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OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

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SAN FRANCISCO

San Franciscans last night celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of the earthquake and fire which destroyed that city. They had good reason for being jovial.

The great disaster destroyed property valued at three hundred and fifteen million dollars. The total assessed valuation in 1906 before the disaster was three hundred seventy-five million.

Now the assessment rolls of San Francisco show property with a value of three billion dollars—that is three thousand million.

The city is greater and more beautiful than before. Her industries and commerce have assumed proportions far greater than before the fire.

In the rebuilding of the city provision has been made for a large reserve water supply in reservoirs so that the city can be saved from destruction by fire.

The spirit of her people accomplished this miracle of rebuilding which has made San Francisco one of the distinctive cities of the world.

Without the "San Francisco spirit," that city might very readily have declined to a stagnated town of twenty or thirty people or less, with no present prosperity and no future.

Nevertheless, those men of San Francisco, with a courage unexcelled in all the pages of history, financially ruined, their property utterly destroyed, their business gone, their friends and associates sick and in distress, members of their families wounded or killed, wiped the dust of the earthquake out of their eyes, washed the smoke of the great fire from their faces and began to build another city.

None but those with the qualities of greatness which gave its lustre to the name "San Francisco" could have commanded the capital and the credit with which to accomplish that miracle of reconstruction.

And that is why the "San Francisco spirit" is held as a model to be emulated by every city that is ambitious.

ROYX THEATRE

Those who have seen the Royx theatre in New York think of it as one of the great and successful things in the show world.

Nevertheless, we read in the news items that the Royx has passed from the Fox interests into the hands of others.

Which reminds us that mere bigness is not at all a sign of success. Take the great organization of Chicago and the middle west built up through the genius of Samuel Insull. That, we observe, is in the midst of a titanic struggle for existence.

Then not so long ago we saw the great pyramid of power organizations built up by Poshay crumble to disaster. Perhaps it pays just as well to keep within due bounds with our enterprises and not try to spread out too much.

TRANS-ANDINE RAILWAY

Not so many years ago we read with wonder of the great engineering feat which built a railroad across the Andes to join the cities of Chile with Buenos Aires. That marked a new epoch in the relations of the two nations of Chile and Argentina.

Now, we read, the railroad is threatening to stop operating because the Chilean tariff on beef has destroyed practically all the traffic which enabled the road to operate.

Beef from the pampas of Argentina apparently is not wanted in Chile, so the railroad will quit.

The only means of communication will then be by airplane, which means but few passengers and no commodities exchanged. Until some day Chile again becomes hungry for Argentina beef.

U. S. BUILDING ROAD CLEARED

Special to The Age

WASHINGTON, April 18.—That the federal building program in Nevada would be continued, was indicated today when Senator Oddie won his fight against the McKeller resolution advocating a cut in the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill. This action means that the federal building program will go forward.

The fight by Senator Oddie and others to prevent the McKeller cut on the balance of the treasury and postoffice appropriation bill was lost. However, this bill has to go through several stages before final enactment, so there will be some chance yet.

The subcommittee of the appropriations committee meets tomorrow morning to begin the work of writing up the bill.

REX FUNERAL TO BE IN PASADENA

Mrs. Harold Rex arrived in Las Vegas yesterday afternoon from Pasadena, to make arrangements for the return of the body of her husband to that city.

Rex died in the Boulder City hospital Sunday night after a five day illness with pneumonia.

Immediately upon receipt of the wire at 11:30 Sunday night, telling of his death, Mrs. Rex left by automobile for this city.

Rex is survived by his wife and mother, Mrs. E. R. Lorden, Belmar Heights, N. J. Burial will take place in Pasadena.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

April 17—Maximum, 91; minimum, 56. April 18—Maximum, 90; minimum, 55.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, April 18. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 28 1/4 cents an ounce. Copper, 5 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.75-2.80 cents a pound.

COP KIDNAPING BLASTED

Court Grilling Fails To Alter Massie Yarn

Still Claims That He Doesn't Remember Shooting

COURTROOM, HONOLULU, T. H., April 18. (U.P.)—Two days of savage cross-examination did not alter Lieut. Thomas H. Massie's declaration that he held a revolver, that he heard the cringing native admit a brutal attack on Thalia Fortescue Massie, and that his mind then plunged into an eclipse so dark that he cannot account for the strangest hours of his life.

