

OBSERVATIONS
Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

SOLVING PROHIBITION
We note that Howard Brubaker in the New Yorker, referring to the Literary Digest poll, says, "To solve the prohibition question, all the Union has to do is secede from Kansas."

Which suggestion seems to offer as reasonable solution as any we have heard.

GRAF ZEPPELIN
The Graf Zeppelin, giant airship, which has already made several trans-oceanic flights, the most notable of which was entirely around the world, is again on the way to America.

We have the feeling that the Graf should be satisfied with the great things already accomplished and not tempt fate by further voyages.

However, we suppose that it is fate, that any great achievement shall be founded on the destruction of those who have gone before. Not that we expect this voyage to be the last of the Graf, but we do expect that the life of the great airship is limited and that we are already nearing that limit.

Whatever the result of the present voyage, we expect the development of lighter-than-air ships to proceed to the ultimate success which the Graf forecast.

And we would grieve to see the destruction of the great Graf after the fine record she has made.

DIVORCE CAPITAL
Las Vegas is not particularly seeking publicity for those who come here to avail themselves of the privilege of divorce afforded by the laws of Nevada. Rather we are, so far as we properly can, avoiding the cheap publicity which often is so annoying to those coming to Nevada for divorce.

Reno has had a line of publicity which has made her known as "The Divorce Capital" of the nation. That position has been achieved largely through the publicity accorded some notable cases.

Las Vegas observes that its divorce business is increasing rapidly. If the present increase continues, we will find ourselves soon in the same class as Reno as far as divorce cases are concerned.

In fact, now that we have ample hotel facilities of a fine class to offer, Las Vegas may be considered as a serious competitor of Reno for this particular line of business. Especially during the winter months when Reno is snowy and cold and Las Vegas is mild and balmy.

FATE OF TAX BILL UNKNOWN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—The fate of the manufacturers sales tax, involving with it the prestige and Democratic leadership of Speaker John N. Garner, is doubtful tonight, on the eve of a vote in the house of representatives tomorrow.

Both sides tonight claimed victory, each a little anxiously, but it was very manifest that the vote on this part of the billion dollar revenue bill probably would be one of the closest in a long time.

"We've got it licked," said the veteran Rep. Robert L. Doughton, Dem., N. C., leader of the anti-sales tax coalition, a forecast that was echoed by the other members of the triumvirate, the pugnacious Rep. Fiorello LaGuardia, Repn., N. Y., and the lanky, outspoken Rep. John Rankin, Dem., Miss.

BANKERS FLY GLASS PLAN

WASHINGTON, March 23. (U.P.)—Presidents of two leading bankers' associations, backed up by a professor of economics, today attacked the Glass banking bill as a deflationary measure likely to retard recovery from depressed conditions.

Allan M. Pope, president of the Investment Bankers' association; Harry J. Haas, president of the American Bankers' association, and Dr. George W. Edwards, professor of economics at the College of the City of New York, testified before the senate banking and currency committee.

They agreed the bill, with its provisions to restrict banks in their operations so as to safeguard depositors and investors against such financial collapses as that of 1929, would do great harm if passed now.

STAR SEEKS DIVORCE
HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—Because her fame has overshadowed her husband, causing him to lose his identity, Ann Harding motion picture star, and Harry C. Bannister, have decided to obtain a divorce.

A joint announcement from the couple late today electrified the screen colony, which has looked upon the Harding-Bannister union as one of the happiest of Hollywood film group marriages.

FROM HOLLYWOOD
Mrs. Lovina Marsh McCoy of Hollywood, who is related to Governor Dan Moody of Texas, and is a descendant of General Robert E. Lee, the great Confederate general, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Irving R. Golden. She plans to remain in Las Vegas for a couple of months at least.

CHICAGO VISITOR
Mrs. Betty Baskin of Chicago is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson in this city.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
March 23—Maximum, 79; minimum, 50.
METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents an ounce. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.75-2.80 cents a pound. Lead, 3 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.

Lindy 'Kidnaped'



Ignace Blaustein, who assertedly "confessed" to Pocatello, Ida., police that he was the kidnaper of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr. Discovering the confession was without foundation, officers held him on charges of burglary.

PURIM BALL IS SAID SUCCESS

One of the very delightful social events of the entire season was the dinner and ball celebrating the Festival of Purim, given by the Sons and Daughters of Israel.

A. B. Schur proved himself a clever toastmaster in introducing the speakers of the evening.

He first introduced Senator A. S. Henderson, who delivered the address of the evening.

Senator Henderson reviewed the 22 years of his residence in Las Vegas and the growth of the Jewish influence during that time.

