

OBSERVATIONS Grist from the Daily Grind

SIMPLE HUMAN INTEREST Marie Dressler in her latest picture, "Emma" has portrayed simple human interest...

The picture is not built around a complicated plot or startling situations. Nevertheless, it grips the heart and holds the interest...

A HEAVYWEIGHT Col. Roscoe Turner, noted aviator, several years ago, adopted a cub lion as a pet and took him about the country in an airplane on flights aggregating more than 25,000 miles.

Then something happened. It dawned on Roscoe all of a sudden that the cub was no longer a cub, but was getting grown up and hard to manage...

TALKED TOO MUCH The news dispatches tell us of a fellow who criticized women for appearing in public without stockings...

It does seem by this time that everybody ought to know that a woman is always right.

HAND WORK A group in Canada held a ceremony, buried a small model of a steam shovel and declared war against all machinery.

They want to return to the simple ways of our ancestors—just how far back is not stated. They yearn for the simple life where we all raise what we eat and eat what we raise...

We all yearn sometimes for the simple life and a freedom from responsibility. But how many of us would be willing to give up our newspapers and magazines, radio and our photographs and the piano and the family automobile and a lot of other things?

We have to admit that the railroads and airplanes and motor trucks are pretty handy to have around, especially if we want to go somewhere or send a letter. If we had to go back and travel with an ox team most of us would not get far.

COTTONWOODS The cottonwood is not such an aristocratic tree, perhaps. But in this desert country it gives us shade quick and widespread.

We observed that there were no cottonwoods on the list of trees to be planted at Boulder City. Which may be fine for some fellow who happens to be there five or ten years after the dam is finished.

SALES TAX A two per cent sales tax on manufactured articles has been agreed on by a bi-partisan group of the house of representatives, assuring passage of such a measure through the house.

Like the gasoline tax, a sales tax is among the least painful of all taxes. It is coming out of our pockets a penny at a time so that we hardly realize we are paying. But the total revenue amounts to a vast sum for the government.

If we had to wait and pay our gasoline tax all at one time at the end of the year it would be pretty tough. But we can pay a few cents every time we fill up the old bus and not feel it at all.

NEWSMAN TELLS CLUB OF CHINA

James Cashman was program chairman in charge of the meeting of Las Vegas Rotary club yesterday noon.

As speaker of the day he introduced Paul Ashbaugh, veteran Associated Press correspondent, who recently spent considerable time in China and Japan, who gave an unusually interesting talk upon these countries. He told of many personal experiences in both countries which served to give some insight into the character and customs of the people.

Speaking of the war, he expressed himself at a loss to explain why the Japanese are carrying on their campaign at Shanghai. He stated that in his opinion Japan had the understanding of Occidental nations in their operations in Manchuria, but that they are rapidly losing whatever sympathy they had because of their actions at Shanghai.

The European nations, he said, will not permit Japan to control Shanghai. He gave numerous details of life in Shanghai, especially commenting on the extreme cheapness in which human life, especially those of the coolie class, is held.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER February 25—Maximum, 80; minimum, 42. METAL MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 30 1/2 cents an ounce. Zinc, 2.825 cents a pound. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Lead, New York, 3.75 cents a pound.

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U.S. 'Baby Bonds' Offered Public; To Pay Two Percent

SALE TO OPEN ON MARCH 7; PLAN IS LAUDED

Action Calculated To Bring Hoardings Of Nation From Hiding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (U.P.)—The government today formally announced that it would offer "baby bonds" paying two per cent interest and redeemable in cash on 60 days' notice, as a means of luring "slacker dollars" back into business channels.

The announcement, expected for some time, was made by Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills. The bonds will be offered on or about March 7.

The securities actually will be special treasury certificates. They will mature in one year. They will be quoted on the markets as are other government securities but will have two forms of protection against market fluctuation. First, will be the fact that for every dollar in "baby bonds" there will be a dollar in the government's possession to back the bond.

