

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

BELLE AND RENO

Belle Livingston is hardly gentlemanly when she speaks of Reno, her late victim.

She says that the Reno men are quite "rowdy and gay" at night, but in the daytime their eyes say, "Where in hell did we meet before." Which probably, with Belle, is the safest way.

And then Belle goes on in quite an abusive strain about "small time" gamblers, quite forgetting that she played about the smallest game known herself. And she ends her tirade with an allusion to "skunk shooting," which, at this distance, seems just about Belle's natural pursuit.

When victims do not lend themselves to easy fleeing, times are hard for such as Belle. Reno has been fleeced so many times that it is a pleasure to observe that she escaped this time.

GOOD ADVERTISING

Good advertising, but a little expensive, is the smashing of the big blimp of the Enna Jettick Shoe company near El Paso. It put the name in the news dispatches of the whole world.

Now, just to show our ignorance, we would like to know in strict confidence about that name. Is "Enna Jettick" really a name or are they just trying to be funny at the expense of "energetic"? When we first saw that name on a window on Geary street, San Francisco, a couple of years ago, we assumed it was the name of a gentleman from Czechoslovakia.

WAR BETWEEN SOVIET RUSSIA AND JAPAN is a threat which, if realized, would mark the darkest chapter in the life of newspaperdom.

Per example, we read in the news dispatches that because they are transporting troops, the Soviet government has discontinued all traffic on the Vladovostok-Manchuria railroad.

Ye gods, what a tax on the linotype machines of the world! "General Chichibu Nagasaki" marching on the Chinese army under "General Yangtse Kiang" was attacked by the forces of the Soviet. Generals Hinhatski and Hamanegski between Bladovostok and Vladovostok.

It would be the style of the news.

The world has stood the strain of the World War but this new menace is unthinkable. We just must have names we can find in the dictionary if we are to carry on another war in the newspapers.

EXPLORING VOLCANOS—Three men in an airplane yesterday took a "dive" through great clouds of deadly fumes and landed within the smoking crater of the active Aniakchak volcano.

They were Frank Dorbandt, George Johnson and George Emery, and they managed to take off and get out over the rim again, else this would not have been written.

They say that mountains along the whole Aleutian peninsula are smoking in a threatening way. Like a gigantic gun pointed at Japan, Manchuria and China.

FROM THE DEAD—A voice from the dead comes out of the vast Brazilian jungles. A jungle trapper, Stephen Rattin, arrived yesterday at a Brazilian city after a six weeks' journey and reports that the British explorer, Colonel Fawcett, who went into the jungles seven years ago and was long since given up for lost, is alive, held prisoner by a savage tribe.

An astonishing story he will have to tell should he ever succeed in reaching civilization.

NOT SO MUCH?—It is claimed that only twenty-three out of the 25,000 Hollywood actors receive "headline salaries."

Which, it is explained, are those salaries so casually mentioned in newspaper publicity, but with a cipher or two omitted.

Even at this it seems too many and too much.

RADIO WARFARE—Canada, it is said, is threatening to erect a powerful chain of radio stations to blanket the air and shut American radio broadcasts out of Canada, or at least make it impossible to hear them.

They went to prevent Canadians absorbing any more "American culture," by radio, they say.

Which hardly seems neighborly, considering the amount of bottled Canadian culture America is absorbing!

APACHE AGITATED IN DEATH TRIAL—GLOBE, Ariz., March 15 (U.P.)—Exhibiting little of the stoicism which had marked his behavior during months in jail, Golney "Mac" Seymour, young Apache Indian, was agitated today while he listened to testimony in the trial which may send him to the gallows for killing a white university co-ed.

He shifted uneasily in his chair, his eyes constantly roved about the courtroom, and he wet his lips as witness spoke about Henrietta Schmerler, Columbia university student of Indian customs, whom he is charged with killing.

