

# OBSERVATIONS

## Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

**A HAPPY COMBINATION**  
A gentleman, returning from a visit to Hoover dam site, describing his impressions, said: "The writer: 'I may tell you the thing that impressed me most—namely that two such men as Young and Crowe could have been found in all our broad land for this superhuman job. That two such men of genius, with all their force and scientific attainments, be with all, supreme masters of detail, is the impression that will live longest in my memory.'"

In a work such as that on the Colorado river, each feature of the job is individualistic—has its own particular character. Each tunnel has its separate problems; the disposal of muck; the tunneling for railroads; the building of plants; the placing of bridges; the fighting of floods; the building of roads; getting men to and from different parts of the work; each has its own peculiar problems. So that the detail is a detail of qualities varying with each changing phase of the work; never twice the same.

Unlike a manufacturing plant where detail consists of a constant repetition of the same process; but a series of details, each detail is different from the others.

So it is not a case of getting everything adjusted and starting the machine for stamping out a certain part. But a case where constant vigilance and alertness is essential.

**TREES ARE GREEN**  
Have you observed that the great cottonwoods which make Las Vegas a bower of beauty during eight months of the year, have turned a tender green? With the past few days of summer temperatures and vegetation has taken a sudden growth that is quite surprising. And we may consider our winter pretty well ended, although we may yet have a few chilly nights.

Rose bushes, too, have sent out their glowing, dark red shoots, each carrying its tuft of new green foliage at the tip. Before long some of our Las Vegas homes will be glowing with their thousands of climbing roses.

**NEVER TOO OLD**  
Charles Dickerson, 75, who recently learned to fly, has bought himself a nice, shiny, new airplane and plans to fly from Seattle to Japan. Just to show up the boys, we suppose.

Which motto does this illustrate, "Never too old to learn," or "No fool like an old fool"?

**MORE SPEED**  
Capt. Sir Malcolm Campbell astonishes the sporting world by the announcement that, if the beach is in condition, he will make another speed trial at Daytona Beach.

It seems as if Cap. has done enough in the speed line. Four miles a minute is a record good enough to rest on for a while. However, if Cap. insists on making another drive, we wish him luck. We do not want to see him snuffed out as was Cap. Seagrave, the speedboat record maker.

**THE PEACE ARMY**  
Facists have another plan to stop war. They plan to assemble a "peace army" in London, go to Shanghai and line up between the Chinese and the Japanese.

A noble and silly idea.

**THE REVOLUTION**  
Fifteen years ago now the throne of the Russian czars was trembling. Trotsky was a great red leader and the outstanding figure in the destruction of Russian civilization.

Now, it happens, Trotsky's book about the revolution has been suppressed in Russia and all copies destroyed. Trotsky himself is in exile in Turkey. And the people of Russia, under the most abject system of slavery known in history, are working feverishly under the lash of merciless, self-appointed rulers, carrying out the "five year plan," an attempt to do in five years that which takes a century to accomplish.

This is a strange world.

**LOVE BY MAIL**  
The fellow who made a fortune conducting a "love by mail" association, was taken out of his car last night, kidnaped and beaten up. It's good enough for him. This mail business is not sufficiently intimate to suit the present generation.

**L. D. S. BALL TO BE HELD TONIGHT**  
Featuring Colonial dances and reels, the L. D. S. Washington ball, to be held tonight at the Eagles' hall for members and their friends, will be an unusually attractive affair, according to preliminary plans announced yesterday.

Modern dancing will be interspersed with special old time numbers, and refreshments will be served during the course of the evening.

**STOLEN CAR FOUND**  
The stolen Oakland sedan of G. E. Sandroet, Westside, was recovered last night by George P. Roy of the Home Patrol service. The car, parked on Main between First and Carson, was found several blocks away by the private officer.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 26—Maximum, 80; Minimum, 43.

### METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 30 1/2 cents an ounce. Zinc, 2.80 cents a pound. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Lead, 3.50 cents a pound.

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# 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.

