manila.

At noon the Chinese had not been budged from their positions and apparently the Japanese positions were seriously endangered.

The Chinese, after a few shots, found the Japanese range and laid down a heavy bombardment. Judging from the sound, Chinese guns outnumbered those of the Japanese.

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