"The people of the Jewish faith do not live in a community which has no future," he said. "Your presence here is an indication of the progress of our city. It shows that we live by the golden rule."

He told the story of the incidents which led to the establishment of the Feast of Purim through the liberation of the Jewish people. Especially he paid high tribute to the devoutness of the Jewish women.

Toastmaster Schur introduced C. P. Squires as "a patriarch of Las Vegas and the Boulder Dam project," who expressed briefly his pleasure at being present on so happy an occasion.

Fred S. Alward was introduced as one who is a servant of the people. Mr. Alward spoke briefly and entertainingly, describing in an interesting way the relation between the Mormon church and the people of the Jewish faith.

The toasts were closed with the introduction of Mike Silver, president of the Sons and Daughters of Israel, who declined to make a speech, but who, nevertheless, was greeted by a rising vote.

Following the dinner the prizes for the best costumes among the masqueraders were awarded as follows:
First, Mrs. A. Thompson; second, Melvin Smith; third, M. J. Smith.

Following the formal portion of the evening, music and dancing provided gaiety until a late hour this morning.

The occasion was voted unanimously as one of the most brilliant and delightful of any staged at the Meadows this season.

INTRUDERS ENTER CREAMERY HERE
Burglars broke into the Anderson creamery building here last night and ransacked the place but obtained nothing of value, according to a report to the police. The intruders were evidently frightened away by the night watchman. They escaped.

GRAF ARRIVES
PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—The dirigible Graf Zeppelin arrived tonight after a 4,800 mile flight from Germany.

Six Lives In Balance As Georgia Seeks To Invoke Anti-Red Laws

Statute Is Considered Most Drastic In U. S. Against Communistic 'Insurrection'

By FOSTER EATON
United Press Staff Correspondent

ATLANTA, March 23. (U.P.)—Probably the most drastic anti-Communistic statute in America was subjected here late today to three hours of blistering argument in Fulton county superior court.

Lives of two white women, two white men and two negroes were involved through allegations that as Communists they conspired the forcible overthrow of the sovereign state of Georgia.

Death is the penalty under that statute, dating back to post civil war days, when fear of negro uprisings was a factor in the domestic life of this state.

DEATH PENALTY
Even attempt to incite insurrection is embraced by the statute, as interpreted by the state. Death, under such circumstances, is optional with the jury.

Defendants are Ann Burlack, Mary Dalton, Joe Carr, M. H. Powers, white, and John Story and Gilmer Brady, negroes, accused of "inciting to insurrection" and "circulating insurrectional literature" nearly two years ago.

At the end of the three hour debate, Judge Edgar H. Pomeroy took under advisement a general defense demurrer which charged the indictments were "fatally defective" on grounds of unconstitutionality and other technicalities.

John H. Hudson, assistant solicitor general of the county, who won the indictments from a grand jury, defended them from the defense attack, brushing aside the defense contention they were making a mountain out of a mole hill by declaring:

"If the state is compelled to wait until opposition forces are ready to take the government, then there will be no government to punish insurrection!"

Hudson told the United Press he would demand the death penalty for the sextet, which he alleged not only through "persuasion, speech and

literature" urged overthrow of the government, but induced others to aid in freeing them from arrest by officers on March 9, 1930.

Defense counsel, led by stocky, fiery W. A. McClelland of Macon, widely known criminal lawyer of Georgia, tore into the indictments with ridicule, and charged they were "fatally defective" in failing to set forth the exact nature, the exact wording of the alleged breach of law.

"We are entitled to know the exact counsel for both sides exhaustively reviewed the definitions of every word in the indictments, such as "attempt," "incite," "insurrection," while the defense went further to compare the definitions of "mob," "rescue," "insurrection," "revolution."

"In the name of conscience and common sense," said Defense Attorney McClelland, "I ask the court, which is worse, what these people admittedly did, or what the actual definition of 'insurrection' plainly is?"

Solicitor Hudson contended with equal vigor that it was not necessary, to establish intent to incite insurrection that there be actual bloodshed, "nor even that such intent succeed, for then the movement would be revolution."

THANK ATTORNEYS
Judge Pomeroy called both attorneys before him after the argument, as well as Oliver H. Hancock, Atlanta, of defense counsel, thanked them for their presentation, and requested perfect demurrers including briefs of points of constitutionality. His decision will be rendered later.

Marine Who Never Flew Plane Before Lands Ship After Pilot Passes Out

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Mar. 23. (U.P.)—If the hand of Corp. Himer N. Turner, U. S. marine corps clerk, trembled a bit as he pushed his pencil at the marine base here tonight, his superior officers took no notice of it.

