

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By W. H. B.

LINDY CONTACTORS ACT PROFESSIONAL.
Those conducting "negotiations" for the return of Baby Lindbergh last night advanced the excuse that they were waiting for good weather before they put to sea to contact the kidnaping gang.

A speedy yacht was tugging at its moorings in the Norfolk harbor and a group of men described as "eager" were anxious to get under way to return the curly-haired child.

Every day the wires bring as the latest developments in the Lindbergh case the patent story of how a contact will soon be made. If these people are publicity seekers, they should be squelched immediately. If they are sincere, then there is still a chance that the baby will yet be returned to its parents.

NEW WAY TO DODGE JURY.
Although evading jury duty is severely frowned upon, many and humorous are the excuses offered by those attempting to squirm out of the work. At Needles, Tom Sing Ching, prominent Oriental restaurateur sent the following note:

"Court House:
Dear Sir:
I receive your letter yesterday but am very busy; can't come to tend jury.
Yours truly,
"Tom Sing Ching."

PULITZER AWARDS AMAZE MANY.
Pulitzer prizes, those marks of literary distinction provided for by Joseph Pulitzer, late publisher of the late New York World, were awarded yesterday.

"The Good Earth" ranked as the best novel published during the year by an American. It was written by a woman, Pearl S. Buck.

Many of the conservative literati were amazed when the play, "Of Thee I Sing," was recognized as a "best." When we find that the opus is not only the first musical show to be recognized since the prizes have been awarded, but is also a broad satire, we wonder what the judges had in mind.

OFFICERS GET QUIZ ON WORK

Members of the general school for reserve officers of southern Nevada met last night in Legion hall, where they were subjected to an examination on their latest course in "Mobilization."

Captain Whitesides, Quartermaster reserve officer from Los Angeles, now building 30 additional residences for the Reclamation bureau at Boulder City, attended the meeting, along with a large group of officers from Boulder City and Las Vegas.

The next meeting of the school will be held in Boulder City on the night of May 16. This will be the last class instruction session to be held until next fall.

JANNEY FLAYS BONUS PLANS

WASHINGTON, May 2. (U.P.)—Opponents of the \$2,000,000,000 soldiers bonus bill concluded their testimony before the house ways and means committee today with a plea for the stabilization of silver.

John Janney, New York, representing the American Society of Practical Economists, told the house committee the issuance of \$2,000,000,000 in currency, as proposed by the Patman soldiers bonus bill, would endanger the nation's gold standard.

UTAH MURDER TRIAL OPENS

MANTI, Utah, May 2. (U.P.)—Preliminary hearing for Herndon R. Draper, and Mrs. Ivald Jensen opened today before Justice of the Peace J. E. Witbeck.

Draper and Mrs. Jensen, divorcee, were charged with first degree murder in connection with the slaying April 14, of A. B. Berregaard, Mrs. Jensen's father.

LAS VEGAS GETS \$3,378 IN FINES

Approximately sixty persons ensnared by local policemen paid fines totaling \$3,378 into the city treasury during the month of April. A large part of the revenue was derived from persons paying fines for the possession of intoxicating liquors.

Fines levied on traffic violators totaled in the vicinity of \$350, with the remainder coming from vagrants, drunks, suspects convicted of petty larceny and disorderly conduct complaints.

STICKS TO STORY

LOS ANGELES, May 2. (U.P.)—Somewhat nervous under the intense cross-questioning of a defense attorney today, 17-year-old Lois Wade nevertheless clung to her story that her lover beat her and threw her into a well when she asked him to marry her to protect her honor.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

May 2—Maximum, 91; minimum, 49.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, May 2. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 27½ cents an ounce. Copper, 5½ cents a pound. Zinc, 2.55 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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AVIATOR HELD FOR MURDER

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Winsome Carolyn Cummings, "Miss Santa Paula," who leaves soon for Kearney, N. J., to christen the new Grace liner Santa Paula at the launching June 11. Miss Cummings was unanimously chosen representative of her southern California city to attend the ceremony for the \$5,000,000 namesake. It is one of four new intercoastal vessels.

SCARFACE AL LOSES; MUST SERVE HIS TIME

U. S. Jurists Uphold Capone Conviction Of Lower Court

CAPONE VS. U. S.

To Leave For Prison This Week; Will Be Cut Off From Mob

WASHINGTON, May 2. (U.P.)—Al Capone lost his last chance to escape from an 11-year term in Leavenworth penitentiary today when nine members of the U. S. supreme court justices upheld his Chicago conviction of income tax evasion after less than a week of study.

