

**OBSERVATIONS**  
**Grist from the Daily Grind**  
By C. F. S.

**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
April 13—Maximum, 84; minimum, 66. Precipitation, trace. Cloudy.

**METAL MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, April 13. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 28 cents an ounce. Copper, 5 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 2.80 cents a pound. Zinc, 3 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.

## HUNT OPENS FOR UTAH KILLERS

### Exchange Formed By Builders Here

Will Provide Strict Code of Ethics On L. V. Jobs

Electing Lee Mahony temporary chairman and Ira Goldring temporary secretary by unanimous vote, thirty-six business men representing general contractors, sub-contractors, material men, painters and architects of Las Vegas met today in the formation of an organization to be known as the Builders Exchange of Las Vegas.

**SECOND MEETING**  
The meeting which was held last night in the club rooms of the American Legion, was the second within a week.

It is estimated that there are nearly 100 business firms belonging to the builders and allied trades in the city that are eligible to join the new organization and from the interest indicated last night, it is believed by members that practically every local firm will soon be listed on the roll of the organization.

Objects and aims of the new organization were outlined last night, and may be summed up as follows: Rigid enforcement of ethics regarding bonds, letting of contracts, and making of bids by both architects and builders, the urging of city ordinances to enforce proper building codes and regulations of builders, the promotion and advancement of local building by local firms, and an open forum for the discussion of building and labor problems.

**LIVELY SESSION**  
Discussion of several local building jobs created a lively session for several minutes last night, in which contractors, building men, architects and builders all joined. Among other plans unfolded was one which called for the maintenance of a permanent office by the organization whereby contractors and builders may meet and submit bids. Plans for luncheon meetings by members were also outlined, with a regular daily meeting place.

Regular weekly business meetings are planned. Next week's session will be announced at a later date.

O Kay! Judge!



Kay Johnson, Hollywood screen player, is entitled to drive an automobile but she has to obey speed laws just as any other motorist. She found this out when she was fined \$10 on a citation for alleged too-fast driving.

### NET IS DRAWN TAUT ABOUT ISLAND FOLK

Detective Of Fiction, Real Character, Now In Murder Case

By DAN CAMPBELL  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
COURTROOM, HONOLULU, T. H., April 13. (U.P.)—Prosecutor John Kelley today reached the climax in his case against four Americans accused of the "honor murder" of Joe Kahahawai.

The Irish prosecutor drove home to the jury of many races his belief that a missing revolver purchased by Albert Orren Jones probably fired the shot that killed Kahahawai.

**DEFENDANTS STOLID**  
Mrs. Granville Ross Fortescue, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie and E. J. Lord, defendants with Jones, sat like graven statues. Jones turned white, gulped.

Vasca Rosa, salesman of revolvers in a hardware store, was the witness.

He testified Mrs. Fortescue bought a .32 calibre pearl-handled revolver and Jones a .32 automatic a fortnight before the killing.

Kelley picked up the steel-nosed bullet taken from Kahahawai's body. He handed it to Rosa with an exploded shell found in Jones' pocket.

"Do they fit?" he barked.

Rosa experimented.

"This bullet could have been fired from this shell," he said.

Was the bullet found on a table in the Fortescue home like bullets found in a clip under Jones' belt?

"Yes."

Kelley's case at adjournment today was near completion.

It alleged:

1. That on January 9, Mrs. Fortescue, Lieutenant Massie and Lord abducted Kahahawai from in front of the Judiciary building, where they knew he would make his daily report as a defendant in the Massie attack case.
2. Condition of Mrs. Fortescue's bungalow indicated the sun-bronzed native had been taken there, stripped, immersed in water in a bathtub, then shot in the left lung and permitted to bleed internally until he died.
3. A rope obtainable only at the navy yard was cut in half. Part was fastened around his neck. Part was hidden behind a davenport in the bungalow.
4. The body was wrapped in sheets from which laundry marks had been removed.
5. While Jones stood guard, Mrs. Fortescue and Lord got in the front seat of the death car. Massie rode behind with the corpse. They drove toward Koko head geysers and were arrested.

**"FICTION DETECTIVE"**  
Complacency with which Darrow heard the evidence and devoted his time to soothing the worried defendants strengthened belief he planned to put Lieutenant Massie on the stand to testify he fired the shot.

Two alienists are here, presumably to testify that Massie, if he follows the "unwritten law," was a victim of "alarm clock" insanity.

