

OBSERVATIONS
Grist from the Daily Grind

THE NEW REPUBLIC
MANCHURIA is going through all the motions of establishing a republic.

That is, they, which means the Japanese conquerors of the region, are adopting a declaration of independence (from China) phrased, we are told, after the fashion of our great declaration. Which we admit can hardly be improved upon.

Then they are electing or about to elect, a new president, in the person of the deposed boy emperor of China, who will be president for life. And will have about as much power as the proverbial rabbit.

There have been many new republics established since the World War, most of them republics in name only, purely perfunctory. In most of those countries, called republics, there is some strong figure or group in control. In few of them have the people sufficient self-control to carry out the forms of democracy or abide by the will of the majority.

The stability of the United States comes largely because we have the wisdom and strength to submit ourselves to the will of the majority. Not that the majority is always right! Far from it. But we have become sufficiently civilized to realize that our reforms must be carried through by steps in an orderly manner.

And we have faith that, with the increase of knowledge, the political best for all will be ultimately adopted. The new republic of Manchuria will have able sponsors and protectors and guidance. Under the Japanese the country will be well and honestly administered. Its industries will be established and its natural resources developed and its security assured.

As happened in Korea. JAPAN AND KOREA
When Japan took over Korea, we are told, the people of that country were held in a condition of serfdom. A small number, perhaps one hundred families comprised the wealth and aristocracy of the country. They assumed and exercised the power of life and death over the bulk of the population.

Then came the Japs and created an entirely new nation. Law was established and the rights of property assured. The wealthy and powerful were not permitted to plunder the poorer classes. As a result, wealth and prosperity were created with remarkable rapidity, and the country today is well established and the people happy and contented.

SHOCKING CHINA
We see in the news dispatches that China is rejecting the Japanese ultimatum and the statement that the present tragic happenings at Shanghai may "shock the people into nationhood."

Which sounds encouraging, but of which there is slight chance. The China as we know of it is the fringe of the continent bordering the Pacific. This fringe, in some few places like Shanghai, Hong Kong and other ports, has been civilized slightly by the western civilization. Yet even there its effect has been only nominal.

In the interior of China there are no railroads, no telegraph — no means of communication whatever except along some of the great rivers. There are hundreds of millions of Chinese probably, who never heard of Japan or the United States or of Shanghai. They speak in various dialects in various parts. They have little or nothing in common. For the most part their existence is devoted entirely to the struggle for enough rice to keep the wolf of starvation away from the door. They have no schools as we know them and education is confined to a very few of the ruling classes.

Their government is not by constitution, tradition or law, but by the small band which for the moment has established itself as the most powerful. Under such circumstances it is not surprising that there is constant civil warfare between various portions of China. They have little in common except racial resemblance. And it will take a much greater shock than Manchuria or Shanghai and, we fear, a thousand years of time to develop in China a national consciousness which includes more than an occasional local area.

LONG WINDED
We observe that the delegate to the League of Nations disarmament conference from Haiti, spoke two hours, which was much longer than the representative of any other power. He objected to the protection (Continued on Page Six)

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
February 18—Maximum, 44; minimum, 39. Precipitation for 24 hours ending 6 p. m., .31. For the storm, 1.69 inches.
METAL MARKET
NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (U.P.) — Bar silver, 30c an ounce. Zinc 2.82 1/2c a pound. Copper, 6.25c a pound. Lead, 3.75c a pound.

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Payless Chicago Teachers May Go On General Strike

No Salary For Months, Educators Plan Walkout

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CHICAGO, Feb. 18. (U.P.) — Unless salaries are forthcoming within the next three days, Chicago's 14,000 school teachers probably will strike, announced Miss Agnes Clohesy, one of their spokesmen, tonight.

TALK WALKOUT
"For ten months we've been patient—and payless," she said. "Now we're desperate. The walkout movement is spreading; teachers' groups are taking strike votes. We hate to do it, but it is the only way out."

"Unless the mayor and these bankers he's conferring with actually do something instead of merely making statements about the seriousness of the situation, we're going to quit work."

"God help Chicago," said Mayor Anton J. Cermak before he went into conference with the city's financial leaders. He hoped they might do something, somehow, to relieve the acute situation brought on by adjournment of the state legislature, without having set a date for the collection of taxes, some of which have gone unpaid for three years.

When they filed from the Chicago clearing house offices, the bankers refused to say what, if anything, they had accomplished.

IN SAME BOAT
"The school teachers are in the same boat with all other city workers," he said, preparing a list of 2,479 municipal employees—who will be discharged immediately.