The only person his glance rested upon was a young, wrinkled old Indian, dressed in store clothes, who sat quietly in the front row. It was Seymour's father, who sold his possessions and mortgaged his small herd of cattle to aid his son's fight for life.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 15—Maximum, 72; minimum, 42.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Mar. 15. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 29 3/4 cents an ounce. Zinc, 2.80 cents a pound. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Lead, 3.15 cents a pound.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS HINT AT CLASH

Military Force Of Red Republic Masses On Manchu Border

TOKIO, Wednesday, March 16—(U.P.)—Soviet military activities along the Manchurian frontier were reported today by reliable foreign sources.

HALT TRAINS

The Soviet authorities cancelled regular traffic on part of the Ussuri railroad, which runs along the Manchurian frontier, to make way for movement of military forces, the messages said.

The Russian officials were said to have declared the military requirement of the use of the railroad as a result of Japanese troop movements toward the Siberian frontier of Manchuria on the pretext of subduing the Chinese mutiny at Heiho, or Taheio, directly across the Amur river from Blagovestchensk.

All regular traffic on the railroad from Vladivostok, near the eastern border of Manchuria, to Blagovestchensk, on the northern frontier, was halted. The railroad runs along the northern border from Vladivostok to a point near Chita, where it connects with the trans-Siberian road. The main route on the trans-Siberian runs through Manchuria, and the Ussuri line is much longer, although entirely in Russian territory.

NO IMMEDIATE ALARM—WASHINGTON, March 15 (U.P.)—The American government tonight found no reason for immediate alarm in the reported military activities along the north Manchurian border, although aware that the tension between Soviet Russia and Japan is potentially dangerous.

The state department had no reports on military movements on the Manchurian border or of special arrangements for the transport of troops on the Ussuri railroad. Official word reached Washington some time ago that Moscow was concentrating troops at Vladivostok, but further information as to their movements has been meager.

ALONG RED BORDER—HARBIN, Manchuria, March 15 (U.P.)—Warfare in Manchuria, chiefly directed against the new pro-Japanese government of Henry Pu-yi, appeared tonight to be spreading along the north and western frontiers adjoining Soviet Russia.

Gen. Ma Chan-Shan, the Chinese militarist who defended Tsitsihar from the Japanese and later joined the invading forces in setting up the new independent government, was understood to be preparing to lead an expedition against the "rebel" or anti-Japanese forces in the districts of Manchouli and Heiho.

FRONTIER GUARDED—Mandouli, on the western frontier, near Heiho, on the north, are near the Russian frontier, which is heavily guarded by the reinforced Soviet special far eastern army. Recent indications that Japanese troops were planning to advance near the frontier, brought vigorous protests from Moscow.

With the Japanese troops in contact of virtually all the rest of Manchuria, General Ma was expected to lead a military expedition against the frontier rebels.

COLUMBIAN QUAKE—BOGOTA, Colombia, March 15 (U.P.)—A heavy earthquake today shook all of eastern Colombia to the Venezuelan border. At Cucuta, which was destroyed by a quake 60 years ago, the shock was severe and the population ran into the streets in terror.

WILMINGTON, Ill., March 15 (U.P.)—Mayor J. C. Thompson today asked the citizens of Wilmington to vote him and all aldermen out of office as an economic measure.

The mayor's unprecedented action was taken in a belief that by discontinuing the present form of government in favor of a commission form, a small reduction in taxes could be made. His term of office expires May 1, 1933, but he

asked the citizens to recall him immediately.

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NEWEST ADDITIONS TO AMERICAN AIR DEFENSES



These new fighting planes, rated the fastest pursuit type in the world, have just been delivered to the Army by the Boeing plant in Seattle and assigned to duty at Seltridge field, Mt. Clemens, Mich. There are 135 of this group to be delivered.

