

# OBSERVATIONS

## Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

**From Roses to Gas**  
The old place on the corner of Fifth and Fremont will soon be only a memory. Yesterday men were busy digging up the rose bushes that have for years beautified that corner. And in a few days the house itself will be gone perhaps, or so changed that the site can hardly be recognized.

We remember, some of us, when the home of concrete blocks was built by Dr. and Mrs. Martin a short time after their marriage and was a show place of the town. Their children were born there.

After passing from the ownership of the Martins, the place belonged to several people at different times, but the old miners still thought of it as "The Martin Place."

Now the corner has become too valuable to be used for residential purposes, but not too valuable for a gas station.

It is noticeable that in many small cities the very best located property is used to cater to the motoring public. Oil and gas are supreme. And the fellow who pretends that automobiles will go out of general use, or be restricted to the few, is mistaken.

All this talk about there not being enough money to pay for the automobiles of the country is just as untrue as it was twenty-five or thirty years ago when, with only one hundredth of the number of automobiles now in existence, financiers talked about the saturation point and said that it was not economically feasible to keep up the production of automobiles at such a rate.

**Measure of Value**  
We should realize that money is not necessarily valuable in itself. But it is a measure of value. The things which are products of the mine, field, forest and sea given useful form by the work of men's hands constitute the value. If we could devise a sufficiently perfect system of exchange and distribution of products and labor, we would not need money. As it is, money constitutes but a small fraction of the exchange in industry and commerce. The real wealth is in the things which contribute to the needs, convenience or pleasure of human life.

**Fords in Production**  
Henry Ford is spinning the wheels of industry in a lively fashion turning out thousands of new model Fords.

His enterprise constitutes another great contribution to returning prosperity.

Not simply because it gives work to hundreds of thousands in every walk of life, but also because it reflects the optimism of one of the keenest financial and economic minds in America.

Fear of something or other has been holding back the engine of progress and Henry Ford certainly is not afraid. That should be reassuring to all of us.

Somebody said that most of the misery of the world is caused by worry over things that never happen. It is a good deal that way with the present economic situation.

**Fancy Money**  
The fancy money of today buys more than it used to. We noticed in a store fancy local eggs selling at a price to make a hen hang her head in shame.

It used to be that eggs cost about a nickel each in Las Vegas most of the year. Now they can be had for twenty cents a dozen.

Fancy eggs, too. Just as fancy as the money, but just now laboring under a slight disadvantage.

**UMBRELLA CASE CAUSES ARREST**

Arrested on charges of petty larceny preferred by John M. Boyer, W. M. Pechart was immediately released on \$25 cash bail yesterday in the culmination of a long standing disagreement between the two men, according to reliable sources.

The complaint sworn to by Boyer accuses Pechart of the theft of three each umbrellas, valued at \$10 apiece.

Pechart said last night that the umbrellas in question were part of some equipment he purchased when he and Boyer were interested in another establishment, now out of operation.

Pechart has retained Ham & Taylor as his attorneys, and plans to fight the action, pleading not guilty to the charge.

**HEADQUARTERS OF RED CROSS MOVED**

The Las Vegas office of the Red Cross will move from its present location on North First street at 117 Carson street, it was announced Saturday by Miss B. Pentz, local field representative.

**THREE ARRESTED IN LIQUOR RAIDS**

A series of raids last night by city police resulted in the arrest of two men and a woman, charged with illegal possession of liquor.

Ruby Langford, 624 Wilson avenue, was released on \$100 cash bond. Ray Roberts, 12 Oxden street, and B. J. Williams, 227 North Third, were released, Roberts on \$100 bail and Williams on his own recognizance.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 27—Maximum, 83; minimum, 48.

### METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (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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### 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.

# GIRLS SAVED FROM BLAZE

## 36 MINERS ARE NEAR DEATH IN CAVED TUNNEL

Crews But 200 Yards Away from Supposed Position of Men

Thousands Mill About Shaft Collar, Wait For Word of Rescue

BOISEVAIN, Va., Feb. 28. (U.P.)—Rescuers searching for 36 miners trapped more than two and one half miles from the mouth of the Boisevain coal mine here penetrated to within 200 yards of their probable location early today, officials of the company announced.

