

OBSERVATIONS Grist from the Daily Grind

The World in Pastels Only a few of the thousands who travel out highways know of the groves of Nob hill, a point near Eldorado canyon...

LAS VEGAS WEATHER February 29—Maximum, 81; Minimum, 47. METAL MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 29, (U.P.)—Bar silver, 30 3/4 cents an ounce...

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BOULDER DAM PROJECT The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered...

L. V. Girl Attempts Suicide; May Die



Ethel Clayton, stage and screen star, was granted a divorce at Los Angeles after she testified her husband, Ian Keith, was 'angelically and unhusbandlike and often came home inebriated.'

Husband Swallows Her; She Swallows Poison

Separated from her husband for the past two months, Mrs. William Smith, known to her friends as 'Dixie,' last night attempted to take her own life by swallowing a quantity of what were thought to be bichloride of mercury tablets.

The suicide attempt was made at the ten-room home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Morrison, located near the Blue Heaven, about four miles from Las Vegas.

According to Morrison, the Smith girl came to their home from where she lived near the Purple Sage and took the poison, though they thought nothing of it, thinking she was taking medicine...

TWO-THIRDS OF FLEET TO BE IN PACIFIC WATERS

TOKIO, Tuesday, Mar. 1. (U.P.)—News that the entire American fleet would be concentrated in the Pacific was prominently featured by newspapers here today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29. (U.P.)—The navy department issued orders today which will place two-thirds of the entire United States navy in Pacific waters in March.

Officials held there was no special significance in the new instructions sent out ordering additional craft to the western coast, and said the vessels would be used in maneuvers.

The orders directed the training squadron consisting of the battleship Arkansas and six destroyers to proceed from the east coast immediately to California.

Left in the auxiliary will be only a small group of vessels and submarines. One demilitarized training ship, the Wyoming, three destroyers, one submarine tender and one submarine will remain at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The cruiser Milwaukee will be at Boston in dry dock. The destroyer tender Dobbin is in dry dock at Philadelphia.

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ON COAST VISIT Mrs. Henry Deardrich left last night for Los Angeles, where she will spend a few days visiting.

The scene was the sidewalk on one of the streets intersecting Fremont street, and the players were Municipal Judge W. G. Morse and a man who spends eight hours a day standing in front of one of the more popular 'whisper-lows.'

R. O. T. C. Queen



Girls can win military titles, as wins some Marian Stone, Nevada university co-ed, proved when she was made honorary major of the university's reserve officers' training corps unit. Here she is at the annual military ball. She is active in campus affairs and has won several scholarships.

HOOVER URGES REVISION OF MANY U. S. LAWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29. (U.P.)—President Hoover, in a special message to congress today, urged drastic revisions of federal laws, including a tightening of bankruptcy statutes to prevent waste of assets and elimination of grand jury indictments on pleas of guilty.

He made only one mention of prohibition and that was a renewal of his demand for enactment of a strict enforcement law for the national capital, at present virtually free of local restrictions.

The President's message, considered as perhaps the most important of this session in possible permanent effect, was accompanied by a report from Attorney General William D. Mitchell on bankruptcy, criticizing 'careless' extension of credit and 'high pressure salesmanship.'

Mitchell said these factors led to excessive purchases of luxuries, and through inability to pay, to bankruptcies. Bankruptcies increased from 23,000 in 1921 to 65,000 in 1931.

The high-pressure men have better collection facilities, so the butcher, the baker, and the doctor, frequently lost all their money.

Mr. Hoover's wide program of federal law revision also suggested that the supreme court be given power to simplify appeal procedure so that convicted criminals cannot be free for long periods pending action by higher courts.

At present appeals and stays of sentence sometimes permit convicted gangsters and other criminals to remain at large for a year or longer after the jury has found them guilty.

The President also reported that the federal courts, despite special efforts, have been unable to reduce congestion, due to increased business in civil and criminal cases.

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LEGION DRIVE FOR JOBS IS SUCCESS, BLOOD

114 Places Found For Men in Nevada, Says Committee Head

Six Hour Day Urged in East at Centers of Industry

During the first half-month drive of the American Legion's national-wide drive to relieve unemployment, prosecuted through the Legion's national unemployment commission, 117,325 jobs were found for unemployed men up until noon yesterday, according to a wire received from the New York national headquarters of the commission by Leonard Blood, chairman of the Nevada commission.

Nevada's legionnaires, under Blood's chairmanship, found 114 jobs for unemployed men, a creditable showing when the small population of the state is considered.

