

**OBSERVATIONS**

*Grist from the Daily Grind*

By C. F. S.

**LAME DUCKS ON RUN**

New York state yesterday through its legislature ratified the so-called "lame duck" amendment to the constitution of the United States. The promptness with which this first state to act ratified the amendment indicates that the necessary 36 states will put the okay on the measure with promptness. The amendment will provide for the inauguration of the president and the beginning of the new congress in January following the November general election, instead of waiting until March 4 to inaugurate the president and then until December, 13 months after election, for the session of congress.

Under the present system, the congress, composed in large part of members who were defeated in November, meet in December for the final session and continue to act until March 4, when the new President is inaugurated. So we have seen the incongruous spectacle many times of the country ruled for 13 months after the election by a congress repudiated by the people.

Under the new amendment, when ratified by two thirds of the states, the new government will go into full power about two months after election.

**A YELLOW DOG**

A little yellow dog came near to crowding the Lindbergh kidnaping off the front page at St. Louis. Frantic phone calls from a woman up the river enlisted the aid of police, newspapers, humane society, the U. S. Army and all of rescuing the dog from an ice floe on the Mississippi.

Which reminds us that sentiment is still a very powerful thing in this hard world, especially when it touches those things near to our daily life.

**CAPONE AND THE BABY**

Now it is suggested that Al Capone's gangsters engineered the Lindbergh kidnaping and are holding the baby as the price of Capone's release from prison. Which is possible, but not probable.

We observe also that other noted criminals and some not so noted, are making claims for release that they may assist in recovering the baby. Among them are said to be Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior; Tom Mooney, Loeb and Leopold, and several others. Probably just part of a smart Aleck newspaper story.

**HOLDING ATTENTION**

It is probable that if the baby is restored to its frantic parents, the event will come as a complete surprise to the public. Most of these speculations are without any real foundation except somebody's guess. And when there is any knowledge of the whereabouts of the baby and of plans for his return, the public attention will no doubt be carefully directed in some other direction so that those charged with the negotiations can work in perfect secrecy.

**UNFORTUNATES**

We read of a couple with a baby traveling west in a car with a New Jersey license, who were harassed almost beyond belief by being stopped and investigated at every town they came to.

These days it is just as well for all persons with two year old babies to stay right at home. The troubled state of the public mind holds everybody in suspicion if there is the slightest excuse.

**CHICAGO'S TROUBLES**

Chicago is paying a high price for her years of corrupt political and gangster rule. Yesterday, in an effort to reduce city expenses, 833 persons were dropped from the city payroll.

Which seems might serious business. The one consolation for those who lost their jobs is that they received their pay checks in full, the first since last November. The fellows who kept their jobs are still working and still going without their pay.

**LINGLE SLAYER SERVES**

Sam W. Broder yesterday began to serve a long sentence for slaying Alfred (Jake) Lingle, Chicago reporter. It was this case which so aroused recent public sentiment in Chicago as to wipe out to a certain extent, gangster rule. To the Lingle murder probably is due the credit for putting Capone behind the bars.

**VOICE FROM THE AIR**

As the Observer sat writing this column last night the voice of U. S. Senator Samuel S. Shortridge of California came to us out of the air. A wonderful voice of peculiar resonant quality which, first heard more than thirty years ago, the Observer can never forget.

Sam spoke from Washington especially for his friends in his beloved California. One thing of particular interest to all of his comment on the fine cooperation of members of both political parties in putting the recent emergency financial legislation through congress, and his statement that already it is bearing good fruits.

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

**BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 11 (U.P.)**—Funeral services for Guy G. Woodin, widely known horse showman and retired Chicago businessman, will be conducted at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
March 11—Maximum 73; minimum 45.

**METAL MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Bar Silver 29½ cents an ounce; zinc, 2 4/5 cents a pound; copper .06 cents a pound; lead 3.25 cents a pound.

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# LINDY ASKS AID OF NATION

**Hollywood Lasses Chosen 'Six Sweetest Extras'**



Out of hundreds of applicants, these six charmers were selected as the best of the Hollywood film capital in figure, pulchritude and personality. Left to right, they are: Lynn Browning, Venita, Okla.; Nadine Dore, San Jose, Calif.; Mary Jane Temple, St. Louis; Dorothy Compton, Houston, Tex.; Gale Ronn, Kansas City, and Dorothy Dix, Chicago. Good judging, eh?

