

## OBSERVATIONS

## Grist from the Daily Grind

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## AIR DISASTERS

Disasters seem to fill the air at times. Just now people are being hurled to death in airplane crashes. Storms and fogs seem to be the reasons for the unfortunate loss of life.

We notice the air crashes more than we do other kinds of accidents. Very likely many more have perished through railroad and automobile accidents during the past few days because of plane crashes. But air navigation still has for us an uncanny quality and death in a burning airship seems particularly horrible.

The thing that puzzles most of us is why these devices and inventions we have been reading about for a few years past do not function. We saw pictures of radio controlled airships. And we read about radio beacons for air lines which would keep a ship on her course in spite of wind or fog. And we were told how ships fitted with radio control were navigated experimentally by a pilot shut inside the cabin and unable to look out, who had only instruments to guide him.

So we were led to believe that the dangers of air navigation had been minimized and that accidents were almost impossible, or at least very improbable.

Now we are pained to read of ships of well established air lines lost in fogs and crashing into mountain sides or power lines or something, just as helplessly as a dozen years ago.

The government has spent millions in lighting airways and providing emergency fields, but seems unable to insure the reasonable safety of airships. Perhaps we are expecting the infant art of flying to perfect its wings too soon.

## NO MONOPOLY

We feel like making apology to the many visitors yesterday in Las Vegas for the quality of the weather we offered. For weeks we had been reveling in delightfully warm, spring weather. Then suddenly the sky clouds, the wind blows and the dust drives through the air making it decidedly unpleasant.

Nevertheless, we have no monopoly of the weather. All day Sunday and Monday storms lashed the Pacific coast, the middle west was under a mantle of snow driven by a blizzard and in the sunny south, at least in Alabama, cyclones wrought their destruction.

So if we were annoyed by yesterday's zephyrs in Las Vegas, we can be consoled by the thought that it was worse in southern California and no better anywhere in the country.

Las Vegas has no monopoly of unpleasant weather. And we may well feel compassion for those unfortunate compelled to live under threats of death by cyclones.

## MANY KILLED

It casts a gloom over the country to read of the terrible cyclones which brought ruin and death to Alabama communities. Scores, perhaps hundreds have been killed and many times more terribly mangled by the fury of the storms. We are told that in some instances bodies were left in the tops of trees by the fury of the winds.

## PACIFIC NOT PACIFIC

Since we are feeling rather depressed by the unhappy results of storms and disasters, we may as well remark that the Pacific is not so very pacific. Some ships of the United States fleet engaged in war maneuvers were damaged by the furious seas and have been compelled to cancel the imitation war and take up a real battle with the elements.

Not since the World war, the dispatches tell us, have the ships been buffeted by such terrible seas as now.

## LIONS CLUB

## HEARS RYAN

Rapid progress on plans for a community tourist camp ground was indicated at the regular weekly meeting of the Lions club at the Rainbow Club cafe yesterday. Several available sites have been found and it is expected that one of them will be secured within the next week or two.

Lion Gilmer was appointed song leader. By unanimous vote it was decided that future club meetings be held at the new Hotel Apache.

Lions Harmon and Golden were instructed to purchase a club plaque for the new meeting place.

After reports from the several committees the club was addressed by Judge Ryan who complimented the service club on its activities in civic affairs, laying special stress on the proposed tourist camp.

George Melford, Hollywood director, another visitor of the club, spoke with reference to a motion picture he intends to produce in the near future, part of which he proposes to take in Death valley.

## HAD NO WORK: TAKES POISON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21. (U.P.)—Buying cheese sandwiches with his last 20 cents, Ray Fairman, 25, of Pawtucket, R. I., handed a waiter a menu card with a note written on it and then swallowed poison.

The note, commenting on the recent suicide of George Eastman, multi-millionaire kodak manufacturer, said:

"Eastman's work was done. I have no work, which is worse."

## LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 21—Maximum, 66;  
minimum, 39.

## METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Mar. 21. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 28 1/2 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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## 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.

100 KILLED BY CYCLONE  
DEMOS PICK L. V. 300 HURT; BUSINESS BLOCKS ARE RAZED BY TERRIFIC GALE

## DELEGATES TO BE NAMED AT LAS VEGAS MEET

State Convention To Be Held At Carson City June 28

Reno Played for 'Grab Everything' Attitude By Southern Men

RENO, Nev., March 21. (U.P.)—Las Vegas was chosen for the state convention to elect delegates to the Democratic national convention, May 21, by the party's state central committee here tonight.

