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## OBSERVATIONS

### Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

#### COOTIES PUP TENT

Las Vegas enjoys the distinction of having the only Pup Tent of Cooties in the state of Nevada. This is the play branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and one has to scratch to get into it. Just where the Pup comes in we have not been informed, although we remember that David Harum said "Flees is good for a dog." Whether fleas would feel at home in a Pup Tent of Cooties we are unable to say.

Some of the Cooties were about the streets of Las Vegas yesterday and no attempt was made, so far as observed, to keep them from contaminating the general public.

Bud Bodell, chief of police of Boulder City, boasts of having the best and only delousing chamber in Clark county and doubtless would offer his facilities free to any of the Vets in good standing.

Judging from appearances the Cooties in Vegas enjoyed their victims. In Pup Tent No. 1, it is a case of dog eat dog, we are told. Or so where do the Cooties get off? Or on?

And if you see a bug-like creature on a brother's neck, do not try to pick it off. It is only the emblem of the order.

Which gets us down to the real story—that the Vets have increased in number from 88 a year ago to 388 at the present time. This, in the modern arithmetic, indicates an increase of 300 members during the year (in spite of the Cooties).

Las Vegas post, V. F. W., is now the largest in membership in the whole state and they keep scratching.

#### ROSE COGHLAN

The news dispatches this morning tell us of the death last Saturday of Rose Coghlan, one of the distinguished group of players who graced the dramatic stage during the closing decades of the nineteenth century.

She lived to be 82 and a portion of her declining days were spent in abject poverty, until she was sought out by old friends and made the donor of a \$10,000 benefit on Broadway, N. Y.

She was one of the very last living artists of an era in which the dramatic art reached its height, before the motion picture began to relegate the legitimate stage to the limbo of the lost.

#### TERRIBLE DISTRESS

We read that sixty thousand Mississippi farmers were obliged to submit to having their lands sold for taxes yesterday. The sales were made by the sheriffs of the 82 counties of the state in accordance with law.

Which suggests to our mind that it is pretty hard to submit to the majesty of the law under such conditions.

The owners of the farms have two years in which to redeem, but that is poor consolation when their crops fail and they can get only an inadequate price for the little they have to sell.

It is interesting to read that approximately one-fourth of the total area of the state of Mississippi was sold for taxes yesterday.

#### STARTING AGAIN

The Graf Zeppelin started this morning at 6:30 from its home port of Friedrichshafen on its way to Brazil. Only just the other day we breathed a sigh of relief when she returned after another successful flight to South America.

Nevertheless, each time the great airship starts on one of those trans-Atlantic flights, we wonder if she will be able to return safely.

## VETS BELONG TO COOTIES

After having pitched their puppet tent Saturday night, the chapter members of the Military Order of Cooties, are today diligently scratching.

Eighty-five men from Boulder City, Searchlight and Las Vegas comprised the group that were initiated. They were:

Victor Seek, A. T. McCarter, Phil Bettelheim, Fred Rumph, M. L. Botta, D. O. Hurley, F. C. De Vinney, H. S. Deardrich, Art Schreiber, A. W. Smoke, Jacob O. Angie, Don Bork, H. K. Massey, R. E. Robinson, E. W. Hickey, H. S. Hatch, J. C. McArdle, Dr. F. R. Mildren, W. T. Inlay, A. J. Rafal, M. W. Berry, Earl Moser, Jack L. Price, R. F. Smith, O. A. Guess, G. F. Ames, R. E. Kelley, J. Farnedale, Xavier Clairmont, A. H. Woodward, J. L. Fossett, Jesse W. Van Norman, J. A. Connolly, H. W. Triplett, John F. Norton, Guy Halloway, Charles J. Santor, Herbert Harsberger, Fred J. Green, Andie Hardie, S. J. Loomis, Glenn Frazier, Charles Holman, Emery King, Theodore Brummer, L. J. Himant, Paul A. Scott, Raymond G. Buckley, A. H. Lilienthal, Ed Wasserbach, Earl O. Carr, A. J. McGovern, and Ted Morris. Alberta Dubble and J. L. Smith were initiated as honorary members.

The local order has the distinction of being the first post of the Cooties organized in Nevada.

#### MENTALITY BLAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4. (U.P.)—Evelyn B. Chapman was "mentally deranged" when she committed suicide in the bed of James Cary, fellow medical student at Stanford medical school, a coroner's jury decided today.

#### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

April 4—Maximum, 88; minimum, 45.

#### METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, April 4. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 29 1/4 cents an ounce. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Zinc, 3 cents a pound. Lead, 2.80 cents a pound.

## DARROW LOCKS HORNS WITH HONOLULU LAWYER

### Plans For Coup Awry As Native's Guilt May Be Ruled Out

HONOLULU, T. H., April 4. (U.P.)—Apparent plans of Clarence Darrow to place fates of four Americans before an island jury without the introduction of a single scrap of evidence were abruptly altered by results of a clash with the prosecution today.

**PLANS DEFENSE**  
Darrow, defending Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue, Lieut. T. H. Massie and two naval enlisted men accused of the second-degree "honor murder" of Joe Kahahawai, had planned to rely on the "unwritten law" as a defense.

Judge Davis indicated he may rule that the guilt or innocence of Kahahawai in the attack on Thalia Fortescue Massie last year has nothing to do with the murder trial. The hint of a future ruling that altered defense plans came during questioning of Kenneth Bankston as a prospective juror.

"Are you willing to return a verdict, understanding that the guilt or innocence of Kahahawai in the Ala Moana (Massie attack) case has nothing to do with the present trial?" Prosecutor John Kelly asked.

Like a shaggy lion, Darrow shook his head.

**DARROW ROARS**  
"I should say the Ala Moana case certainly has something to do with this trial," he roared.

He pounded a desk with his fist. Gone was his pose of a weary, aged man.

"I hardly think counsel should ask jurors to ignore the matter," Davis ruled Kelly's question out.

I cannot see how Kahahawai's guilt or innocence in the Massie attack can be legally injected into this case," he remarked, as he reserved the all-important formal ruling until the question arises during taking of evidence.

Until that time, Darrow's questioning had hinted a startling defense coup that would rest the fates of the Americans with the jury without testimony.

**POUNDS JURORS**  
Over and over, until his question had been carved into the minds of the jurors, Darrow had asked whether evidence would be necessary to remove from prospective jurors' minds any opinions they held as to the guilt or innocence of the defendants.

## TRIAL OF DUO IS CONTINUED

Monty French and Bob Brown were granted a two day continuance when they appeared in court yesterday morning to answer to charges of assault and highway robbery.

The continuance was granted in order to give the men an opportunity to secure counsel. Brown and French are accused of holding up Mrs. Glancey, Williams addition resident, of \$150.

The two girls arrested with the men and held several days for investigation, were released.

## BURIAL COST IS AWARDED

Judge Wm. E. Orr awarded Mrs. Anna Robert Parks of the Palm Funeral home judgments totaling \$361.30 to cover the burial expenses of Walter Dimand and Lewellyn J. Watson, in civil court yesterday morning.

The first judgment, against the Six Companies, Inc., amounted to \$63.80, the amount due Dimand for his services, at the time of his death. The First State bank was ordered to turn over to the funeral home the amount of \$297.50, the sum Watson had on deposit, to apply against his burial expenses which totaled \$359.50.

## Colorado Forest Named in Honor of Roosevelt — Champion of Forestry

DENVER, Colo., April 4. (U.P.)—President Hoover, who at times during his administration has wielded the "big stick," today paid tribute to the memory of the first "big stick" wielder, Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

Allen S. Peck, regional forester with offices in Denver, was informed President Hoover had signed an executive order changing the name of the Colorado National forest to the Roosevelt National forest.

## MEET BESSIE'S NEW LOVE



Introducing Miss Patricia Hawks, aged five weeks, and her mother, Mrs. William Hawks, who perhaps is better known to film followers as Bessie Love. Two winsome young ladies, eh?

## FILM COMEDIAN NABBED WHEN HE TAKES KIDS FOR AIR RIDE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 4. (U.P.)—Buster Keaton, straight-faced Hollywood comedian, transferred his funny antics to police headquarters for a time today when it was rumored that he was trying to kidnap his own children.

**DENIES KIDNAPING**  
"I wasn't kidnaping anybody," he protested. "I just wanted show her who's the head of this family, and I'm on a little trip."

Fitts advised him to stay at the San Diego jail for a while.

"No, I won't stay here," retorted Keaton. "You're the last person in the world I want to see, Buron Fitts; I'm leaving here and going to Ensenada or some place."

Then the children talked to their mother.

"We'd down here with daddy," said Jimmy, "and we had a swell trip. Don't worry."

Keaton turned to the police chief.

"Well, I guess we can't hold you," said the official. "There's no charge against you. Seems like Mrs. Keaton didn't want the children to ride in an airplane."

