

OBSERVATIONS Grist from the Daily Grind

A NOVEL CELEBRATION February 22, the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be celebrated in a most fitting way in Nevada.

A great flag pole, erected on a point towering a thousand feet above Black canyon where Hoover dam is being erected, will be dedicated in the presence of a great number of Elks who are coming here from all parts of the west to participate.

The celebration was first suggested by the Salt Lake City lodge, which every year promotes something of this nature. The details of the arrangements are being carried out by members of Las Vegas lodge.

Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered, or Philadelphia where the constitution was created, or Washington or Alexandria—a few of the places where Washington carried out his great work, may have exercises of great interest to the people.

But nowhere will the surroundings of the celebration be so sublime and beautiful. Nowhere will be celebrated a work so great or which would so completely have commended itself to Washington, the great engineer, as that at Hoover dam.

Preparations for entertaining the crowd as well as possible are being made by a committee of the Elks. Needless to say those who attend will have something to which they may look backward with interest all their lives.

TO PROMOTE TRAVEL A meeting of representatives of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada at Salt Lake City has created an organization styled "Intermountain Development Association."

Vail Pittman of Ely is president and James H. Down of Las Vegas, one of the vice presidents. The object of the association is to arouse interest in the various routes of travel leading to California, particularly to Los Angeles where the Olympic games and something like sixty national conventions, including both Shriners and Elks, will be held the coming summer.

The Arrowhead highway has advantages which are of the utmost interest to all. It will be necessary only to make known its attractions to bring a great portion of the travel this way.

Not alone travel from Salt Lake City way, but also a share of the travel over the Old Trails highway, may be brought through Las Vegas by way of the Kingman-Las Vegas cut-off.

Las Vegas has tremendous opportunities if she will make them known. One glimpse of the great work being carried on in the depths of Black canyon would compensate for a thousand mile drive.

FIXING OUR TROUSERS Tailors in convention at Atlantic City are fixing our trousers for us. Yesterday they decreed that there should be no creases and no cuffs, but that there should be wrinkles in certain definite places.

That is all right for the tailors to decree but so far as most of us are concerned the convention is far behind the times. We have become used to wearing our trousers without creases and we can show an abundant crop of wrinkles in certain definite places. And nothing is said as to the presence or absence of buttons.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER February 10—Maximum, 64; minimum, 37. METAL MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 6 cents pound. Zinc, 2.80 cents pound. Lead, 2.75 cents pound. Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents ounce.

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BOULDER DAM PROJECT The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

RELIEF GROUP AIDING MINE FAMILIES, JAILED

Action Follows Wire Of Protest After Youth Is Shot

Tennessee Fields In Uproar Again When Flood Is Hijacked

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 10. (U.P.)—All members of the International workers relief committee distributing aid to striking members of the National Miners union at Pineville, Ky., were arrested on disorderly conduct charges tonight, according to a report from their headquarters here.

YOUTH SHOT Harry Simms, 19-year-old organizer of the National Mine union, was reported shot by deputy sheriffs at Artemus, Ky., a few hours earlier. He was understood to have been leading a group of strikers from Brush Creek, Ky., to Pineville, Ky., to obtain food supplies.

Charles R. Walker, member of the committee which is composed of eastern writers, asserted that while details of the shooting were lacking, he understood that Simms was shot while deputies were searching him and other miners for weapons.

One member of the committee, Harold Nickerson, New York playwright, and Doris Parks, a relief worker, had been arrested earlier in the day charged with criminal syndicalism. They were in jail at Pineville.

PROTEST MADE Walker announced that a telegram protesting the action of Pineville and Bell county authorities in the matter had been sent to Gov. Ruby Laffoon of Kentucky.

According to Walker, as the three trucks loaded with supplies to relieve the striking workers approached the city, it was met outside the city limits by Pearl Osborne, chief of police, who posted an officer on each truck and escorted the motorcade through the city to a point in front of his own home.

Meanwhile Chairman Waldo Frank of the committee with other members met Mayor J. M. Brooks who had assembled coal operators and their attorneys and city authorities at a Pineville hotel.