Ten thousand four hundred posts of the American Legion are concentrating their efforts during the next half month toward a goal of one million jobs by March 15. The Legion's efforts are not to be discontinued at that time, according to Blood, but the drive will be continued until the national unemployment situation is relieved.

The national commission is not debiting its energies to obtaining jobs for ex-service men exclusively, but attempting to find work for any and every unemployed man in the United States. The commission also advocates the four-shift (six-hour) day, with six-hour pay, as a means of distributing available work more evenly, according to Blood.

He further points out that it is the object of the national commission to promote confidence in employers through their activities, and has many large employers are cooperating by establishing the six-hour day in their plants, especially in the great eastern industrial centers.

CUT IN BUDGET IS FORECAST

Faced with increased expenditures for the coming year, city, county and school board officials are expected to arrange for a joint conference in the near future, to discuss proposals to cut expenses.

Making up the coming year's budgets has presented several problems in effecting economies if the tax rate for the county is not to be boosted.

Some French factories have been working overtime to supply the orders, and armament company shares have gone up sharply on the bourse. One company's shares advanced 500 francs in the last three months.

TEMPORARY SPAN OPENED

With the completion of a temporary crossing yesterday over the Virgin river, lowering of cars will be discontinued, according to C. C. Boyer, state highway engineer.

The new crossing is a temporary bridge, constructed on piling and floored with planks, and is to be used until the new bridge is completed.

Tanks Lead Heavy Attack On Chinese Line As Plans For New Shanghai Truce Totter

Nippon Dislikes Idea Of Withdrawing Her Troops

TOKIO, Tuesday, March 1. (U.P.)—Hopes for a truce at Shanghai soon were dampened in official quarters here today. Chinese proposals made at a conference aboard the British flagship at Shanghai yesterday were intimated to be unacceptable since they require the simultaneous withdrawal of Japanese and Chinese troops.

More faith is based on the army's ability to drive the Chinese out of Shanghai than in negotiations for their withdrawal, it was said. However, a second conference of leaders of the two forces is expected to be held aboard the British flagship soon.

The immediate suspension of hostilities was held to be impossible. A government spokesman insisted that there was little to talk about the latest move for discussion of peace, Japan merely cast a stone into the pool with the Geneva peace reports resulting, he said.

The four provisions of the terms were said to be: 1. Cessation of fighting. 2. Mutual and simultaneous withdrawal of troops from Shanghai. 3. Neutral observers to supervise the withdrawal. 4. China to ask reparations from Japan for damage by shelling and bombing.

NEW MANCHU STATE

SHANGHAI, Tuesday, March 1. (U.P.)—A new Manchurian state came into being today when a Mukden proclamation setting up the independent state, carved by Japanese soldiers out of territory including four former northeastern Chinese provinces, became effective.

Henry Pu Yi, former 'boy emperor' of China will rule the new state.

Chinese Nationalist leaders, in meeting at the temporary Chinese capital at Loyang, were understood to be discussing plans to overthrow the state and recapture the provinces for China proper.

CHINA'S STAND UNKNOWN

NANKING, China, Feb. 29. (U.P.)—The foreign affairs committee failed to announce any decision on the Shanghai peace suggestions, but Foreign Minister Lo Wen-Kan said he was continuing conversations with the British and French ministers.

The government has insisted that it would not accept any peace terms which would give an advantage to Japan and on this ground, previous suggestions for withdrawal of Chinese troops from Shanghai were rejected.

THREE APPEAR IN CITY RUM CASES

Three people arrested Saturday night for alleged liquor violations appeared in municipal court yesterday.

B. J. Williams and Ray Roberts pleaded guilty to the charge of illegal possession of liquor. Williams paid a \$175 fine, and Roberts was sentenced to serve out a \$150 fine.

Ruby Langford appeared with her attorney, Roger Poley, who entered a not guilty plea and requested a continuance to March 2, which was granted.

Another Call



Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer of Chicago, who has been approached by Maj. Granville R. Fortescue to become identified with the defense of Mrs. Fortescue and three navy men accused of the 'honor slaying' of a young Hawaii native in Honolulu. Darrow indicated he will accept.

CROWD LAUDS DREAMLAND PAGEANT

More than three hundred enthusiastic guests applauded the locally produced pageant, 'A Night in Dreamland,' presented at the Elks hall last night under the auspices of the Christ Episcopal church.

The musical extravaganza, employing all local talent with a cast of some two hundred children, augmented by many of Las Vegas' most talented adults, provided a solid two and a half hours' entertainment.

A riot of colorful costumes, playlets, ensemble and solo musical numbers, the production was voted a success by those who attended. Especially entertaining were the dance and musical numbers, with Miss Kathryn Weiner presenting two piano solos which were well received, and Miss Helen Katz in a playlet entitled 'If That's Your Idea of Fun, Take Me Home.'