"Charley Chan"—Sam Lee, dapper Chinese detective and finger print expert, was called to identify the array of guns, bullets, blood-stained towels and shredded clothing Kelley had introduced to bolster his charge that Kahahawai was slain for revenge.

Two buttons from Kahahawai's shorts were found in the bathroom, Detective Arthur Stagbar declared.

### BANKER IS KNIFED, BURNED AFTER TERRIFIC BATTLE

NET QUEEN FALLS FOR HAIR BOB

Helen Willis Moody, American woman tennis champion of San Francisco, revealed in her latest photograph as a bobbed hair devotee. On a recent trip to the barber the familiar coiled knot of hair at the nape of her neck was removed and a "conservative trim" was achieved, rippling back from her face. Helen and her friends think it quite an improvement.



### KIDNAP BILLS CIRCULATE IN NEW YORK

By DELOS SMITH  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
NEW YORK, April 13. (U.P.)—With in 48 hours of the time they received \$50,000 in bank notes from an emissary of Col. Charles Lindbergh on a false promise to restore his kidnapped son, the Lindbergh kidnapers began passing the bills in northern Manhattan, it was learned today.

**GETS BILL FROM BANK**  
At least eight days ago, David Isaacs, a retired business man, received one of the \$20 bills from the East River Savings Bank. Subsequent publicity caused him to check its number, and police revealed that several days of investigation have not succeeded in discovering its source.

Despite this fact, Dr. John F. Condon, whose contact with the supposed kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., he convinced the colored he could obtain the child by payment of the ransom that he willingly handed over the money, declared he is still confident of re-establishing his relations with the criminals.

Condon's movements today were again mysterious. At 4 p. m., he left his home in the Bronx to deliver a lecture at a downtown hall. He did not return until 9:05 p. m., when he arrived at his home in a taxicab.

Fifteen minutes later, Condon's bodyguard, Al Reich, former boxer, appeared at the house in Condon's small coupe. At 9:30 p. m., a postman took a special delivery letter to the Condon home. No announcement was made regarding progress, and the 72-year-old professor asked newspapermen to leave his premises.

Shortly after 11 p. m., Dr. Condon and Reich left the house and drove away in an automobile. They refused to talk to newspapermen, brushing them aside and driving off in their closed car without making a statement.

There was no confirmation of rumors current in the neighborhood that Col. Lindbergh had been seen late tonight driving in the vicinity with two uniformed policemen.

The 9 p. m. bulletin issued by the New Jersey police said:

"No developments have been reported to us in regard to the activity of John Hughes Curtis.

"Investigators covering certain arrests at Chrome, N. J., have reported nothing of value has developed there.

"An unofficial report has been received of a 20 bill turned into a bank in New York City but no report has been received from the bank, the treasury department, or the secret service in this matter.

**NO ARREST**  
"No report has been received from Youngstown, Ohio, concerning any arrest made there.

"No reports have been received from the authorities at St. Johns nor those at Halifax or the Royal Canadian mounted police concerning either Fleisher or Wagner. An unofficial report has been received that Fleisher was killed several weeks ago in upper New York state. Efforts to verify this report have been unsuccessful so far."

### Torch Put to House of Aged Man; Slayer Escapes

EPHRAIM, Utah, April 13. (U.P.)—The greatest manhunt in southern Utah was in full cry tonight as the search for the brutal slayer of Andrew H. Bjerregaard, 84-year-old bank president, gained headway.

**SON FINDS BODY**  
Bjerregaard, president of the Bank of Ephraim, and this town's wealthiest citizen, was beaten to death and then burned in his home early today or last night. His charred body was found by his son, Fergus Bjerregaard, 38.

The aged banker was first attacked with a club and a knife. Both bloodstained weapons were recovered. His body and the room were saturated with oil and ignited. Apparently, the slayer hoped the house would burn and erase all trace of the crime.

Condition of the room indicated the vigorous old man fought desperately for life. Chairs were overturned and his clothes ripped and torn.

Authorities were convinced robbery was not the murder motive. A careful check failed to reveal anything of value missing. Some officers believed Bjerregaard may have been murdered by a man whose loan he had refused to endorse. Others discounted this theory.

**LIVED ALONE**  
The banker lived alone. His neighbors said they detected the smell of burning oil about 9 o'clock last night, but could not locate the source.

