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OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

DIVORCE CONTAGIOUS

Another Hearst son is being sued for divorce, according to the news dispatches.

This time it is George Randolph Hearst. A short time ago John Hearst was divorced in this city and William Randolph Hearst, Jr., in Reno.

TOO MUCH MONEY

Gypsies created excitement in a Federal Reserve bank at Kansas City yesterday when they produced ten thousand dollars in dirty bills and asked gold in exchange.

Bank officials, astounded apparently, to find so much money running loose, insisted on holding an investigation.

The gypsies finally convinced the bank that they got the money telling fortunes over the country and finally were able to leave the bank with their gold in cigar boxes.

It certainly does create excitement to hear of that much money. Somebody is advocating that arithmetic be dropped from the school course of study because it is now unnecessary for anybody to learn to count more than thirty cents.

FLOODS COMING

Flood waters are coming down the Colorado river this season in larger volume than for several years. Yet there is not much danger that it will do any serious damage to the work at Hoover dam site.

The great diversion tunnels have been protected by great barriers of concrete built around their portals and, although the water now is filling the canyon to a height of 25 feet above the bottom of the tunnels, the danger of its breaking into the tunnels is small.

The present is really the most critical time in the whole work and if the flood of this month and next are passed safely, everything will be made safe by the time another flood rolls around.

FIVE YEARS OF LIFE

Five years ago today Col. Charles A. Lindbergh made his astounding flight across the Atlantic to Paris. Since that date he has been the recipient of every honor that could be devised for him. Fortune and international fame came to him in spite of his distaste for publicity. Friends flocked to him. His life was joined with that of Ann Morrow and a little son came to them. It seemed that nothing could mar a life so illustrious, so filled with good will and all the fine things of life.

Yet today we find this young man full of suffering and sorrow. His little son foully murdered and he himself the victim of blackmailing criminals.

The ways of providence are past understanding. The reason is, perhaps, that we should not be envious.

SEEKING FAME

Amelia Earhart Putnam, first woman passenger to cross the Atlantic in a plane, now is ready to try a solo flight on the fifth anniversary of Lindbergh's flight.

The young woman has made many notable flights. We hope she may be able to accomplish this one in safety and then settle down and not keep our nervous system all roiled up.

THE FLYING BOAT

The great DO-X, German flying boat, has started on her return flight to Germany. She reached Dildo, near St. Johns, yesterday and is now being refueled preparatory to taking off. The DO-X is a great piece of work. Nevertheless she seems too large to be handled easily. Like the Akron.

ONE RESCUED

The speaking of trans-Atlantic flights, the news dispatches tell us that Lou Reichers, who jumped into the Atlantic with his plane the other day as he was attempting a flight to Europe, is returning to New York today on the steamship President Roosevelt which happened along to fish him out of the sea.

UNIONS PLAN MASS MEETING

W. E. Robertson, president of the Central Labor Council of Las Vegas announced yesterday that a mass meeting of all organized labor would be held in this city on Saturday night, May 21, in the labor temple.

More than ten members of the Nevada Federation of Labor are expected here for the Democratic convention to be held here Friday and Saturday. The delegates will arrive here Friday night and will stop at the Overland hotel.

VISITS FRIEDMANS

Mrs. N. Fogelson of Lincoln, Neb., is in Las Vegas visiting her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Friedman of the Toggery.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

May 19—Maximum, 92; minimum, 64.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, May 19. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2 cents to 5 3/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.90 cents a pound. Bar silver, 28.20 cents an ounce.

GIRL ON LONE SEA FLIGHT

Clergyman Claims He Talked To Kidnapers; Investigators Balked

MEN NAMED BY CURTIS REAL OFFICERS STATE

By SIDNEY E. WHIPPLE

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, N. Y., May 19. (U.P.)—The New Jersey state police tonight turned insistently in the direction of the Very Rev. Dean H. Dobson-Peacock of Norfolk, seeking an explanation of doubtful or suspicious phases of the John Hughes Curtis hoax in the Lindbergh case.

CURTIS 'PRINTED'

Admitting that authorities have studied the legal status of Dean Dobson-Peacock, although no actual conference has taken place, Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf said tonight that "it is particularly desirable now to confront Mr. Curtis with Mr. Peacock."

Schwartzkopf said that no additional statements had been taken from Curtis since his incarceration on a charge of obstructing justice, in the court case at Flemington.