Shortly after the decision was announced, the justice department said the gang lord would be taken from his cell in Chicago to the Kansas prison on Wednesday or Thursday.

LAST MINUTE PLEA

The drama that has surrounded Capone for the last five years trailed him into the highest court of America. Ten days ago his attorneys hastily filed a last-minute plea for review of his conviction, under the 30-day period allowed for such action by the court.

The gangster's counsel had waited until the last few hours before the time was to elapse. Government attorneys, however, anticipated such a move and filed reply papers immediately.

The court then began considering the case. The first possible time when the decision could come was today. It came. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes did not even read aloud the order which placed the most colorful figure in modern crime behind prison walls.

He announced that the orders "too numerous for reading" would be found at the clerk's office. At the end of the long list was this entry: "891—Capone vs. the United States."

"The petitions for writs of certiorari in these cases severally denied."

Only a few persons had anticipated the quick decision. Newspaper men rushed for telephones. A few moments later telegraph instruments throughout the nation clicked away the news that "Scarface Al" Capone had lost his dramatic fight.

The underworlds of the larger cities buzzed with the words in their own language—"Al" finally is making the rap.

Nothing remains now except legal technicalities before Capone goes to Kansas. A mandate will be prepared immediately announcing the court's decision and will be forwarded to the federal district court which sentenced him. Capone then will automatically be transferred to Leavenworth.

NO SPECIAL GUARDS.
There he will take his place among criminals from all parts of the middle west, including narcotic violators, white slavers, and other violators of federal laws. He will be effectively removed from easy communication with his former associates.

Authorities here tonight were not anticipating any trouble in connection with Capone's removal. No special guards will be employed unless last-minute events make this necessary, in which case the customary escort given all prisoners will be augmented.

ASK MODIFICATION.
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PORTER FATE KNOWN TODAY

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 2. (U.P.)—Political fates of three candidates for Democratic nomination to the presidency will be in the balance tomorrow when California's nominating election is held.

Republicans centered their efforts at polling as large a vote as possible when the decision could come today. It came. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes did not even read aloud the order which placed the most colorful figure in modern crime behind prison walls.

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Here's Latest Type Of Fish Story; School Of Barracudas Attack Ship

LOS ANGELES, May 2. (U.P.)—Fierce as sharks and even more voracious, a school of huge barracudas literally attacked fishing boats on the ocean south of here today, injuring two men and causing widespread trouble, according to radio reports received by the Mackay wireless station tonight.

The motorship Belle Isle, which radioed the reports, encountered the school while en route here from the Galapagos islands. Some of the immense fish, six feet long, sailed onto the deck, one of them striking George Gabelich, a glancing blow on the side of the head. Seamen said he might have been killed if the fish had struck him squarely.

Convalescing



Carole Lombard, above, Hollywood film star and wife of William Powell, prominent screen actor, is recovering from a nervous collapse suffered two weeks ago. Miss Lombard's condition, at one time, was critical.

POPPY DAY SET BY L. V. MAYOR

Mayor E. W. Cragin will issue a proclamation this morning setting aside Saturday, May 14, as Poppy day in Las Vegas.

The proclamation urges all citizens of the city to observe the day by wearing an American Legion and Auxiliary poppy as an individual tribute to the American men and women who gave their lives in the World War.

Mayor Cragin stresses the fact that all citizens should contribute as liberally as their means allow them to the fund for the support of disabled veterans who fought for their country.

The proclamation follows: "In remembrance of the fine young men of Las Vegas who went forth from our city in the years of 1917 and 1918 to defend the honor and ideals of our great nation on the battlefields of France, and who died in the heroic performance of the duty the nation assigned to them, I deem it fitting that the citizens of Las Vegas pay honor to their memory by wearing the flower among whose bright red blossoms many of them died."

"I urge that this day be observed by all patriotic citizens of our city by the purchase and wearing of the symbolic poppy, made by disabled veterans and offered for sale on the streets of this city by the women of the American Legion auxiliary. I urge these citizens to give as liberally as they are able and thus help lighten the burden for those who are still paying the price for our immortal victory."
"E. W. CRAGIN,
Mayor of Las Vegas."