Six specialty numbers formed the major portion of the program, and were creditably presented, some of those participating having never before been upon a public stage.

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False Report on Jap Reinforcements Circulated

SHANGHAI, Tuesday, March 1. (U.P.)—Japanese bluejackets severed the connecting link between forces in the Tazang and Kiangwan sectors today when they occupied Patsung, a Chinese position in Chapei, Japanese naval headquarters announced.

(Copyright 1932 by United Press) SHANGHAI, Tuesday, March 1. (U.P.)—The Japanese re-opened a battering offensive in the Tazang sector today and moved fresh troops into the Chapei front to resume the advance against Chinese in the ruined buildings north of the international settlement.

The Tazang attack was initiated by naval and military airplanes which bombed the Chinese lines, after which tanks rumbled to the front to lead an infantry attack.

Meanwhile, the main forces of the eleventh Japanese division, commanded by General Shirakawa, completed disembarkation near Liuho, 20 miles up the Yangtze river from Woosung.

There was a heavy explosion this morning in the Whangpoo river 100 meters from the Japanese flagship Izumo, which was moored alongside the Japanese consulate general.

The flag ship was unharmed. Japanese Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said he believed the explosion was caused by a floating mine. The Japanese were favored by a cool, clear day as they began the new attack on Tazang, which Gen. Kenkichi Uyeda said he expected to occupy before nightfall. The Chinese are strongly entrenched before Tazang, but they have undergone a heavy Japanese bombardment in the last few days.

The Japanese tanks were attempting to force an opening through the Chinese lines to open the way for the infantry.

The Chapei front was comparatively quiet, but Japanese preparations indicated a renewal of fighting there within a few hours.

The Japanese Monday claimed advances in Chapei, Hongkew and Kiangwan areas. These advances were slight however and the Chinese appeared to be continuing their stubborn resistance.

The advance in Chapei was 'gradual' the Japanese said, and it was halted when the Chinese rallied to let loose withering fire on the Japanese positions. Seven naval planes aided the Japanese in the Chapei fighting, laying down a barrage of bombs about 200 yards in advance of the Japanese marines. This area is closest to the international settlement.

The Japanese claim to have driven all Chinese from the sector east of Hongkew creek, and to have captured Chouchi and other villages between Lochiachai and Chenchiangtu.

The Japanese forces, aided by artillery in the rifle range, occupied Sumin institute and established new headquarters there despite heavy fire from the Chinese line.

The most severe fighting was in the Kiangwan area, where Japanese were advancing toward Tazang. A Japanese communique said the ninth division had advanced its headquarters to the central Kiangwan area, where the sixth brigade had been leading the attack.

The Chinese made a desperate counterattack near Kiangwan village, but failed to gain. Many Chinese shells fell on the village, and the Japanese responded. The Japanese later announced capture of the village of Lu-chia-wan, 600 yards west of Tsachinchai.

The Japanese command was said to have deliberately started reports that the 11th division had arrived from Tokio, but it appeared that only the 22nd regiment had been landed. The others may land shortly.

WILL START SEWERS SOON

The board of city commissioners met yesterday afternoon and approved the payment of \$2,250 to the Webster L. Benham Co. engineers of the new city sewer system.

The payment constitutes the first installment of the second 4 1/2 per cent engineering fee provided by the contract.

It is stated that representatives of the sewer contractor are now in Los Angeles securing equipment. They expect to be on the ground to start the work within a few days.

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BOYS CAUGHT STEALING RIDE

Six juveniles ventured into the realm of 'horse borrowing' yesterday afternoon, with dire (to them) results.

The six boys, the youngest nine and the oldest eleven, were caught with the horses at the Rancho Grande, and riding them about the surrounding desert. They were brought to the police station and held until seven o'clock last night, when their parents were notified and warned to curb the activities of their offspring.

They are thought to be the same boys who Sunday caught up two Shetland ponies belonging to Daryl Burgess and pastured at the Rancho Grande, and riding them about the surrounding desert.

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L. V. JURIST IS DINNER SPEAKER

The Las Vegas Jewish organization, Sons and Daughters of Israel, were hosts Sunday night to Judge William E. Orr, guest of honor, Mayor E. W. Cragin, and Roger Poley, at their monthly dinner dance at the Pair-O-Die casino.

Mike Silver, president of the organization, presided over the meeting, and A. J. Schur delivered the address of welcome to the guests, following which he introduced each of them to the assembly. Judge Orr made a stirring speech to the members of the group.