**HEAD OF HOUSE**  
The comedian slapped his hat on his head, took his children by the hands and began striding for the door.

"Ha, I guess I'm head of my own house after all," he muttered.

## ATTACK COUNT CROWD SEES MAY BE MADE CLUB'S SHOW

Sheriff Joe Keate made a thorough examination of the spot where Joe Schultz and Curley Hayes are alleged to have attacked a young woman, near Searchlight, last Monday evening.

The better part of the week-end was spent by Keate and his deputies going over the territory where the attack is supposed to have taken place.

They found the woman's hat, under clothing and a stocking, torn from the woman during the struggle which preceded the actual assault.

The mutilated clothing was turned over to District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, to be used as evidence when the men are placed on trial. According to Harmon, charges will be placed against the men today.

Sheriff Keate characterized the attack as unusually fiendish. He hesitated to express an opinion on the possibility of obtaining the death sentence for the attackers, but said that he was positive they would receive a severe sentence if convicted, as the viciousness of the attack has stirred residents of Clark county to a high pitch of resentment against unwarranted attacks against defenseless women.

## ANOTHER HELD FOR THREAT

William Ross, 23, of Racine, Wis., was arrested Monday afternoon for investigation and making a verbal threat to blow up the Las Vegas government employment office.

He will be questioned by United States department of justice agents when they arrive in Las Vegas to take into custody L. A. Gade of Great Falls, Mont., who is being held in the city jail charged with sending a bombing threat to Leonard Blood, head of the U. S. employment office here.

## 5 HURT WHEN EAGLE BOAT IS HIT BY LINER

### Little Naval Vessel Ships Water But Is Towed To Port

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 4. (U.P.)—Her bow almost severed after being rammed by a liner, the United States Eagle boat No. 54 was towed into port today, carrying five injured officers and men.

**SIGNALS MIXED**  
A misunderstanding in signals was believed to have caused the collision which might have sent the Eagle plunging beneath the water last night. The Japanese Prince of the Furness line, 441-foot liner, crashed into the little navy boat hitting it 35 feet aft of the port bow, splitting a hole 20 feet high and six feet wide, and throwing the 34 officers and men off their feet.

While the Japanese Prince was shaken only slightly, confusion reigned on the Eagle for a short time as injured men were treated. The ship was examined, and preparations were made to abandon it if necessary.

The Eagle shipped considerable water in its forward hold, but because of the calm seas, was in no danger of sinking. The Japanese Prince stood by until coast guard cutters and a navy tug arrived at the scene, six miles off Point Vicente. The tug passed a line to the Eagle and towed it to port today.

**CARRIED RESERVE MEN**  
Those injured by the shock of the collision were Lt. A. J. Gray, reserve officer, Coronado, broken foot; Lt. K. W. Wheeler, reserve officer, San Diego, fractured ribs; B. W. Simmons, Huntington Park, broken leg; Chief Radio Operator A. Crowley, contusions of the right hip; M. Snyder, San Diego, cut left leg.

Lt. Joseph P. Talbert, commander of the Eagle boat, said a misunderstanding of signals caused the collision.

The Eagle boat had been on a cruise carrying reserve officers. The Japanese Prince was en route to Yokohama from Los Angeles harbor.

## S. L. BOOSTERS HERE FOR PARLEY

Preliminary to the spring and summer tourist season which formally begins May 15, with the new excursion railroad rates for the summer, three Salt Lake City men left Sunday on a trip to principal southern Utah cities and towns as far south as Las Vegas, to carry forward a unified community cooperative program.

The trio represent the Hotel Greeters "Center of Scenic America" charter, which has membership among hotel organizations in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada; the Utah Press association; the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce and Advertising club and other interests concerned with the development of tourist travel in the intermountain country.

The trio are Howard Jarvis, secretary of the Utah Press association; Fred E. Hamlin, advertising-publicity counselor, representing the Hotel Greeters, Chamber of Commerce and Advertising club; and Vern Peterson, advertising man.

The party will meet with newspaper editors, hotel men, chambers of commerce and other civic organizations and representatives individually and in meetings in Cedar City, Fillmore, St. George and Las Vegas, in Las Vegas today they will attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting to push forward Las Vegas participation in the recently-formed four-states program of the Intermountain Development association, of which Gus P. Backman, secretary of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, is secretary and Vail Pittman of Ely, Nevada, president. Hotel and restaurant owners are particularly urged to be present.

