

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

TEN YEARS OF RADIO

Yesterday, broadcasting station KFI celebrated its tenth anniversary. Not so important in itself, since KFI was by no means the first in Los Angeles.

But, because it has grown to be one of the greatest stations of the nation with millions of listeners each night, KFI has come to have a real influence in the development of the Pacific coast.

The radio of ten years ago, weak, imperfect, uncertain, has grown into the powerful institution of today, a marvel of mechanical efficiency and a model in oratory, literature and music.

To the most humble home in the land is brought nightly all that is best in entertainment and in the promotion of culture. It is available to all at a cost so low as to be almost negligible.

KFI has broadcast much of talent to the country during the ten years of its life. And, whatever the purpose for which Mr. Earl C. Anthony established it, has added much to the sum total of human happiness.

A FAST RUNNER

General Jacob S. Coxe, in 1894 organizer and leader of the picturesque movement known as "Coxey's army," was 78 years old yesterday.

During the years which have elapsed since Coxe first achieved national fame, he has been always ready to lead the nation out of something just as he was in 1894, when, so far as our memory serves us, there was a "depression" just as serious in its effects upon the people as that of 1932.

Coxey is a good advertiser and has managed to keep his name before the public. His remark last night quoted in the press dispatches was typical:

"The older I get, the faster I run."

A HOST CITY

Las Vegas, entertaining each week many visitors of prominence, is developing its character as a host city that is a really important part of our civic life and may readily become one of our most valuable assets.

To meet the constantly arriving groups of visitors and greet them pleasantly and give them useful information and direction is helpful to them and, at the same time, imparts knowledge which will ultimately bring to us great enterprises.

Our Chamber of Commerce finds that it has a duty not only to attract the attention of outsiders and bring them to us, but to entertain them well once they are here.

The officers of that organization are devoting their time, their energy and their own private funds in some cases to that work.

The business men of the community are obligated, not especially to the community, but to their own interests to provide sufficient support to the Chamber of Commerce that it may well perform its duty as host to the thousands, the vanguard of whom are already seeking us.

M'CUBREY MAY FIGHT CHARGE

The possibility of counter charges against the bookkeeper of the City cafe being filed by R. G. McCubrey, former Clark county undersheriff, was revealed Saturday after the audit of his books demanded by Sheriff Keate, had been turned over to the county commissioners.

McCubrey stated that on at least two occasions he had prevented the cafe in question being closed by writs of attachment, by personally loaning the management sums of money drawn from McCubrey's account.

The deputy sheriff has in his possession carbon copies of letters, written to J. H. Palmer, United States deputy marshal in Carson City, asking that the situation prevalent in Las Vegas for some years, in handling the mittimus slips, dealing with the feeding of federal prisoners, be remedied.

When questioned regarding his defense of the charges, he said that unless interests which were hostile to him for some time, tried to force the issue and to place before the grand jury the charges and auditor's report, that he did not contemplate taking any defensive measure, but if it did get to the grand jury, he would be forced to fight.

SOCIETY HONORS CHARLES RONNOW

Charles C. Ronnow, Las Vegas, who has won local recognition for his work in genealogical and historical research, has been honored by being included in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States, in the Handbook of American Genealogy.

Recognition in this field affords access to the extensive lineage files of the national clearing house for genealogical information, as well as professional contact with genealogists in 1,331 countries throughout the United States and in 18 foreign countries, which will enable him to expand the scope of his work very materially.

FROM SALT LAKE Mrs. Louise Peterson of Salt Lake City arrived last night from Caliente for a visit with relatives.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

April 16—Maximum, 91; minimum, 50.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, April 16. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 28 1/2 cents an ounce. Copper, 5 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.80 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.

VEGAN KILLED IN PLUNGE

DICK SCHWARTZ, RING STAR, IS NEAR DEATH

MISS TURN IN RIVER ROAD: GO OVER CLIFF

BY A LEAP



Fred Blevins, 32, a workman for Six Companies, Inc., was killed, and Dick Schwartz, 23, Las Vegas boxer, was seriously injured when the car in which they were riding plunged over a 160-foot precipice, at the Colorado river last night.

Blevins was believed to have met instant death, when his head struck on a jagged rock in the fatal fall.

Schwartz, who was pulled back over the cliff after a rope had been tied about him by members of the swing shift who discovered the tragedy, was found to be suffering from a severe head wound. He was rushed to the Boulder City hospital.

