

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

A Famous Actress

The present generation can hardly appreciate the affection in which such great characters of the stage as Minnie Maddern Fiske were held. That was before the day of moving pictures and talkies and the radio.

In the younger days of this older generation the artists who portrayed the characters of the drama so wonderfully were dear to the hearts of their admirers. It was a personal contact and friendship such as the present day stars of the screen cannot achieve.

Minnie Maddern Fiske began her stage career at the age of three, and made her last appearance only a year or two ago, a career of more than 60 years of honor and distinction. Something better than our present day shows can produce.

The great actress died day before yesterday and her body is to be cremated today without any public funeral. She had her day of applause and now can happily and quietly step into the wings of the great beyond.

The Dole System

The senate yesterday killed the LaFollette-Costigan bill which sought to provide \$350,000,000 for direct distribution to the needy and a like sum for building additional highways.

The leaders in both the Democratic and Republican parties have believed this bill not only unwise, but that it would not effectively provide the relief desired. Senator David A. Reed characterized direct federal aid as "extremely unwise and the most wasteful and inefficient means possible."

Prices Improving

The most effective and the quickest aid which can come to the needy will be through the starting again of the mills and factories of the country. This is being hastened by the advance in the price of securities of all kinds in the market.

The Hoover policies being promptly adopted by Congress are having a stimulating effect on prices. In one day values exceeding five billion dollars were added to the prices of stocks by the advance of the New York market.

Yesterday another substantial advance took place and the indications are that there has been a long step taken toward the restoration of confidence.

The price increase is going away with the "frozen assets" trouble. Which meant in the case of banks that the securities could not be sold for the amount of the loan, so that it was impossible for a bank sometimes to realize on the securities it held.

Now those "frozen" assets are being gradually but certainly thawed into liquid form. Those who have stocks can sell and get money. Those who have money will buy in order to get the advantage of increasing prices.

And the people, able again to realize money for their possessions, will create an immediate demand for commodities of all kinds. Factories will begin to purchase raw materials and to hire labor. The wheels will begin to turn and we will again be on a basis of normal living.

The movement will take some time of course, but the fact that it is definitely under way and can be seen and felt, raises us from the groping uncertainty under which we have been living.

Every general and sustained rise in the price level of stocks, bonds and commodities, adds billions of dollars to our business operations and promises food and comforts for millions of our people who has been suffering for the necessities of life.

A Great Victory

A victory outstanding in its dramatic qualities was that by which A. P. Giannini, who originally created the great Bank of Italy, fought Wolf street single-handed and regained control of Transamerica, the holding company, after having once supposedly been kicked into the discard.

The confidence of owners of two and one-half million shares of the company placed Giannini again in control of the vast interests and increased the value of the stocks of the market by an immense sum.

Giannini it was, many will remember, who, during the spectacular speculation in shares of his banks, carried paid advertising in the daily papers warning people not to buy such fictitious prices.

He then had the courage of his convictions and advised against what he might have turned to his own great financial gain had he been willing to sacrifice the interests of his stockholders.

His victory comes as a very direct reward for his good faith.

Henry Is Wise

Henry Ford seems to have a clear vision in things financial. He has for the past couple of years been spending vast sums of money in developing a new type of car. The public waited and wondered why he did not put it out. But Henry did not choose. He evidently did not consider the time propitious.

Now, however, Henry has announced his new models and is putting a hundred thousand men at work to produce new cars.

It is apparent that Henry Ford considers the time the mend that he is certain that people will again have money to buy new cars.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 15—Maximum, 46; minimum, 38. Precipitation for 24 hours ending 6 p. m., Feb. 16, .50. For the storm, 1.33.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 30 1/2 oz. Zinc, 2.80c lb. Copper, 6 1/2c lb. Lead, 3.75c lb.

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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.

JOBLESS AID PROPOSAL DIES IN SENATE

Direct Relief Measure Killed By Leaders Of Both Parties

VOTE IS 35 TO 48

Key Pittman Predicts Failure Of Plan In Pre-Vote Statement

By HERBERT LITTLE (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—The senate today killed the LaFollette-Costigan bill providing \$750,000,000 for direct relief to the nation's unemployed and destitute.

The vote was 35 to 48.

COMBINED OPPOSITION

The measure which would have made \$375,000,000 available for aid to the needy and a similar amount for additional federal road construction, fell before the combined opposition of administration Republicans and conservative Democrats.