STORY UNSHAKEN

Over and over, forcing his story into the minds of the polyglot jury men, the white-faced young Kentuckian repeated his testimony. Prosecutor John Kelley's baffled efforts to shake that story only increased its force.

Massie told how his wife disappeared from a gay party one soft September night. Lieut. Massie served, he reluctantly admitted. That admission was the only scant victory Kelley won during his dogged cross-examination.

He found his blue-eyed young wife a half-crazed, broken woman who begged for death, Massie repeated again and again. He shouted that Kahahawai had answered her cries for mercy with a blow that shattered her jaw.

TERRIBLE MEMORIES

Staring ahead, the young naval officer described nights when his wife was tortured by memories and by pain of the shattered jaw.

Hours of fear, when they both imagined they heard attackers creeping through the darkness to their windows, were recalled. Massie insisted Kahahawai was abducted to force a confession that would quiet vile stories.

After a jury disagreed in trying the native and four others on the attack charge, rumors crept through Honolulu that other navy men had been the true attackers. Character of Massie and his wife were attacked, he said.

TO THE FAIR



Gretchen Johnston of Berkeley, Calif., has brains, too, as shown by her victory in a race for vice-presidency of the student body at University of California. She is blue-eyed and a blonde.

L. V. BUILDERS PLAN PROGRAM

Evidencing interest and enthusiasm at their regular meeting last night, Las Vegas building and allied craftsmen accomplished much toward completing their organization.

In the absence of acting chairman Lee Mahoney, the meeting was presided over by Ira Goldring, who filled the chair in a very capable manner.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, as well as a membership and finance committee.

All members who attended meetings up to and including the meeting of last night will be made charter members.

The next regular meeting will be held at the American Legion Arena Monday night, April 25, at 7:30.

JOHNNY AREA SAID ACTIVE

J. Rogers was in Las Vegas yesterday and reported that there was a good deal of activity at the present time in the Johnny mining district, located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

R. M. Woods, old time mining man and prospector in this area, is sinking a 200-foot shaft on the Labbe property in search of high assaying gold ore. He is also carrying on considerable construction and development work in this same territory.

The Johnny mining district is the most southern active mining area in Nevada. In the opinion of Rogers, there is an excellent chance for a bonanza.

Other stories tell of loose nuggets being picked up in dry arroyos. Placer miners have thronged to the region, scattering over the lowlands stretching from Nogales, Sonora, just across the border from here, to the Gulf of California.

Desert Rats Start Rush to Gold Strike in Mexican Nugget Field

NOGALES, Ariz., April 18. (U.P.)—This border town looked like a frontier settlement tonight as hordes of prospectors, adventurers and expatriates prepared to set out for the Altar valley of Sonora, scene of a rumored gold strike of unprecedented richness.

According to stories sifting back here, duly discounted as probably exaggerated, placer-mined gold is being turned up in the valley at the rate of \$10,000 a week.

BONUS CASE IS SUBMITTED TO HOUSE GROUP

Opponents, Including 2 Ex-Service Men to Start Attack Today

LEGION IS SPLIT

Unbalanced Budget Is Better Than Revolt, Declares Leader

WASHINGTON, April 18. (U.P.)—Advocates of the \$2,000,000 soldier bonus rested their case today with appeals to the ways and means committee for its passage from the American Legion representatives and members of congress.

EX-SOLDIER ENEMIES

Opponents will open their drive tomorrow with two ex-soldier house members, Representatives Royal Johnson, Repn., S. Dak., and Piorello LaGuardia, Repn., N. Y., who are to be followed with the administration attack led by Secretary of Treasury Ogden L. Mills.

David W. Addy, Detroit, who said he represented 52 legion posts in Wayne county with a membership of 12,820, appealed for the bonus as an aid to unemployed veterans in Detroit. Of the 600,000 jobs in that city, 12 to 15 per cent are veterans, Addy said. The legion went on record against the bonus at its Detroit convention.

Support of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was pledged by W. D. Jackson, who said "the brotherhood is for the veterans now as in war time" and urged the bonus as a relief measure "for 750,000 ex-soldiers out of work."