Second is the provision whereby the purchaser may obtain cash for his bond from the bank where he purchased it by giving 60 days' notice.

There will be no limit on the amount of the issue nor on the amount which a purchaser can buy. They can be purchased through banks beginning March 7.

SMALL DENOMINATIONS The denominations will be \$50, \$100 and \$500.

Money derived from the sale of these certificates will remain to the credit of the government in the banks qualifying as government depositories, each bank retaining as a government deposit the amount derived from the certificates it sells. This money, because it will come in at odd intervals as sales of certificates proceeds, will not be available for government financing.

Government officials estimated that if the "baby bonds" project succeeds in coaxing out half of the "slacker dollars" now hidden under mattresses, in fruit jars, safe deposit boxes and like places, the effect on business will be tremendous. It is estimated that close to a billion and a half dollars now is hoarded.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN Sale of the certificates will be furthered by a national campaign to be led by Col. Frank Knox of Chicago, who has been a strong proponent of the "baby bond" idea. Committees in every community, beginning March 7, will work for the sale of bonds mixing patriotic appeal with business argument as was done in the war time liberty loan campaigns.

Announcement of the "baby bond" campaign was well received in congress although there was some dissent.

Senator Reed, Repn., Pa., and an influential member of the finance committee, said:

"That should get some money out of hoarding. Those bonds are as good as currency."

Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Laborer, Minn., who represents settlement in a large northwestern area, said:

"They are treating symptoms instead of the disease. The bonds will take more money out of the banks than out of hoarding. Instead of bonds there should be an issue of currency."

Senator Harrison, Dem., Miss., senior minority finance committee member, said:

"Any plan that will tend to return to circulation the millions that have been hoarded is worth trying."

KILLER HELD GUILTY BELLEFONTE, Pa., Feb. 25. (U.P.)—A jury of 12 married men quickly found Fred Collins, negro convict, guilty of first degree murder to night and recommended the death penalty for the slaying of Betty Hickok, 20, daughter of Dr. Asa Hickok, psychiatrist at the Rockview state penitentiary.

MRS. WILLIAMS BETTER Mrs. Mary E. Williams, who has been quite ill at her home with influenza, is improving, according to latest reports.

Date Had Worn Off One We Had For Breakfast; Eggmen Should Use Ink

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 24. (U.P.)—Jerry Mallia of Richmond Hill, N. Y., has bought an egg, the freshness of which he considers doubtful. "I just bought it along with 11 others," Mallia wrote G. T. Turner here, "and I find your name and

Shot Down



Robert M. Short, 28, Tacoma, Wash., was shot down by three Japanese pursuit planes when he engaged them in combat over the war-torn Chapei battle front at Shanghai. The American daredevil stunt flier volunteered his services to the defending Chinese forces a week ago. When the Japanese planes soared over the Chinese lines bent on dealing death and destruction, Short, although outnumbered, went aloft and fatally wounded one of the invading pilots before he himself crashed to death in his flaming plane. The victorious Japanese paid tribute to the fallen American by dipping their planes as his burning ship hurtled to earth.

RADIO LIMITED, MAGAZINE CHARGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Time Magazine's radio program, "The March of Time," will be discontinued after tomorrow night, and content in the issue of the magazine today said that the protests received against discontinuance of the program "constituted an indictment of radio on a charge of failure to provide."

Time said that the advertising purpose of the program had been accomplished and that it was being discontinued because "further expenditure on radio at this time would not justify itself."

The program, presented each Friday night for half an hour, consisted of vivid dramatizations of news events.

"That tens of thousands of listeners should protest so violently," said the News Magazine, "... was testimony to the leanness of radio air."

"For all its blatant claim to being a medium for education, radio contributes little of its own beyond the 'palatable service of bringing good music to the millions. Yet radio men sputter with rage when radio is called 'just another musical instrument.'"