Although he had regained consciousness early today, he was in too great pain to be interviewed.

The accident occurred about 11:30, it was estimated, as the men passed through the reservation gate at 11:20.

The car, which was totally destroyed, hurtled over the cliff at the first right hand turn on the lower portal road below the narrows.

According to the report of Chief of Police Bodell and Sergeant Stringfellow, who were let over the cliff by ropes to investigate the accident, the mishap was caused by a blowout of the left front tire on Schwartz's car, due, they believed, to sharp rocks that fell along the road from trucks.

THROWN FROM CAR Chief Bodell found that both men had been thrown from the automobile in which the fighter was taking Blevins to work at the river.

Schwartz was hurled to the north of where the car, after rolling over several times, finally came to rest.

At press time the extent of Schwartz's injuries was unknown.

There was no evidence of any intoxicating liquor having been in the car, Bodell declared.

Schwartz as a special deputy of Sheriff Keate had been guarding trucks belonging to Oscar Bryan, contractor, which are under attachment.

SEC. WILBUR GRANDAD PALO ALTO, Cal., April 16. (U.P.)—Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur was a grandfather again today, for the tenth time.

A daughter was born here to Dr. R. Bracken, O. J. Smith, K. O. Knudson, Leo A. McNamee, W. E. Ferron, C. E. Pembroke, Florence S. Boyer and J. W. Wilson.

LAS VEGAS SOCIAL SWIRL

Mrs. Dave Kramer was hostess to the members of her club Thursday afternoon at her home on South Fourth street. Dainty refreshments were served to the Mesdames Van Santongue, Norton, Claude Bailey, Virgil Ham, Robert Knox, H. O. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blandin.

Mr. I. H. Sample of the Apache entertained at dinner Thursday evening, honoring his niece, Mrs. Lois Heagerty, of Los Angeles. The guests included Mrs. Heagerty, Miss Johnson, and Misses Pauline Wren and the hostess. Prizes were won by Mrs. Robert Knox and Mrs. Van Santongue.

Mrs. Le Mar Foremaster entertained a number of friends at her home on Garces street, honoring Dorothy Butler and Mr. Allen of

Keith Gledhill of Santa Barbara, national interscholastic singles tennis champion, was at Stanford at 11:10 a. m. and his ship to Hawaii was to sail at noon. With Fred Tebbets, Stanford's champion backstroke swimmer, at the wheel of a fast car, Gledhill didn't quite make it—the Matsonia was leaving the dock when they arrived. But Matson officials put him in a launch and he boarded the liner, even though he hadn't time to put on his necktie.

WILL PROBE JEWELRY SALE

W. W. Taylor and Albert Jeffery were arrested today by Officer Jack Ott for investigation of their attempt to sell jewelry in a Las Vegas cafe. Police said one of the men admitted stealing the bracelet and rings which he offered for sale "from a trunk in a Banning barn."

DELEGATES FROM FIFTH PRECINCT

Republican delegates from the fifth precinct were inadvertently omitted from the list published in The Age of Saturday morning. Those chosen are: J. F. Hesse, W. R. Bracken, O. J. Smith, K. O. Knudson, Leo A. McNamee, W. E. Ferron, C. E. Pembroke, Florence S. Boyer and J. W. Wilson.

LAS VEGAS SOCIAL SWIRL

Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Harley A. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Squires.

A very delightful luncheon followed by an afternoon of bridge was given at the Apache Saturday by the Misses Haines, Adams, Pedrolli and Griswold. The long table at which the guests were seated at luncheon was decorated with bowls of galardias, while roses were used in profusion about the mezzanine floor. Mrs. Walker Young and Miss Barsaleaux received prizes in auction, and Miss Humphrey and Miss Frazier in contract. Following is a list of the invited guests:

Mesdames Ed Von Tobel, Archie Grant, Geo. Zettler, Witt Olive, James Powers, Walker Young, Mary Hewitson, Charles Keeler, W. S. Park, James Cashman, Frank Gusewelle, John Cahlan, A. E. Cahlan, W. R. Bracken, W. N. Schuyler, F. M. Ferguson, W. E. Ferron, John Waters, E. W. Cragin, C. L. Ronnow, C. P. Squires, C. C. Boyer, Robert Griffith, Louis Pico, Perle Brown, Dave White, F. A. Gibson, and the Misses Rocca, Barsaleaux, Frazier, Humphrey, Devereau.