The vote came at the end of a bitter 11-day battle on the floor of the senate. Hoover administration forces led by Senators Simeon D. Fess, Rep., O., and David A. Reed, Rep., Pa., insisted that states should care for their own destitute.

"Federal aid," Reed had said, "was extremely unwise" and was "the most wasteful and inefficient means possible."

Immediately prior to the vote Senator Key Pittman, Nevada, a Democratic leader, forecast its defeat and announced that Democratic proponents of direct relief would attempt tomorrow to reach an agreement with some of the Republican proponents on another bill.

FAVORS RELIEF

A majority of the senate favors federal relief, he asserted, and predicted a compromise would be agreed upon and pressed. The attempt will be made upon the basis of a \$750,000,000 bill reintroduced today by Senator Hugo L. Black, Dem., Ala., providing that half of the money go to road-building and the other half in the form of advances to states for relief. The bill has been referred to the senate post-office and post road committee.

The final vote came after night-fall at the end of more than six hours of grueling and caustic debate. The galleries were crowded, but made no demonstration when Vice President Curtis announced the final vote.

Senators contrary to usual custom, listened attentively through the long session. They heard at the last moment from Senator Royal S. Copeland, Dem., N. Y., the statement that "I would not be true to the people in the 79 headlines in the paper."

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PROPOSE NEW STREET LIGHTS

The board of city commissioners met yesterday afternoon with Commissioners Mundy, Cruman, Thomas and Hansell in their usual places and Mayor E. W. Cragin presiding.

The application for a gaming license by Martin Millerch, to run a poker game at 209 south First street, was denied for the reason that the full number provided for under a previous resolution of the board has been issued.

A proposal to place standards for new street lights about the postoffice corner at the expense of the owner of the property, providing the same is maintained by the city as part of its street lighting system, was brought before the board by Commissioner Thomas.

The board authorized Commissioner Hansell to investigate the matter and report at next meeting.

A wire from the Fuller Construction company stated that they would not be able to begin construction of the sewer system until March first.

Mr. Benham, sewer engineer, will be present next week.

The board adjourned to meet again Tuesday, February 23.

Politician Turns Forger; Caught When Campaign Photo Recognized

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 16. (U.P.)—Four years ago Ivan Wright had his picture taken, posted the photograph on telephone buildings and signboards and got elected to the Illinois house of representatives.

Today, the same photograph was a big help in sending Assemblyman Wright to jail.

Wright was arrested here on requests of authorities in Robinson, Ill., his home town. He was charged with forging a note for \$1,800. Identification was made through a campaign picture printed in the Illinois blue book.

PUTTING 'SLACKER' COIN TO WORK



When money comes out of its hiding places and is drafted into service, the business structure responds to the new stimulus somewhat in the way shown in the diagram. Everyone in the business circle feels a lessening of the tension when gold or currency is withdrawn from hoards and applied to commercial transactions.

ANTI-HOARDING CAMPAIGN TURNS 34 MILLION FREE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (U.P.)—President Hoover announced today that hoarding of money by timid citizens has halted in the last 12 days and that \$34,000,000 has been returned to its work in the credit structure.

The President seemed to regard the evidence of a lessened tendency toward hiding money to be a most favorable indication that his gigantic plan to restore popular confidence in the basic strength of the country's wealth and the inevitability of its recovery.

"I am glad to report," he told newspaper correspondents, "that since February 4, when I took action on hoarding, there has been an entire turn in the tide.

"Up to a few days previous to that time hoarding was greatly on the increase. Since that time it has waned."

LAWYERS WILL DISCUSS U. S. COURT

H. N. Gambill, reporting on the matter of holding sessions of the federal court in Las Vegas stated that there was no such requirement in the law.

He presented a draft of a bill for consideration, to provide that the district of Nevada shall be divided into the northern and the southern division, cases arising in the northern division to be heard in Carson City and cases arising in the south to be heard in Las Vegas.

The southern division is composed of Nye, Esmeralda, Lincoln, White Pine and Clark counties. All attorneys are requested to meet at the office of Secretary Nye Wilson at 4:15 this Wednesday afternoon, to study the proposed act and decide upon the policy to be followed.

PRISONER ON WAY TO UTAH

Albert Langford, alias Albert Moore, alias Joe Brown, colored, will be taken to Ogdon, Utah, this morning by Detective C. K. Keeter of the Ogdon police force, who arrived last night with the extradition papers from Carson City.

Langford was held here for the Utah authorities on a vagrancy charge until his identity could be established by means of pictures and fingerprints. He is wanted in Ogdon for burglary and grand larceny, and is also wanted in Salt Lake City on a felony charge.

