

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

THE SAILOR

A great character yesterday sailed across the unknown into eternity when Captain Robert Dollar went on his last voyage.

Wherever ships sail the seven seas the passing of Robert Dollar will bring a pang of regret. He has lived a life of intense activity and his ships were in every great port of the world.

Captain Dollar had a knowledge of the conditions of trade and commerce in China possessed by but few. His testimony before the subcommittee on silver, of which Senator Pittman was chairman, was a wonderfully concise and clear statement of the troubles which the slump in silver prices brought upon the countries of the Orient.

So it was a noble tribute to a great and noble character when the great ship of the air Akron yesterday cut loose from her mooring mast and cruised over the San Rafael home of Captain Dollar dropping a tribute of flowers in his memory.

PURELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL

A sign over the front of a Fremont street store says "Malt, Hops, Kegs, Crocks, Corks, Caps." Which is significant, but purely circumstantial evidence of something or other if you can only figure out what it is.

By the way, how is your memory and how does your tongue synchronize? Say it over as fast as you can, "Malt hops kegs crocks corks caps."

UNTIMELY DEATH

The death of William A. Clark III in an airplane crash day before yesterday was most regrettable. Unlike many of those born to great wealth, young Clark was full of action and enterprise.

We note familiar names in the program of Las Vegas' first Christmas celebration. Mrs. Robert Dillon (now quite ill, we are sorry to say) played a piano solo.

Others mentioned as taking part are Julia Westlake (now Mrs. Jack Albers); Olive Lake (now Mrs. Earl Eglington); Wanda Ball (now Mrs. Al Moser); Geneva Laraway (now Mrs. Lloyd Payne); Nellie McWilliams and Theresa Matteucci (both deceased); Leon Ronnow, Victor Matteucci, Henry Matteucci and John Kramer.

Time surely has moved since those boys and girls celebrated their first Christmas in Las Vegas!

BOARD TO CUT COUNTY WAGES

Effective July 1, by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners all salaries of county employees, not set by statute, will be subject to a ten per cent cut.

The county, unable to repay the emergency loan made last year, is operating on money derived from the second installment of taxes, not due until next month.

Expenses of the coming election are estimated at \$8,000, and were overlooked in making up the original budget. This item must be taken care of, however, and it is the aim of the commissioners to partly take care of this item by the salary cut.

All schools in Las Vegas and Clark county will be asked to accept the same pay cut as other county employees, namely, ten per cent. However, the program that is eventually worked out will depend on the passage of the bill giving the state of Nevada the right to tax personal property within the Boulder dam reservation. In the event that the tax bill is approved, the situation would be considerably alleviated.

BANDITS USE NEW RUSE IN ROBBERY

STREATOR, Ill., May 19 (U.P.)—Five bandits kidnaped the assistant cashier last night, terrorized his wife and three children all night, waited for the time lock to open today and escaped with about \$50,000 from the Union National bank of Streator.

The robbers gave this time-tested method of bank robbery an extra fillip by reporting a "bad accident" six minutes before the time lock opened at 8:30 a. m. Most of Streator's police were absent investigating the false report, while the bandits looted the bank.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER May 17—Maximum, 102; minimum, 61.

METAL MARKETS NEW YORK, May 17. (U.P.)—Zinc, 2.67 cents a pound. Copper 5 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Bar silver 28.55-29.10 cents an ounce.

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TO PROSECUTE LINDY FAKER NEW BEER-RELIEF FIGHT OPENS

SENATE HEARS PROPOSAL ON BEER TAX AS AID

By THOMAS L. STOKES United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 17. (U.P.)—The fight for beer was revived in the senate tonight and served to slow up the swift progress made during the day with the \$1,000,000,000 budget-balancing revenue bill.

The youthful and handsome Senator Millard Tydings, Dem., Md., offered his beer-unemployment relief plan after the senate had approved rapidly a total of 72 amendments to the house tax bill, including new and higher income and corporation rates.

This unusual speed, inspired by indications that congress may be forced into a summer session, proved only temporary when the senate ran head-on into the prohibition controversy.