"Unlike the newspaper, which sells advertising in order to fulfill its prime function of giving news, the advertisement is radio's prime offering. Also unlike a newspaper, which increases its pages along with any increase in advertising, radio is restricted to the hours of the day. Of those hours it sells as many as it can. Naturally, the evening hours, when most listeners are tuned in, the 'front page' of radio is virtually the property of the advertiser to do with as he pleases.

"Should 'Time' or any other business, feel obliged to be the 'philanthropist of the air' to continue paying for radio advertising it does not want, in order to provide radio with something worth while? Or is it up to the radio chains to improve the quality of broadcasts even at some reduction in their fat profits?"

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The Young Transfer company reported that their warehouses in the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets in the three hundred block had been broken open, but nothing taken.

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PROHI ATTACK IS MADE IN HOUSE BY WETS

Place In Uproar As Petition For Vote Admitted Filed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—The major congressional attack upon prohibition was inaugurated today amidst waving of arms and an uproar in the house.

Taking advantage of the new liberal rules of the house, anti-prohibitionists filed a petition to compel the judiciary committee to bring out for a vote, a resolution to submit an eighteenth amendment repealer to the states.

OBJECT TO ADDRESSES The petition was filed by Rep. J. Charles Lintchum, Dem., Md., chairman of the unofficial "wet bloc." Prohibitionists immediately attempted vainly to prevent a demonstration. Rep. Thomas L. Blanton, militant dry Democrat from Texas, objected when Lintchum and later Rep. John J. O'Connor, Dem., N. Y., attempted to make brief addresses.

Then Rep. Fiorella H. LaGuardia, Repn., N. Y., chunky former aviator, rose for a "parliamentary inquiry" and drew from Speaker John Garner an admission that the petition had been filed.

"Come on, boys, let's sign," yelled LaGuardia, waving his arms.

The anti-prohibitionists urged forward Rep. Earl Michener, Repn., Mich., objected to the "confusion" and called on Garner for order.

"You can't have order in this house; it's impossible," Garner retorted.

Within two hours 111 signatures had been affixed to the petition. This marks the highest number of anti-prohibitionists formally recorded in the house since prohibition.

One hundred and forty-five signatures, one-third of the house membership, however, is required to compel a vote on whether the house will consider the re submission measure.

The anti-prohibitionists have little hope of obtaining the two-thirds majority necessary in both houses for re submission of the amendment. What they want to do, it is known, is to force a record vote which they can use in "wet territory against re-election of congressmen opposing re submission."

Lintchum in a statement urged prohibitionists to sign, saying it merely committed them to a vote by the house on the subject.

Meanwhile, the senate judiciary sub-committee will report favorably on the Graham four per cent beer bill, Chairman Metcalf announced late today.

NEW EPIDEMIC OF BURGLARIES HERE

Another epidemic of burglaries and petty thefts appeared to have struck Las Vegas early Thursday morning when seven thefts or attempted thefts were reported to police.

Donald C. King, living at a local cot house, reported that several of his personal papers had been stolen from his locker there, including his army discharge, several war-time pictures, a V. F. W. membership card, and his V. F. W. button.

C. S. England, of the U. P. rooming house, reported the theft of a valuable watch, telling police whom he suspected of the theft. Police recovered the watch.

Burglars chiseled a hole in the rear wall of the Silver State market some time during the night, and looted a 25-cent slot machine of its coins, taking nothing else that could be checked.

Bob Burnam reported the theft of an almost new auto camp tent from the yard in the rear of his home at 531 south Second street.

W. E. Van Voorhis, who gave his address as general delivery, reported that his Colorado license plates had been stolen from his car.