BOISEVAIN, Va., Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons massed at the mouth of the Boisevain mine here tonight as rescue squads worked frantically at the apparently hopeless task of liberating 36 coal miners trapped far underground by one of the worst explosions in this district in the past 25 years.

W. A. Bishop, chief engineer of the mine, expressed the belief that because of the stifling, carbon-monoxide after-damp, and the heavy slate fall caused by the explosion, the stricken men would not be reached until 6 a. m. Sunday at the earliest.

A. C. Lucas, chief mine inspector of Virginia, arrived tonight and expressed the hope that the men still lived, although few thought it possible.

The explosion, which occurred at 4:30 a. m. today, was so violent that heavy soil settled to a depth of more than an inch on buildings in the vicinity of the mine mouth. A heavy, smoky fog hung low over the roundabout country after the explosion.

**"DOGS HOWL"**  
Miner after miner interviewed by the United States tonight invariably spoke of "dogs howling" last night—traditional ill omen in any mining community. Early today the omen came true with the mightiest blast in the memory of the oldest miner.

Inspector Lucas based his hope that the men might still live on the fact there is a waterway leading from the Boisevain mine into the nearby Jenkins-Jones mine, by which, he believed, the men might be able to lead themselves to safety.

Meanwhile, fearing the worst, officials of the mine established a temporary morgue at the mine mouth, with 12 embalmers and as many mortuary tables awaiting any eventualities. Physicians were on hand to lend whatever aid they might, while the Pocahontas fire department also sent units to the scene.

**STRICT GUARD**  
Strict guard was maintained by the mine company over entrance mine mouth was heavily patrolled, and none admitted save relatives of the trapped men, or employees of the company.

## 18 REPORTED GAS VICTIMS

Four men were taken to the Boulder City hospital, suffering from gasping received last night in tunnel. A following blast, according to an unconfirmed report, fourteen other workers were overcome for a few minutes by the fumes. None was seriously injured, it was understood. An official of the contractors, called by phone at press time, said that he had no information of the mishap.

## Ruth Judd, Frozen-Faced Killer, Learning To Weep As Death Nears

FLORENCE, Ariz., Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Winnie Ruth Judd is learning to cry.

Grief and fright, emotions of which the frozen faced blonde seemed incapable during the long days of her trial for the murder of Venes Anne Leroy, have descended upon her now that she sits in a cell in condemned row and awaits her execution.

During her trial, when opposing counsel were shouting "death!" and "gallows!" many times a day, Mrs. Judd seemed not quite to understand what they were saying. When one of her aged parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. J. McKinnell, would tearfully embrace her as she passed through the corridor, she would acknowledge their gestures with a pleased, absent smile, but never with any indication that she sensed their misery.

## Losses Heavy As Japs Drive Short Wedge In Village

Chinese Troops Transferred From Nanking To Strengthen Shanghai Defenders Before Heavy Jap Offensive

By HERBERT R. EKINS, United Press Staff Correspondent (Copyright, 1932, by United Press)

SHANGHAI, Sunday, Feb. 28. (U.P.)—The Japanese moved fresh troops into line today for a renewed drive against the Chinese in the Kiangwan sector, after a massed advance on the center of the Chinese defense north of Shanghai.

At 8 a. m. today there was a lull in the fighting on all fronts from Shanghai to the mouth of the Yangtze. The weather was clear and cold. The Japanese were busy consolidating their positions for a further offensive, while the Chinese were throwing in fresh troops.

Included in the Japanese drive which enveloped Kiangwan and a destructive aerial bombardment of the Woosung forts and the outer defenses of Lion forest.

**FIRES DIE DOWN**  
The fires which had burned during the night in Kiangwan and Chapel, set by Japanese aerial bombs, died down this morning and the atmosphere along the entire front was one of tense expectancy, in preparation for a renewed offensive.

Col. Hayashi planted the colors of the seventh regiment in the ruins of the town and established his headquarters there.

Both sides strengthened their forces for the renewal of the campaign, which promised to be long and arduous. The Japanese landed a force of 1,000 replacements, preliminary to the arrival of their eleventh division, which would add nearly 10,000 men to their present strength of 30,000 or more.