DAM RANGERS MUST TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS HERE

Applications for civil service examinations for the posts of Chief Ranger and rangers, on the Hoover dam reservation, are being accepted, and will be accepted up to April 1, at the office of the Twelfth U. S. Civil service district at San Francisco, it was learned yesterday.

The application and requirement blanks, specify that the applications must be on file in San Francisco by April 1, but further state that examinations will be held in Ajo, Douglas, Flagstaff, Globe, Nogales, Phoenix, Prescott, Tucson, and Yuma, Arizona, and in Carson City, Elko, Ely, Fallon, Reno, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Examinations are restricted to the Twelfth district, and are being held expressly for the appointments on the Boulder Canyon project, serving the U. S. reclamation service.

According to the information blanks, the chief ranger will receive a salary of \$2200 yearly, while rangers will receive \$1860 per year.

Under "Experience Required" in the qualification specifications is quoted the following: "The applicant must show that he has had at least three years of responsible full-time paid experience as a law-enforcement officer. Experience in the position of bank guard, watchman, part-time constable, part-time deputy sheriff, or similar positions will not be accepted as qualifying. At least one year of the required experience must have been acquired within the three years next preceding the date of close of receipt of applications. Statements as to experience will be accepted subject to verification."

Age limits, except in cases where service records abrogate them, are specified as follows: "Applicants

must have reached their twenty-first but not their thirty-fifth birthday on the date of close of receipt of applications."

Another paragraph in the requirements specifications outlines the duties of the officers to be appointed, as follows: "The chief ranger will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order on the reservation and will supervise the work of rangers and patrolmen assigned to law enforcement. The activities will require patrol work, enforcing the prohibition law, prohibiting gambling, acting as sanitary inspector, rendering first aid to the sick and injured, bringing law violators before the proper authorities, etc. The duties of the rangers will be similar to those as outlined above, except that he will be under supervision of the chief ranger."

Persons desiring to take the examinations, when it is given, must get their applications in before the end of the month. The application blanks, which may be secured from the San Francisco office, bear form number 2374.

VETERANS SET FOR PARTY MAR. 17

Thursday night, March 17, all Veterans of Foreign Wars, and their friends are gathering at Railroad Pass casino for the second annual St. Patrick's Day dance, held by that organization. The veterans have announced that the general public is invited to this, their biggest affair of the year, and no detail has been too small in preparing for a "large evening."

The attractive casino at Railroad Pass, has been scrubbed and decorated, and the floor polished and repolished. Special entertainment has been provided, unusual music prepared, and exceptional refreshments arranged.

Committees in charge have been preparing for weeks and everything is reported to be "set" for one of the largest parties of its kind in this end of the state.

In spite of the fact that this is a veterans' annual affair, it is reported that there have been several other parties planned in and near Las Vegas. However the Veterans' committee stated yesterday that it was confident that the ball would have a greater attendance than ever before.

A feature of the affair is said to be a "trip-roaring" forty-niner camp, with "all the fixins'."

110 PASSENGERS ON SHIP PERILED—LONDON, March 15 (U.P.)—The Japanese coast steamer Choon Maru is feared lost with 110 passengers and crew, according to dispatches to the Daily Herald from Kobe tonight.

The Choon Maru, a ship of 2612 tons is said to have struck a submerged rock near Chepo in a dense fog, and with a complete loss of life.

Throughout Sunday, the ship was reported stranded on the rock, heavily pounded by seas. When rescue ships arrived, however, she had disappeared. She is believed to have slipped from the rock Monday night.

ENTERTAINS STUDENTS—Miss Maud Frazier, superintendent of the local high school, entertained the editors and business managers of the two publications Tuesday night with a dinner party in the home economic room. Those present were Mary Jane Kramer, Clyde Kay, Leonard Wilson, Bruce Beckley and Marion Mott.