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'WENT CRAZY' DECLARES NAVAL MAN

Native Confessed To Attack; Massie On Stand Tells Story

SCENE DRAMATIC Mother Trembles As Son-In-Law Gives Account Of Death

(United Press Staff Correspondent HONOLULU, April 16. (U.P.)—In a courtroom surrounded with drama, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie told today of the murder of Joe Kahahawai, bronzed young native who was accused of ravishing his wife.

"He confessed the attack," Massie said, testifying for himself and his co-defendants, Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue, his mother-in-law, and E. J. Lord and A. O. Jones, navy enlisted men.

"WENT CRAZY" "I held a gun. I visioned my wife pleading for mercy when Kahahawai assaulted her. I went crazy. My mind became blank. That's all I remember."

With dramatic finale, the natty young naval officer told how he and his co-defendants kidnaped Kahahawai from in front of the judiciary building, took him to the vine covered Fortescue cottage and there put him "under" the third degree.

Kahahawai was killed January 9. His body, swathed in strips of canvas, a rope around the neck, a bullet wound in the chest, was found in an automobile occupied by Massie, Mrs. Fortescue and Lord.

Thalia Fortescue Massie was way-laid last September, as she walked home from a dance. Five natives attacked her. One of them, asserted Kahahawai, struck her and broke her jaws as she pleaded for mercy while he ravished her.

"We questioned him," Massie said. "He said he 'didn't know nothing.' I threatened him with the gun. He still said he 'didn't know nothing.' I told him we'd send for the boys (U. S. sailors) and they'd cut him to ribbons unless he told the truth. He broke. He was frightened. He said, 'We done it.'"

"Then my mind went blank. The last I remember was holding the gun. I didn't regain my senses until men in uniform caught us on the way to Koko head with the body."

Massie testified he was goaded to getting the confession. "Many people didn't believe Thalia (his wife) had been attacked," he said.

"They said she was a publicity seeker. 'Ugly rumors started. One was that I had broken her jaws because I found her with a naval officer. OFFICERS SNOOTY"

Officers and enlisted men walked away when I approached them at Pearl Harbor. I was slowly going mad. I wanted to cut out my brain so I could forget."

Massie then told of enlisting Mrs. Fortescue and the navy men to help him.

"I had to quiet these vile rumors," he said. "I got an attorney who advised me to get a statement from one of the attackers."

"This was impossible so we conceived the plan of forcing one of them to confess. 'Lord said he had heard Kahahawai was ready to crack. 'We planned to trap him. We served a fake warrant on him at the judiciary building and took him to the Fortescue home.'"

Massie was taut. His face paled and he spoke sharply as he addressed Clarence Darrow, chief of defense counsel.

DEATHLY SILENCE A deathly silence gripped the jammed courtroom. It was intensely humid but all eyes were on Massie. Mrs. Fortescue trembled. It was the crux of the defense and if Massie cracked their last hope might be lost.

Mrs. Fortescue controlled her emotions with difficulty. She trembled violently and tears coursed down her cheeks. She gasped a sign of relief when Massie concluded.

NEW RANSOM FOR LINDY KIDNAPERS HOLD GIRL

MOB PROMISES CHILD WILL BE TAKEN HOME

WILMINGTON, Del., April 16. (U.P.)—The parents of 9-year-old Hilda Brodsky, kidnaped while on her way to school yesterday, waited anxiously tonight for fulfillment of a promise made by the abductors that the little girl would be returned in a few hours.

WANTS NO NEWS Harry Brodsky, wealthy hosiery manufacturer and father of the girl, asked newspapermen to refrain from communicating with him for fear the kidnapers would be frightened out of their resolve to bring Hilda home.

Brodsky said a woman assumed him by telephone the child was safe. The woman, who admitted being one of the kidnapers, said Hilda would be returned tonight.

After the child disappeared yesterday, Brodsky did not notify police. A ransom note, reportedly received at his home, was said to have threatened harm to the girl if authorities were notified.

Brodsky at first refused police admittance to his home when they learned of the abduction. Benjamin Sherman, an uncle of the missing girl, was arrested today on an open charge. Sherman, whose home is in Philadelphia, was said to have been unfriendly with the Brodskys and police wanted to question him. He was held tonight at police headquarters but authorities said they had failed thus far to link him with Hilda's disappearance.

ODDIE URGES VET BACKING

An appeal for veterans to back him in his fight for larger appropriations for work on Boulder Dam, was made yesterday by United States Senator Tasker L. Oddie, before the appropriations committee.