## Records Reveal Dangerous Jail Conditions Here

### Sanitary Conditions Held Impossible By Officers

Built to accommodate eight prisoners normally, and not more than 13 at any time, the Clark county jail has been consistently overcrowded, to even beyond the originally estimated maximum number, for the last fourteen months, it was revealed yesterday.

**DESPERATE MEN**  
Seldom if ever used for the incarceration of any but the most desperate criminals, and excluding the common run of petty offenders, drunks, and vagrants, it has many times been filled with felons of the worst sort.

At one time last summer there were six men charged with murder in the small quarters at one time, five of whom were subsequently convicted.

The minimum number of criminals placed in the jail during any one of the last 14 months was 18, during the month of April, 1931, and the maximum was 53 prisoners each for the months of October and November, 1931. Five hundred prisoners were incarcerated in the county jail at one time or another during the last 14 months, or an average of 36 persons booked in the county jail, for varying periods, each month.

**CROWDING SHOWN**  
The following table, copied directly from the records of the sheriff's office, gives the number of prisoners registered in the county jail each month for the past 14 months:

January, 1931	37
February, 1931	19
March, 1931	20
April, 1931	18
May, 1931	52
June, 1931	36
July, 1931	41
August, 1931	30
September, 1931	37
October, 1931	53
November, 1931	53
December, 1931	49
January, 1932	22
February, 1932	35

(To Feb. 26, incl.)

**AVERAGE IS 16 DAILY**  
A further search of the records of the prisoners jailed in the county lock-up shows that the number of prisoners incarcerated there from day to day, serving sentences of from thirty days to six months, and being held for trial or investigation, averages 16 persons, or three more prisoners than the builders of the county jail estimated would be the absolute maximum capacity of the quarters.

"Quite aside from the fact that the constantly overcrowded condition of the county jail is dangerous from the standpoint of the type of criminals imprisoned there, it is impossible to maintain proper sanitary conditions," Sheriff Keate said yesterday.

"Due to the fact that it is only a one-story building, constant watch must be maintained to prevent escapes. Last summer, when the jail harbored two convicted murderers and one man yet to be tried for that crime, as well as several others being held for major offenses, Undersheriff McCubrey narrowly averted a general jailbreak."

**NINE WOMEN PRISONERS**  
Undersheriff McCubrey, who is directly in charge of the jail, pointed out that during the past year there were nine women prisoners in the custody of the county, some of them for extended terms.

"Add to this the fact that at various times we have had in our custody dope addicts, tuberculars, lunatics and men in varying stages of disease, all charged with major crimes, and it can be easily seen the dangers we are running from overcrowding. With the windows but a short distance from the ground, outside assistance would aid a jailbreak easily; dangers from the poor sanitary conditions due directly to the small space per person are a constant threat to the health of the inmates. In either event, the county is in constant danger of either lawsuits or escapes from the jail."

**VISIT A C. FRIENDS**  
Mrs. Adam Kramer and Mrs. Nellie Lester plan to spend today visiting with friends in Boulder City.

**Members of 'Peace Army' Would Get Between Lines to Stop Jap Battle**  
LONDON, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—The "peace army" proposed by two British religious leaders who offered to lead an unarmed volunteer procession on the Shanghai battlefield to halt the far eastern conflict appeared to be winning popular favor tonight.

The two originators of the scheme, Maude Royden, popular lay preacher, and the Rev. "Dick" Sheppard, reported that hundreds of persons had volunteered to join the army, which would place itself between the two hostile forces at Shanghai as the best means of ending the fighting.

### Altar Bound?



Virginia Cherrill, leading lady for Charles Chaplin in his last picture, is aboard ship bound for Tahiti, where, it is reported, she will marry William Rhineland, her mother in Hollywood refused to confirm the news. Stewart is in the South Seas with a Vincent Astor yachting party.

### PASSAGE OF BILL CURBING JUDGES' POWER ASSURED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—The drastic Norris bill to curb federal judges' power in injunction and contempt cases showed unexpected strength today on its first test vote.