Barring the possibility that incriminating finger prints may be found on the butcher knife and club, there was a total lack of clues. The slayer had evidently taken pains to remove trace of his identity.

Fergus Bjerregaard discovered his father's body when he made his usual morning call. Physicians said the aged man had been dead several hours.

### SERUM RUSHED TO AID CHILD

BOISE, Ida., April 13. (U.P.)—Life saving serum was being rushed to Boise by airplane tonight, to save the life of a four-year-old girl.

Little Donna Taylor, daughter of a Horseshoe Bend rancher, was bitten Saturday by a dog which had been acting strangely.

Suspicious, the girl's father, Raymond Taylor, killed the dog and sent the head to Boise for analysis. It was discovered it was suffering from rabies.

### AL SMITH WOULD CANCEL WAR DEBT

WASHINGTON, April 13. (U.P.)—Alfred E. Smith furnished the real surprise of the Jefferson day Democratic jubilee by his proposal that foreign war debt payments be suspended for 20 years and that the total amount of the debts be reduced successfully by one-quarter of debtor nations buy.

"Why not cut through all the red tape and get away from all the involved economic ideas that are connected with it and deal with the problem in a pure business basis?" Smith asked.

### WAR TANKS, GAS BAN SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, April 13. (U.P.)—The United States plans to press for acceptance by the general disarmament conference its plan to abolish tanks, heavy mobile guns and poison gas, despite French opposition.

The state department said today it hoped that Ambassador Hugh Gibson, who offered the proposal last Monday, would be able to keep attention centered on the proposals.

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### EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The American Legion campaign to place one million men in new jobs is approaching the half-way mark toward completion.

Yesterday, dispatches tell us, reports from 89 communities in 23 states boosted the total in the United States to 498,859.

Nevada is doing well, considering placement, the Legion yesterday having placed 35 men in jobs, bringing the total results of the campaign within the state of Nevada to 1746.

A great work for the organization—a work which none other is in a position to accomplish.

### A KILLING COINCIDENCE

On the same day on which Carmen Guzman, murderer of Mary Estrada, was tracked over mountains and plains and killed in a battle with officers, a similar tragedy was being played near Carson City. An Indian had killed his nephew and fatally wounded a niece. He, too, fled to the hills and was relentlessly followed and destroyed by peace officers.

Which causes us to observe again that Nevada is not a healthy place for criminals.

### MARY ESTRADA LAID AT REST

Mary Estrada, 15 year old school girl, who was assertedly killed by Carmen Guzman, was buried Wednesday afternoon with the full rites of the Catholic church, Father O'Grady of the Las Vegas parish officiating.

The young girl was shot to death by Guzman last Sunday evening as she was preparing dinner for her family, authorities believe. Guzman was tracked down and killed by Joe May, veteran peace officer, on Tuesday morning.

### BANKERS INSPECT HOOVER DAM JOB

Walter Manuel, John P. Maxwell, directors, and L. R. Blake, vice president of the Central National bank of Oakland, Calif., spent Tuesday afternoon inspecting the dam project. They left by motor for Needles, Calif., from where they will take a Santa Fe train back to their home city.

### COAST FIRM LOW ON BRIDGE JOB

CARSON CITY, April 13. (U.P.)—Thorn, String and Grant, California builders, submitted the lowest bid for construction of the new lower Virgin river bridge. It was announced here today. The bid submitted was \$101,248. The bids were taken under advisement by the board.

### VETERAN ASKS FOOD, MERCY

WASHINGTON, April 13. (U.P.)—An American soldier who fell before German bullets, asked congress today for mercy and food and not music and the blare of trumpets, in an eloquent plea for passage of the \$2,000,000,000 soldier bonus measure.

Harry Knable, of Philadelphia, ex-sergeant in Co. B, 4th infantry, appeared before the house ways and means committee now holding hearings on the bonus bill, representing himself and his four brothers, all volunteers in regular army units and all wounded during the war.

In forceful, crisp sentences, Knable told the committee:

"You see these buddies of mine around this room. They are not asking for pay. They want help. They want you to help yourselves and the country by helping them. Give them their money and I promise the money will be back in circulation in two weeks through paid mortgages and paid debts.

"We went to France to bands and trumpets. Where are they now? The veterans do not want any music. They ask mercy, and food."