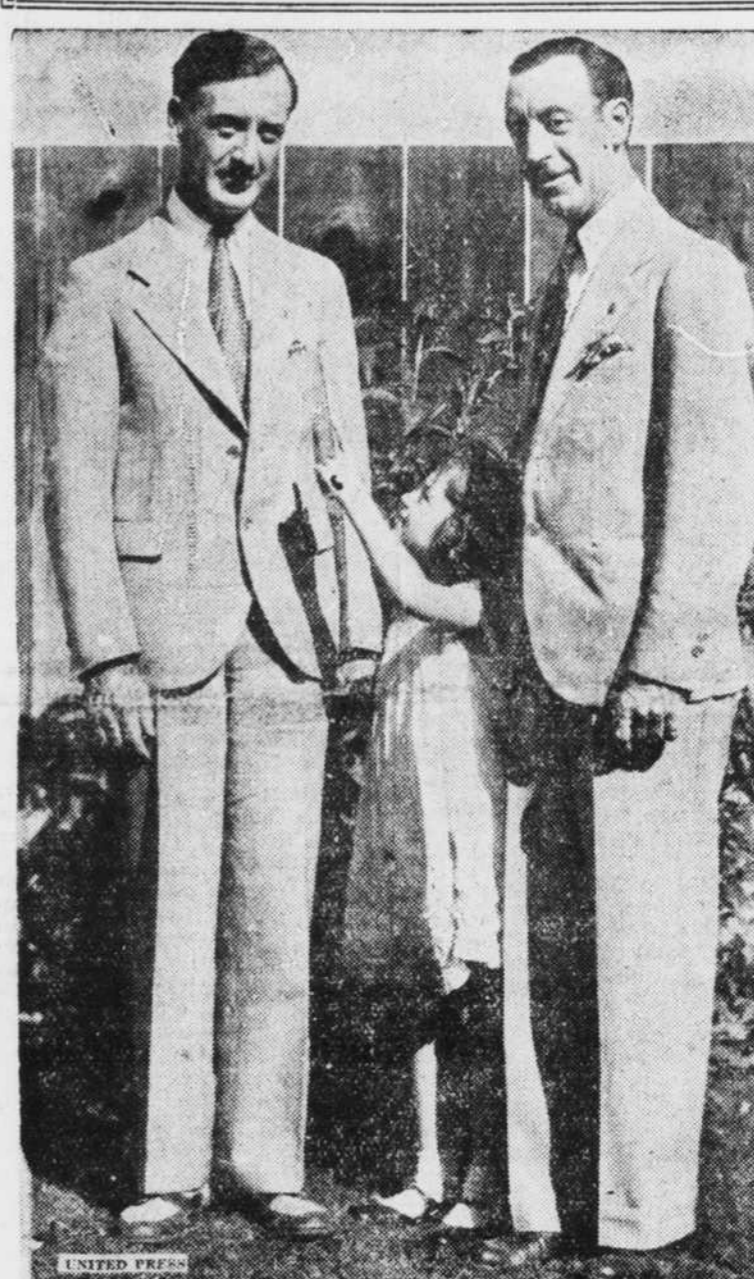
In a telegram received by A. T. McCarter, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Oddie stated:

"I have made hard fight to prevent cut in Hoover Dam appropriation, but under McKellar resolution cut has been made. 'I was only member of committee protesting it and was naturally outvoted. The matter will now go to conference with the house of representatives where there is a chance that the item can be increased to eight million dollars, the amount passed by the house. 'Efforts will be made to carry adequate sum in deficiency bill, and I will do everything possible towards gaining this end. However, Senator McKellar has stated emphatically on the floor of the senate that he will oppose more appropriations for Hoover Dam in the deficiency bill and that he thinks work should slow down. I disagree with him strongly in this contention.'"

Senator Oddie emphasized the fact that his work for the larger appropriation has been honest and square. He contends that the necessary appropriations should be voted on a regular appropriations bill rather than resort to the subterfuge of cutting the item from the appropriation bill and adding it to the deficiency bill.

He further stated "There is too much danger in proceedings of this kind. I have heretofore seen a deficiency bill for Interior department killed in the Senate. My desire is not to appear pessimistic but to present this matter in a clear light in order that we may awaken new interest in securing support for this appropriation."