A less severe substitute by Senator Hebert, Repn., R. I., was rejected, 18 to 47, making senate passage, probably Monday, virtually certain. The bill then goes to the house where its passage is expected due to the pledges of both parties in 1928 for some such legislation.

The vote today was the first in a campaign of a decade for such a bill. The debate, now in its fourth day, was marked by the maiden speech of Senator Huey P. Long, Dem., La., who recalled to the senate an incident of his own career when he had at least 15 injunctions against him.

### NEVADA FARM AID SOUGHT BY STATE EXTENSION HEAD

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—A subsidiary loan company to be reconstruction finance corporation of Salt Lake City, may be organized for immediate relief for farmers in central and western Nevada. Cecil W. Creel, Reno, Nev., director of the agricultural extension service of Nevada, announced here today.

Failure of the banking system in Mason and Smith valleys, Lyon county in western Nevada, has curbed efforts of farmers in that section from obtaining loans for seed on their 1932 crop, he said. Two banks in that section failed, leaving it without banking facilities.

Nevada's congressional delegation has been urged to see establishment of a federal agency at Salt Lake City, from which farmers of that state may obtain loans, he said.

**GANGMAN CAUGHT**  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Frankie Foster, gangster who was arrested here once in connection with the murder of Jake Lingle, Chicago newspaper reporter, was picked up again today on a charge of carrying a gun and suspicion of robbery.

**PICKFORD DIVORCED**  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Mary Mulhern, New York stage star, was granted a divorce from Jack Pickford late today.

Reciting her grievances in Superior court, Miss Mulhern charged that Pickford had mistreated her almost constantly since they were married.

Three members of the Mountjoy family of Athlone, Ill.—the father, Oscar, the son, Joseph, and daughter, Caroline—have won major state corn-growing titles.

## SLIDES, FLOOD TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF LIVES

### Houses Swept Away by Avalanche in Small Washington Town

SEATTLE, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Floods and avalanches which swept the state of Washington today had caused 13 deaths in the past 36 hours.

Chinook winds and warm rain loosened heavy banks of snow, swelled creeks to torrents and menaced many sections of the state.

**SEVEN KILLED**  
The worst tragedy of the period occurred late today when thousands of tons of mud and rock roared down the slope of Mt. Washington, killing at least seven and sweeping houses and bodies nearly a mile down Boxley creek canyon, six miles from North Bend.

Seven persons were known to have been killed and four homes destroyed by the avalanche.

Those killed there were: Mrs. William Blades and her two children, Mrs. Gus Blader, R. A. Moore, Mrs. R. A. Moore and Mrs. Elwood Claggett.

W. M. Blake of Snoqualmie was an eyewitness.

"It was awful," he said. "The melting snow loosened a huge section of the mountain which swept down across the railroad tracks and onto the homes. We found the bodies of Mrs. Claggett and R. A. Moore half a mile below their homes."

**LOG JAM COLLAPSES**  
Earlier in the day a log jam in a canyon three miles from Issaquah, Wash., collapsed from the pressure of flood waters and killed two when a two-story house was smashed to pieces.

George Johnson, 50, and his son, Gosta, 10, were killed.

Rescuers found the body of Johnson. Clashed in his arms, only slightly injured was his daughter, Hazel, 5.

Mrs. Helga Johnson, wife of the dead man, escaped the house as it was demolished, and helped her two sons, Knute 7, and Gunnar 12, to safety.

A crowd of 75 worked steadily at a huge slide in Skagit river canyon about 150 miles north of here in an effort to recover the bodies of four workmen buried yesterday.

The mucky snow and mud made progress slow.

**HEAVY, WARM RAIN**  
Heavy, warm rain probably will continue for 24 hours, the weather bureau predicted, and the state faces the worst floods in years.

An Oregon-Washington train was wrecked early today near Satsop, Wash., where the track had been washed out, but the crew escaped injury. No passengers were aboard.

Submerged farms, highways and homes were reported from many sections of the state.

### VET AUXILIARY PLANS PARTY

Planning to make it one of the bright spots of the Las Vegas social season, and first of a series of annual affairs, the ladies' auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars yesterday announced their St. Patrick's card party, to be held at the Eagles' hall on March 14.