NO DECISION

The question of whether the request for posting of a \$25,000 fund by Col. Lindbergh as a preliminary to the fake Norfolk negotiations with the supposed kidnapers comes within the criminal code has been discussed for the past 48 hours but no decision has been reached.

Schwartzkopf said that the "Scandinavian named John" to whom Dr. John F. Condon has constantly referred as one of the negotiators, has not been identified.

Several details of the Curtis story continued to puzzle the police.

They want to know why, if Curtis were seeking publicity, he "worked on the case" for two weeks before his connection with it became a matter of public knowledge.

They have discovered, too, that instead of being purely fictional characters, some of the persons named by Curtis in his original fantastic stories actually exist, although for the present they have been eliminated from connection with the kidnaping.

PLANS TO TELL

NORFOLK, Va., May 19. (U.P.)—Dean Harold Dobson-Peacock planned tonight to tell Commonwealth Attorney John M. Arnold the story of his association with John Hughes Curtis in the Norfolk boatbuilder's "negotiations" with men he said were the kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Federal agents gathered here were making an independent investigation of Curtis' fantastic story, now confessed to be a fabrication.

Particularly they are checking the activities, since January 1, 1931, of three men under indictment here as

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Difficult To Believe, But It's True; Gypsies Ask Gold For \$10,000 In Bills

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 19. (U.P.)—Yes, there's still \$10,000 at large these days, the opinion of business men to the contrary.

A gypsy quartet proved it today to the federal reserve bank here and to two city detectives who were skeptical of the legitimate possession of a sum so contradictory to the trend of general gossip.

The gypsies, two men and their wives, almost caused an uproar even in the sedate atmosphere of the federal reserve bank when they plopped

MILLIONS ARE MADE IN BIG POOL ON RADIO

WASHINGTON, May 19. (U.P.)—Huge profits made by political, financial and social leaders of the nation in the 1929 radio pool which participants, were revealed today as the senate banking and currency committee resumed its inquiry into stock market operations.

During the week it operated, the pool participants deposited \$12,683,000 and split profits aggregating \$4,924,078, William A. Gray, special attorney of the senate committee, disclosed. A total of 1,493,000 shares of stock were traded.

A steady parade of famous names passed before the committee as the details of the pool became known. Percy Rockefeller, millionaire financier who first revealed operations of the radio group, was only a minor participant and received only \$29,171.08.

Walter P. Chrysler, the automobile manufacturer, received \$145,000 while John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, was paid \$291,710. He was one of the largest participants, which also included James Stillman, former New York banker, Joseph P. Tumulty, who was President Wilson's secretary, and others.

OFF FOR EUROPE

The committee was surprised late in the day to hear that M. J. Meehan, head of the M. J. Meehan & Co., stock brokers, involved in the pool, had sailed for Europe last night to be gone "some months."

This information was imparted by James McConnochie, a Meehan partner, who said Meehan was under physician's orders to "take a complete rest."

Gray, who had sought without success to learn why \$92,000 had been paid by the pool to a half dozen other persons who had not put up any money for its operation, exclaimed:

"This is the first word I have had that Meehan was well enough to go to Europe," adding that he understood the broker was in a New York warehouse.

WITNESS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW

Gray made public the names of these persons who were paid from pool profits without paying any cash: Eddie Dowling, said to be the well-known Broadway actor, Dr. Ash, E. I. Lambert, a McConnochie (whom the witness said was his sister), F. J. Thiel, K. Woelfe, J. P. Tumulty, A. Cotler and J. McNamee.

David Stock, assistant to Gray, later explained this phase. He said the persons who had received profits without depositing their money, would have been liable to the amounts they pledged.

FOUR NABBED BY DRY SQUAD

Continuing the series of raids they have been making, Prohibition Officers Brady and Hobart raided the Jungle Inn, a road house located seven miles out on the Boulder City highway, late last night.

They arrested A. R. Morgan, 27, formerly of Waco, Tex., and brought him to Las Vegas and placed him in the custody of the local police. They also confiscated a small quantity of beer and liquor.

Prohibition Agents Hobart, Lewis and Anderson raided a large still located a few miles out, south of the Boulder city highway, Wednesday afternoon. They arrested G. W. Redden and J. E. Dillon and brought them to Las Vegas where they were lodged in the city jail pending a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. J. Flowers.

The raiding officers destroyed 1,000 gallons of mash as well as numerous kegs, barrels and casks. The still, of 150 gallon capacity, was going full blast when the officers arrived on the scene.