THESE TWINS FOOL THEMSELVES



Edward and Bertram Connor, 42-year-old twins of Woodland, Calif., who look so much alike that even their best friends can't tell them apart. They dress alike and are the same height and weight. Only Ed is a barber and Bert a salesman. Bert's a bachelor, and Ed, who is married, shows quite clearly his child knows her own father.

FOUR HUNDRED ARE PRESENT AT L. V. LEGION'S ANNUAL CABARET

More than four hundred persons attended the American Legion cabaret, held at the Meadows club Saturday evening. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that the affair was by far the most successful ever staged by the local post of the Legion.

Gentlemen attending were given badges, bearing various inscriptions such as "Moonshine inspector." The crowd filled the spacious casino to the full limit of its capacity.

The gambling room of the club was converted into a dining hall for the evening, to enable a greater number of dancers to use the floor in the main dining room.

Ruth Nagle, "golden voiced blonde from the tropics," shared the feature spot on the entertainment program with Donna La Frambois, dance artist. Miss Nagle held her audience enthralled when she sang Victor Herbert's "Kiss Me Again."

Legionnaires from Las Vegas, Boulder City, and other nearby communities were present, as well as many visitors from the coast.

SALLEE GOES A SHOPPING

With hose, bags, and shoes full of "holes," the idea evidently occurred to some heat-stricken manufacturer to do the same with the knit family; so a million and one little holes were punched into soft lisle and rayon in an intricate pattern, giving us the clever "open-air" undies now on display at Mrs. Carroll's. Reasonably priced, the new styles combine many desirable features, and are obtainable in popular colors. Lingerie here keeps the desirable non-shrinkable, non-stretchable rayon material, but adds a dainty touch of Alecon lace, transforming the garment into a thing of beauty. Nighties, slips, and pajama sets offer attractive models, the slips particularly being made of especially fine rayon and gloves, cut on the popular bias line. Modish pajama suits feature both the tiny jacket and the more lengthy

GOLD, BILLS READY FOR KIDNAP DEAL

NEW YORK, April 16. (U.P.)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has put up another sum of money for use as ransom in case those in possession of his child should make an attempt to deliver the baby, the United Press learned tonight.

GOLD AND BILLS The new ransom, in gold and currency, is being kept in New York so that it may be turned over to the kidnapers at any time of day or night, by persons authorized to deal with the kidnapers.

In making the money available, Lindbergh is said to have insisted it be paid out only in direct exchange for the child.

Since being double-crossed on April 2 when he paid \$50,000 for a promise that he would be informed of the child's exact whereabouts, the colonel has had no authentic contact with the kidnapers. He is said to believe, however, that he can expect the return of the baby by having a "certain amount" of cash ready for quick payment here in New York.

Meanwhile J. F. "Jafsie" Condon after expressing high hopes that contact with the kidnapers would be reestablished was away from home on a mysterious errand. A relative said the aged educator expected to be gone overnight.

SECRET SERVICE SILENT

WASHINGTON, April 17. (U.P.)—Elmer L. Irey, chief of the intelligence division of the bureau of internal revenue, declined to comment today on reports he had accompanied Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on an airplane flight to Martha's vineyard in search of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby.

"In connection with the Lindbergh case," Irey said, "I am not discussing any phase of it, one way or the other."

When asked if he had made an airplane trip with Lindbergh, Irey said: "You are asking me a question I cannot answer."

Irey was reported to have accompanied Lindbergh and J. F. "Jafsie" Condon on a flight to Martha's Vineyard during the negotiations.

PAULINE BARTON, SPERRY ARE WED

Thomas Sperry and Pauline Barton of Las Vegas were married in an impromptu ceremony, performed by Justice of the Peace Ryan at the Meadows early today during the height of the gaiety of the Legion cabaret.

Both Sperry and Mis Barton are well known in Las Vegas and the culmination of their courtship of more than a year, caused a lull in the festivities at the casino.

With the able cooperation of Mrs. Dorothy Keeler, deputy county clerk, the license was issued at one thirty Sunday morning. The marriage entourage then proceeded to the Meadows. Donna La Frambois was the bridesmaid, while DeWitt Dingman served in the capacity of best man.

AIRPORT HERE IS MAGNET TO ARMY FLIERS; 3 ARRIVE

Las Vegas is fast becoming the watering place for army fliers who find that time hangs heavy on their hands. This week-end Las Vegas is host to three more airmen. They are Lieuts. Towles, Richardson and Stoller. The latter two are well known in Tonopah, where their families reside. All three army flier piloted pursuit ships here from March field yesterday afternoon.