"No cash, no jobs," explained Cermak, adding that every city department, including the police and fire departments, would feel his pruning knife in his final attempt to avert governmental collapse.

He intimated that Chicago might seek aid from the federal government, then ordered the city controller to get out the 1930 tax bills at once. They had been delayed for one year at the behest of the legislature.

The city of Chicago and Cook county now have outstanding \$643,577,000 in bonds and tax anticipation warrants. They owe millions more in bills and past due salaries. On March 1, the teachers, for instance, will have \$30,000,000 coming to them. On April 1, the various local governments must raise \$23,000,000, or admit impossibility of paying maturing bonds. Issues of some taxing bodies already have defaulted.

GO PAYLESS
In the last ten months, the teachers have received salaries for only a few weeks. Police and firemen have gone payless since December.

"The employed are worse off than the unemployed," sighed the outspoken Cermak, Bohemian immigrant who rose to wealth and power in Illinois Democratic circles. "They are receiving no pay, but are running big bills every day in the week. I don't know what the hell to do. I think it was damnable for the legislature to adjourn without passing bills that would give us relief."

SALT LAKE BOY IS 'PUT ON SPOT'

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—In true gangster style, Gerald Rose, 16, was shot tonight from a passing automobile as he walked along a street here, police said. He was not seriously wounded.

Rose told police he was walking along the street when a car drove up to the curb, and slowed down. A shot was fired and the car drove away.

It was the second attempt at Rose's life, police said. The first time, the assailant missed his mark entirely.

To Wed Net Ace



Miss Verle Low of Pasadena, school-day sweetheart of Ellsworth Vines, national singles tennis champion, who will become his bride soon. Vines is now a student at University of Southern California but is building for his future responsibilities as a married man by working part time in a brokerage office.

COOK GIRL SENT OWN DEATH NOTE SAYS NEWSPAPER

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 19. (U.P.)—The Boston Post said today in a copyrighted article that Elizabeth Barrett Cook, Brookline heiress, herself wrote the fake cablegram which preceded her death aboard the freighter Chinese Prince, in the opinion of passengers who sailed with her on her last trip to Europe.

Passengers on the Fabre liner Providence said they felt sure the girl had written the message telling of the death of her fiancé "in a sympathetic search for thrills," the Post said. The Post quoted a passenger as describing Miss Cook in an apparent suicide attempt from which she was dissuaded by women waiters at the suggestion of the purser.

The incident of the hoax message happened when the Providence was at Lisbon, the Post said, and the purser knew the message was not genuine.

Boston, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—While the freighter Chinese Prince churned through heavy seas en route to Boston tonight, its captain, Howard Encles, received wireless orders to deliver to the British consulate here the spurious message which may have led Elizabeth Barrett Cook, 20, Brookline heiress, to her mysterious death aboard the freighter.

This was announced at the British consulate office while attempts were made to learn when the storm-delayed vessel would come into port. H. L. Porter, Boston agent of Furness, Withy & Co., Ltd., steamship agents, said there was not "the remotest possibility" of the Chinese Prince docking tonight.

TO BE QUIZZED

Loitering in the 300 block on south Second street, Tony Romero and Jose Sanchez could give no satisfactory reasons for their being there, or where they were going, according to police, and were taken to the station under arrest. They were held on a varnace charge, for further questioning this morning, as police think they may be connected with some of the "prowling" activities in that neighborhood for the past few weeks.

Fred Stoller delivered the eulogy during the services, which were beautifully and impressively conducted.

ENGINEERS TO BE HONORED AT ELKS FETE

Special Train Brings 160 Salt Lake Lodge Members For Rites

Many Other Outsiders To Be Present For River Ceremonies

At the meeting of Las Vegas lodge No. 1468, B. P. O. E., last evening, the final plans of the committee of arrangements on the bi-centennial celebration of Washington's birthday, were approved.

By report of Brother O. J. Pott-hoff, ticket agent of the Union Pacific, it was learned that arrangements have been made for 160 of the Salt Lake special to arrive in Vegas Sunday morning.

SOUTHERN UTAHANS
A delegation of at least 25 from Cedar City and St. George was announced and also at least ten from the Kingman, Arizona, lodge.

If the weather clears and the roads are in reasonably fair shape, there will be many Elks from southern California and all parts of the southwest coming by automobile.

Pem Pembroke for the entertainment committee, announced that the banquet at the Meadows Sunday evening will be held at 5 o'clock so that the lodge may open for initiation of the large class at 6.