In hospital
Attorney Fred Alward is a patient at Las Vegas hospital, where he is undergoing medical treatment. His condition is not considered serious.

RESCUE PARTY PENETRATES BRAZILIAN JUNGLE

By HORACIO FUSONI

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PORTO VELHO, Matto Grosso state, Brazil, May 11. (Via Runner to Diamantino) (U.P.)—The Stephen Rattin expedition to rescue the British explorer, Col. P. H. Fawcett, believed held captive by Indians in the Brazilian jungle, arrived here today and camped on the shores of the Arenos river. Our next advance will be into the land of unfriendly Indians.

We are building canoes from tree bark to possible passage up river as soon as navigable, en route to Pouzo Alegre.

We arrived here after weeks of travel on foot through the jungles. In the last three days we covered about 45 miles, crossing plains, woods and virtually unexplored territory.

Rattin said it was unlikely we would encounter any hostile Indian tribes until we have proceeded several days from Porto Velho.

This place is a "city of the dead" having been evacuated after the collapse of the rubber boom. Our headquarters are in the ruins of the palatial house of a former resident.

This message is sent by Indian runner to Diamantino to be relayed by telegraph.

The expedition headed by Stephen Rattin is attempting to find the famous British explorer, Colonel Fawcett, who disappeared in the Brazilian jungles half a dozen years ago with his son and another young Englishman.

ROTARY HEARS OF UNIVERSITY

President Leo McNamee at the meeting of Las Vegas Rotary club yesterday, gave an interesting report of the activities of the second district convention at San Francisco last week, which he and Ed. Clark attended.

Charles D. Haywood was elected new governor of the second district of Rotary, and Dave Reese, retiring governor, is about to run for congress.

Paul Rieger and all the favorite old-timers of Rotary were present. Leo stated, and although the attendance was smaller than is usual, the sessions were full of interest.

Al Cahlan took over the regular program for the day, introducing as the first speaker "Doc" Martie, director of athletics of the University of Nevada.

The speaker stated that the object of the trip to Las Vegas is to become better acquainted with the schools throughout the state. He paid a high tribute to Coach Dashiell of Las Vegas high school, for the work he has done for the boys of Las Vegas.

"Brick" Nitveth, coach of the University of Nevada football team, was the next speaker.

He urged more attention to the needs of the boys and asked that they be given a little encouragement. Referring to the university, he said, "It is your university. We want all the boys in our state to have the chance to attend it."

"Brick" called attention to the fact that Dashiell has coached three state championship teams the past year for Las Vegas, in football, track and debating.

Coach Dashiell made a short talk in response to the visitors.

The Rotary program next week will be in charge of Charlie Dimock.

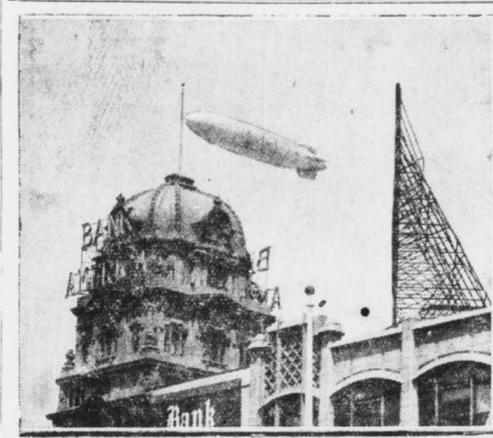
TWO HELD FOR COAST POLICE

William J. Weiner, alleged forger is being held in the city jail pending the arrival of officers from Los Angeles, who will serve extradition papers and take him back to the coast for trial.

The California police will also take into custody Charles Cheney, arrested several days ago on a forgery charge.

DO-X Also Ends First Lap; Alaskan Planes Forced To Land Because Of Blizzard

AKRON MAKES BOW



The navy's mighty Akron thrilled San Francisco when she sailed over the city en route to her base at Sunnyvale. She is shown sailing high over the Bank of America building. She may sail north to the Puget sound district, if plans of naval authorities are carried through.

ASSASSINATION FEARED; KING GEORGE IS HEAVILY GUARDED

Other Royal Family Members Given Protection

LONDON, May 19. (U.P.)—Precautions against danger to the British royal family have been redoubled since the assassination of President Paul Doumer of France, it was learned reliably today.

Extra police were provided when the king departed last Saturday for Sandringham and plain clothes officers mingled with the crowd. Similar protection was arranged for Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald when he departed for Scotland yesterday.

