

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

UP IN THE AIR We are all "up in the air" more or less, figuratively speaking, these days of inverted booms.

And the Observer of these here, now, observations, was up in the air in reality yesterday and down in a deep hole at the same time.

Nevertheless, it was a jolly little party which flew with Col. Roscoe Turner in his "Gilmore Lion," down through the depths of Black canyon yesterday.

There was the intrepid Jim Cashman, who drove us in his new Buick out to Simon's airfield, and the speedometer kept hanging around the 85 per hour mark.

Then when we were in the ship up six thousand feet, and making 175 miles per hour, Jim looked down at the narrow ribbon of a road below in disgust and said, "Now, this is more like it. Got to get me a boat just like this."

THE MAYOR UP, TOO Ernie Cragin lost his authority as soon as the ship was off the ground. But that was all. Nobody was at all sick. Nevertheless, the Mayor had that same grim expression as when, refereeing a prize fight, the fighters fail to withhold their swings as he steps in to break a clinch.

THE BRAVE MARSHAL "I don't mind walking up to a fellow who has a 45-gun in his hand, that is just part of my job. But I did not like the way they shot rocks at us as we went through the canyon, and me all cooped up in that little box and couldn't fight back!" said Deputy United States Marshal Claude Williams.

THE OBSERVER OBSERVES The Age editor never did claim to be very brave. He has been scared stiff about something, can't just remember what, ever since he could first take nourishment.

THE CRITIQUE It is always handy to have a friendly critic at hand to keep you straight. Especially if you are making feeble and ineffectual attempts to write a column like this every night.

THE CRITIQUE (Continued) "Ma" is the Observer's critic. She picked up the first of these sheets and scowled a little and said, "Charles, this does not sound like good English where you say 'these here, now observations.'"

THE CRITIQUE (Continued) So, considerably crushed, the Observer explained that he was just trying to be funny. "Oh, well," said Ma. "You're funny all right."

THE CRITIQUE (Continued) We are just making this explanation lest some person seeking to refresh himself at the fount of pure English, be not unintentionally too much polluted.

SOME BRIDGES Coming in along the course of the Boulder City highway in the airplane yesterday, we observed the many bridges along the Union Pacific branch to Boulder City.

SOME BRIDGES (Continued) Claude Williams informed us that the claim is made that this 22 miles of railroad has more bridges than any other similar mileage of railroad in America. It looks it.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER February 25—Maximum, 76; minimum, 59. Attention is called to a misprint in the weather report in the issue of Feb. 23, in which the minimum temperature for Feb. 22 was erroneously given as 27 instead of 37.

METAL MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Bar silver, 31c lb.; zinc, 2.825-2.85c lb.; copper, 6 1/2c lb.; lead, 3.75c lb.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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Fights Death



Edna Purviance, former screen leading woman for Charles Chaplin, who is gravely ill of an abdominal disorder in a Hollywood hospital.

L. D. S. FINANCE FOR CHURCH ASSURED

Announcing that financing of the new Las Vegas L. D. S. church building had been completed, Bishop Bryan Bunker, Ira J. Earl and Fred S. Alward returned yesterday morning from Salt Lake City, where they completed their final plans.

BILL WOODARD FIGHTS DEATH

Slowly sinking as the result of injuries sustained when his airplane crashed from a low altitude at Salt Lake City last Saturday, Bill Woodard is not expected to live, according to word received here late yesterday.

VETERAN STREET WORKER PASSES

Louis Mechura, 43, long time employe of the Las Vegas street department and member of the local Elks, died yesterday at the county hospital, after having suffered from a heart ailment for several weeks.

QUAKE HITS S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—A slight earthquake was felt in sections of San Francisco at 11:34 p. m. tonight. No damage was reported.

Here's Real One For Ripley; Jap Girl Sues Him For Promise Breach

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Robert L. Ripley, cartoonist, has been sued for \$500,000 for breach of promise.

Liquor Cache Is Raided by Police

Largest Haul Of Recent Months Made When Officers Surround Westside House

Uncarthing the largest cache of beer and whiskey located in Las Vegas for several months, city police last night made a late raid on the premises at 14 West Sixth street, Westside.

GROUP FAVORS BUILDING OF FULL U. S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The senate naval affairs committee today submitted its favorable report on a bill to give blanket authorization for building up the United States navy to the full strength allowed under naval limitation treaties.

CLERGYMAN'S DAUGHTER FOUND DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The bruised, nude body of Elsie Flothmeier, 22-year-old daughter of a Lutheran clergyman, was found late today by police hidden away in the thick, tangled underbrush near Burholme park.

SUPPLIES FOR 2 WEEKS IN CAMP

SILVERTON, Colo., Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Starvation was dangerously near the 1,750 persons of this avalanche isolated mining town tonight.