ARGUMENTS

Arguments that payment of the bonus would prevent balancing of the budget were scoffed at by Rep. Martin L. Sweeney, Dem., Ohio.

"This bill will unbalance the budget, but it is better to have an unbalanced budget than a revolution," he declared, adding the measure would distribute \$117,845,000 in Ohio, where he said distressing conditions prevailed.

"I am here because of the appeals of my people. I have received hundreds of letters from unemployed veterans; they were written on children's tablets and on wrapping paper. I have received some letters from veterans opposing the bonus, but they were on embossed stationery. Men who can use embossed stationery don't need the bonus."

Two Alabama Democratic congressmen, Representative Miles C. Allgood and Lafayette L. Patterson, urged favorable action on the Patman bill.

Indications at a late hour last night were that Tom Williams, operator of the water company serving the Williams addition, would be given the contract to supply the sixty residents of the Youngs' addition with water. Fifty-three of the residents have already signed up with the Williams organization and it is expected that the other seven will sign today.

Property owners in the district have been without water for several days and many of them state that their trees, flowers and shrubs are dying from lack of moisture.

Last week, a collection was taken up among the owners to get enough money to run the pump which brings water from the community well to fill the mains. However, contributions were not large enough to continue the operation of the supply pump.

It is expected that a decision, favoring Williams, will be handed down by the Public Service commission sometime today.

VEGAN SUES FOR HIS INSURANCE

CARSON CITY, Nev., April 18. (U.P.)—Blythe J. Burnham, Las Vegas World war veteran, has filed suit against the government for an insurance premium of \$57.50 per month from 1919 to date.

Burnham's suit contends that premium is due under total disability provisions of war risk insurance he carried when pulmonary disorders disabled him.

LINDY DENIES NEW CONTACT WITH N. J. GANG

Flier Again Asks For Cooperation From Press Associations

FLAYS PUBLICITY

Big Liner Is Searched For Baby 'Disguised As Girl' In Vain

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 18. (U.P.)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh made a despairing appeal to the press tonight to be permitted to negotiate without interference for the return of his kidnapped baby.

Despite a definite statement of his agent, Dr. John F. Condon, that contact was still being maintained with the kidnapers, Col. Lindbergh declared that no definite contact has been made since the fruitless surrender, two weeks ago, of \$50,000 in cash.

DIFFICULTY FOUND

Col. Lindbergh pointed out the difficulty of continuing his operations in the midst of a flurry of speculation and false reports of demands for additional ransom "which have never been made and of amounts which we are unable to pay," and said that his attempts to get in touch with the kidnapers were "still greatly hampered" by such reports.

"Up to the present time," he concluded, "we have been unable to re-establish a definite contact."

"Publication of demands for additional ransom which has never been made and of amounts which we are unable to pay can cause nothing but greater difficulty. We are extremely anxious to re-establish contact with the kidnapers and while we sincerely appreciate the cooperation we have received from many press organizations our attempts are still greatly hampered and made impossible by press activity."

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LINER SEARCHED

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 18. (U.P.)—The work of a crank, the "tip" that the kidnaped son of Charles A. Lindbergh was aboard, "disguised as a girl," enlivened an otherwise eventless 24 hours in the search for the child, the 48th day since he was stolen from his crib.

The search was made as the result of a telegram received at the state police headquarters here. Although the message bore every evidence of the work of a crank, the officials decided to investigate. No baby resembling the Lindbergh child was found.

CHAMBER TO TALK OVER PUBLICITY

Publicity for Las Vegas and Hoover Dam, with the view toward increasing tourist trade, will be the main topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce at noon today.

The matter came in for a short discussion last week and action was referred to this meeting as a special order of business. It is believed by those interested, that something can develop out of the discussion today, so plans now under formation can proceed for the benefit of the entire community.

NEVADA DIVORCE RATE INCREASES

The increase in the divorce rate of the state of Nevada for the year 1931, as compared with 1930, was just 101 7-10 per cent.

