

OBSERVATIONS
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By C. P. S.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
February 6-
Minimum 44; maximum 56.
METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (UP)—Silver London, 19 3/4, New York 29 1/2. Lead, E. St. Louis, 3.55, New York, 3.75. Copper, 6 1/2, Zinc, E. St. Louis, 2.80.

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JAPS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK

Americans Asked To Leave As War Becomes Intense

Missions Operated By Chinese, But Owned By American Churches Are Pillaged By Japanese Civilians

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SHANGHAI, SUNDAY, Feb., 7 (UP)—The roar of artillery shattered the air in Shanghai again today as the Japanese launched a new attack.

Furious Drive
From 11:30 last night to 1 a. m., today, a furious attack was made on the Chinese lines. It began with rifles and machine guns and soon heavy artillery joined in. The Japanese apparently suspected the Chinese might attack before the Japanese reinforcements arrived today, and made a counter move.

The fighting centered at the North Station, directly bordering on the International Settlement, where a battle has raged intermittently for days. The reverberations awakened the sleeping foreigners, who had settled down to enjoy a peaceful night after earlier indications had been that the celebrations of the Chinese New Year would cause a real lull in hostilities.

The first official estimate of casualties in more than a week of fighting was made today. The Japanese put the Chinese casualties in the native Chapei district, which was bombed

and destroyed, at more than 5000 including civilians. JAPANESE CASUALTIES
Japanese casualties in the entire campaign were put at 40 dead, 126 seriously wounded and 124 slightly wounded.

Willys K. Peck, United States Consul General, posted a notice expressing apprehension lest it might become more difficult in the next few days to leave the city.

Peck said American women and children, as well as men not engaged in the most vital and important work, should leave immediately and return only after the military operations had been concluded.

He pointed out that the fighting in Shanghai was not showing signs of diminishing and there was no possibility of restoring railway communication between Nanking and Shanghai. He said also that the possibility of interruption in the Yangtze river steamer system must be considered and emphasized the possibility that the railway leading north to Tientsin might be cut off.

Admiral Koichi Shiosawa, who has been directing the Japanese campaign, told the United Press emphatically that the fighting would continue until the Chinese are driven out of Shanghai.

"It is absolutely necessary to drive out the 19th Chinese army," he said. "No truce is possible until the 19th army leaves Shanghai."

He was interviewed aboard the flagship Ataka as he turned over the main command to Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, a higher ranking officer sent from Tokyo. Shiosawa is of the general type, frequently laughing heartily in spite of his war-like decorations.

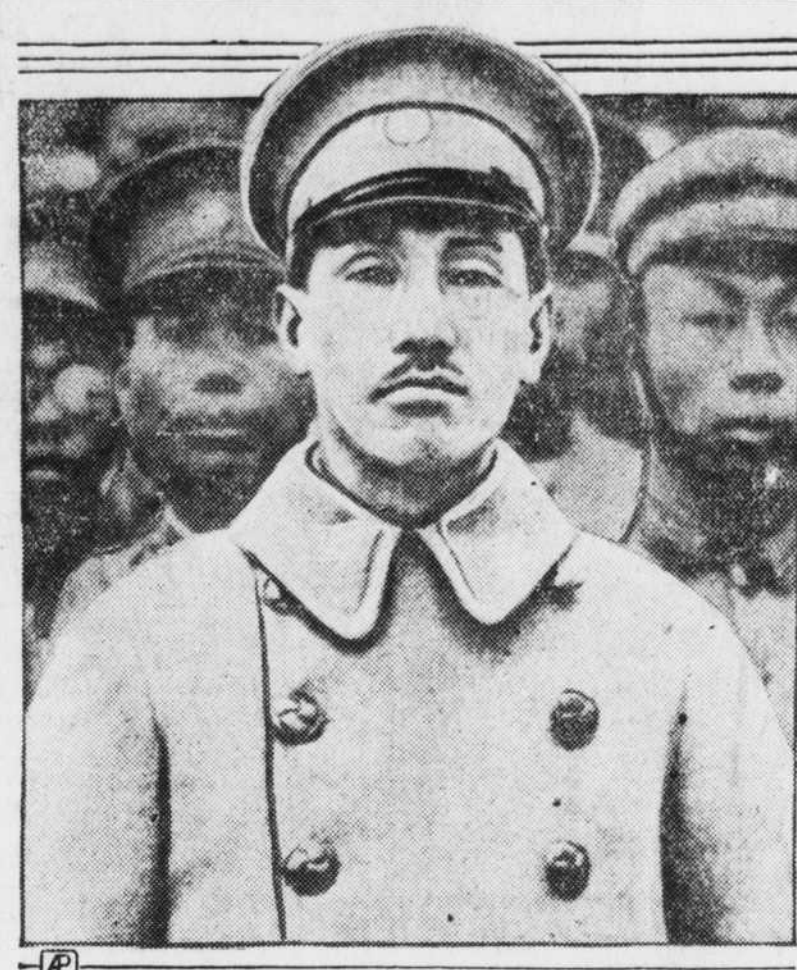
"We still hope for voluntary withdrawal of the Chinese," he said, "but we will use whatever force is necessary."