Just before Knable spoke, Rep. John J. Rankin, Dem., Miss., a leader in the fight for payment of the bonus, offered it as a blood transfusion to restore circulation of money. He denied the proposal to pay the certificates by means of a special bond or currency issue would weaken the gold standard.

### 4,515 MOTOR LICENSES OUT

Four thousand five hundred and fifteen automobile licenses have been issued in Clark county to date, as compared with 1,950 for the corresponding period of 1931. It was announced Wednesday.

At this rate it is expected that between 7,500 and 8,500 licenses will be used before the year draws to a close, asserted F. C. DeVinney, county assessor. The total number of machines licensed in this county in 1931 was 5,334.

One thousand and eighty of the cars licensed this year belong to Boulder City residents.

### ON BUSINESS

A. L. Coey, superintendent of the Union Pacific, spent yesterday here on official business.

### HUNDREDS SUFFERING FROM MYSTERY POISON ON COAST

SANTA PAULA, Calif., April 13. (U.P.)—Nearly 300 persons were stricken here today with a mysterious illness, the majority being confined to bed.

More than half of the victims are children.

The symptoms developed suddenly late last night and spread quickly today.

All victims were afflicted first with extreme nausea, followed by symptoms similar to those of ptomaine poisoning. This gave rise to theories that the cause would be found in the water, milk or vegetable supplies, especially if the vegetables had been sprayed with poisonous insecticides.

One hundred and ninety pupils of the high and grammar schools went home ill, as did several teachers.

City and county health officers were unable to diagnose the malady, but started inquiries that is expected will disclose the cause tomorrow. No one was reported to be in a serious condition.

### LAND DEALS BRISK HERE

County Recorder Dave Farnsworth announced yesterday that land transfers have been unusually brisk in the region of St. Thomas and throughout the Moapa valley recently.

Government agents are completing contracts for the purchase of lands that are expected to be inundated by waters of Lake Mead when the dam project is completed.

Many transfers of property in and around Las Vegas have also been recorded recently. Purchases of property are rapidly completing time payments on residence lots and business properties, Farnsworth said.

### M'ADAMS RITES SET FOR TODAY

E. G. McAdams will be buried in the Woodlawn cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Palm funeral home is handling funeral arrangements.

McAdams died in the county hospital Sunday after an illness of several days. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

### TRIO INJURED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Edward Vernon Bud Ross and Mrs. Merle Vogel, all of Salt Lake City, narrowly escaped death Wednesday morning when a fruit truck in which they were riding, overturned on the Los Angeles-Salt Lake highway near Sloan.

Minor injuries were sustained by the trio and after being treated by a physician, they were able to proceed to their home. The value of the fruit destroyed by the accident was placed at more than \$800.

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### LOCAL DEMOCRATS PREPARING FOR CONVENTION HERE MAY 21

More than 200 delegates from outside Las Vegas will attend the Democratic state convention in this city May 21 next, according to the announcement made last night by Harley A. Harmon, chairman of the general committee.

Hotel Apache has been chosen as headquarters and preparations are being made for a banquet to be held Friday evening, May 20, the evening before the convention.

At the meeting of the general committee last night, the following were present:

Harley A. Harmon, chairman, Marion Earl, secretary, C. D. Baker, treasurer; Dr. J. D. Smith, M. J. Smith, Tom Fanatia, Joe Perkins, A. C. Grant, F. N. Ryan, Leo Roth, James Cashman.

Sub-committees were appointed last night as follows:  
Committee on hall—Ryan, Grant, Baker.  
Speakers—Harmon, Earl, Finance—Cashman, Roth and M. J. Smith.  
Registration and hotel assignment—F. N. Ryan, chairman.  
Music and reception—Smith, Grant.  
General reception—Committee of the whole.  
Local Democratic leaders are making preparations to show the visitors a pleasant time and it is probable that several special features will be arranged for them. A visit to Hoover dam site will, of course, be one of the principal attractions for those from the northern part of the state.

### RYAN HOLDS GADE GUILTY

L. A. Gade was convicted of making threats to do bodily harm, in the justice court of Judge Frank M. Ryan, yesterday afternoon. He was released under a peace bond of \$150.

Gade was arrested two weeks ago on a complaint made by Leonard Blood, state and federal employment commissioner. Blood alleged that Gade threatened to blow up the employment office and stated that "I'll fix you, Blood." The defendant was represented in court by Attorney Guy E. Baker.

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