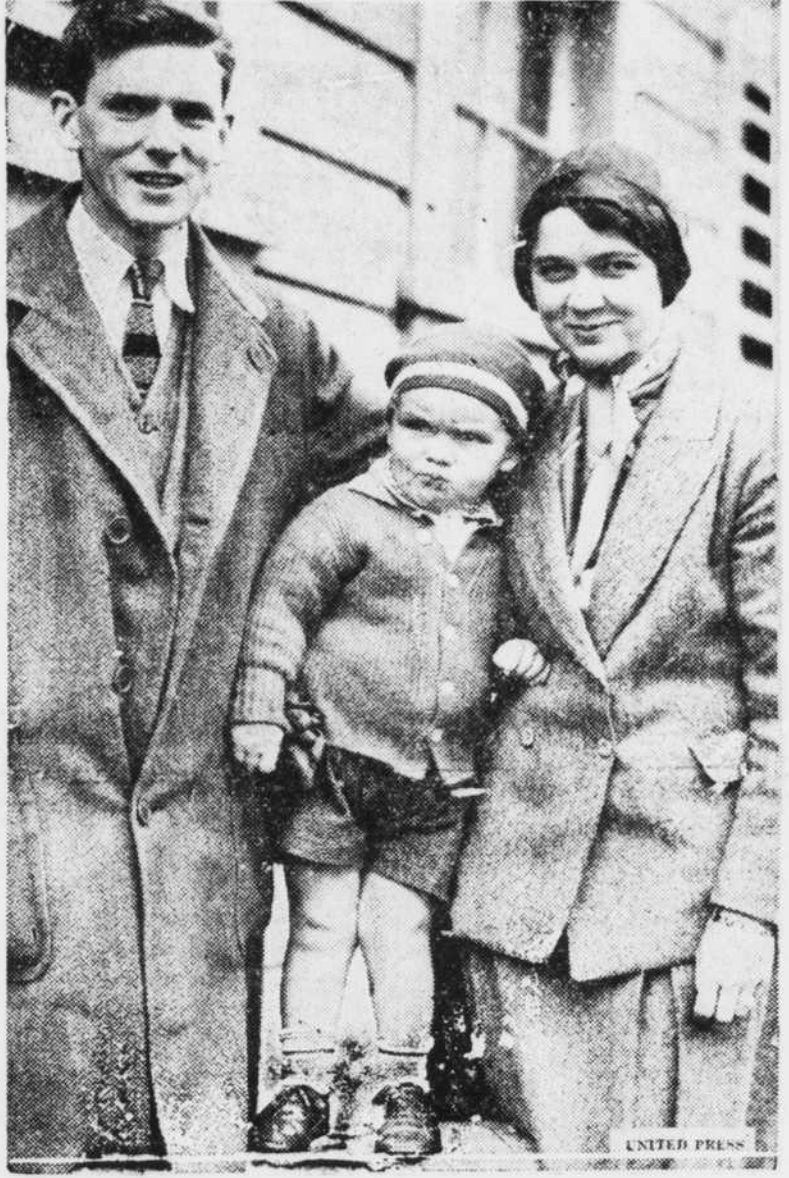
The tremendous increase, can, of course, be attributed to the new six weeks residence law, adopted at the last session of the state legislature.

FEDERAL JOBS OPEN

The United States civil service commission has announced open competitive examinations for: Field assistants, securities examiner, farm manager and prison shop managers and junior veterinarian.

Gang Plans To Abduct L. A. Sheriff In Effort To Get Release Of County Felons

GANDHI BACKERS FLEE INDIA



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. Halstead and their little son, as they reached San Francisco from Lucknow, India, aboard the Chichibu Maru after being officially requested to leave India because of their defense of the Gandhi movement. They were educators in Christian college, Lucknow, but originally lived in New York. They claimed their protests against British rule in India were inspired by a desire for free speech.

Nevada Mail Order Divorce Decree Latest Innovation for Las Vegas

Mail order divorces are the latest innovation of local attorneys for the relief of domestic difficulties. Nearly a year ago E. David Button came here from New York and established residence.

After residing in Las Vegas for the required length of time, Button filed suit for divorce from his wife, Mary Foster Button. Mrs. Button was apparently not in favor of any divorce in the Button family at that time, and immediately began contest, petitioning the court and being granted substantial allowances for living, traveling, attorneys and other necessities. Financial reverses soon overtook Button, so that he found it impossible to comply with the requirements of the court orders and had his suit dismissed. He remained in Las Vegas, however, because of a permanent resident instead of the temporary resident he had expected to be.