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WOMAN FLIER, PILOT SAFE, RESCUER STATES

Fur Salvage Plane Is Stranded Nine Days By Storms in Yukon

Well-Provisioned Duo Feel No Ill Effect From Grounding

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 25. (U.P.)—The Stinson monoplane flown by William Graham, Alaska pilot, and carrying Mrs. Edna E. Christofferson, Portland sportswoman, as copilot, was located late today by S. E. McMillan, Canadian Airways pilot, and conveyed to Atlin, B. C., tonight, with both fliers safe and well.

"LOST" 9 DAYS The plane disappeared February 5 while flying northward near Nahlin, B. C., 100 miles south of Atlin.

Major MacLaren, president of Canadian Airways headquarters here, received the following telegram from Atlin signed by Pilot McMillan: "Found Graham O. K. Both planes arrived Atlin five o'clock."

Major MacLaren expressed the opinion that Graham's plane ran out of gasoline while lost in a snowstorm near Nakinaw summit. Lakes dot the area and their coating of ice provided made-to-order landing fields for the ski-equipped airship.

Graham and Mrs. Christofferson ostensibly were en route to Point Barrow, Alaska, to search for the missing steamer Baychimo and salvage its cargo of furs. The captain of the ship had reported, however, that the furs had been removed by the crew and the ship believed sunk months ago.

WELL PROVISIONED The Graham plane was lavishly provisioned and it is believed the fliers suffered little hardship.

Stinson, a four-engine biplane, was grounded until today. Graham was similarly "lost" on two other occasions. He was missing for three weeks in Alaska, aiming recalled, and once sat with a companion in his plane for four days in Mount Hood, Oregon, a few miles from habitations, while planes searched for him.

100 ATTEND LODGE AFFAIR

Approximately 100 Neighbors of Woodcraft and their friends attended last night's lodge meeting, followed by a card party and social evening, at the Eagles' hall last night.

The ladies of the entertainment committee were charmingly attired in colonial costumes. Mrs. Cora Lee Husted served as chairman of the committee and was assisted by Mrs. Joe Graglia, Mrs. Myron Leavitt, Mrs. Tom Carroll and Mrs. Art Harris.

First bridge prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Mackey, with Mrs. Schreiber winning consolation prize. First men's bridge prize was won by Jake Hagenson, Mr. Callahan winning consolation.

Mrs. Laura Van won first prize in the ladies' bunko game, with Mrs. Mrs. O. Potthoff winning consolation. E. Stratup was the only man playing bunko, and won both first and consolation prizes.

After the cards, the lodge quartet sang several musical numbers, and refreshments were served.

GRAFT IN ISLAND PRISON REPORTED BY INQUIRY BOARD

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 25. (U.P.)—A picture of a penal institution ruled by the convicts instead of the warden, in which men were permitted entrance to the women's section, was presented today when the Oahu board of prison directors reported to Governor Lawrence Judd.

The report ended an investigation that began last July. It cited specific instances in which it charged John C. Lane, former high sheriff of Hawaii and warden of Oahu penitentiary, was responsible.

While Lane was unaware of all the conditions, the report said, he was responsible.

Charges included one that a child was born within the prison to a woman inmate.

Misappropriation was charged. Supplies were withdrawn on a large scale for use of officials and their friends, it said.

PROTEST FUEL TAX

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Petroleum associations today celebrated the 13th anniversary of gasoline taxation by protesting to congress against the contemplated federal levy on motor fuel.

Jap Bombers Wipe Out Air Squadron Of Chinese; Gain Ground Slowly In Offensive

SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN IN DRIVE TO RAISE DEFENSE FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—A war fund drive that for patriotic fervor and results was a miniature of the frenzied "Liberty loan" campaign days of the World War was on in Chinatown tonight.

The Mandarin theater, located in the heart of the world's largest Chinese settlement outside China, was a study in contrasts as the powerful and humble of Chinatown crowded together to witness a benefit performance.

Chinese here already had sent \$1,000,000 in American gold to their beleaguered racials in Shanghai. Tonight they carried on the war fund drive with increased determination.