They had voted unanimously that a man who, on his second trip in the air, was able to land an airplane safely and save his own life and that of his pilot, was entitled to a first class case of the jitters.

Turner, who "never cared much about airplanes anyway," took the controls of a marine plane when the pilot, fainting yesterday, pulled the strip out of a tailspin, flew it to Rockwell field on North Island, and landed.

Turner made his first flight six years ago. He knows little or nothing about planes. Yesterday Sergt. Orla S. Hofer offered to show him the sights and they took off.

Turner was looking over the side of the ship, marveling at nature's beauties, when the air began to do things—to spin rapidly and rush toward the plane.

"I thought for a moment the sergeant had fallen out. I couldn't see him."
"I stood up in the rear cockpit and looked for him. He was slumped over in his seat and his body had jammed the controls."
"I pulled the rip cord of my parachute. The chute puffed out in the cockpit and pinned me there. Then I grabbed the sergeant by his collar and pulled him up. That released the controls."
"I grabbed the stick in my cockpit and began to pull it and push it and I guess we were only about 500 feet from the ground when the spinning stopped and we headed toward the sky."

Safely away from the earth again Turner was still frightened, he said. "I hadn't the slightest idea what to do except hold the stick where it was. We flew over the business section of San Diego and I could see the navy landing field at North Island and I figured that would be as good a place to crash as any."

"There were some other planes in the air and I managed to follow them, after a fashion. When they started down I started down."
He overshot the navy landing field and made a perfect landing at Rockwell field, the army's airport adjacent to the navy airport.

Prefers 'Cave Man' Type



"A woman wants a man with a backbone—not a wishbone; caveman stuff is just as effective today as it was in pioneer days." So said Mrs. Susan Young Gates—better known as Utah's "Aunt Susa"—on the occasion of her 76th birthday. Mrs. Gates is a daughter of the late Brigham Young, under whose guiding hand the Mormon population grew and prospered. "I have lived long enough to know that a woman, despite what she may say about her emancipation, wants a man before whom she stands in 'wholesome fear,'" the active, elderly woman observed, with many vigorous shakings of her head. On the wall and on the desk are pictures of her famous father.

NO PROGRESS ON KIDNAPING

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 23. (U.P.)—Harry Fleischer, former chief of the once notorious "Purple" mob of Detroit, and his henchman, Abie Wagner, continued tonight to remain in the forefront of the investigation into the kidnaping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, jr.

Investigators have sought frantically but unsuccessfully in the past several days to find these men, both of whom are reported to have valuable information concerning the abduction.

Morris Rosner, private investigator in the case, drove into the estate in a taxicab tonight accompanied by a stranger. The taxi left immediately thereafter, the driver refusing to give any information.

Considerable activity was apparent at the Lindbergh home. It was brightly lighted and it was assumed that a conference was in progress.

Meanwhile, Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf, in charge of the state police investigation, admitted the search for the famous baby, snatched from its crib three weeks ago last night, was still at a stalemate.

Schwartzkopf's mid-afternoon bulletin revealed for the first time that the Detroit gangsters were considered an important factor in the investigation. The communique disclosed that New Jersey state troopers, aided by New York troopers, searched several houses in Greenport, L. I., yesterday after receiving a tip that Fleischer and his gang were barricaded there.

The search, however, proved futile. There was considerable activity today at Hopewell and at the Lindbergh estate, but it developed nothing more than conjecture. Morris Rosner, the former department of justice agent who was called into the case as a private investigator, sped away in a taxicab during the afternoon on a mysterious errand.

CHINESE ARMY CHIEF KILLED

NANKING, China, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—Gen. Wang Ken, the Chinese military chief who was educated in the United States, has been convicted by a court martial and executed, the United Press was informed by a reliable source tonight.

General Wang was commander of an independent brigade which fought against the Japanese at Miachancheng in the Shanghai warfare, but he was involved in a strange incident that occurred in the international settlement.

GEORGIA SUPPORT FOR ROOSEVELT

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 23. (U.P.)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York won the support of the Georgia delegation to the Democratic national convention in Georgia's presidential preference primary.

VEGAN INJURED
A man giving the name of Richard Cantrell suffered a broken arm early today when he failed to make the turn from South Main into Lewis street. His car crashed into a corner house and Cantrell's arm was caught under the steering wheel in such a manner that it snapped.

CITY OFFICERS RAID TWO CLUBS

City police yesterday raided both the Golden Camel and Paris club. Two men were arrested, charged with possession of liquor. Bonds in the sum of \$150 each were posted and the men released.