The dinner will be for stags only, but at 9:30 the Elks will return to the Meadows with their ladies for the dance.

Two additional copper plaques were received from the Salt Lake lodge, to be placed on the base of the flagstaff overlooking Hoover dam.

NAMED ON PLAQUES
One of the plaques is in commemoration of the great work done by President Hoover in behalf of the Colorado river project. The other is an appreciation of the services of Walker R. Young, engineer in charge of construction, and other officials of the reclamation service; Frank Crowe and other officials of Six Companies for the assistance they have given in arranging for the flagstaff dedication.

The matter of a delegation of the local Elks to meet the Salt Lake special at Moapa was discussed and Exalted Ruler Roscoe Thomas appointed a committee to consider the matter.

It was announced that the American Legion drum corps will meet the special when it pulls in at 3:00 Sunday morning, and will march in the parade Sunday afternoon.

The Ogden Elks' band of 26 pieces will furnish music throughout the two days, it was stated.

TO INITIATE CLASS

A class of approximately 50 new members will be initiated into Elksdom beginning 6:00 Sunday evening.

There will be 25 from southern Utah points and the following Las Vegas and Boulder City men:

Claude P. Williams, Geo. H. Taylor, M. Depew, O. J. Lyke, Harry A. Wagner, Harry Haskell, B. J. Turner, Wm. R. Barnett, Ernest L. Thompson, W. S. Goodwin, Joseph Keeler, Jacob O. Angle, David Stearns, Thomas Enright, Raymond T. Titus, Sam Poulos, Frank S. R. Bambino, Glen D. Kennedy, C. J. Spellman, Patrick DeLullo and (by demit) Frank T. Crowe.

FUNERAL HELD FOR WATTSON

L. J. Wattson, former owner of the Village Inn, found dead in his room there early this week, was buried yesterday at 2:30 p. m. from the Palm funeral home, the services being conducted by the local Elks lodge.

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ROADS ARGUE FOR PASSENGER PACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—The Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads today argued to the interstate commerce commission that the Southern Pacific should be compelled to interchange tourist round trip passengers with them at San Francisco.

A. J. Dickerson, Great Northern passenger agent, said his road would be able to open up its new line from Portland and Seattle to Beaver, Cal., to passenger service on account of the Southern Pacific attitude.

CHINESE BIG GUNS ROAR DEFIANCE TO JAP EDICT

Declare Independence For Nipponese Manchuria

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—A declaration of independence for Manchuria, somewhat similar to the American declaration of independence, was proclaimed today by pro-Japanese leaders of the three eastern provinces under presidency of Chiang Ching-Hui.

LARGE AREA
The area involved in the declaration includes the provinces of Kirin, Heilungkiang, and Fengtien; a special area in Mongolia, a special area at the city of Harbin and the province of Jehol, which is sometimes included in the boundaries of Manchuria.

The new independent area is of vast dimensions, extending from northern Heilungkiang province bordering on Siberia, to a point some 800 miles to the south of the Yellow sea. East to west it extends from the Siberian border near Khabarovsk to a point in Mongolia, perhaps 800 miles away. It will be under a modified republican government.

Considered one of the richest areas in the far east, and known as the granary of the orient, the territory was ruled by Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, whose government was allied with the Chinese regime at Nanking, until the Japanese troops occupied it early this winter.

RAILROAD PRIZE
Through the heart of the territory runs the Chinese Eastern railroad, jointly controlled by Soviet Russia and China and involving vast Soviet interests centered at Harbin.

The rulers of the provinces under the regime now being established include Gen. Ma Chan-Shan, the Chinese general who defended Tsitsihar from the Japanese but recently had aided them in negotiations here. He will be governor of Heilungkiang.

Chang Ching-Hui, Harbin leader, handed the text of the declaration of independence to the press, saying the negotiations would be continued to decide definitely the form of government which will be established and to frame a constitution. The former boy emperor of China, Henry Pu-Yi, has been frequently mentioned as possible head of the new state, as he is in complete sympathy with the Japanese attitude.

The declaration of independence followed the lines of Japanese policy in Manchuria, pledging the new regime to support the "open door" policy for foreign trade as demanded by the United States. All nations will have equal rights and all residents of the territory will be placed on an equal basis. All relations with China are severed.

The White Russians, foes of the Bolshevik regime in Moscow, are expected to collaborate with the new government.

Japan will not recognize the independence of Manchuria until the new government demonstrates its ability to control the area.