Chinese in American business suits, in pajamas, in resplendent native garb and in poor rags rubbed elbows. The "old" China of the ancestors and the "new" that has taken to American ways and American dress were there.

The show at the Mandarin was only one phase of an unrelenting drive to divert hoarded bank notes to aid the Chinese defense.

Tong of venerable antiquity and the ultra-up-and-coming Chinese chamber of commerce worked for a common purpose.

Glaring streamers in red Chinese characters proclaimed a boycott on all things Japanese.

American-born Chinese girls laid aside lipstick and rouge to organize sweater-knitting groups.

Every adult in Chinatown was asked to contribute a full month's salary to the war fund.

While Chinese here forgot factional quarrels in a common patriotic cause, Americans by the dozens volunteered to join the Chinese army. A lesser number made similar application to the Japanese consulate.

"We are doing no recruiting," is the answer the Chinese consulate here is giving to the letters, telegrams, telephone calls and personal visitors who seek jobs as airmen or expert machine gunners in Chinese armies.

AMERICAN ACE LEAVES TO COMMAND FORCE

HOSPITALS ARE FILLED WITH WOUNDED; DEAD ARE COUNTED

SHANGHAI, China, Friday, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Three Chinese airplanes were shot down and 11 others on the ground destroyed in a Japanese air raid on Hangchow today. Japanese naval authorities announced at 2 p. m. DESTROYER CLOSES IN

A Japanese destroyer, with eight guarding planes circling overhead, was proceeding 15 kilometers toward Hangchow in an attempt to rescue the occupants of a Japanese plane that had been forced down during the raid and bombing attack.

The Japanese claimed the one disabled plane was the only casualty suffered by the attackers in what they termed a highly successful raid.

An aerial armada of 25 Japanese naval planes took part in the raid.

The Japanese bomb racks loaded, they circled Hangchow, releasing the cargoes of death as they swooped low, then pulled sharply up to higher altitudes with motors roaring.

The Hangchow airport, base of a Chinese military plane squadron, was completely destroyed. The Japanese claimed.

3 PLANES DOWNED Machine gun fire from the attackers sent three defending Chinese planes down with their pilots dead, the Japanese declared.

Dogged Japanese troops continued a grim advance between Kiangwan and Tazang at 10 a. m. today.

The Chinese were retreating slowly, contesting every inch of the Japanese advance.

The Chapei and Woosung fronts were quiet.

Japanese today announced that yesterday's casualties in the Tazang sector were 120 dead and wounded. They claim to have counted 180 Chinese corpses left on the field. No accurate estimate of Chinese casualties since the outbreak of hostilities could be made.

No Japanese reinforcements arrived today. It was reported reliably that the 11th Division was en route from Japan. The 14th Division had been ordered to mobilize but had not received embarkation orders, the report said.

General Kenkichi Uyeda, commanding the Japanese battalion, personally inspected the front lines in the Tazang sector.

Disregarding the pot shots of snipers and the occasional big shells that crashed down to explode and tear great holes in the earth, he made a careful survey. Weary Japanese soldiers snapped alertly to attention as their chief passed.

Within the international settlement, order prevailed. International police, however, were alert to prevent possible demonstrations by refugees and unemployed persons within and without the settlement.

AMERICAN TO GO

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Bert Hall, member of the original Lafayette escadrille, plans to sail tomorrow for China to join the Chinese flying corps.

Until two months ago, he was commander-in-chief of the Chinese air corps, and it was assumed he would resume his duties in that capacity.

He has received messages from T. V. Soong, of the Chinese Nationalist government, he said, asking him to leave for China immediately.

Thursday night the international settlement was shaken again by prolonged artillery firing from the Chinese and Japanese lines in the Chapei front.

Shells fell frequently on Woosung and Chapei roads, north of the United States troops are on duty at the northern edge of the settlement.

The firing was intensified at 11:20 p. m. and continued for hours in the accompaniment of rifle and machine gun fighting.