**N. Y.'S MAYOR BECOMES ILL**

ALBANY, N. Y., March 11 (U.P.)—The New York state legislature tonight ratified congress' proposed constitutional amendment for abolition of "lame duck" sessions of the national legislative body.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt had urged ratification in a special message.

Thirty-six states must ratify before the proposed amendment can become a law.

**RUM RAIDS BRING ARREST OF FOUR**

Continuing their raids on alleged downtown beverage dispensing spots, city police yesterday "knocked over" three places.

J. R. Wilson was arrested at 227 north Third street, where police say that they seized seven cases of beer and one and a half pints of whiskey. Wilson was released on \$100 bail.

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**ELECT OFFICERS FOR 8TH GRADE**

Dixie Morgan, of Las Vegas, was unanimously elected president of the eighth grade of the Las Vegas grammar school, in yesterday's annual election.

Other officers elected were Howard Wirth, Boulder City, vice-president; Hope Harriman, Las Vegas, secretary; Kiyo Tomiyasu, Las Vegas, treasurer; John Potthoff, Las Vegas, sergeant-at-arms; and Billy and Emma Malony, Las Vegas, cheer leaders.

George W. Lang, member of the faculty, was elected class advisor.

**International Wine Congress Plans To Battle World Prohibition Laws**

PARIS, March 11 (U.P.)—The international wine congress, representing 30 nations, voted today to initiate a world-wide campaign against prohibition.

The congress also decided wine-producers urge preference for the goods of countries purchasing their wine and that attempts should be made to aid repeal workers in "dry" nations, such as the United States.

In the United States, and other countries having prohibition laws, the congress leaders plan to start conversations with religious leaders in an effort to bring about modification of the present regulations to permit sale of light wines.

**MANCHU STATE FLAYED AS JAPANESE PUPPET**

**Claim China's Rights Usurped; Blame Put On Jap Intrigue**

NANKING, Friday, March 12—(Saturday) (U.P.)—The new Manchurian state was termed a "puppet government" engineered by Japan in a statement by the Chinese foreign office tonight.

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**Dares Hula Land**



Whether the native hula will become Americanized or whether her own American dances will be seen, but Shirley Widman, 19-year-old blonde dancer and about the first dancer ever to have the courage to invade the land where dancing is world-famous, is shown here as she sailed on the Malolo for Honolulu, confident that she can successfully pursue her career in Hawaii in spite of that handicap.

**CLAIM CHINA'S RIGHTS USURPED**

The government today released all diplomatic notes exchanged between the Chinese and Japanese governments concerning the subject.

One note, the Chinese claimed, refuted a Japanese assertion that the under state was the result of long standing dissatisfaction by Manchurian Chinese over political conditions here. A Japanese claim that Japan had nothing to do with the rebellion was refuted, the Chinese foreign office claimed.

The Chinese note to which the government referred declared the Chinese formed the new state either under Japanese coercion, or at the instigation of Japan. As proof, the note cited the large number of Japanese officials in the new government.

**KIDNAPER PUTS CHILD BACK IN CRIB**

RIVERTON, N. J., March 11—(U.P.)—Investigation of an attempt to kidnap the 3-year-old son of Claude J. J. Anderson, an artist, from his estate fronting on the Delaware river produced a clue similar to one of the angles of the Lindbergh case.

The child, Chilton Vanderbeck was in the arms of the kidnaper, Anderson said, when he entered the room at 1:20 a. m., today.

**TO OFFER TAX SUBSTITUTES**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Three substitutes for the \$505,000,000 sales tax feature of the new tax bill were prepared today, as house leaders predicted the original proposals would be accepted by congress and President Hoover.

Meanwhile the revolt on the house floor spread widely during the second day of debate, with many members, including some from Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and North Carolina, reported to be deserting their party leaders.