Carson City was chosen for the state convention June 28. Choice of the southern city was made after several stirring speeches by some of the members, denouncing asserted "grab everything" tendencies of the northern section of the state.

Las Vegas was chosen unanimously on the second ballot. The first ballot gave Reno 24, Las Vegas three and Carson City four.

H. R. Cooke argued for Las Vegas as a "gracious gesture."

The motion selecting Las Vegas was made by William Kelly. Jim Boyd and J. G. Scruggs also spoke for Las Vegas, saying that many southern Democratic voters would be brought into the fold by sending the convention there. The Carson delegation threw its votes to Las Vegas and Harry McSherry, Harry Curtin and Ed Coogan followed suit. The vote was then made unanimous.

## \$100 GOLD ORE IN RAILROAD PASS MINE

Gold on the city's doorstep! That was the prediction made last night by W. B. Hornbeck of the Black Canyon holding company, owners of four claims in the Railroad Pass area near the Quo Vadis district.

For a year the company has been doing work on the holdings three miles east of the famous Quo Vadis mine where exceptionally rich ore was taken out several years ago.

The new mine, which to date comprises a 64 foot shaft, showed \$5.79 ore at 15 feet. Values climbed to \$11.38 then to \$44.65, and the last assay March 19, showed \$103.58. The returns are on gold alone. Copper is also found in good quantity but because of the present price of the red metal an assay has not been made recently.

Plans for the mine, which is strongly backed by California men, according to Hornbeck, call for a small mill. Work on the shaft so far has been done with a windlass. A headframe and hoist will go in soon.

Nearness of power, both at the present time and when Hoover dam is completed, are considered assets by the company. All stock is owned by the backers, it was understood.

## Man With "10,000-To-1" Chance Of Living, Wins Against Haemophilia

BERKELEY, Calif., March 21. (U.P.)—Victor in a "10,000-to-1" battle against haemophilia, Dr. Thomas Frederick Sanford, University of California professor, today received medical assurance he had completely recovered.

Dr. Sanford received blood transfusions that gave him an almost

## First 'Baby Bond' For Baby



The first of the new "baby bonds" offered by the government in its anti-hoarding campaign reached San Francisco and was promptly handed over to the youngest purchaser to date, Baby Irene Shultz. Here is R. D. Brigham, vice-president of the Anglo-California Trust Co., giving Irene her gold-sealed guarantee against hoarding.

## APACHE YOUTH IS HELD GUILTY OF GIRL'S DEATH

Jury Urges Life Term For Indian Instead Of Gallows

GLOBE, Ariz., March 21. (U.P.)—A federal jury late tonight convicted Goiney "Mac" Seymour, Apache youth, of the murder of Henrietta Schmerler, Columbia university coed, and recommended life imprisonment.

Under federal law, it is mandatory the judge accept the recommendation of the jury.

Sentence will be imposed shortly before noon tomorrow.

In returning the verdict only slightly less severe than the first degree with the death penalty, the jury showed it had been affected, however slightly, by the pleadings of the defense—that the ignorance of the untutored Indian be weighed in his favor.

The government had insisted that Seymour be regarded as having assaulted and killed the girl while in sole possession of his senses.

The defense had contended, instead, that the Indian youth was the victim of whiskey and a mistaken assumption that the girl would welcome his advances, and that he killed her only after she had attacked him with a knife.

Seymour's mother and father were among the small group present when the verdict was announced.

## \$200 ORE IS ENCOUNTERED

A rich gold strike was reported discovered on the Willett Barton properties near Searchlight, it was revealed here last night, after \$200 ore was encountered virtually at the "grass roots."

The old mining camp was reported enthusiastically over the find as well as good luck being experienced by several other leasers.

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new blood supply. The rare disease prevents coagulation of the blood.

When Dr. Sanford was operated upon for another malady, he knew he had about one chance in 10,000 to recover. Due to the blood transfusions, bleeding at the incision was finally halted.

## ENDS 22D DAY OF FASTING

WASHINGTON, March 21. (U.P.)—Dr. Frederick P. Wolter, 57, tonight completed his 22nd day on a starvation fast. He was weaker, but still determined to die unless he finds "suitable employment."