The Intermountain Development association comprises chambers of commerce, hotel men, railroad and all tourist agencies as far east as Cheyenne, Denver and Colorado Springs, as far west as Boise and south to include Ely, Elko, Battle Mountain, Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, and the associated civic clubs of southern Utah, with E. J. Pickett of St. George, representative.

**HJACKERS WAR**  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 4. (U.P.)—Two men were recovering from serious injuries tonight and a third was being held in the city jail following what police said was the outcome of a hijackers' war. A fourth man, whose identity was not revealed, was being sought.

## Lindy Is Silent After Flight To "Spot" Kidnapers' Ship

## WOMAN SLAYS CHILDREN. SELF IN NIGHT

MONTCLAIR, N. J., April 4. (U.P.)—Mrs. Winifred Finley Fosdick, wife of Raymond B. Fosdick, noted attorney and chief representative of the Rockefeller philanthropy, shot her two children to death in their sleep today and then committed suicide.

**HUSBAND FINDS TRAGEDY**  
Her husband, sleeping in another room, discovered the tragedy at 4:30 a. m., hours after it had occurred.

Mrs. Fosdick had been under a physician's care for "a disturbed mental condition" believed to have been a progressive form of paranoia. She is believed to have been seized during the night with homicidal insanity.

She planned to kill not only herself and the children, but her husband as well, Chief of Police Edward F. Reilly revealed tonight. He said that this information was contained in one of Mrs. Fosdick's suicide notes.

Mrs. Fosdick had put all her affairs in order, writing checks for bills and even making out a necessary report for a woman's organization in which she was an officer.

**LEAVES LETTER**  
She also left a sealed letter for a business associate of her husband, in which she asked him to act as executor of her will.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted pastor of the Riverside (Rockefeller) church and brother of the attorney, hurried to the Montclair home and after a conference with police and his brother issued the following statement:

"Mrs. Raymond B. Fosdick shot and killed her two children, Suzanne, 16, and Braine, 10, and then shot herself last night.

"For several years, Mrs. Fosdick has been in a disturbed mental condition from a progressive form of paranoia. She left behind her letters to members of her family showing that her deed was the result of insanity and premeditation. She shot the children in their sleep and then killed herself.

"The shots did not arouse Mr. Fosdick, who was sleeping in another portion of the house. The bodies were not discovered until 9:30, when Mr. Fosdick went to his son's room."

From the position of the bodies it was evident that Suzanne was the first victim. The girl, a Bryn Mawr student, was shot through the head. Mrs. Fosdick then went to her son's room and killed him in the same manner. She was found lying by the side of Blaine's bed, a bullet through her heart. A .38 caliber revolver Mrs. Fosdick had obtained in some mysterious manner was the weapon she used.

**CALLS DOCTOR**  
The Fosdick home is one of the larger Montclair mansions. Although it is well staffed with servants, none of the employees remain at the home overnight.

Upon making his tragic discovery, Fosdick telephoned to Dr. Victor B. Seidler, who had been treating his wife. The doctor found that Mrs. Fosdick and her children had been dead for several hours, and called the police.

## HARMON, FOLEY IN PARTNERSHIP

Harley A. Harmon, district attorney of Clark county for the last 12 years, yesterday announced the forming of a new law partnership with Roger Foley.

Foley has been associated with Harmon in the capacity of deputy district attorney for several months. Before coming to Las Vegas, Foley served several terms as district attorney of Esmeralda county.

The new firm will be known as Harmon & Foley; their offices will be located in the new Palace theater building upon its completion.

**Dr. Wolter Gives Up Fast; Breaks 33-Day Abstinence and Eats Spinach**

WASHINGTON, April 4. (U.P.)—After abstaining from food for 33 days, Dr. Frederic Wolter, 57-year-old German-born scholar, changed his mind.

He gave up his fast, Wolter said, upon requests of religious leaders. Today he ate spinach and had some orange juice, after which he said he "felt much better."

Wolter began his starvation fast

## Grieves For Pal



Miss Leota Ebert of Santa Rosa, Calif., bedridden for four years, and her faithful companion, Duke, which fell victim to a dog poisoner. The girl is near collapse as a result of her pet's death and physicians were concerned over her recovery. She was offered many other puppies but refused them.

**PLANE FLIES LOW**  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Apr. 4. (U.P.)—A yellow plane, reported bearing the registration NC-49M, registered to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, was seen over Marthas Vineyard today.

It flew low over the Elizabeth Islands in Buzzards Bay but apparently did not land.

Its appearance encouraged the belief that Colonel Lindbergh was seeking contact with the kidnapers of his son in this vicinity.