THUG ABDUCTS THREE YOUTHS

EL RENO, Okla., May 2. (U.P.)—Posses of peace officers and volunteers searched the countryside in vain tonight for a bank bandit who kidnaped three El Reno youths late today after robbing the Union bank of Union City, Okla.

The bandit was last seen at Banner, small town near here, in an automobile with the three boys. No trace had been found of him or the automobile and his \$1,000 in loot when posses closed in on him in the brush not far from Yukon. He escaped, however, and made his way here.

NEW CLUES IN SANTINI CASE

The theory that Joseph Santini met his death at the hands of persons reputed to be his intimate friends is based solely on circumstantial evidence, according to Sheriff Joe Keate, who has been working constantly on the murder case.

There are still many vague and indefinite clues as to the killer to be run down, but the search is narrowing in scope and it is now known pretty definitely just who to look for.

WARN OFFICIAL TO SILENCE HIS BUSY WIFE

Senate Demands That Society Matron Be Gagged At Once

ORATORY FAILS

Club Enjoined From Discussing Attack Case of Joe Young

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HONOLULU, T. H., May 2. (U.P.)—Civil officials of Hawaii have warned Harry A. Kleugel he must silence his socially prominent wife if he expects to keep his \$600-a-month territorial job, the United Press learned tonight.

CIRCULATES PETITIONS.
The wife, Mrs. Anne Kleugel, president of the Honolulu citizens organization for good government, had been circulating petitions demanding pardons for four Americans convicted of the manslaughter of Joseph Kahahawai. She frequently had denounced island conditions.

Kleugel former city manager of Sacramento, Calif., is employed as executive officer of the territorial guard in charge of the leper settlement and hospitals.

The warning was issued Saturday in the executive office of Governor Lawrence Judd, on demand of members of the territorial senate.

Senators admitted today they and members of the leper colony board met with the governor.

WRONG IMPRESSION.
Their attitude was that Mrs. Kleugel, by interviews, writings and club activities relating to conditions here, created a wrong impression of Hawaii on the mainland.

Kleugel, they declared, should prevent any member of his family from doing things harmful to the territory that employs him.

A letter addressed to Senator Hiram Bingham in Washington, and said to have been secretly taken from Mrs. Kleugel's files, aroused official anger.

It said: "Flying the American flag over the territory is a travesty because of greed—greed of men who are descendants of American missionaries."

"The whole American press" it continued, "condemns the actions of Hawaii, and rightly so."

Again it said: "The first extra session of the territorial legislature betrayed the best interests of the people by passing laws that were only palliatives."
ACTIVE PART.
Many prominent island women are members of the good government club Mrs. Kleugel heads.

The club took an active part in promoting passage of bills to reform the police department and to create the post of special prosecutor.

Mrs. Kleugel recently issued an indirect challenge to Presiding Circuit Judge Albert M. Cristy. The bidding the club to discuss the case of Joseph "Blackie" Young, who went on trial today. Judge Cristy indicated he might find club members in contempt, however.

"We will fight to the territorial prison, or wherever they want to send us," Mrs. Kleugel commented at the meeting.

ENGAGED?



Reports say "Yes." Greta Garbo remains her silent self, but official spokesmen for the famous and secretive Swedish film star say, "No." The London Daily Mail said Miss Garbo soon was to marry Wilhelm Sorenson, son of a Stockholm financier and a close friend of Prince Sigvard of Sweden.

GROCERY BOY AND TAXI DANCER IN LOVE; THEY ROBBED TO KEEP FROM STARVING TO DEATH IN NEW YORK

By SIDNEY B. WHIPPLE (United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, May 2. (U.P.)—Ward Summerfield, grocery clerk, and his little taxi-dancer wife, Elvira, came to the end of Broadway today—their dark end that is lighted only with the green lamps of the judge's bench in West Side court—and were arraigned on seven charges of bankruptcy.

VERY FRIGHTENED.
They looked very little like bandits as they moved forward, their arms entwined and their faces drawn and tense, in answer to the clerk's charge. They looked exactly what they were—a pasty-faced grocery boy of 23 and an 18-year-old dance-hall girl whose flippers had dissolved in frightened tears.

Elvira wore a shabby blue dress, whose myriads of shining glass buttons shrieked of professionalism. Her brown hair, smoothed back tightly over her ears, was the dancer's idea of rakishness. Her alligator-skin pumps betrayed rough usage at ten cents per dance.