It was here, Walker said, that the mayor ruled no food could be distributed within the city limits and no speeches could be delivered to miners.

ALL ARRESTED The telegram to Gov. Laffoon was signed by all members of the committee in Pineville, all of whom subsequently were arrested.

Walker said that after the hotel conference, the trucks were taken out of the city under supervision of deputies and three members of the committee, where distribution was being made. Malcolm Crowley, editor of the New Republic and in charge of the distribution there, charged deputies attempted to cause food to be given to men who were working and not to strikers, contrary to the committee's intention.

BUTTE RITES SET FEB. 19

Funeral services for Dr. J. W. Butte, Vegas dentist who succumbed to pneumonia here recently, will be held at two o'clock Friday afternoon at the Palm funeral home. The services are to be held by the local Elks lodge.

PICKWICK BUSES DISCONTINUED

Pickwick passenger buses plying through Las Vegas were taken out of service Wednesday following the sale of the Pickwick franchise to the Union Pacific system.

No stages are being routed east of Las Vegas due to the bridge washout. Stage passengers east bound are entrained in Las Vegas and transferred to Salt Lake bound buses at Lund, Utah.

LATEST HEIR TO FILM FAME



Baby Barbara Lyon nestled in the arms of Mother Bebe Daniels Lyon while proud Father Ben Lyon looked on at a screenland christening ceremony held in Hollywood Congregational church. The baby arrived last Sept. 9, California's Admission day. Here's the happy family after receiving congratulations from the host of stars who attended.

MEAD LEAVES CELEBRANTS IN FOLLOWING PARLEY VEGAS KEEP POLICE ON MOVE

Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, left Las Vegas last night, following a conference with delegates from the Yuma waterusers association in an attempt to devise some means whereby water payments may be made by farmers of that region.

Under existent conditions, delinquencies of more than a year are cut off from receiving further irrigation water, Mead said, and the visiting delegates offered as an alternative a plan for crop mortgages.

Dr. Mead said further that present farm relief measures held no provisions for operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, but that upon his return to Washington he would investigate the possibility of applying some measure of the recent relief program for the aid of the Arizona group.

"We appreciate the efforts they are making to meet their obligations," Dr. Mead said last night, speaking of the Yuma association. "They have been up against a difficult situation on account of recent bank failures and low crop prices, and their problems deserve consideration."

Dr. Mead spent two days inspecting the Hoover dam project, with the exception of the time spent with the Arizonans, and expressed himself highly gratified with the progress being made by the contractors.

R. F. Walter, chief engineer of the reclamation bureau, who accompanied Dr. Mead to Las Vegas, is remaining in Las Vegas for the balance of the week, he said last night.

ELKS' PLAQUE IS DISPLAYED

The big rectangular plaque that will mark the Elks' Washington memorial flagpole at the Colorado river is now on display in the window of Adcock & Romnow.

Showing a profile bust of George Washington in bas relief, the plate bears an appropriate inscription. A smaller, companion piece, also made of Utah copper, proclaims the Salt Lake Elks lodge as the donor of the plaque and flagpole and the Las Vegas lodge donor of the base.

The flagpole will be dedicated on the brink of Black canyon overlooking the Hoover dam site in an elaborate ceremony at the river here Feb. 22 in which Elks from several states will participate.

NEW MEASURE WOULD HELP CREDIT OF BANKS

Hoover and Leaders Of Both Parties in Early Conference

Bill Proposes Using Billion in Reserve Gold of Nation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (U.P.)—President Hoover today worked out with administration and Democratic fiscal leaders a bill aimed at increasing credit by liberalizing federal reserve discounts and issuing \$1,000,000,000 in free gold.

BREAKFAST CONFAB A statement explaining the bipartisan agreement reached at a breakfast conference at the White House was made by Senators Carter Glass, Dem., Va., F. C. Walcott, Repn., Conn., Chairman Henry B. Steagall of the house banking and currency committee, and Rep. James Strong, Repn., Kansas.

The bill proposes: A provision for advancement of money by federal reserve banks "to member banks that have no further eligible or acceptable paper upon the security of sound assets not technically eligible for discount."