Keeter had to go to Governor Balzar for extradition papers when Langford refused to waive that process.

LAME DUCK BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (U.P.)—The house today passed the "lame duck" constitutional amendment abolishing short sessions of congress and thus preventing congressmen repudiated at the polls from acting on pending legislation. The vote was 335 to 56.

At present the old congress convenes in December after the November elections in even numbered years, and ends on March 4. Those elected in November, however, do not serve in this session but meet for the first time 13 months later.

Under the amendment passed today the short or "lame duck" session would be abolished and the new congress would sit in January following the November elections, and no limitation upon the time it can remain in session would be imposed as under present constitutional provisions.

TRIO INITIATED BY VEGAS AERIE

Edward S. Stone, Judge Hartman and B. H. Bisbee were initiated into the fraternal order of Eagles last night. A number of out of town visitors and many local members attended the meeting.

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UNDERGOES OPERATION

Arthur Parvin underwent an operation for appendicitis at Las Vegas hospital Monday evening. He was stricken Monday morning while at breakfast. He is said to be making satisfactory progress.

KIDNAP HUNT IS ON AGAIN AS VICTIM ESCAPES

Sportsman Is Dosed With Drugs; Cracks His Guard on Head

Is Recuperating After Mistreatment; Cops On Trail of Trio

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 16. (U.P.)—An intense hunt throughout Cleveland Heights was being made today by police for three alleged kidnapers of Harry G. Blagden, widely known upper Saranac Lake sportsman, who after five days of captivity, fought himself free of his captors and sought refuge in the home of a friend here early today.

No trace of the three men, described by Blagden, as "Curley," "Jim" and "Zeke," who brought him here in a Ford delivery truck, has been found.

The sportsman, who conducts a boys' camp at upper Saranac lake, N. Y., was recovering under a physician's care from his harrowing experience — capture last Thursday night, constant drugging, beatings and a daring escape—at the home of a friend, Claude J. Peck, Cleveland Heights.

He told a weird story to police after reaching Peck's home. Blagden, sick and pale from the drugs and lack of food, Blagden related how he had been taken prisoner at his cottage Thursday night, held for ransom, driven around the country in a delivery truck, and early this morning, while two of his captors were in a lunch room, overpowered "Curley," his guard, slugged him with his own gun, and escaped. Discovering that he was in Cleveland, he made his way after inquiry to the home of Peck.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Blagden stated that he was sure the kidnapers had mistaken him for Knight Woolley, whom he had intended to invite to his cottage at Timber lake for the Olympic games.

"I look like Mr. Woolley," the sportsman said. Woolley had a moustache like mine and is about the same build. I am not a wealthy man."

A ransom of \$1,000 had been set by the kidnapers in a letter received by his brother, Augustus Blagden, Sr., last Saturday and written by Harry Blagden at the point of a gun. New York state troopers and friends had scoured the Adirondacks region where he had disappeared.

In bed, smiling and greatly recovered, Blagden only regretted the loss of his moustache which the bandits had forced him to shave off the second day and the incident of "slugging Curley," and wondered whether he had seriously injured or killed the man.

FUNERAL PLAN IS ANNOUNCED

The funeral of W. A. Studnecka, step-father of Harley A. Harmon, will be held in Los Angeles at Vespera funeral hall Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

The arrangements were completed late yesterday after the arrival of the Harmons at the Studnecka home.

Mrs. Studnecka is bearing up well, according to the report received from Harmon last evening.

CLARA STRONG DIES IN L. V.

Mrs. Clara M. Strong, mother of Mrs. Bryan Bunker, died last night at 9:15 at the Bunker home in this city, where Mrs. Strong has been visiting for the past month.

Mrs. Strong, who was 69 years old, had spent the past two years in California, and planned to visit the Bunkers for a few months on her way to her home in Salt Lake City.

Although she had never completely recovered from the effects of an automobile accident she was in some eight months ago, Mrs. Strong appeared last night to feel as well as usual at dinner, though death overtook her but minutes later.

The body was taken to the Las Vegas funeral home, where funeral arrangements will be announced later.

UNION OFFICIALS RETURN TO S. F.

Stating that in his opinion unemployment conditions have not improved appreciably in recent months, Don Cameron, of San Francisco, left for that city last night after conferring Monday night with the local Carpenters' union.

Cameron is a member of the national carpenters group, and is well known in labor circles throughout the west, being at present general representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

FROM ELDORADO

Ike Alcock, mining man from Eldorado canyon, is spending a few days here on business.