Commenting on the important question of the Japanese use of the International settlement as a base of operations, which has been protested by the powers, he said: "The Japanese already are using the settlement as a headquarters, restricting its use to the sections assigned to the Japanese. From the legal viewpoint, the Japanese are entitled to use the entire settlement, but I for myself, do not intend to use other sectors of it."

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CHINA'S BISMARCK



CHIANG KAI-SHEK, who may yet become the Bismarck of a unified China, is again the man of the hour in his country. His position now is parallel to that he occupied just four years ago. At that time he was recalled as generalissimo of the nationalist armies a few months after he had gone to Japan following a quarrel with the Russian communists who had helped him to win the 1926 civil war. Today he is coming back from a six weeks' retirement forced on him by the temporary ascendancy of Eugene Chen, Sun Fo and other leaders of the Cantonese faction of the Kuomintang, the nationalist political organization.

CHIANG, 43 years old, is an oriental imbued with second-hand Occidental ideas. His wife graduated from Wellesley and his brother-in-law T. V. Soong, ex-finance minister, went to Harvard.

But Chiang studied the Chinese classics by way of preparation for a military career under the old empire. He won a four-year scholarship at Tokyo military academy and in Japan met Sun Yat Sen, who converted him to the revolutionary cause.

Except for a few months in Moscow, whither Sun sent him to study soviet military methods in Moscow, Chiang has never been away from the orient. He has led a dozen major campaigns in the civil wars which have devastated China annually since 1911.

MANY NOTABLE CIVIC HEADS AT HOOVER PARLEY

Agree Unanimously to Back Anti-hoarding Campaign In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (UP)—President Hoover inaugurated his campaign against hoarding at a White House "pep" meeting today attended by 60 civic association representatives.

While the meeting was closed and the speeches were not made public, the White House issued a statement later announcing the gathering had been a complete success.

IN FULL AGREEMENT
"It was unanimously agreed that all the national associations represented, and others to be invited, would place the full strength and force of their membership behind a patriotic campaign to be conducted under the leadership of Frank Knox, Chicago newspaper publisher, to put these hoarded dollars to work," the statement said.

"It was agreed that the organizations would participate with a view to setting up ultimately a definite working organism in each community.

"The whole conference expressed its resolution that the time had now arrived for the people themselves to enter into the fight against depression and give full support to the measures taken by the government so as to make them completely effective."

DAWES SPEAKS
Mr. Hoover's opening speech is understood to have been based upon his recent statements to the press. He pointed out that the hoarding of between \$1,250,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 now in hiding causes a tie-up of a large portion of the national gold supply.

Charles G. Dawes, president of the reconstruction finance corporation, made a vigorous speech urging the guests to show themselves in approval when asked to do so by the President at the conclusion of the meeting. Those who spoke were:

LEGION'S SUPPORT
William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; A. C. Pearson, president National Publishers' association; Mrs. John F. Stippel, president General Federation of Women's Clubs; Harry J. Haas, president American Bankers' association; Julius Barnes, chairman of the board, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Magnus Alexander, president National Industrial Conference board.

The group was brought to its feet applauding when John Thomas Taylor, legislative executive of the American Legion said:

"Mr. President, I pledge you the support of 1,250,000 members of the Legion."

Another delegate, James Nerison MacLean, president of Association of Civil Service Club Executives, pledged support of 3,000,000 Americans.

The White House statement estimated that the 60 delegates represented 20,000,000 persons.

Definite organization steps will wait Knox's arrival here Monday. He was unable to be present today.

Noose Decried For Torture Slayers



Walter Debus, 17, left, and Harold Carpenter, 34, right, sentenced to hang, and Mrs. Ethel Willis, 26, mother of two, given life imprisonment after confessing to the torturous killings of Peter Jacobson, 86-year-old Thurston county, Washington, farmer. The state supreme court has just affirmed the sentences. They allegedly killed Jacobson when he refused to divulge the hiding place of his supposed wealth.