The Chinese were reinforced by the highly prized troops of General Chiang Kai-Shek's 38th division, who moved in to replace the wearied soldiers of the 19th route army in the Chapel sector of Shanghai, allowing the Cantonese to withdraw to the rear after a month of the most strenuous warfare.

**TROOPS CONSOLIDATE**  
The solidarity of the Chinese was made increasingly clear by the cooperation of Chiang Kai-Shek, the national military hero, with the Cantonese 19th army, after weeks of hesitation on Chiang's part.

Despite the heavy fighting on the entire 18-mile front from Shanghai to Woosung with casualties running into the thousands, the relative positions of the two armies are unchanged on Sunday.

On the Tazang front, only a few hundred yards separated the opposing forces, which blazed away with rifle and machine gun fire between occasional sorties which gave neither any decided advantage.

On the Chapel front in Shanghai, the firing was fairly constant, but no mass troop movements occurred.

The situation appeared early today to be a stalemate, with neither side holding any decisive advantage after a full week of the much vaunted "big push" of the Japanese.

**STAND GROUND**  
The Chinese, scattered over the side front from Shanghai northward, have been subjected to a deadly rain of artillery shells and airplane bombs, but has clung with fatalistic determination to their dugouts, shallow trenches and hidden machine gun nests.

Aside from the intermittent bombardment in Chapel outside the (Continued on Page Seven)

## ROAD BUILDING BILL IS PASSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—The house tonight passed the \$132,500,000 highway construction bill which the Democratic leadership offered as their unemployment relief program.

The measure, which provides for loans to states for road building, was sent to the senate, there to take its place with several pending bills broader in scope. Speaker Garner was credited with originating this relief move. He brought the bill quickly before the house and put it through in a single day.

## ORDERS FOR NEW FORD 8'S START

DEARBORN, Mich., Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Headquarters of the Ford Motor company today reported advance sales of the new Ford V-8 and improved four models already total 83,650 cars.

Sales are not counted unless deposits have been made with dealers, company officials said. They anticipate 250,000 cars "sold" before the new models go on the market, scheduled March 8.

Reports from dealers indicate the new "eight" running far ahead of the four-cylinder car. Officials said 75 per cent of the orders placed to date are for the high-powered model.

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Those invited to attend are: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ham, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron.

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## 'GIVE ME CHANCE,' DANCER WROTE; QUICK RISE ON BROADWAY FOLLOWED



Hilda Knight got her first Broadway job through a letter to a producer. A few days later she was dancing in his show.

## NORCROSS IN AKRON MISHAP FAVOR OF COURT HERE

LAKEHURST, N. J., Feb. 27. (U.P.)—A 40-page statement in which Lieut. Com. Charles E. Rosendahl, commander of the Akron, said the towing of his ship was "the most erratic" he had experienced, was submitted today to the naval investigating board in session here to determine the causes of the accident which damaged the big dirigible last Monday.

An unexplained sudden snapping of the ground gear cables, a 26-mile wind, and the tearing out, without warning, of the practically intact joint at frame zero, longitudinal 1, was responsible for the accident, the report said.

**HOOVER SIGNS RESERVE BILL**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—President Hoover today signed the Glass-Steagall bill for the expansion of the federal reserve credit.

In a statement, he described the new law as a "national defense measure."

## BURGLAR SEES SHOW; CAUGHT

SEATTLE, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Trapped as he came out of a downtown theater, Saturday afternoon, Guy Fortner, 22, burglar suspect, was finally arrested as the aftermath of a running gun fight through dark Chinatown alleys Friday night.

## FROM RENO

Albert Tragh of Reno is here looking over his property on South Third street of the South addition.

## LAS VEGAS SOCIAL SWIRL

The Girls' Letter club of the Las Vegas high school had a farewell dinner party Friday night in honor of Miss Marion Phiel, who is leaving for Washington. The affair was held at Mrs. Watts' hotel. Those who attended were the Misses Ruth Doolittle, Helen Miller, Adeline Spence, Jane Kramer, Jane Phillips, Marguerite Stewart, Frances Stevens, Virginia Beckey, Hortense Martin, Nelda Oppedyk, Marion Phiel, Nevada Pedrolli, Helen Haines, Angie Roosa and Maude Frazier.