JAIL IS TOPIC AT C. C. MEET

The matter of an addition to the court house to provide additional office room as well as a modern jail, was brought up by President Down, at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Brief remarks on the subject were made by S. R. Whitehead, who called attention to the fact that his committee some months ago advocated a new jail.

E. W. Griffith expressed opposition to issuing any bonds for the jail or court house addition.

President Jas. H. Down gave several definite reasons why the improvement should be carried through now.

Owing to the limit of time, the subject was made a special order of business for next meeting.

Ryland Taylor was asked to investigate and make a complete report as a basis for the action of the chamber at the meeting February 23.

PLANS SIXTH STREET LIGHTS

City Commissioner Lou B. Hansell has planned an extension of the city lighting system on Sixth street from Fremont to Garces.

The lights will be placed on poles in fashion similar to the lights on Fremont street east of Fifth.

The improvement will be a great improvement to the fine residential district which has so far been without street lighting.

BALZAR COMING TO ELKS' FETE

Gov. Fred B. Balzar will arrive in Las Vegas Friday afternoon to attend the Elks' celebration. He will be registered at the MacDonald hotel during his stay. Accompanying him will be S. C. Durkee, state highway engineer, who will devote some time to inspection of highways in this part of the country.

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Japan To Be Held Responsible For American Safety

War Observer

ULTIMATUM TO BE SENT TO CHINA BY JAPAN

Nippon Apologizes To U. S. For Attack on Consular Attache

League Sends Nippon Strongest Warning On Shanghai Crisis

TOKIO, Wednesday, Feb. 17. (U.P.)—Ambassador Debutchi, in Washington, today cabled Foreign Minister Yoshizawa at Tokio that sending a diplomatic note that America would hold Japan responsible if Japanese military operations in Shanghai endangered American lives there.

Debutchi's message said that Stimson was instructing U. S. Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes at Tokio to deliver a protest, which Stimson is now drafting against loading of Japanese troops in the international settlement. This, of course, would refer to Japan's use of the settlement as a base for operations.

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TO DELIVER ULTIMATUM

TOKIO, Wednesday, Feb. 17. (U.P.)—The government today granted the request of Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese minister to China, to deliver an ultimatum to the Chinese at Shanghai since hopes of peaceful withdrawal of Chinese troops there have been abandoned.

The government's approval gives considerable latitude of action of Shigemitsu and Lieut. Gen. Ueyeda, who is commander of Japanese land forces at Shanghai.

It was believed the ultimatum probably would be delivered at once, with Gen. Ueyeda giving a copy to the Chinese commander and Shigemitsu delivering it to Mayor Wu Teh-Chen of Shanghai.

The powers were expected to participate in any possible negotiations before the ultimatum expires.

BRITISH SEAMEN HURT

SHANGHAI, China, Wednesday, Feb. 17. (U.P.)—Several shells fell in the United States marine defense area of the international settlement today during intermittent artillery fire from the Chinese and Japanese positions on the Chapei front.

Two British seamen, Crior and Francis, were severely wounded when Chinese shells struck a wharf in the Hongkew section at 4 a. m.

The wounded sailors were taken to the S. S. Carthage for treatment.

Another shell, landing on the point-off Broadway in Hongkew, killed two Chinese and wounded several all within the international settlement.

The shelling continued at intervals all night, but died down again at 9 a. m. Many houses on the northern border of the settlement were damaged by the shells.

No injuries resulted from the shells that fell within the U. S. marine defense area.

NO WEAPONS DAMAGE

No residents of the international settlement, robbed of their sleep by the nightingale artillery duce, arose this morning to find no costly damage had been done.

Damage also was slight in the Hongkew district, although shells fell near the Japanese club and Hongkew police station.

Chinese reinforcements were brought up to the Chapei front under cover of darkness. Observers believed the Japanese artillery fire had been designed to disturb them, and undermine their morale.

Tuesday the sound of the 75-millimeter pieces, and of trench mortars, echoed through the settlement as the shells fell in the Japanese defense area. At 11 p. m., the bombardment was intense and several shells crashed near the Japanese club and the Hongkew police station, hurling earth and stones high into the air.

JAPS START FIRE

The Japanese fire started a conflagration near one of the Chinese batteries near the North Station, center of the Chapei defense lines. The flames leaped up suddenly, casting a bright red light over the Chinese positions. Members of the settlement volunteer corps, in observation posts north of the settlement, saw the Chinese firing their artillery.

"My men have decided to stick (Continued on Page Eight)

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