

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. F. S.

FLASHY FLOODS
Yesterday we wrote about the Rio Virgin in flood tearing out one of the bridges on the Arrowhead highway.

SPEAKING OF FLOODS
Six Companies, Inc., building Hoover dam, have encountered some mighty unfavorable conditions.

From all indications that will not bring dismay. They will simply get their equipment out of the way and sit down and wait a few days while the floods roll by.

BOULDER LEGION
The Boulder City post, American Legion, is putting on its big Valentine ball in the new city tonight.

It is pleasant that Las Vegas and Boulder City are bound together by such friendly ties as their American Legion posts. It is good for both.

CHARMING GIRL
Last night we saw Norma Shearer in one of her new pictures. There is nothing so very beautiful about her, but she certainly has charm!

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Lincoln's birthday is sometimes almost lost sight of because it is so close to that of the immortal Washington.

The two men were quite unlike. Washington was the aristocrat, rich, polished, educated. He was an engineer and a good engineer.

Future centuries may be able to compare them or contrast them more clearly than this generation is able to do.

PRIVATE FIGHTS
We heard some complaint yesterday that police had the audacity to interfere in a purely private fight.

ARMED MAN IS JAILED HERE

Answering a frantic summons from the Meadows addition to the effect that "a man is beating a woman," city police yesterday arrested A. Westberry.

Westberry was allegedly involved with Mr. and Mrs. John Mayes in an altercation, and police said that when he was arrested he was armed with a 30-30 rifle.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 11—Maximum, 65; minimum, 39.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 6 cents pound. Zinc, 2.80 cents pound. Lead, 3.75 cents pound. Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents ounce.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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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.

THOUSANDS FLEE SHANGHAI

DENY GUILT IN HONOLULU 'HONOR MURDER'



The ground was laid for an early trial—possibly March 10—in Hawaii's most famous criminal case when these four defendants pleaded not guilty to second degree murder indictments.

JOBLESS AID IS IN BALANCE; WILL VOTE TODAY

Senate Clears Way To Bring Relief Bill To Vote At Once

National Situation Is 'Desperate,' States Senator Frazier

By HERBERT LITTLE (United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Federal relief for the unemployed hung in the balance tonight.

The senate cleared the way for a vote tomorrow on the \$375,000,000 LaFollette-Costigan direct aid bill which was amended to provide for an additional \$775,000,000 for federal road building.

At the end of a day of stormy debate it appeared the bill was unlikely to pass unless the Democratic lines break further.

The senate today heard Senator Lynn Frazier, Repp., N. D., characterize the situation in the country as "desperate."

He read from the Illinois national guard manual orders for the troops to "shoot low" and use ball, not blank, cartridges.

He insisted the instructions showed this and that the book listed 22 Illinois cities in which there have been "communist or radical centers."

Referring to the "shoot low" instruction, Frazier said: "I showed that passage to a farmer who came to my office the other day. He said he thought it was good advice because the stomachs of the people are so empty that one bullet would go through four or five of them."

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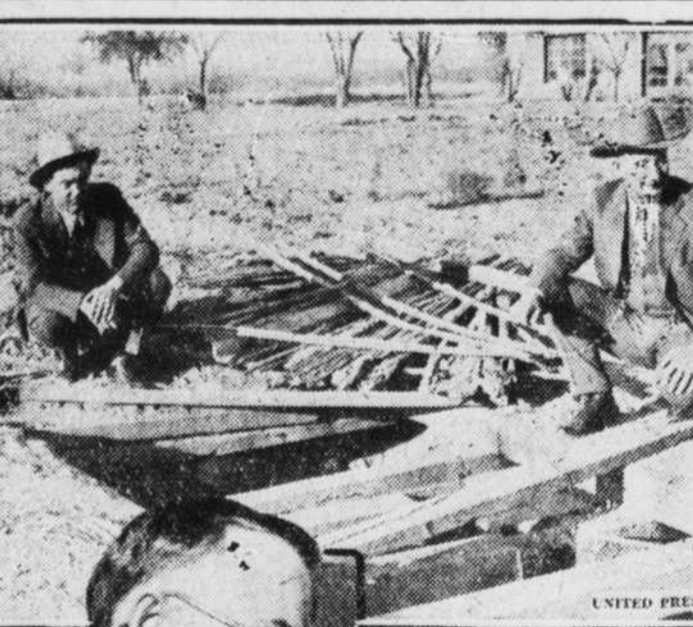
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Banker Rescued From Kidnapers



Gordon H. Sawyer, prominent bank official of Tucson, Ariz., who was dragged from the bottom of a well after his abduction in a plot to extort \$60,000 from him.