DANISH SHIP SENDS OUT SOS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The Danish steamer Agerstrand was in distress about 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland tonight, according to SOS messages picked up by the Radio Corporation of America station here.

DARROW TO TAKE MASSIE DEFENSE

(Copyright by Associated Press) Negotiations have been entered into with Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer, to defend Mrs. Granville Fortescue, and three other charges against second degree murder charges in Honolulu March 10, the Associated Press learned today.

ARISTOPHANES IS GIVEN CLEAN BILL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—All charges against the cast of "Lysistrata," polking Greek comedy, had been dismissed today as the result of a jury decision that the players were not guilty of participating in an indecent show.

SUPER-YEGG IS CAPTURED BY NEW YORK COPS

Fortune In Jewels Is Found In Apartment Of Sweetheart

Wanted for 36 Major Crimes In Mid-West Cities, Say Police

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—"Snailie Joe" Filocci, wanted in three middle-western cities for robbery, and suspected of a murder in Cleveland, Ohio, was arrested tonight by New York police after a spectacular gun battle in 47th street.

WAS WATCHED Detectives had been watching for Filocci since December, when a national alarm went out for him after a holdup in which a policeman was killed in Cleveland.

Word that the Cleveland desperado was in New York spread through the underworld last week, and two detectives were summoned from Cleveland.

Filocci was recognized outside a restaurant in 47th street, and surrounded by the detectives. He tried to escape, and the ensuing scuffle attracted hundreds of spectators, some of whom sent in a riot call.

Filocci was disarmed and taken to headquarters. He is charged with 35 major crimes, and has served a term in the Mansfield reformatory and the Ohio state penitentiary.

"PRETTY MOLL" A tall and pretty blonde woman of about 30, who gave her name as Mary Kokie, was arrested several hours later at an apartment in Elmhurst, Queens, in connection with the case. She is alleged to be Filocci's sweetheart.

N.Y. GOVERNOR OUSTS SHERIFF

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt today ousted from his lucrative post the sheriff of New York, Thomas M. Farley, who could not explain why he deposited more than \$350,000 in various bank accounts during his term of office.

NO ONE HURT IN BUS MISHAP

Officials of the Las Vegas-Tonopah stage lines last night denied the inference made yesterday that their stage, which turned over some fifty miles from Beatty, was capsized due to the fact that the driver was asleep.

WOMEN DEMAND GARNER'S STAND

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Mrs. Claude De Van Watts, state president of the Texas W. C. T. U., today made public telegraphic correspondence with Speaker John Nance Garner, in which Garner said he had no intention of making any declaration that will disrupt harmony and create a hazard for "economic rehabilitation."

FAVOR OUSTING OF CARSON ASSAYER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The House Democratic economy campaign today threatened political patronage as it brought a \$22,000,000 slash in one supply bill.

ACRES SUES LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Mary Mulhern, New York actress, today filed suit for divorce from Jack Pickford.

Japan Launches New Drive Against Well Entrenched Defenders of Chinese City

TOM MIX WEDS CIRCUS STAR



Tom Mix deserted the circus, the movies and his inseparable horse, Tony, long enough to him himself to Mexico, to marry Miss Mabel Hebbell Ward, circus artist with whom he became acquainted while performing in the sawdust rings.

FOREST GRAZING FEES CUT FIFTY PER CENT IN WEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The government's fees for grazing domestic livestock in the national forests during 1932 were cut in half by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde today after consultation with President Hoover.

SENATE REFUSES TO REINSTATE 2 ANNAPOLIS MEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—The senate today refused to reinstate in the Naval academy Miller S. Burgin and Lawrence L. Myatt who were discharged for escorting two young women into the academy mess hall.

THIRD NABBED IN PAINT CASE

Arresting James C. Anderson for investigation of his possible complicity in the theft of a large quantity of white lead from the Ed Von Tobel lumber yard, police said last night that through their questioning of this latest suspect, they had recovered another 200 pounds of the stolen supplies.

20-30 CLUB FAVORS JAIL

Going on record as favoring the building of the new courthouse addition, but placing emphasis on keeping all expenses reduced, the local Twenty-Thirty club held regular meeting last night at the Rainbow cafe.

WOULD WITHDRAW GARNER'S NAME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—An attempt to withdraw Speaker John Garner's name from the Georgia presidential primaries, where he is now the only opponent of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, was made today by the head of Garner's unofficial campaign committee.

And How Can Good Dutchman 'Hoc' Over A Glass Of Tasteless Lemonade

Berlin, Feb. 24 (U.P.)—Germany's nation-wide "beer strike" is scheduled to begin tomorrow with lemonade glasses replacing the traditional stein on Berlin bars.

CHINESE GUNS OPEN UP ON INVADERS' COLONY

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