# PLANES BATTER CHINESE

## SOVIET TROOPS MASS ALONG CHINESE BORDER

MOSCOW IS MILITANT AS ORIENTAL WARFARE IS CONTINUED IN CHINA

NATIONS PROTEST JAP LANDING IN FOREIGN SETTLEMENT

MOSCOW, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—The position of Soviet Russia in the Far Eastern conflict became more vital today as the Moscow government demanded formal explanations of Japanese military activities in Manchuria and the Red army declared its readiness to combat any White Russian or other attack on the Siberian frontier.

**MOSCOW AROUSED**  
The general atmosphere in Moscow and elsewhere was more militant than at any other time during the Japanese-Chinese conflict.

A Far Eastern army leader said: "The Red army is vigilantly and quietly and confidently protecting the Soviet frontiers. It will answer worthily all of the attempts of Imperialists to hinder our country's work."

"The special Far Eastern army which has grown especially strong in these years and is tempered by recent struggles, is ready at any minute to undertake protection of the country."

"We will not permit the White Guard, Imperialist scoundrels, to stamp their dirty feet on our socialist land. We will fight more strongly and stubbornly than in 1929. (The time of the dispute with China over the C. E. R.)"

Meanwhile, a mass meeting of Communist youths in Moscow expressed willingness "to take up rifles and join the ranks to fight and conquer." Many other meetings and messages to the government expressed the patriotic mood which has sprung up in recent, critical days.

### WANT MANCHURIA BACK

NANKING, China, Saturday, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Plans for regaining Manchuria as Chinese territory were to be made here on the arrival of Chen Kung-Po, minister of industry, and Marshal Li Chi-Sen, inspector general of military training.

The Chinese Nationalist leaders were enroute here tonight to confer with Chang Hsueh-Liang, ousted ruler of Manchuria, regarding military independence movements.

It was learned by the United Press that the Chinese government (Continued on Page Six)

### VEGAS DOPE TRIAL OPENS

CARSON CITY, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—Trial of three Las Vegas men for 12 alleged violations of narcotic laws may reach a federal jury here tomorrow after two days of testimony by federal agents and numerous witnesses.

Roy Daniels, James McCluskey and C. Presson, the men under arrest, were charged with possession of 46 bundles of morphine and cocaine when arrested.

William Kearney, Reno, and Warren E. Baldy, Carson City, are attorneys for the defendants.

**GUARD WATCHES OVER AL CAPONE**  
CHICAGO, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—"Stone" was not a prisoner made "Nor iron bars a jail."

### Grandmother, 31, Claims Record



Mrs. Cleo Snyder, 31, left, of Oroville, Calif., who claims to be the youngest grandmother in the United States, shown with her daughter and granddaughter. The daughter, Mrs. Vernon George of Stockton, is the mother of the 8 usky youngest born eight months ago. Mrs. Snyder has lived in Oroville for many years.

## U. S. Chinese Pour Millions Into War

### Every Chinese-Owned Restaurant Gives Aid to Nation

By BATES RANEY (United Press Staff Correspondent) (Copyright, 1932, United Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—More than \$100,000 a day is being raised by Chinese in the United States to fight Japan, a nationwide survey revealed tonight.

Some of the money will provide for Shanghai refugees, but most of it is either being sent directly to General Tsi Ting-Kai, defender of Shanghai, or is being used in various American cities to train a corps of Chinese-American aviators to fight Japan.

Chinese leaders in the United States hope to put into the front lines at Shanghai a corps of trained fliers equipped with the most up-to-date American airplanes within the next three months.

In New York the On Leong and Hip Sing tong, which in years past have frequently clashed over political and business questions, have laid aside their differences and united in the fight to get funds for their stricken countrymen.

Arrangements have been made to lease an airport on Long Island, and a group of 25 young Chinese students and workers will shortly enter training as an air unit.