So many senators desire to talk on this subject that leaders were unable to reach an agreement to vote on the amendment tonight and arranged for a vote not later than 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Tydings made an impassioned plea before a handful of senators and a crowd in the galleries for his amendment which authorized a \$1,500,000,000 bond issue for public works and rivers and harbors improvement, the amount to be paid back over 10 years by a three cents a pint tax on beer. He estimated it would raise \$500,000,000 annually.

The senate took up the beer tax proposal after advocates of the manufacturers sales tax had refused to permit a vote on their amendment.

"I see 10,000,000 unemployed," he declared, "and I am satisfied only an idle gesture will be made before this congress adjourns. Everyone knows that community funds next year are going to be insufficient to meet the job of caring for the millions of unemployed. Are they going to remain orderly while women and children starve?"

There was a ripple of applause in the galleries when Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Repn., Iowa, said of Tydings' proposal:

"I'll vote five billion to give them bread, but not one cent for booze."

D'BARRY CASE TO OPEN ON MAY 23

When the spring session of district court convenes on the morning of May 23, only one case will be on the docket for trial; that of the State of Nevada versus Thomas DeBarry, charged with assault with intent to kill. Police allege that the defendant shot and painfully wounded Thomas Kidder last March near Comstock City.

According to District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, the court session may be postponed indefinitely, although jurors have been summoned to be present next Monday. Final decision will be given sometime tomorrow.

Herbert "Curley" Hayes, George Corbin and Fred Brown, all of whom were sentenced on jail breaking charges, started their trip in the state prison "Black Maria" yesterday to start serving their sentences in Carson City.

Assassin Of French President Says He Was Under 'Hypnotic' Influence

PARIS, May 17. (U.P.)—Paul Gorgouff, Russian emigre, prayed in vain at Notre Dame cathedral for power to shake off a "hypnotic" influence which forced him to assassinate Paul Doumer, president of France.

"That was the explanation he gave today when he was examined by

He Knows How It Feels To Die



As nearly as anyone can, William Bigarani, San Francisco painter, has passed into the shadows of death. But he came back to tell about the awful blackness into which he was plunged by injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Thrown 45 feet by the crash, he was pronounced dead on arrival at Emergency hospital. Bigarani doesn't know how it was discovered he still lived. They found out two days later when he regained consciousness. The last he remembers was sensing the inevitable crash of automobiles and then a drifting blank sensation. Bigarani is glad he's alive.

DRY LAW TOPIC & KILLED IN TEXAS CRASH AT C. C. MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17. (U.P.)—Prohibition, taxation, unemployment and government interference with private business were discussed by business leaders of America tonight as they sought ways to end an unparalleled depression.

As the twentieth annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States got under way, 2,000 captains of industry decided to make a study of national prohibition in the light of its economic aspects.

If they find modification would bring taxes to help balance the national budget, and would bring new life to outworn industries, congress will be asked by them to change the present legal set-up, they decided.

Silas H. Strawn, Chicago, president of the chamber, demanded that the government stop \$500,000,000 off its expenditures, that it cease competing with private business through departments and bureaus, and that anti-trust laws be changed to permit voluntary stabilization of industries.

His suggested reforms, he declared, promise no sudden miracle of returned prosperity, but point the way to a slow recovery of ailing enterprises.

SENIOR BALL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Al Johnson and his Green Jackets will provide the music for the senior ball to be held Friday night at the high school gym. It was announced yesterday. The Green Jackets are featured at Lorenzi resort, and the public is guaranteed excellent music at the dance.

The senior ball is the last dance of the semester, and comes as a climax to the social functions of the school year.

Magistrate Fougery in preparation for his trial in assize court, the Seine, next month.

"I also am sorry I made a mistake," Gorgouff said. "I believed M. Doumer was the active head of the French government. I'll be sorry until the end of my days."

FLIER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO DEATH CHARGE

MIAMI, Fla., May 17. (U.P.)—Captain William N. Lancaster, British flier, today pleaded not guilty to a first degree murder indictment in the death of Haden Clarke, young Miami writer.

Circuit Judge H. F. Atkinson, presiding at the arraignment, granted a motion of defense counsel to continue trial of the case until July 5 to give time for character witnesses to be brought from England and Australia.

The court also granted permission to James M. Carson and H. A. Lathero, Lancaster's attorneys, to inspect all personal effects of the defendant which had been impounded by the state after the captain's arrest several weeks ago.