Mayor Of Illinois City Asks People For Recall In Effort To Save Money

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LINDYS CLING TO BELIEF THAT SON ALIVE

Keep Up Hope That He Will Be Returned To Them Soon

BY DELOS SMITH
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HOPEWELL, N. J., March 15 (U.P.)—Although their emotions continue to fluctuate between the extremes of hope and despair, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh still believe that their baby is alive and will be returned to the big house from which he was kidnaped two weeks ago tonight.

FAITH IS INSPIRATION—The wide sympathetic interest that has been shown in the case and the vigor with which police throughout the country are pursuing every clue are sources of almost constant encouragement to the youthful parents. And their own faith in an eventual happy solution of the kidnaping is an inspiration to close associates.

Despite reports that Colonel Lindbergh and his wife are "near the breaking point," or on the verge of a "breakdown," both are bearing up under their cruel burden much better than close friends had expected. The tall, slender Colonel is showing the strain of his double responsibility of recovering little Charles Augustus unharmed and of protecting his wife against unnecessary worries. His hair is drawn but his eyes are bright. He spends most of his time near his private telephone line downstairs talking with those who are working with him and receiving reports on the progress of the official inquiry.

NEAR HUSBAND—Mrs. Lindbergh, who is expecting another baby in a few months, spends as much time as possible at her husband's side. When she is downstairs the Colonel insists that she rest on a davenport in the living room. Her mother, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, is with her almost constantly. Occasionally they walk together on the terrace.

Conditions of living that come into this once quiet household with the emergency two weeks ago have remained to become the rule rather than the exception. Like soldiers at the front, those within the house have begun to accommodate their lives to constant suspense—a to a continuous emergency, reports so that he can be free to deal quickly and conclusively with the kidnapers should he make a contact with them. He has desired that his own activities in the case be kept out of the headlines so that the kidnapers will not be afraid to communicate with him. This policy is in keeping with his pledge not to "try to harm" the abductors if only they will return his child. But the policy has not been too successful.

RENEWED INTEREST—Renewed interest, it was reported, was being taken in certain occurrences on the night of the kidnaping, involving two German servants of a Mrs. Lightfoot, of New Brunswick, N. J.

Mrs. Lightfoot already had reported to police that her servants had asked permission to use her car during the evening on which the child was stolen. She discovered, the next day, that they had run up 60 miles on the speedometer, and that there was mud on the tires.

Two days later, the servants notified her they were going back to Germany, and left their posts.

Today, it was reported, Mrs. Lightfoot discovered that a chisel was missing from her garage, and

that a crate also had disappeared. The possibility was suggested that the chisel had been used to pry open the window at the Lindbergh home, and that wood from the crate had been used to build the extension on the ladder.

GRUESOME FIND OPENS MYSTERY—INDEPENDENCE, Mo., March 15 (U.P.)—A double murder mystery confronted Missouri police officials tonight.

Identification of a body, found in a deep well near the farming community of Lone Jack, was identified late today as that of Thomas T. Alexander, 27, leading officers to believe the farmer was murdered last December with his friend, Emmett Howard, wealthy bachelor.

Howard and Alexander left their homes last December 9 for a hunting trip into the woods. Howard was found two days later, so badly beaten that he died in a Kansas City hospital. Alexander failed to return, and was hunted as a murder suspect.

EXTORTIONISTS ACTIVE IN L. A.—HOLLYWOOD, March 15 (U.P.)—Extortionists who have threatened Edgar Allan Wolf, motion picture writer, led prominent residents of Hollywood and Beverley Hills to seek police protection tonight.

Wolf received a letter which instructed him to leave \$1000 at a certain spot for the "protective service association" if he valued his safety. During subsequent telephone conversations with mysterious persons, he was advised to pay without any serious objection or police interference, of the "fee" would be raised to \$5,000.

Police have failed in their attempt to trap or trace the extortionists.

VEGANS ARE WED; SURPRISE FRIENDS—NEW ORLEANS, March 15 (U.P.)—For the last time in her life, and she has done it seven times a day for 102 years, "Smoky Mary," chugged into Pontchartrain Junction tonight, completing her run on the nation's second oldest railroad.