**LONDON CLUE**  
LONDON, Tuesday, April 5. (U.P.)—The Daily Sketch said today that the London clue which interests United States police investigating the Lindbergh kidnaping case concerns the whereabouts of a man known to have left New York hurriedly for England soon after the Lindbergh baby was stolen. This man is believed to possess important information which will assist in identifying the kidnapers, the papers said.

The sketch also printed a brief interview, the only one obtained so far, with Major Charles Senechal of the New Jersey state police who arrived Sunday in connection with the case. The officer refused to divulge any information, according to the Sketch, which quoted him as saying:

"All statements must come from my superintendent in the United States. I am sorry I cannot say anything about the case which brought me here, but the utmost secrecy is necessary. My future movements are uncertain."

**DERN'S HOME UNDER GUARD**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 4. (U.P.)—The home of Governor George H. DERN was being guarded tonight by a police squad after it was revealed the lives of the governor and one of his sons were threatened in an anonymous letter.

Governor DERN refused to consider the matter serious. Although he admitted the message was received last week, no public announcement was made until today when the governor was questioned regarding the message. He said merely that the note had been delivered to his home and that it was written in handwriting with a pencil.

The note, according to the governor, read as follows:

"Dear governor:

"We do not like you. You have done nothing for us. If you don't do something for us, you will never see another election. If you make this public, we will get your son." (Signed) "Communist."

The state executive turned the letter over to Oscar Larson, reputed leader of the Communist party in Utah. Larson denied any responsibility of the note or any knowledge of its source.

**KIDNAPER IS SLAIN BY COP**

KILGORE, Tex., April 4. (U.P.)—An alleged typewriter thief, who kidnaped a veteran Texas police officer and held him captive about three hours, was shot and killed near Gladeview today.

Marvin Salter, 40, of Dallas, was killed by Policeman U. S. Huntsman after the bandit had wounded him with a shot gun. The kidnaped officer, Deputy Sheriff Clem C. Hill, already had been released, unharmed.

Salter abducted Hill at Gilmer when the officer sought to question him regarding a stolen typewriter. The officer was handcuffed with his own handcuffs and forced to accompany Salter to near Gladeview.

Huntsman saw Salter drive his car into a clump of pine trees and followed him. Salter fired at him with a sawed-off shotgun, but the policeman, despite a flesh wound in his shoulder, killed the desperado.

A quantity of narcotics was found in Salter's hotel room.

**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.

## Mystery Flight Points To Attempt At Contact

HOPEWELL, N. J., Tuesday, April 5. (U.P.)—Col. Charles Lindbergh returned to his estate early today in an automobile after spending yesterday on a mystery trip connected with efforts to secure return of his kidnapped son.

It was the second time in 24 hours that he has thus returned to his home after an unexplained absence. Lindbergh refused to give any information as to his activities.

Lindbergh was known to have made an airplane flight yesterday with Col. Henry Breckenridge, his legal adviser. They left Newark airport at 2 p. m. Some reports had them flying as far north as the Massachusetts coast, where, according to unconfirmed reports, Lindbergh had also flown on Sunday.

Lindbergh returned at 6:30 p. m. yesterday, landing at the airport at Haskrouck Heights, N. J. He left there in an automobile, refusing to answer questions, and was next reported on his arrival at his home.

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**FIVE GRILLED IN MASSACRE**

LAS CRUCES, N. M., April 4. (U.P.)—Four persons were questioned today in connection with the murder of a woman and six children at the Espinosa dairy ranch near Berino last Friday night.

Those interrogated by Sheriff Dick Triviz were Melgaidex Espinosa, 59, whose wife and six children were slain, his blind mother, Mrs. Juanita Espinosa, 81, his sister-in-law, Josefina Merez, 54, and Gaspar Gutierrez, 37, a vegetable farmer.

Triviz refused to reveal what prompted the questioning of the four. They were detained but were not under arrest.

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**LONG MANCHU BATTLE OPENS**

HARBIN, Manchuria, April 4. (U.P.)—Japanese and their allied Chinese troops settled down to a determined and probably lengthy military campaign today against the rebellious forces threatening overthrow of the new Manchurian government.

Serious fighting was renewed in Kirin province, not far from the Siberian frontier, but the anti-Japanese troops were moving rapidly from place to place and making it difficult for the government forces to attack them.

Strong Japanese reinforcements arrived at Chientao from Korea, restoring order in that district after minor clashes with the Chinese forces under Wang Teli.