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## Six Are Injured As Cars Collide On Boulder Road

NOTED MEN OF SCIENCE ASK FOR WORLD PEACE

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Three internationally known men joined here last night in urging that youth give itself to achieve world peace.

Speaking before a meeting sponsored by the Southern California College Student Body Presidents association, Dr. Albert Einstein, Dr. Robert A. Millikan and Dr. Charles A. Beard urged the importance of policies which would outlaw war.

Dr. Einstein and Dr. Millikan each have won the Nobel prize in physics and Dr. Beard is a political economist of note and former head of the American Political Science association.

The preceding generation has delivered into our hands an exceedingly valuable gift, in the form of a highly developed technique, which brings with it possibilities for the liberation and beautification of life such as have been offered to no earlier generations.

Dr. Einstein said "This gift also brings with it, however, dangers to our existence, such as never before have threatened more evilly. More than ever the fate of civilized humanity depends upon the moral forces which it is in a position to call forth."

The noted German scientist asked his listeners to suppose that America, England, Germany and France should demand from the Japanese government the cessation of warlike acts in China on pain of an economic boycott.

**CLOTHING ABLAZE**  
Williams and Sell succeeded in dragging Mrs. Williams and Miss Short from the blazing automobile, and beating out their flaming clothing, receiving severe burns about the hands and arms in doing so.

Mrs. Williams, in addition to being badly burned about the arms and shoulders, suffered a fractured arm. Miss Short's face was also badly burned, and physicians attending her said last night that she may be disfigured for life. Williams and Sell, in addition to their burned arms and hands, were badly shaken up and bruised. Sell's injuries necessitating his remaining in the hospital.

Johnson and Miss Brinkerhoff were taken to the Boulder City hospital, where they were given treatment for their minor cuts and bruises.

**HAD CAR TROUBLE**  
According to Sell and Williams, who were able to give officers and newsmen their story of the accident shortly after it happened, they had been having mechanical difficulty with the car, and were letting it coast slowly down the grade in an attempt to get it started when the car driven by Johnson crashed into them. Sell said he saw the car coming but thought that it would see their tail light and turn out.

**DEATH STALKS IN FLOOD AREA**

SEATTLE, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Death and wide-spread property damage rode on the wings of a warm Chinook wind in Washington tonight.

Frightened residents of several settlements in the Cascades and in eastern Washington evacuated their homes after swirling flood waters from continuous warm rains had taken 14 lives during the past three days.

Warm winds over the week-end meant further melting of snows in mountain passes—a condition that probably will cause further flood damage and earth slides.

## WET OFFICIALS SEEK SIGNERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—House "wet bloc" leaders are getting down strictly to individual cases in their attempt to round up the few signatures still necessary to force a vote on resubmission of the 18th amendment.

## JUDGE LANEY, VETERAN MEMBER OF BAR, DIES

Judge H. S. Laney, 73, veteran member of the Nevada bar, died at his room in a downtown hotel at 2:30 this morning. The judge had spent many years in Clark and Lincoln counties where he was well known and highly esteemed. Dropsy and heart trouble were given as cause of death. The funeral will be held in Salt Lake City, complete arrangements to be announced later by Palm Funeral home. A nephew in Phoenix and a niece in Salt Lake survive the pioneer.

## U. P. OFFICIAL DIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Robert B. Robertson, 53, assistant traffic manager for the Union Pacific system, dropped dead from heart disease today as he drove a golf ball from the 10th tee at the Los Angeles Country club.

Robertson was survived by a wife and two sons.

## New 'Smallest' Division Of Matter Is Discovered By British Scientist

CAMBRIDGE, England, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—A 40-year-old laboratory doctor at Cambridge university announced today that he has discovered a new type of the ultimate particle—the smallest division of matter—which he calls the "neutron."

He is Dr. James Chadwick of the Cavendish laboratory, and his discovery has been described as the greatest scientific advance since the X-ray and artificial disinte-

gration of the atom. He believes that the "neutron" represents the first step in the evolution of elements from electricity and that this ultimate particle is the stuff of which the cosmic ray is composed.

Dr. Chadwick's discovery, it is thought, will provide a powerful medium for studying the inner structure of the atom, and lead to new and unquestionably important developments in physics.