Clarke was found shot to death in a bed he occupied with Lancaster in the bungalow of Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, noted Australian flier, who was to have married Clarke this month. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith-Miller made a flight from London to Australia five years ago and since that time have been together, Lancaster acting as her business manager on various flights. Clarke was assisting Mrs. Keith-Miller in writing a book of her flying experiences.

Lancaster did not enter his plea himself. He sat quietly as his attorneys participated in the proceedings. His personal effects, which defense counsel ask to inspect, are understood to include his diary over a period of two years in which he allegedly described his love for Mrs. Keith-Miller, letters to and from the woman flier, and the gun with which Clarke was allegedly killed.

Lancaster was arrested after he reportedly confessed to State's Attorney Vernon Hawthorne that he had typewritten and signed in Clarke's initial notes indicating the journalist had committed suicide in despair over his financial condition.

C. C. TO HELP DEMO PARLEY

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce yesterday gave a pledge of encouragement and assistance to the committees in charge of the entertainment of the Democratic state convention which meets in Las Vegas this week-end, and to the state convention of the American Legion, to be held here June 9, 10 and 11.

The view was adopted that these are community enterprises and that it is the duty of the chamber and other organizations to give all possible assistance in entertaining the delegations.

Pretty Piute Indian School Girl At Beatty Retains Talent Of Tribe

Juanita Strozi, beautiful 17-year-old Piute Indian girl, shows great promise of restoring to her tribe some of the laurels once held by the art of Indian handicraft.

This girl, a pupil in the eighth grade of the Beatty public school, possesses a marvelous talent for painting, according to school visitors. Though she has never had a lesson in her life, she has painted hundreds of portraits, landscape drawings and scenic views for her own amusement and diversion.

George Musgrave Roats, her teacher, has encouraged her to continue her studies and hopes to take her to Haskell Indian institute at Lawrence, Kansas, next year. Her artistic ability is considered unusual and it is the aim of her teacher to afford this girl an opportunity to use her talent commercially.

Possessed of a keen mentality and charming personality, Juanita's chief aim in life is to be enabled to better the living conditions of her family and to further their happiness.

Adapted in the designing and weaving of Indian baskets, this girl is also accomplished in the art of clay modeling. She has sold numerous bits of pottery and more than fifty baskets, to collectors.

She recently gave an exhibition of "chalk-talking" in the Beatty high school auditorium before an audience of Nye and Clark county people. This accomplishment was taught to the young girl by Mrs. Roats.

If arrangements can be concluded to send her to Haskell, interested patrons of the arts will endeavor to secure for her a scholarship to an eastern art school, so that the Piute tribe, as well as the state of Nevada, may benefit from her unusual talents.

Juanita is described as being one of the most beautiful Indian girls in the state. She is tall, willowy of frame, has luminous black eyes, black hair and a golden-bronze complexion.

"I want to be a help to my people," is the way this girl explains her ambition.

LEAVES HOOT



Sally Eilers, who is reported separated from Hoot Gibson, film cowboy here in Hollywood after a divorce here, Miss Eilers at the same time was given hospital treatment for injuries incurred in an automobile accident.

AKRON VISITS COAST CITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17. (U.P.)—The dirigible Akron, greatest lighter than air craft ever built, was gliding down through central California tonight.

At 6:55 p. m. she cast off from her mooring to the U. S. S. Patoka and departed for the San Joaquin valley.

Her schedule called for her to be over Bakersfield at 8 a. m. and then return north to her land-mooring at Sunnyvale.

The daylight flight was ordered by Admiral Frank Schofield, commander of the United States fleet, to permit residents of valley cities between Bakersfield and San Francisco to see the great silver craft.

Later in the month she was to tour the Sacramento valley and then visit the Northwest.

She had moored to the Patoka at 7:09 p. m. The actual mooring took only five minutes, after two previous attempts had failed. Thousands of San Franciscans lined the Embarcadero to watch the maneuver.

Previously the dirigible made a flight over the San Rafael home of the late Captain Robert Dollar.

VEGAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Joe Pizenger of Las Vegas was painfully though not seriously injured Monday when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into the Dodge automobile of Mrs. Harry Lilly, at Fifth and Fremont streets, early yesterday afternoon.