On a rocky point, nearly a thousand feet above the surface of the turbulent Colorado, a great flag pole, reared by the Elks, will fly against the blue of a sunny sky the flag of the republic for the existence of which, more than to any other man, the credit is due Washington.

And it is particularly fitting that this dedication of the dam site to the republic should be made on Washington's birthday, because Washington was an engineer of ability and fame, some of the great works he built still being in existence.

And at Hoover Dam, the nation Washington so largely created, is now carrying out its greatest engineering achievement — one in which Washington himself would have taken delight and to which, could he have lived in this age, he would have been glad to dedicate his life.

Not in any age has so great a work been planned and carried out by any people or any government as the Hoover Dam project. Neither the Tower of Babelion, the Hanging Gardens of Ninevah, the Pyramids of Egypt, the structures of Athens and Rome, nor the Panama canal—none of the works of ancient, medieval or modern times excel in vastness and in the difficulties of engineering and construction this work being carried on at the very gates of Las Vegas.

So it is doubly fitting that the great patriotic organization, the Elks, should undertake to carry out this program dedicating this great work to the flag of their country.

We may anticipate a tremendous thrill when we see the folds of Old Glory unfold to the breeze over this vast, rugged canyon and mountain on one of the most sublime spots a wild and fierce phase of nature could create.

Inviting the World
The Elks have invited the world to Las Vegas to participate in the celebration February 22. Hundreds already have signified their intention of coming. Special trains with unusually low round trip fares will bring crowds from both Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. Other hundreds will come by stage and private automobile.

Which suggests that the people of Las Vegas must exert themselves to entertain their visitors happily. As we establish our reputation as hosts now in the early days of the project will depend largely the benefits the great enterprise will bring to us in the future.

Hoover Dam project during the next six years will attract countless thousands of people who wish to see the work under construction. After that a vast army will continue its march ceaselessly to Las Vegas and the wonders and beauties the finished project will provide.

Eden Musee
Old landmarks are passing. Yesterday in New York fire destroyed the famous old museum of wax figures at which our fathers, our fathers' fathers and their fathers before them gazed in awe.

From Adam and Eve in their fig-leaf costumes, down through all the ages to modern times the famous or notorious wax figures of all nations, modeled in wax and posed amid the surroundings in which they lived, as natural as life, greeted the visitors.

Countless thousands of Americans will regret the destruction of Eden Musee, not particularly because of its artistic loss, but because the name recalls the shudders and cold chills which the unnumbered figures, portraying every phase of human existence including gory murders, gave one.

Eden Musee was not particularly partial to morality. The great criminal was given as cosy a nook as the martyred President. And it is probable that the figure of Edward Booth attracted just as many c'mes into the box office as did Abraham Lincoln. That's the way we are.

THEFT SUSPECT FREE ON BOND
August Wilson, arrested on a warrant issued last October for auto theft, was released on \$500 bond yesterday, pending his preliminary hearing Monday.

Wilson was arrested by the sheriff's office recently, and has been held in the county jail until yesterday's arraignment in justice court.

THEFT HEARING
Preliminary hearing for Fred Points, arrested recently on the Hoover Dam reservation for auto theft, was set yesterday for Tuesday, February 9. Points is represented by Attorney A. S. Henderson.

HORDENS RETURN
Mr. and Mrs. John Horden returned yesterday from Los Angeles where they were accompanied by Mrs. Horden's mother, Mrs. McQuade and sister, Mrs. Theresa Miller, of Gallup, N. M., who will visit here for a few days.

DR. PARK LEAVES
Dr. Wm. S. Park left yesterday for Los Angeles, where he expects to spend the next few weeks on a combined business and pleasure trip.

VERDE WATER BOARD FORMS 16 TO 1 RATIO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (AP)—The shadow of William Jennings Bryan was cast before the senate committee today as representatives of a half-million farmers pleaded for the free coinage of silver at a sixteen-to-one ratio with gold.

Many arguments that punctuated the presidential campaign of 1896 were raised again as the National Farmers Union asked the senate finance sub-committee to approve the Wheeler bill for remonetizing silver at the noted Bryan ratio.

John Simpson, national president, headed the delegation of 70 farmers from nine western states asking for a bimetallic standing to bring back good times.

Remonetization of silver, they said, would make it possible for farmers to pay their debts with the same value of dollar they borrowed.