Months later, apparently Mrs. Button decided that a husband in Nevada wasn't very satisfactory, and that there might be something in a divorce after all. She wrote to C. D. Breeze, local attorney, and found that she could file suit for divorce against her husband on the strength of his residence here. Accordingly, suit was filed, and Saturday a decree of divorce was granted Mrs. Button without her ever making a trip to Nevada. Testimony in support of the contentions of her complaint was furnished by means of depositions taken in the east. Ironically enough, Mr. Button was called as a witness in behalf of his wife's suit, testifying to his residence here.

DEMPSEY HERE

Edgar F. Dempsey of Los Angeles, representing the Western Coaching bureau, is in Las Vegas this week, at 507 South Fifth street. He expects to remain here this week, and to return again to this city next week.

VISIT DEATH VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Tracht, Miss Hortense Martin, Miss Melba Uppdyk and her mother, motored to Death Valley Sunday. En route home they visited Rhyolite and Beatty.

Girl in Quest of Father Finds Woman Who Nicked Family Wealth

NEW YORK, April 18. (U.P.)—Angelina Vipagliano of Los Angeles, who for four years has been hunting for her father, who disappeared 15 years ago, accomplished part of her quest today when she caused the arrest of a woman accused of stealing \$160,000 of the Vipagliano family fortune.

Miss Vipagliano is only 18 years old. Her father acquired a considerable fortune, years ago, through selling homestead sites to motion picture concerns. But he disappeared in 1917, leaving his family well provided for.

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.

Ex-Capone Man Said To Be Brains Of Daring Plot

LOS ANGELES, April 18. (AP)—Los Angeles police authorities were alarmed tonight when a plot to kidnap three important law enforcement officers, made by eastern gangsters, was exposed.

Buron Fitts, district attorney, claimed that his office had uncovered the plan which was extensive in its various ramifications.

The kidnaping plot was arranged, Fitts said, to effect the release of convicts in the Los Angeles county jail.

FORGED ORDER

One of the men to be seized, was to be given a forged court release order and forced to go to the county jail and free Ralph Sheldon and Louis Frank, kidnapers, and Louis Radovich, bank robber.

The purported plot was exposed through an underworld tip to Jailor Peoples and the informer named Ralph Sheldon, former side of Al Capone, as instigator of the coup.

A number of gangsters and strong arm artists had been imported by the Los Angeles racketeers, from Chicago, to pull the sensational coup, Fitts alleges.

HOMES GUARDED

Armed guards have been thrown around the homes and offices of the intended victims and orders have been issued to every patrolman and detective on the force, to be on the alert for suspicious characters, and in case of doubt to shoot first and ask questions afterwards.

NEW MACHINE ON SEWER JOB

The work of construction of the main sewer contract will be expedited by the placing in operation of a second ditching machine, according to Webster L. Banham, sewer engineer.

The machine will be installed and operated by the Fuller Construction company, the contractors on the project. It is the intention to have the machine working this week, the engineer states.

QUIZ WITNESS IN ATTACK CASE

Before a crowd of approximately 25 people, Pat McCammy, witness for the prosecution in the preliminary hearing of Curley Hayes, alleged assaulter of a young San Francisco woman, gave defense counsel Louis Cohen, the stiffest tilt he has yet had in cross-examining a state witness.

After nearly an hour of questioning on the part of the lawyer and skillful parrying on the part of the witness, Cohen had failed to gain his point.

At the request of the defense, the continuation of the preliminary hearing was postponed until next Monday, when the testimony heard Friday and Monday will be read back.

It is hoped by the prosecution that during the ensuing week law officers will be able to apprehend Bill Smith, a witness who District Attorney Harmon contends, will be able to clinch the state's case against Hayes when he takes the stand.

After the concluding of the reading of the testimony to the witness, a decision will be made by the magistrate as to whether Hayes will be freed or held to answer for his alleged crime in district court. The preliminary hearing of Schultz will follow immediately.

ORR FINES BOYS FROM OVERTON

Judge William E. Orr assessed fines totaling \$250 against the boys and their parents, who caused the destruction by fire, of the J. I. Earl beehives, located in Overton.

One hundred dollars of the fine is to be paid by the boys themselves, during the forthcoming year. The boys were also placed on probation and their parents were warned that if another complaint was filed against them, the resultant penalty would be much heavier.