DE VALERA IS IRISH VICTOR

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—Eamon De Valera, anti-British Republican leader, continued to lead the field tonight as the general election returns trickled in from outlying districts.

With 60 out of a total of 146 parliamentary seats accounted for, De Valera's plurality over the government party headed by William T. Cosgrave stood at 9 seats.

Latest returns showed: De Valera's party, 30 seats; Cosgrave's party, 21 seats; independents, 6; labor, 3.

Several hundred ballots have been spoiled by practical jokers who wrote in bad verse and puns attacking Cosgrave and De Valera.

The Republicans have won seats in widely separated government areas like County Meath, Dublin and Cavan, showing the widespread losses of the government party.

TRANSPORTATION MEN ARE FINED

One having pleaded guilty, and the other having been found guilty in Judge Frank M. Ryan's court, Albert Edwards and W. C. Loomis were fined \$50 each for violation of the state motor vehicle act.

Neither man was able to pay the fine, and were sentenced to serve their fines out at the rate of one day in the county jail for each two dollars of the fine.

ILL? TRY SOME WILDCAT HEART!



The heart of a wild wildcat may not be the popular idea of a panacea, but it is good enough for Toy Fook, chief aboard the liner Santa Cecilia, who is headed for San Francisco to eat the heart of this particular specimen. Feeling ill, he telegraphed his cousin, Ah Jim, to get a wildcat, and one was captured in Mendocino county. Here he is, with Miss Norma Cereghino to guard him, awaiting Toy Fook's arrival so he can fulfill an old Chinese custom of eating wildcat heart to cure all ills.

TO ORGANIZE OWN CABINET

PARIS, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—Paul Painleve, former premier and leader of the Republican Socialist faction in the chamber of deputies, announced tonight that he would form a new cabinet to succeed the resigned government of Pierre Laval.

Painleve made his announcement after a visit to the Elysee palace, where he conferred with President Paul Doumer.

THREE ARRESTED IN POLICE RAID

City police last night made three liquor raids in the downtown district, seizing a quantity of liquor alleged to have been on the premises raided.

At the B and B club, M. Murphy was arrested and charged with the illegal possession of a quantity of whiskey alleged to have been on the premises. Murphy was jailed pending his trial this morning in Municipal court.

E. C. Goodrich was arrested at the Blue Goose, and was also charged with the illegal possession of the liquor seized. He was released on \$150 bail.

Eddie Williams was charged with illegal possession, following the raid of the Golden Camel, but was also released on \$150 bail.

11 INJURED IN K.C. EXPLOSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 18. (U.P.)—A fire and explosion combined today to wreck the huge Missouri-Kansas grain elevator here, causing the death of one fireman, injury of 11 others, and damage estimated at \$500,000.

The fire, first breaking out in an old wooden headhouse of the elevator, was followed by a blast, destroying about 150,000 bushels of wheat owned by the federal farm board. Another cement headhouse and 15 large grain storage cylinders were badly damaged.

Workers still searched tonight for the body of William McDaniels, 47-year old veteran who plunged to his death while fighting the flames on the fifth floor of the wooden headhouse. Eleven others were injured, two seriously.

ANOTHER MAN IS FOUND DEAD HERE

Third man to be found dead this week, the body of William E. Thomas was found lying on the floor of his room in a local rooming house this morning.

The body was taken to the Palm funeral home, where it will be held until some friend or relative appears to make funeral arrangements.

A coroner's jury yesterday afternoon held that the man had died of natural causes.

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.

Hundred Thousand Concentrated By Chinese

First Actual War Pictures Shown on Page Six
SHANGHAI, Friday, Feb. 19. (U.P.)—Japanese leaders held a council of war today as Chinese troops, estimated at 100,000 by military observers and equipped with the latest types of aircraft guns, accelerated their concentration in the Shanghai area.

TIME EXPIRES
With the expiration of the time limit set by the Japanese ultimatum only a few hours away, Chinese troop trains poured thousands of fresh troops into Nanking from the north.

As the situation grew threatening, Lieutenant General Yueda hurriedly called in all Japanese regimental commanders, the chiefs of the army and navy air forces and Admiral Stumada, chief of staff of Admiral Nomura, Japanese naval commander-in-chief, for a conference at which they were believed to be receiving final instructions as to Japanese strategy in the impending battle.

Chinese big guns went into action shortly after midnight with a roar which sent inhabitants of the international settlement tumbling from their beds.

SHELLS GRAZE JAP SHIP
Shells dropped all around the Japanese marine headquarters at Hongkew while others fell dangerously near Admiral Nomura's flagship in the Whangpoo river.