The German-born scholar, holder of three university degrees, adopted a starvation diet as a protest against unemployment conditions as they affect the educated man.

Accustomed to taking a short stroll about town daily, Dr. Wolter was confined to his tiny back bedroom of the Salvation Army hotel most of today by a cold, drizzling rain. He lay on his cot reading some of the classics which he obtained from the congressional library.

The government charged that he and H. H. Henley, former vice-president of W. B. Foshay and Co., used the mails to sell stock in worthless companies. Henley received a similar term and fine.

Foshay climaxed his spectacular rise from poor boy to powerful financier with the 32-story Foshay tower, modeled after the Washington monument. It is one of the most imposing and most luxurious buildings in the northwest, the outgrowth, he said, of a boyhood dream.

## TAX BATTLE GROWS BITTER

WASHINGTON, March 21. (U.P.)—House leaders of both parties today bowed to the rising storm against the manufacturers sales tax and exempted food, clothing, medicine and farm implements from its two and a quarter per cent levy.

This compromise immediately had the effect intended of breaking down opposition to this cornerstone of the billion dollar revenue bill, and leaders predicted its acceptance.

Rep. Crisp, Dem., Ga., acting chairman of the Ways and Means committee, announced after the committee had approved these exemptions that he would seek a special rule to bring the sales tax directly before the house Wednesday.

## AGED FELON STILL IN JAIL

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif., Mar. 21. (U.P.)—For 19 years, Whistlin' Tom Barner awaited the day his life sentence would be shortened by parole and he could be off again on the trail of gold.

The long wait had ended for Whistlin' Tom today, but he was still in prison. An illness kept him in bed.

In the Mazatlan hills of Mexico there's a treasure to be found by a man with pick and shovel, and a stout heart and courage enough to keep whistlin', Tom believes.

## CLAIMS LINDY BABY HELD ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21. (U.P.)—San Francisco police today were urged to start search of the district south of Carmel, Calif., by Miss Jennie S. Sutliff of Palo Alto, who declared she saw the kidnapped son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh there Sunday.

## IN SEDAN

She said she passed a parked sedan on the highway 12 miles south of Carmel, and that in or near the car were two women, a girl, a tall man—all of them dark complexioned—and the son of the famous flier. She said the child was very dirty and dressed in a long linen-duster sort of garment, but unmistakably the missing child.

## HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 21. (U.P.)

Continuing investigation along certain lines with no results in matters so far investigated were reported in tonight's press bulletin issued by Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf of the New Jersey state police in charge of the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

## NOTE ON PIGEON

Investigation of the note found today on the feet of a carrier pigeon in Connecticut revealed that

the identification band was a registration for 1930, an indication that the band was being properly used, the bulletin said. The message found on the pigeon had contained the words "Kid on yacht." A check is being made with the issuing authorities regarding the band to gain further information.

Col. Schwartzkopf said that nothing of importance had been gained in questioning this afternoon of Miss Theresa Dersi, a neighbor of the Lindberghs, who had told previously of seeing a car with three men near the Lindbergh home a short time before the kidnapping of Charles Augustus, Jr., the night of March 1.

## FOSHAY GIVEN 15 YEAR TERM

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 21. (U.P.)—Wilbur B. Foshay, whose utility enterprises throughout the west failed for \$200,000,000 with the advent of the depression, was sentenced to 15 years in the federal penitentiary today and fined \$1,000 for using the mails to defraud.

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## NOTED RANGER MEMBERS DIE

AMARILLO, Texas, March 21. (U.P.)—Two of the southwest's most picturesque characters, a militant Texas newspaper editor and a bearded Kansas doctor who claims the power of rejuvenation through goat gland operations, were at odds tonight with \$600,000 at stake.

Dr. J. R. Brinkley, radio physician and erstwhile politician, sued Gene Howe, of Amarillo, for \$600,000, charging the editor called him "the greatest bunk artist in the world." That was libel, according to Brinkley.

"Am I worried?" Howe asked. "I am not. I can't take the suit as anything but a joke."

"I might even sue the doctor for \$2,000,000 for mixing my name up with his. If you're going to sue, why be a piker?"

## EAGLES INITIATION

The regular meeting of the local lodge of Eagles will be held tonight at their hall. There will be initiation and refreshments served. All visiting brothers are invited to attend.