The guard at the residence of the Prince of Wales has been trebled and pedestrians are not allowed to loiter nearby.

Extra precautions also were taken today when the Duke of Connaught, uncle of the king; the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Prince George participated in laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic hospital and nursing home. Twelve thousand Masons attended the ceremony at Olympia hall, while the movements of laying the stone at the actual site of the hospital at Ravenscourt park—two miles away, were electrically synchronized with movements of the ceremonial stone at the Olympia.

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AMELIA LANDS SAFELY ON 1ST LEG OF HOP

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 19. (U.P.)—Amelia Earhart Putnam, the first woman to cross the Atlantic ocean by plane, arrived from New York tonight in preparation for a solo flight to Europe.

Miss Earhart, piloted by Bernt Balchen, landed at 6:40 p. m. Atlantic standard time, after an uneventful flight.

WOULD CROSS ALONE
Eddie Gorski, a mechanic, accompanied Miss Earhart and Balchen, the famous pilot who flew Admiral Richard A. Byrd over the south pole.

Balchen piloted Miss Earhart's course over the Atlantic on the present flight, but will not accompany her on the venture which she hopes will give her the honor of being the first woman to cross alone.

Miss Earhart plans to fly on to Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, tomorrow and will depart on the trans-Atlantic flight of some 1,900 miles Friday or Saturday if weather conditions are favorable. She flew with Wilmer Stutz and Lew Gordon from Newfoundland to Wales in 1923.

The fast Lockheed monoplane carrying Miss Earhart and her companions left Harbor Heights, N. J., near New York, at 2:16 p. m. EST, on the flight of about 600 miles to St. John. The speed of the craft was illustrated by the fact that they made the trip in three hours and 25 minutes, or about 180 miles an hour. The plane has a cruising radius of 3,200 miles.

GOOD WEATHER
Miss Earhart's plane landed at the St. John airport. She said the flight had been made under favorable conditions. Visibility was good and the ceiling high.

Miss Earhart estimated that the trans-Atlantic flight would require about 15 hours. Her landing course in Europe is indefinite and will be decided when she is safely across the water.

The plane carries three compasses, has a cruising speed of 140 miles an hour, a top speed of 180 miles, a gasoline capacity of 420 gallons. It is painted red.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., May 19. (U.P.)—The German flying boat DO-X arrived tonight at Dildo inlet and after an unsuccessful attempt to continue to Holyrood, was tied up for the night.

En route from New York to Germany, the DO-X landed at Dildo when fog threw the pilot off the course to Holyrood. The ship was fueled and taxied out to continue the flight, but returned half an hour later. The flight will be resumed tomorrow, at 5 a. m.

PILOTS DOWNED
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 19. (U.P.)—Storms forced two veteran pilots of Alaska Airways to land on glacier flows late today and abandon temporarily their plans for rescuing Percy T. Oltou, New York scientist-member of the ill-fated Allen Carpe expedition.

A radio report received here at 8:30 p. m. (11:30 p. m. CST) from S. E. Robbins said he had been forced down on a glacial formation by storms and believed he must await clearer weather before attempting his flight to Muldrow glacier to pick up Oltou. Robbins was three hours overdue in Fairbanks when his message was received.

Joe Crosson, chief pilot of Alaska Airways, also in search of Oltou, radioed that he had been forced down by storms and planned to wait until morning before continuing his flight.

HELD GUILTY
Charged with illegal possession of liquor, Jack Murphy and Dave Baxter were found guilty when they appeared before Municipal Judge W. G. Morse yesterday morning and paid fines totaling \$375. They were arrested by Officers Dave Mackey and Smith.

Texan Will Do Campaigning From Auto Truck, Like Old Medicine Show

WACO, Tex., May 19. (U.P.)—Chesley W. Jurney, widely known Texan, will make his race for congressman at large in a truck. He is on the way home from Washington now in the truck to start campaigning on the Democratic ticket.

Jurney is secretary to U. S. Senator Royal Copeland of New York and a former secretary to the late U. S. Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas. He will maintain headquarters at Dallas and expects to tour all Texas in his unique equipment.

The truck is equipped with a public address amplifier system, said to be capable of throwing Jurney's voice a mile, and of broadcasting band selections and other music the same distance when Jurney's voice falls.

On one side of the truck are excerpts from his platform in favor of light wines and beer, and on the other is an endorsement of his candidacy signed by 19 Democratic congressmen from New York.