Japanese artillery immediately returned the fire which cracked back and forth for an hour. It died down to a sporadic engagement after 1 a. m.

It was learned from authoritative sources that General Tsai Ting-Kai was preparing to reply to the Japanese ultimatum between 5 and 7 p. m. (4 and 6 a. m., New York time) flatly rejecting the Japanese demands. General Wu Teh-Chen, commander of the 19th route army, issued a statement saying he would "ignore" the Japanese demands.

Meanwhile, tolling Japanese soldiers shed their tunics and began moving 16 large field guns into position in the Hongkew area in preparation for the long delayed general offensive.

Japanese army and navy airplanes went up this afternoon to observe all Chinese positions between Chapei, Woosung and northward as far as the Yangtze, and southeastward as far as Hangchow bay.

JUDGE PERFORMS DOUBLE WEDDING

Judge William E. Orr yesterday officiated at a double wedding of two middle-western couples who came here to be married, immediately after granting a divorce to one of the principals.

James O'Keefe, of Milwaukee, Wis., took as his bride Miss Wilhelm Schaefer, of Kewanee, Ill., and Jack Burkhardt, of Minneapolis, took as his bride Marie Morris, who had just been granted her divorce by Judge Orr.

The double ceremony took place in the judge's chambers, with court house attaches as witnesses.

MILLIONS IN OLD BILLS IN HIDING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—More than \$75,000,000 in old-fashioned oversize paper currency still is lying about the country. This money, representing almost nine per cent of all the paper money in existence, is believed to be held largely by hoarders. Banks have long since ceased using it and have exchanged it for the smaller size.

Depression Not So Bad, Thinks 111 Year Old Man As He Lights Cigar And Tells Yarns Of Long Ago

ST. PAUL, Neb., Feb. 18. (U.P.)—Solomon Franklin Rickner, "just turned 111 years old," lit a long black cigar tonight and settled back in his easy chair before the fire to muse on the goodness of life.

For Solomon believes life is good. He's seen depressions come and go; has fought and worked and played through nearly twice the span of life of the average man.

"And I've enjoyed every minute of it," he told the group of old friends and acquaintances with whom he spent his birthday.

He's an optimist, this white haired man whose alert mind and active

body give the lie to his authentic age. He believes that prosperity is "just around some nearby corner," and that its game of hide-and-seek is about up.

"There's nothing to complain of in present conditions," he told his friends. "Land sakes, I can remember times lots harder than these. And we always came through all right."

Then Solomon dropped into a moody silence. Possibly he was musing of days when first he came to Nebraska—more than 60 years ago.

He was a comparatively old man

then, as the average person reckons age. But he came to the state as a pioneer. He broke prairie sod with hard hands that had poured steel in eastern mills, panned gold in California streams and carried a musket during the Civil war.

There's just one thing he believes the country really needs today, Rikner says. And that is a second Abraham Lincoln.

"If we had a national leader like Lincoln today, we wouldn't know anything about depression," he asserts.

Rickner spent his 111th birthday actively from early morning until his regular hour to retire.

Bill Shakespeare Comes To Assistance Of Greek Dramatist As City Of Angels' Police Tell Stories

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (U.P.)—William Shakespeare came to the aid of old man Aristophanes today to prove that excerpts from many old plays would sound pretty bad when read in a courtroom.

A police shorthand reporter was reading notes he had taken while attending the rollicking Greek comedy, "Lysistrata." The defense objected because he was reading only the parts he thought obscene.

Judge Benjamin Scheinman thought a moment.

"Yes," he agreed. "It is unfair to Aristophanes to read only those

parts of the play. Why, if he had William Shakespeare on trial here, and read only the obscene things he wrote, it would sound pretty bad. And it wouldn't be fair."

Through his ruling, the defense won a major point, and the 58 defendants charged with participating in an indecent performance cheered for "Good Old Bill."

The police reporter, however, was permitted to go on in his own words and tell what he saw at Lysistrata before the play was raided by a police vice squad.

"It was this way," said the reporter, Arthur M. Custer by name,

"a bunch of guys on the stage was arguing who won the war. Then Lysistrata comes out and tells the James that she could stop any war if she wore a dress thin enough. She told the gals to wear transparent things, but not to let their lovers, well—"

"You see, she said for the girls to go to their rooms alone. That would sorta teach the soldiers a lesson. And the girls weren't to let their husbands, uh, love 'em or anything unless the wars were stopped. The women were tired of being left alone while the men went away to war."