Every Chinese restaurant in the United States is said to be contributing to the "war chest." One restaurant (Continued on Page Six)

### PIOCHE RESIDENT PASSES IN VEGAS

Following an illness lasting over a week, Miss Priscilla Wheelert, 27, of Pioche, died at a local hospital yesterday morning.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler of Pioche and is survived by her parents, one brother and five sisters.

The body was taken to the Palm Funeral home yesterday, where it was announced that burial would take place at Pioche.

## DEFENDERS OF CITY STAND TERRIFIC DRIVE

400 New Airplanes Are Purchased by China, Tokio Learns

Reinforcements To Be Landed Down River From Settlement

SHANGHAI, China, Saturday, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Chinese positions in war-torn Shanghai were under a heavy Japanese artillery fire that began at 5 a. m. today, and an aerial attack on Chinese strongholds today spread from the Wooning forts to the Lion Forest forts between Pashan city and the mouth of the Yangtze river.

**FOUR HOUR HALL**  
For four hours the Japanese planes rained a relentless hail of high-explosive bombs. The apparent purpose of the air raid was to silence guns defending the rivers before troop ships arrive from Tokio with the Eleventh Japanese battalion.

At noon today it was apparent the four-hour bomb attack had done great property damage. Chinese forces appeared demoralized.

While the forts were being attacked, other planes bombed Chinese troop concentrations in the Pianwang and Tazang sectors.

Batteries of big Japanese guns located on the Hongkong pary rifle range poured a steady volley of shells into the Chinese lines and the Ninth Japanese division resumed its general bombardment.

A wide infantry advance was expected momentarily.

### TRENCHES SPLATTERED

Bombs splattered the Chinese trenches before Tazang, where the 19th route army and the Chiang Kai-Shek troops have held out for seven days against Gen. Kenkichi Ueyeda's "big offensive." The planes zoomed down over the 19th army headquarters at Chenju and let loose their cargoes of death, slipping away over the defenses as Chinese gunners vainly sought to bring the big war birds to the ground.

The Chinese admitted they had suffered 3,000 casualties in the last week. Japanese sources estimated their attacking army had suffered approximately 1,000 casualties in the same period.

### REINFORCEMENTS NEAR

(Copyright 1932 by United Press) SHANGHAI, Saturday, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—The Japanese Eleventh battalion will arrive here within a few days to aid in a determined offensive against the Chinese, Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Minister to China, told me in an interview today.

Present at the interview was Y. Matsukata, noted Japanese lawyer, a graduate of an American university and former president of the Southern Manchurian railroad.

"Japan will start its determined offensive against the Chinese forces after the reinforcements arrive," Shigemitsu told me. He outlined the policy Japan expects to maintain after victory has been achieved.

### SAFE LANDING PLACE

The troops will not be landed at the international settlement, the minister declared. Instead, they will disembark at some point on the Whangpoo river between Shanghai and Wooning. Shigemitsu said the troop ships expected no difficulty in passing the Chinese forts at Wooning.

"I am confident," Shigemitsu told me, "that the Chinese will be forced to retreat 20 kilometers. After we have pushed them back, we will offer to negotiate." He admitted the negotiations probably would be unsuccessful.

**CHINESE BUY PLANES**  
TOKIO, Feb. 27. (Saturday) (U.P.)—Reports from the Japanese legation at Peking today said Chinese had purchased 400 airplanes in America. Forty planes have already arrived, the report said.

**PERSHING IN HOSPITAL**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (U.P.)—General John J. Pershing, commander of American military forces during the World war, entered Walter Reed hospital tonight for treatment for a slight cold and laryngitis.

Reports that his condition was serious were denied at the hospital.

### Santa Claus of Air, 75, Will Sail To Orient and Return by Airplane

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 26. (U.P.)—The "Santa Claus of the air," Captain Charles Dickerson, 75, world famed air passenger, intimated today that he planned a trans-Pacific flight from Seattle to Japan to collect a standing offer of \$27,000.

The "Santa Claus of the air," who obtained his pilot's license only two years ago, was en route by plane to Vancouver, B. C., where he planned to embark for steamer Saturday morning for Japan.