MAJOR BATTLE IMMINENT AS TRUCE IS ENDED

Japs Claim Chinese Broke Pact By All Day Gun Fire

Nippon Apologizes To U. S. For Bombing Of Marine Billets

SHANGHAI, Friday, Feb. 12. (U.P.)—Although the Japanese refused to prolong a truce declared so Chinese non-combatants might be evacuated from the Chapei battlefront, their expected major offensive had not started at 2 p. m. today.

REFUSES REQUEST
Vice Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese commander-in-chief, refused the request of U. S. Consul-General Edwin S. Cunningham and Mayor Wu Tei-Chun of Shanghai to prolong the truce.

CHINESE MORALE HIGH
An indication that the Chinese will continue to put up the strongest resistance to the attack of larger Japanese forces was given by Capt. Harry Adamson, intelligence officer of the United States 31st infantry.

AMERICANS ENDANGERED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—The danger to American lives in Shanghai is increasing daily in the opinion of authorities here.

NEW PLAN FOR SILVER MADE
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MUSICIAN'S EAR IS BITTEN OFF
His ear bitten and torn off and his hand badly sprained, an unidentified musician from one of the resorts that fringe the city limits was treated at the Las Vegas hospital last night after a fight with one of the patrons of the resort.

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VIRGIN RIVER NOW PASSABLE

Highway traffic was resumed late yesterday over the lower Virgin river where a bridge was washed out on Tuesday.

The river has receded and teams will be stationed to aid cars in fording the stream between daylight and dark.

Nineteen cars, containing 35 persons, seeking to find a way through from Mesquite to Las Vegas over a telephone line construction road, were finally extricated yesterday.

A highway bridge over Beaver dam creek, one mile east of Littlefield, Ariz., reported to have been washed out yesterday, was found intact.

SCOUT DRIVE OPENS SOON
Only \$600 is needed for Boy Scout activities for the coming year, it was announced yesterday, as plans were made for the annual drive for funds.

MOTHER OF VEGAS PHYSICIAN DIES
Dr. A. Blinstrub, local physician, left last night for Detroit, Michigan, immediately after receiving word of the death of his mother in that city.

JURIST ILL
District court was adjourned yesterday due to the illness of Judge William E. Orr.

GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT BUT 'T WASN'T LIZZIE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—It might have been "Lysistrata" to old man Aristophanes, but it's just plain "Lizzie" to the judge and prospective jurors who must decide whether the ancient Greek wrote a pure or impure story.

Shortening of the name was designed to speed up the trial of 57 Hollywood actresses, actors and producers who are charged with appearing in and presenting an indecent play, "Lysistrata."

None of the prospective jurors, and few others in court could pronounce the name, so the judge ordered that the play be referred to as "Lizzie."

"We'll all be gray haired if we don't speed this trial," he remarked. Only 12 prospective jurors had been called, and each side had 290 challenges.

RACKETEER IS PUT ON SPOT
NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Frank Ricco, 23, known as "Little Caesar," was fatally stabbed tonight during an argument with three men.

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MOB ATTACKS GOVERNMENT MINISTER

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Feb. 11. (U.P.)—Prime Minister Sir Richard A. Squires was struck in the face and otherwise roughly treated today by a mob of unemployed men who stormed the Newfoundland council chamber demanding larger food rations.

Fighting their way past police guards, the leaders of the mob invaded the premier's office and council chamber and threatened to throw Sir Richard out a third floor window if he failed to meet their demands.

The prime minister attempted to reason with them, but was cut short by a blow in the face. Other members of the mob hurled pieces of broken window glass at him.

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WOMEN FOUND SLAIN IN L. A.

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Firemen, breaking into a small bungalow to extinguish the blaze, found the bodies on a bed. The skulls had been crushed, and the women, believed to have been mother and daughter, had been dead for days.

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JAKE FACTOR IS RELEASED

CHICAGO, Feb. 11. (U.P.)—John (Jake the Barber) Factor, held in duration not so vile here since last summer, was ordered freed from custody of his United States marshal chaperones today, despite charges that he swindled British investors out of \$7,000,000.

Federal Judge George A. Carpenter ruled that even if Factor had been guilty in England of receiving money he knew to be fraudulently obtained, he could not be extradited because such reception of money is not a crime in Illinois.

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PAYMENT would be made by silver certificates in one, ten, and fifteen dollar denominations, which would be legal tender.

THE bullion would be coined into silver dollars and subsidiary coins in an amount deemed sufficient to meet the redemption of the certificates.

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