**SHOOTS SELF; IS RUSHED TO VEGAS**

Admitting suicidal intentions, but refusing to give her reasons for the act, Louise Fisher, of the Moapa Indian reservation, was brought to the Las Vegas hospital yesterday, suffering from a self-inflicted gun-shot wound in her chest.

She shot herself with a .22 calibre rifle, the bullet entering almost exactly in the center of her chest according to physicians, who say that her condition is not serious due to the low power of the rifle with which she attempted to kill herself.

**TRANSPORT SAVES PARTY ON VESSEL**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—The rescue of Richard Dupont and his five companions from their disabled yawl Nahama by the U. S. Transport Republic, was announced today by the war department.

The men were taken off the craft at 1:17 p. m., E. S. T., off Cape Hatteras. The names of the rescued who will be taken to Cristobal, C. Z., were radioed here as Richard and Victor Dupont, Scott Townsend, Thomas Laffey, of Wilmington, Del., and Lloyd Coats and Benjamin MacFarlane, of Philadelphia.

**Police Stumped; Requesting Clues From Any Source**

**Appeal Issued For Information Of Any Kind That Might Aid Baffled Authorities**

TRENTON, N. J., March 11 (U.P.)—From the Lindbergh home at Hopewell tonight police in charge of the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, jr., issued an appeal for "information of any kind" that might lead to the recovery of the missing baby.

"In an honest desire to accomplish the return of the baby," said Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey state troopers, "police will welcome information of any kind leading to its recovery, regardless of the source."

The Colonel's appeal was contained in his late night communique issued to reporters at state trooper headquarters here. In addition to asking for information Schwartzkopf disclosed that a similar appeal was being broadcast in the form of a circular to all police departments in the United States.

**BULLETINS**

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Douglas C. Thomson, president of the Citizens' National bank and close friend of the Morrow family, informed newspapermen tonight that he would give them an interview tomorrow morning regarding the possibility of appealing to Gov. Moore to impanel a grand jury to handle the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Joseph Fishman, deputy commissioner of correction, intimated tonight that an important development in the Lindbergh kidnaping case might hinge on the questioning early today of a prisoner in Tombs prison by Morris Rosner, reputed to be one of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's undercover agents in seeking return of his son.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—The following voice of old Joe Humphries, which has brought thousands of fight fans to a frenzy of cheering in Madison Square Garden, tonight stilled a crowd of 15,000 while he prayed for the safe return of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr.

CHERBOURG, France, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Police and American Legion representatives went aboard the S. S. President Roosevelt tonight in search of a clue to the kidnaping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

They found an 18-month-old baby on board but its mother angrily chased them away and proceeded to Hamburg with her child. The S. S. Ide De France was searched earlier.

BERGEN, Norway, Mar. 11 (U.P.)—Police boarded the steamer Bergensjord when it arrived tonight from New York and searched in vain for clues to Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. It had been reported he might have been on board the ship before she sailed.

**BOY KNOCKED OFF BIKE; IS BRUISED**

Struck a glancing blow by an automobile, Ferris George, 14, suffered a number of bruises and abrasions when he was knocked from his bicycle at the intersection of Fifth street and the Salt Lake highway.

E. W. Gunn, 219 west Seventh street, Westside, driver of the car that knocked the lad from his bike, said that he did not see the boy at the side of the road until it was too late to swerve and avoid hitting the rider.

**TO FACE CHARGE AS DRUNK DRIVER**

Arrested at Main and Fremont streets by Chief of Police Williams, last night, Harry C. Fletcher will be tried today on a drunken driving charge, lodged against him by Williams.

Fletcher was kept in the city jail until 2:00 a. m., when he was released on \$100 bail.

**Co-Eds' Reaction To Giglo Want-Ad Embarrasses Shy Freshman Student**

MADISON, Wis., March 11 (U.P.)—There is work for a gigolo at the University of Wisconsin, but Freshman Eugene Grosman does not want the job.

Some hard-hearted sophomores placed an advertisement in the student newspaper today over Grosman's name. Thereafter his telephone rang with co-eds calling for the "personable young man, temporarily financially embarrassed" who "desires engagements as a dancing partner."

"I'm no gigolo," Eugene told the co-eds, blushing. "I'm just a freshman and I'm not interested."