FROM LOS ANGELES
Miss Tannis Herman, of Los Angeles, is here visiting her father, William Herman of the Coast Produce company.

CITY MANAGER DECIDES TO PUT END TO BICYCLE RACERS WHO PEDAL TO NOWHERE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—City officials decided today that it was inimical to the city's peace to permit four bicycle riders to peddle 24 hours a day without going anywhere.
City Manager Albert McRill ordered the arrest of Roy Casey, promoter of the newest marathon at Market Square Garden.
The marathon started five days ago. Since that time cyclists, working in shifts, have manned the sta-

Unemployment In States Drops As Drive Continues

STARVES WHILE WAITING WORD FROM HEAVEN

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Mar. 23. (U.P.)—Starving himself while awaiting "a message from heaven," Raymond Sharpless, 54, San Diego county rancher, lived for 87 days before death ended his lengthy period of privation.

"Suicide by starvation" was written into his death record today, and authorities planned to hold no inquest. It was the first notation of that kind ever made in a death case hereabouts.

Sharpless was moderately well off financially, but he had refused to take food, despite the pleas of his wife and children, since Jan. 1.

"I am waiting for word from the Lord," he told his family. Deeply religious, Sharpless prayed daily for the message from heaven, but did not give any indication what he expected it to be. He declared that when he received the word, he would commence taking food, but until that time, he would observe a rigid fast.

He lost weight from the start, but he was able to continue his work on the ranch until two days ago, when he became too weak to leave his bed. A physician then was called, but it was too late to revive the semi-conscious man. Administrations of nourishment seemed to have no effect upon him. Sharpless died yesterday.

WAR IS HINTED IN IRISH STAND

LONDON, Mar. 23. (U.P.)—His majesty's government tonight accepted the challenge laid down by the Irish Free State regime of President Eamon De Valera in its declaration that the oath of allegiance of the king would be abolished and the land annuity payments to Great Britain would be withheld.

"Failure to pay the land annuity would be a manifest violation of agreement. . . . It is manifest that the oath is an integral part of the (Anglo-Irish) treaty," J. H. Thomas, dominions secretary, told the house of commons in announcing the government's policy.

"That's war! That's a declaration of war!" several laborites shouted from the opposition benches.

"That's the considered judgment of the government," Thomas replied. "That is where we stand."

The government leader stressed the statement, which emphasized that Britain would not allow a free state to remove the oath from the constitution nor to retain the land annuities, amounting to some 3,000,000 pounds a year. The government's position will be transmitted to the Free State cabinet immediately.

The outcome of the controversy, which holds the possibility of new bitterness and even violence in England's relations with Ireland, probably will be uncertain for some time. It is sure to lead to prolonged controversy and perhaps to a hearing before a tribunal such as the last imperial conference decided to create in event of a dispute between members of the empire.

SUICIDE'S KIN TOLD OF DEATH

Relatives of C. Maylon, 25, who committed suicide in Las Vegas yesterday morning, were notified last night at their Great Falls, Mont., home of the youth's death.

Following a night of gambling and drinking, officers said, the man purchased a pistol at a local pawn shop and waiting down an alley, shot himself through the head. Officers were attempting to find what had become of some \$200 worth of postal savings certificates Maylon was known to have possessed. Time of the inquest at Las Vegas funeral home will probably be set today by Coroner Frank M. Ryan.

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WILL LECTURE ON INDIAN ARTCRAFT

Indian legends and artcraft will be the topic of a lecture to be given tonight by I. E. Rowe, member of the high school faculty, before the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

The lecture will be held in the Eagles Hall at 7 p. m., and the public is invited.

COUNTY DEMOS BACK PITTMAN

The Democratic county central committee last evening held an enthusiastic meeting for outlining plans for the coming campaign.

Among those attending were Judge Chas. Lee Horsey, who presided; Tom Carroll, Ed. W. Clark, Bryan Bunker, J. I. Earl of Overton, Marion Earl, Fred S. Alward, Chas. M. McGovern, Dr. Smith, Archie Grant, Roger Foley, Earl Davidson, W. N. Schuyler, A. B. Schur, Harley A. Harmon and others.

The principal address was made by Harley Harmon, J. I. Earl and Bryan Bunker were among the other speakers.
By unanimous vote it was declared the sense of the committee that delegates to the national convention be instructed for Key Pittman for president of the United States, first, last and all the time; and Ed. W. Clark for U. S. senator.
A committee was appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the state convention to be held in Las Vegas next June.

VISITING FATHER
Mrs. Rose Smorden and Miss Charlotte Silver of Los Angeles are spending a few days here visiting their father, Mike Silver.