The injured man was taken to the Las Vegas hospital where he was treated by Dr. Ferguson for cuts on the head and left leg, body abrasions and painful bruises. He was later allowed to go home.

Earlier in the morning O. Nasu, Union Pacific railroad employe, collided with a Ford truck driven by W. B. Pierce of Boulder City. Nasu was driving a Ford sedan and damage to the extent of \$40 resulted from the accident.

Unheralded By Advance Publicity, Flier Reaches Coast For Japan Hop

SEATTLE, May 17. (U.P.)—Unheralded by advance publicity and non-chalant about impending dangers, Nat C. Browne, New York commercial flier, prepared his large crimson Fokker monoplane here tonight for a non-stop flight to Tokio.

He had not set a date for his take-off, but it will be before June 1, when a \$25,000 prize that has increased through interest to \$29,000 will be withdrawn.

WILL GRILL CLERGYMAN AIDE OF BANKRUPT BOAT BUILDER; NEW 'SUSPECT' HELD IN CASE

TRENTON, N. J., May 17. (U.P.)—In his nine o'clock bulletin tonight Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf said he had requested the Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock to visit him at the Lindbergh home in Hopewell at his earliest convenience. No indication of the purpose of the visit was made.

Schwartzkopf said Col. Lindbergh has made no recommendation regarding police action against John Hughes Curtis, bankrupt boatbuilder of Norfolk, Va., who confessed today his dealings with the "Lindbergh kidnapers" were a gigantic hoax.

My Confession

By JOHN HUGHES CURTIS Transmitted by The United Press HOPEWELL, N. J., May 17. (U.P.)—The confession of John H. Curtis, 402 Redwood avenue, Norfolk, Va., made by my own hand and own free will, referring to the two statements made previously by me in regard to the Lindbergh case—at the present time I am saying what I honestly believe, that for the last seven or eight months I have not been myself due to financial trouble.

I was apparently brought back to my senses by my telephone conversation with my wife this afternoon (presumably Monday afternoon) when she told me of the trouble she was having and how the children missed me, also by my conversation with Inspector Harry W. Walsh.

I desire to state that my remarks about the newspapers are true and can be verified, this in reference to my story about Mr. Haskell and Mr. Wilcox of the New York Herald-Tribune, Mr. Lee of the News, and Mr. Turrin and Fox offering me money for my knowledge of the Lindbergh case and for pictures of the baby.

The matter was brought to my attention during a conversation and due to what I now believe was a distracted mind by brooding over it, I became insane on the subject for the time being which caused me to create the story in its entirety, which was untrue in every respect.

I never knew such people that I named to Colonel Lindbergh and they were creatures of a distorted mind with the exception of Morrie Truesdale, who had no connection with the crime.

I exceedingly regret that I caused Colonel Lindbergh and others any inconvenience and I wish it were in my power to correct my wrong.

In justice to my wife and two children I trust that it is in the power of Colonel Lindbergh to forgive the inconvenience, worry, and injustice I did him in his time of grief.

This statement has been brought about by the realization of the wrong I have done.

Submitted and signed, John Hughes Curtis. Witnesses: Lieutenant A. J. Keaton; Inspector Harry W. Walsh. 4:35 a. m., May 17, 1932.

CHENEY HELD FOR L. A. COPS

Charles Cheney, 38, is being held by the Las Vegas police for the Los Angeles authorities on a charge of forgery. Cheney allegedly drove here from the coast city, leaving a trail of worthless paper behind him, police said.

When arrested, the prisoner was living in a cabin near Fourth and Lewis streets. An officer from Los Angeles is expected to arrive here tomorrow to take him into custody.

SEARCH HALTED

WASHINGTON, May 17. (U.P.)—Captain L. C. Covell, acting commandant of the U. S. coast guard, was ordered by the treasury tonight to discontinue the special patrol in New Jersey waters for the mysterious ship reported to be harboring the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby.

NEW YORK, May 17. (U.P.)—A man who said he was afraid he would "go nuts" unless he confessed, told police today that Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., was killed when he fell from the arms of one of the kidnapers who was abducting him from the Lindbergh home on the night of March 1.

The man, Frank Parzych, who was arrested last night on a charge of abandoning his wife and two children, said he had a part in the

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