LAS VEGAS' SOCIAL SWIRL

Mrs. Earl Davison entertained with a delightful luncheon on Tuesday followed by bridge. The affair was in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. Alice Pomeroy. At bridge, prizes were awarded Mesdames J. M. Ullom, Perle S. Brown and W. B. Mundy. Other guests were Mesdames C. C. Romo, A. S. Henderson, O. K. Adcock, W. G. McGriff, E. G. McGriff, C. Douvan, William S. Park and E. W. Griffith.

Mrs. R. E. Lake was hostess to the members of her sewing club Tuesday at luncheon. The guests spent a social afternoon with their needlework.

Mrs. Harry Hampton was hostess to members of the U-Wah-U study club Monday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Ivan Jackson. Those present were Mesdames Perle S. Brown, Henry Hampton, W. B. Mundy, William S. Park, A. A. Hinman, C. D. Baker, Earl F. Davison, William E. Orr and C. S. Reynolds.

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DRIVER PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE IN TUCSON PLOT

Pleading guilty to a charge of driving a car without first having obtained an operator's license, time of sentence for Jack Lundgren, 24, was set for Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Lundgren was the driver of the car that struck down and injured F. J. Bergans Thursday night on the Los Angeles highway, severely injuring Bergans. Lundgren is represented by Fred S. Alward, and Roger Foley appeared for the state at the hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge Frank M. Ryan in Justice court.

Bergans' condition, while it was said to be improving last night, is still serious, according to officials at the county hospital, and it is not yet known definitely whether the man will survive his injuries.

A group of city and county officers conducted an examination of the car driven by Lundgren, for the purpose of testing the brakes and lights. The results were not officially made public, but it was said the brakes were not up to requirements.

Sawyer was taken away from his garage Thursday night by two men and taken to the house on the edge of town. They spent the night there and Friday morning Sawyer was forced to hide in a deep well in the rear yard when a lookout spied an automobile containing officers approaching. The officers and kidnapers exchanged a score of shots, in the midst of which the men escaped.

A posse of some 2,000 men combated the desert south of here, encouraged by the posting of a \$5,000 reward by the Bank of Southern Arizona, of which Sawyer is vice-president.

One of the happiest occasions of the winter was the dinner dance at The Meadows last evening, at which Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron and Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Baker were hosts. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. The invited guests were Messrs and Mesdames Harry Anderson, Wm. Beckley, Jake Beckley, H. P. Marble, Walter Pico, W. R. Bracken, E. W. Craig, C. E. Pembroke, O. C. Boggs, C. C. Boyer, A. E. Cahlan, William S. Park, Leo Roth, James Cashman, W. N. Schuyler, F. M. Ferguson, C.

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SLUGGER IN JAIL
Found guilty of disorderly conduct charges, based on his alleged slugging of slot machines in a local drug store, Lewis Gordon was fined \$20 yesterday in municipal court. Unable to pay the fine, Gordon will serve it out at the rate of one day in the city stockade for every \$2 of the fine.

CHAPLIN, LINDY MELT IN CONEY ISLAND FLAMES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (UP)—Firemen answering a three alarm fire at Coney Island today broke into a blazing building and discovered Benito Mussolini, Charles Chaplin, Francis "Two Gun" Crowley, Chas. Lindbergh, the presidents of the United States from Washington to Hoover, Ruth Snyder, Vivian Gordon, and numerous other personages whose names make newspaper headlines.

While the firemen raced about trying to extinguish the flames, these personages melted slowly away until where they stood nothing was left but heaps of melted wax.

The fire deprived Coney Island and New York of its most impressive institution for the preservation of historic personages—the Eden Musee. There the celebrated and the notorious reproduced in lifelike effigy in wax, were placed in their natural habitat for the benefit of those who might never see a first class murder in the act of being committed or a resourceful aviator engaged in the pressing business of flying the Atlantic.

The museum with its several hundred wax figures was destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$25,000.

The Eden Musee was a series of tableaux arranged along the walls. A roped-in portrait gallery was in the center where George Washington, Mussolini, Wild Bill Hickok, Jesse James, Charles Evans Hughes, William Jennings Bryan, Clarence Darrow, Buffalo Bill, Calamity Jane, Kaiser Wilhelm, and Knute Rockne stood shoulder to shoulder in easy familiarity.

Walking along the walls, one first encountered the bedroom of the Snyder home. The head of the house was in bed, his head bleeding, obviously dead. Judd Gray was in the act of adjusting a blow with a sash weight, with Ruth Snyder looking on benignly.

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