Member banks may obtain these advances under proper safeguards either upon the endorsement of other member banks, or in unusual cases, without endorsement.

SERVICEABLE COIN In cases where the federal reserve board deems it in the public interest, "all of the assets acquired by the reserve banks under the present provisions of law," would be made "available for not to exceed one year as collateral for federal reserve notes in addition to the 40 per cent gold reserve."

The third provision, it was explained, will make excess gold "serviceable," give "greater flexibility to federal reserve operations" and "make the systems large supply of gold more useful as a basis of credit."

The measure, announced by the White House, as designed to strengthen the work of the reconstruction finance corporation, will be introduced in both houses by Steagall and Glass. Leaders of both parties will push for early passage.

U. S. AGENTS TO PROBE BOGUS COIN RING

Suspected of being the nucleus of a counterfeiting ring and bogus coin passing racket in Las Vegas, six men and a woman, wife of one of the men, were arrested in a daylight raid on a shack built of railroad ties on the Westside, by a posse headed by Sheriff Keate and Chief of Police Williams.

Five more men were arrested as confederates later in the morning on the streets of Las Vegas and in a cabin back of the California apartments, and two others picked up on the streets yesterday evening.

The raiding squad included, beside Keate and Williams, city officers Olt, Floyd, Mackey, Smith and May. They swooped down upon the house at six o'clock in the morning, arresting the occupants. No weapons were found on the persons of the suspects, but a homemade "billy" was found under the bed of Arthur Alvarez, and a pick handle under the bed of Ben Alvarez, according to the raiding officers.

The Alvarez are said to be the owners of the house. Wilfred J. Frost, 30, and Hous-ton Calvert, 28, were the two suspects picked up last evening. Police say that they have evidence that these two men have been putting counterfeit coins out on a percentage basis.

Those arrested earlier in the day were Price Hughes, W. I. Davies, V. I. Hayes, Roy Corps, Alfred Costello, Harvey Ward, his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Ward, both of Phoenix, Ariz., G. B. Graves, Phil H. Maple, Ben Alvarez, Arthur Alvarez, and W. S. Plant.

Secret service agents are expected to arrive in Las Vegas this morning, from Salt Lake City, to investigate the facts uncovered by the local authorities.

Japanese Drop Bombs On Women Factory Workers; Major Battle Is Predicted

Lawyer and Judge Who Jailed Him



Edward Cunha, prominent San Francisco attorney, who spent two hours in the Oakland jail before a writ of habeas corpus saved him from a night behind the bars, and inset, Judge Stanley Murray, who sent him there on a charge of contempt of court. Murray held that Cunha's affidavit of prejudice in the case of J. Raymond Kelly, ex-police man convicted of manslaughter, contained "scurrilous matter." Cunha refused to pay a \$500 fine and was jailed, but later released pending argument of the writ.

RED ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY MISSIONS TO U. S.

Yankee Infantry Will Defend Vital Sector Of Foreign Colony

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—A burst of machine gun fire and the roar of artillery early today initiated severe fighting in what was believed the start of a major Japanese drive near the Japanese marine headquarters on the Chapei front today. Japanese airplanes went up over the Chapei-Woosung battle line and there were hurried troop movements toward the front, in preparation for the impending battle.

FIVE WOMEN SLAIN SHANGHAI, Thursday, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Five women were known to have been killed and 16 were injured today when a bomb dropped by a Japanese airplane struck the Chinese-owned Wing On cotton mill No. 3 within the international settlement.

The bombing plane was attempting to dislodge Chinese troop concentrations across the international settlement line in the Markham bridge sector when the cotton mill was bombed.

Lieut. J. S. Cook and 18 United States marines stationed within the mill escaped injury. The mill was bombed at 10:30 a. m. while 3,000 women were working there. The bomb crashed through the roof, landing in the winding room and causing considerable damage.

A panic ensued as the women workers ran, screaming, from the scene. Scores of homes in the neighborhood were shaken by the blast and mothers gathered their children about them in an effort to protect them.