She made the last mile with throttle wide open, sparks shooting from her stack, the rails rattling beneath her and with Engineer Johnny Galivan, her pilot for the

Nitro "Kitchen" Furnishes Lead In Laundry Job

INCOMPETENT?



Gwen Lee, film actress and one time Wampas baby star, whose mother, Mrs. Etta Lepinski, filed a guardianship petition that her daughter is incompetent to handle her affairs, including the overseeing of jewels and property valued at "more than \$1,000."

Prisoner Released By Police After Quiz In Las Vegas

Working on the meager clues left behind by the safe crackers who looted the Troy Laundry, two men were arrested in Searchlight yesterday, and held by Sheriff Joe Keate for further investigation of their activities at the time of the robbery.

DYNAMITE STOLEN—The sheriff got his first "lead" when a report was made of the theft of a considerable amount of dynamite. Searching for the stolen property, a place was found indicating that the powder had been cut up and the nitro-glycerine cooked out of the dynamite.

Earl Shannon and H. D. Slaughter, both of Searchlight, are the men being held for investigation.

H. W. Lacey, held by city police, we requested yesterday morning and released from custody as having no connection with the robbery.

Police are also checking the circumstances surrounding the wrecking of a car stolen from the Cashman used car lot, and found later wrecked on the Boulder highway.

GIRL QUIZZED—In this latter investigation, police yesterday questioned a girl habitue of Block 16, who is said to have been seen riding in the car earlier in the evening, after it had been stolen, but before the theft was reported.

One of the boldest and most cleverly executed "jobs" in the crime history of Las Vegas, the robbery of the safe is estimated to have taken the thieves not more than 25 minutes, as officers had looked into the building that soon before the safe was discovered moved into the private office of the laundry manager where the "petermen" set the charge.

AIRMEN LAND IN VOLCANO SAFELY

LOST EXPLORER SAID PRISONER OF WILD TRIBE

SEATTLE, March 15 (U.P.)—An airplane carrying three men dived through deadly gases and landed within the smoking crater of Aniakchak volcano, according to a dispatch to the Seattle Times today from Anchorage, Alaska.

Frank Dorbandt, Alaskan aviator, piloted the ship in what was believed the first airplane landing inside an active volcano.

His companions were George Johnson, Anchorage photographer, and George Emery, Seattle.

They were returning from an 1800-mile flight over the Alaskan peninsula and Aleutian islands when the immense steaming cone beckoned them to "sit down" on a flat space within. After walking about the floor of the volcano, they took off and cleared the rim safely.

Aniakchak is the volcano into which Pilot Harry Blunt and Father Bernard R. Hubbard, Jesuit explorer, were nearly sucked by swirling gases last year.

Dorbandt reported mountains in eruption throughout the length of the Alaskan peninsula.

BLIMP WRECKED—EL PASO, Tex., March 15 (U.P.)—A \$100,000 blimp was wrecked near here today.

W. J. McCracken, pilot and sole passenger was uninjured.

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'Smoky Mary,' 102 Year Old Engine, Pulls Last Train Over Ancient Road

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last 37 years, in the cab.

It was the last run on the Pontchartrain railroad, dissolved by authority of the federal court on March 4, after 102 years of service.

"Smoky Mary," an elaborate steam carriage of a century ago, came here in 1830, when the railroad was less than two years old, to replace horse power on the four and one-half mile system between Milneburg and Pontchartrain Junction.

JOBS FOR SEVEN

City Engineer A. R. Thompson announces that seven additional workmen who are experienced in handling and laying tile pipes can be accommodated on the sewer work this morning.

It is the policy to give permanent residents and property owners of Las Vegas the preference in hiring men, and Mr. Thompson requests as such to make their application as early as possible today on the work on North Fifteenth street.