## S. F. Mayor Guarded In Bomb Threat



Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco and his family were placed under police guard after John Shea, quarryman, telephoned that he had overheard four men in a hotel lobby plotting to bomb the Rossi home. The guard was withdrawn after a 36-hour vigil. Above, Mrs. Grace Rossi, the mayor's wife, and their grandson, Richard Morris, one of four children in the home. Below, Mayor Rossi, center, and his police bodyguard leaving the house.

## CITY BLOCKS RAZED

Eight city blocks in Northport were leveled by the wind and fire which broke out in the wreckage spread widely before being brought under control. One company of national guardsmen crossed the river from Tuscaloosa to aid Northport officials in maintaining order. Hysterical persons wandered through Northport streets looking for missing relatives.

The storm was first reported late this afternoon at Linden, about 60 miles southwest of here. The winds swept rapidly north and east to excite the worst damage at Northport and doing heavy property damage en route. Other towns damaged by the storm were Demopolis, Calera and Greensboro.

## BUILDINGS TOPPLE

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Similarly typical of the storm was one death which occurred at Fainesdale, Floyd Collins, a store clerk, seeped from the rear room of his store to watch the storm. He was buried by the tumbling bricks from the roof.

Damage at Fainesdale included destruction of the Episcopal church, the rectory, five dwellings, a number of garages and small buildings. Box cars were jumbled on the railroad tracks in piled confusion.

Three negroes were killed at Marion, where 400 dwellings were reported leveled or damaged by the blinding wind.

The storm lashed the town of Myrtlewood. It followed by one week one of the most severe cold spells in recent southern history. Driving rain fell during the storm.

## SIX LOST IN PLANE ON WAY TO KINGMAN MEET

## Indian Says He Saw Plane Land On Arid Mesa

KINGMAN, Ariz., Mar. 22. (U.P.)—Searching parties were organized early today to cover the desolate mesa land east of here in search of a missing passenger plane carrying six men.

The plane was eight hours overdue at midnight on a scheduled flight from Winslow, 150 miles east. An Indian living on the range in

the line of flight was reported to have told of a plane either making a forced landing or crashing on the mesa near his hogan.

Efforts were being made to ascertain from his description where the spot was, a task that seemed to call for an interpreter who knew the region well, as the Indian's knowledge of the geography of his home was limited to landmarks near it.

Meanwhile, an airmail plane set out along the route with orders to keep close watch.

Besides Jack Irish, the pilot, the (Continued on Page 6)

years Mrs. Rafaelita Quesada Shroyer waited. As the boy grew he tried unceasingly to learn of his mother. The mother spent a fortune in a tireless hunt for her son. Finally the Red Cross at Johnson City, Tenn., matched the two appeals, and today Shroyer was home from the last.

## Hospitals Are Taxed To Utmost; Freaks Of Storm Gruesome

## BODIES IMPALED

Eight Towns Are Hit By Wind; Electrical Storm Adds Fury

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., March 21. (U.P.)—A heavy death toll was taken in west central Alabama by cyclonic storms which struck the region late today.

## FATALITIES MOUNT

Reports at midnight indicated that more than 100 persons were killed in eight towns reporting casualties. The injured were estimated at over 300.

Northport, across the Black Warrior river from Tuscaloosa, and Clanton, about 69 miles southeast of here, reported the largest death lists.

Tabulation of the known dead at midnight was:

Northport	Dead	Injured
Clanton	35	153
Columbia	20	100
Thorsby	11	20
Fairview	12	20
Cullman	8	14
Marion	4	10
Fainesdale	1	0

Northport's injured taxed the capacity of Druid City hospital here. It was believed 12 of the injured might die.

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## LIGHTNING VICTIM

## INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 21. (U.P.)

One person was known dead and at least six others were injured in wind and rain storms that swept lower Indiana tonight, disrupting communications and demolishing homes.

C. E. Ward, 60, struck by lightning on his farm, was killed. Others were injured when their homes collapsed. Nearly a dozen families were reported homeless.

## WILL RESCUE COL. FAWCETT

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Mar. 21. (U.P.)—Stephan Rattin, the Swiss trapper who believes he located the missing Brazilian explorer, Col. P. H. Fawcett, in the Brazilian jungles, leaves tonight on an expedition to rescue him.

The British government gave its official sanction to the expedition after Rattin had told a story of talking to an Englishman in the trackless wilds of Mato Grosso state. The man told Rattin he was Colonel Fawcett and the trapper promised to attempt to rescue him.