STARTS INVESTIGATION United States Consul General Edwin S. Cunningham immediately began an investigation of the bombing and at 11:45 a. m. filed a statement of facts with Japanese Consul General Murai, indicating that representations will be filed as soon as possible.

Cunningham is acting in his capacity as senior consul general and it is possible that the strongest representations will be made because of previous protests against Japanese airplanes flying over the settlement.

Ambulances hurried through the streets to the mill and bore the dying and injured away to hospitals. Settlement fire brigades were sent to the scene.

United States marine lookouts posted atop a flour mill in the immediate vicinity witnessed the bombing.

The Wing On mill is located at 55 Markham road, and is within the United States marines' defense sector.

U. S. INFANTRY ON JOB The United States 31st Infantry will take over the most vital sector of defense of the international settlement this afternoon at 4 p. m., when it is believed the big Japanese drive against Chinese troops in that area may be in progress.

The sector is on the northern (Continued on Page Six)

GAY THROG ACCLAIMS LEGION DINNER-DANCE HELD AT RESORT

The American Legion dinner-dance at the Meadows last evening was one of the happy events of the season. A large delegation from Boulder City joined the Vegas boys in the festivities.

An excellent dinner was served, the new arrangement of stalls about the dining room adding to the attraction of the service.

Mary Lou Dawn and her Meadows Maids, home again, put on a series of charming dances with solo and ensemble numbers. Mabel Wilsey added to the pleasure of the evening by singing several old favorites and Beulah Van sang some ballad numbers and led the crowd in singing some of the old songs of war days.

The arrangements were well carried out and the big crowd was handled by the Meadows management so that all were served with a minimum of delay.

The dance music by Frank Liddell and his orchestra had its usual verve and the dancers kept the floor until long after midnight.

The party was voted one of the most satisfactory ever staged by Las Vegas post, No. 8, and a large measure of appreciation was given the committee having the arrangements in charge.

PORTA FUNERAL WILL BE TODAY

Burial rites for Frank Porta will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Palm Funeral home. It was learned last night.

Porta died in a local hospital recently, after being ill for six weeks with an acute attack of Bright's disease, according to physicians who attended.

EINSTEINS WILL LEAVE IN MARCH

PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 10. (U.P.)—Dr. Albert Einstein, renowned German physicist, and Mrs. Einstein will return to Berlin early in March, sailing from San Pedro Mar. 4, it was announced today.

City Jail Prisoners Face Terms For Life—Until Keys Found By Chief

Almost thirty prisoners in the city jail faced life imprisonment yesterday when the jail keys were lost from noon until six o'clock.

Not only that, but several over-jubilant pay-day celebrants continued their celebration in the police station, where they were held when it was learned that they could not be locked up.

DUPRAY HAS GOOD CHANCE

His life saved by a timely injection of saline solution at the Las Vegas hospital, physicians said last night that E. F. Dupray, local attorney, will recover from his wounds, although he is still in a serious condition from loss of blood.

Dupray was removed to the Las Vegas hospital in an ambulance after he was discovered in a downtown hotel room, freed from loss of blood, his throat slashed in several places by a razor.

He was discovered by his secretary after she had been unable to get in touch with him by telephone. She went to his room and found him lying on a blood soaked bed, clad only in pajamas and dressing gown. A physician was called, who immediately ordered his removal to the hospital.

Friends say that Dupray has been in ill health for years, and of late has been despondent.

Needed Interpreter To Get Married But Understood Easily After Rites

Elias Astigarraga and Lucille Uharriet came to Las Vegas yesterday to be married, undaunted by the fact that the groom-to-be spoke no English, and chances of finding a Spanish minister were remote.

Securing their marriage license, Miss Uharriet gave the necessary data to the clerk for both parties, but when they appeared before Judge William E. Orr to be wed, the ceremony was prolonged considerably by the fact that the bride had to say both their "I do's."

UTAH CONCERN HAS LOW BID

Gibbons and Reed of Salt Lake City submitted the low bid in Carson City early yesterday for the reconstruction and relocation of the highway from the lower Virgin river bridge to Mesquite. The distance is 10.57 miles.

The Utah firm's bid was \$169,500. The engineer's estimate for the job was \$190,000.