Ward, partner in her shabby make-up, matched her in the raiment of a drug-store sheik. Back home in Wisconsin, on any of these spring nights when the boys gather around the corner soda fountain, he would have been a riot—the life of the party and the envy of all the girls. He wore a one-button coat with an exaggerated cut. His hair, curling romantically around his neck, was parted and patted down with what some New Yorkers call "erl" when they mean "oil." His face was white and drawn.

Herded in between pickpockets, drunks, "dope" peddlers, vagrants and perhaps a few burglars, they shrank from all contact with their fellow prisoners. Court attendants, callous to the customary drone of offenses against the peace and dignity of the state, looked up with interest as they approached the dock.

YOUNGSTERS WEEP.
Assistant District Attorney Harold Frankel read the charges in an impersonal tone—seven holdups of frightened shop-keepers. They paid no attention to the reading. Instead, they looked into each other's eyes and wept.

A woman in the back of court created a commotion as she struggled through ball bondsmen, pettifoggers, lawyers, and the political riff-raff.

"Whatever you say, he's my boy judge. All I got is God and him. I have faith in God and him."

Then she stopped, a little embarrassed because everyone was looking at her, and even the drunks stopped their mumbling to peer

est, toughest mining camp in the west, Clum was one of the most noted of pioneer figures. He ruled the wide open camp as only a fearless man could attempt to rule it in those days. He was mixed up in feuds, especially when he deputized the famous Earp brothers, sharpshooters, as peace officers to help him maintain law and order.

LANCASTER IS JAILED FOR WRITER'S DEATH

Prisoner Is Aide Of Famed Australian, Mrs. Keith-Miller

LETTERS FORGED

Rival Of Dead Youth Insists He Took His Own Life

MIAMI, Fla., May 2. (U.P.)—Captain W. N. Lancaster, noted aviator, was charged late today with the murder of Haden Clarke, young writer who was found fatally shot 11 days ago at the home of Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian aviatrix.

FORGERY CLUE.
State's Attorney N. Vernon Hawthorne charged Lancaster with the murder when a hand-writing expert said suicide notes purported to have been left by Clarke, were forgeries.

Hawthorne said Lancaster admitted writing the notes, but denied killing Clarke.

The state's attorney said he took two notes found in Clarke's room addressed to Lancaster and Mrs. Keith-Miller, to J. V. Herring, recognized expert on forgeries and "fraudulent documents."

"Herring reported that they were both 'palpable forgeries,'" the state's attorney said. "I have taken every precaution to make certain of my charges before filing them against Lancaster."

FIVE THEORIES.
"At first," said Hawthorne, in announcing the charges, "all the evidence we had was circumstantial. There were five theories to work on:

- "1. Was it suicide?"
- "2. Was Clarke killed by Lancaster?"
- "3. Was he killed by Mrs. Keith-Miller?"
- "4. Was he killed by another person?"

"We considered all the theories, sifted the evidence and worked very carefully. I found that J. V. Herring, an internationally known expert on fraudulent documents and forgeries, was at his winter home here. He is recognized for his accurate and impartial reports on these matters and I asked him to examine the notes. He then reported they were palpable forgeries."

The state's attorney announced that Herring "based his decision of this afternoon—that the notes were forgeries—on the typewriting, individual in manner, such as spacing, placing of punctuation, the painstaking way in which the type was touched on the paper."

PET NICKNAME.
"When Lancaster mentioned the word 'Chubby'—Mrs. Keith-Miller's nickname—it appeared very light on the paper, but other parts of the note were heavy. Also the arrangement of the note was too much in the middle of the paper."

Lancaster was placed in the county jail this afternoon while the state's attorney's office rushed work on a warrant. "This warrant is 'mere formality,'" said Hawthorne, "and we will serve it as quickly as possible."

Mrs. Keith-Miller was released after she was questioned following the shooting, and officials said tonight she was not suspected of complicity.

SEVERE FLOODS

LONDON, Thursday, May 3. (U.P.)—Many parts of England, Scotland and Wales were experiencing severe floods today as a result of tropical storms which began Saturday and continued Sunday and Monday. Four schoolboys were drowned when a bridge over a flooded river collapsed.

FOR AL SMITH

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 2. (U.P.)—Rhode Island's ten votes at the Democratic national convention will be cast for Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic state convention decided today. The decision was unanimous.

On its first run, the truck gathered freight in town, proceeded to the railroad tracks, moved on to them and carried the load to Spokane, 30 miles away. At Spokane, the rubber tired wheels were dropped and the freight delivered.