HOSPITALS JAMMED

Two hundred and seventy wounded Chinese soldiers of the 87th Division, under Chiang Kai-shek, entered the settlement. Five hundred had entered on Wednesday.

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VEGAS ELKS GIVE THANKS

Members of Las Vegas lodge, 1466, B. P. O. Elks, last night passed a resolution thanking persons and groups who took part in the Washington bi-centennial exercises here and at the river.

The American Legion, Boys' band under the management of Matt Kelly; high school Glee club, under Prof. Rowe; Doug, Dashiell, football coach at the high school; Frank T. Crowe, superintendent of Six Companies; N. E. Gallison, director of public and press relations for Six Companies; Chief Ranger and Deputy U. S. Marshal Claude P. Williams; Chief of Police Glenn S. (Bud) Bodell of Boulder city; Chief of Police Clay Williams of Las Vegas; the sheriff's office; Paul Warner, architect, who laid the concrete base and made the preparations for the flag raising; Walker Young, construction engineer for the reclamation bureau; to all Elks and others who donated cars and to all those who helped in any way to make the flag raising and dedication at Lookout Point on Sunday, Feb. 21, a grand success.

WOMEN MOB MAN WHO CRITICIZES BARE-LEG STYLE

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Three hundred men and women, armed with stones and clubs, bombarded the home of Ashley Stone, 56, here this afternoon because he had criticized women of the neighborhood for not wearing stockings.

Doors of the stone home were knocked down and windows were broken by the missiles as they were hurled toward the house of Magazine street in the heart of "the fighting Irish neighborhood."

Earlier in the afternoon half a dozen maids and matrons, had put Stone "on the spot" because of the criticisms he is alleged to have made. "Going without hose is a matter of style, not one of morals," one of the women said.

"He thought he was king of the neighborhood," a chorus of the participants said, "so we put him on the spot and crowned him—with a hammer."

"The coronation of the stockings" took place at a corner grocery store to which Stone had been lured by a fake telephone call. When he arrived the women set upon him in full fury and bore him down under a storm of flying fists and the thudding of a hammer against his skull.

He was taken to Mercy hospital and treated for painful if not serious injuries. He and two of the women were charged with disturbing the peace.

When the raid was made upon Stone's home he was at a police station where he was said to have been swearing out warrants for the arrest of participants in the earlier melee.

LIQUOR FOUND IN OGDEN ST. HOUSE

When a man walked into the police station and reported that he had been "rolled" in a little cabin in the rear of 6 Ogden street it cost John Bodenman \$125.

The report was made early yesterday morning and the officer assigned to investigate the man's charges found a quantity of liquor on the premises, arresting Bodenman for the illegal possession of liquor. He was fined \$125 yesterday morning in municipal court, but will serve it out in the city stockade at the rate of one day for each \$2 of the fine.

Charles Blakewell, arrested Wednesday night for illegal possession of the largest liquor cache found in Las Vegas for many months, paid a \$150 fine, and lost whiskey and beer valued at more than \$600.

James Iverson, unsuccessful in lifting a waffle iron from the Ulloam hardware store, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny, and is serving out a \$30 fine in the city stockade.

WIFE DIVORCES PREACHER MATE

MADRID, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—With one Catholic priest assenting, the parliament today approved the first divorce law in the history of Spain.

The law, which will be signed by the president and promulgated in 15 days, provides equal rights for either men or women to bring suit for divorce.

A divorce also may be obtained by mutual consent.

When You Get Flush You Can Start Swell Fire With This New Money

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Wooden money "bits" being used in Tenino, 46 miles south of here today. The money is printed on veneer strips in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar.

It passes readily among Tenino merchants.

The wooden money was made necessary by failure of Tenino's only banks. The chamber of commerce devised the money which is issued by depositors of the bank up to 25 per cent of their deposits.

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