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LAS VEGAS WEATHER May 20—Maximum, 100; minimum, 65. METAL MARKETS NEW YORK, May 20. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/4-5 1/2 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.67-2.72 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Bar silver, 28.00-28.19 cents an ounce.

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GIRL FLIER NEARS PARIS DEMOS OPEN L. V. CONVENTION

CAUGHT BY THE DEPRESSION The latest victim of the depression was a fellow in Los Angeles. He was digging a tunnel from a nearby residence to the vaults of a branch bank and hit a leaky gas pipe.

CAUTIOUS PILOTING Pilots of ferry boats crossing San Francisco bay were more cautious than usual yesterday. A cargo loaded with giant powder sank and the bay was dotted with floating boxes of high explosive—enough in one box to blow the biggest ferry boat into kindling wood.

TO DAM HOOVER Lester Summerfield, Republican, editor for a day of the Nevada State Journal, Nevada's leading Democratic newspaper (at least it claims to be some Democrats), said, referring to the Democratic state convention in Las Vegas: "The Democrats are going to Hoover dam to damn Hoover."

AMELIA FLYING Amelia Earhart is now over (if not in) the Atlantic ocean on her great attempt to span the Atlantic. The nervy little lady hopes to land in Paris shortly after noon today. If she does, she will find a reception awaiting her but little less enthusiastic than that which greeted Lindbergh just five years ago yesterday.

Her achievement, however, will by no means equal Lindbergh's. He flew from New York, 3,600 miles, in a plane much inferior in speed and power to that which Amelia is piloting, taking 33 1/2 hours for the trip. Amelia took off from a point near St. John's, eleven hundred miles nearer to Paris. She must fly 1,900 to reach the coast of Ireland and 600 miles farther to land at Paris.

COMING HOME While Amelia is on her way across, the President Roosevelt lands in New York bringing back the fellow who tried to fly to Paris and lit in the sea 50 miles off the coast of Ireland. They can't all make it.

WILLING TO TRY Another current air adventure is planned by two fellows who expect to fly around the world in six days. If their plane should be forced down over the sea or in the wilds of Siberia their chances would be mighty slim. However, they have adopted a philosophy which says: "There is no chance of getting out of this world alive anyway."

ALABAMAN TO SEEK FREEDOM

Eston Hallmark, alleged violator of the Mann act, who is being held in the city jail for department of justice agents, renewed his bitter fight for freedom yesterday when, through his attorney, Guy E. Baker, he sought his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

PLAN 6-DAYS GLOBE FLIGHT

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 20. (U.P.)—A former aerial circus flier and a motion picture stunt pilot in June will attempt to girdle the globe in six days and set a new world flight record.

EAGLES HEAD ARRIVES HERE

P. J. Corcoran, auditor and recorder of Storey county and state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, arrived yesterday to spend a few days here seeing the Hoover Dam and he will make his official visit to the local aerial on Tuesday evening, May 24. Mr. Corcoran is an old-time resident of this state and well up in fraternal orders.

RETURN TO UTAH Clarence Holmes, J. R. Ingram and Milton Butler of Salt Lake City are returning to Utah tonight after spending the past ten days in Las Vegas and Boulder City on business.

M'CARRAN IN RING: PLEA FOR UNITY MADE

At the first state convention ever held in Las Vegas the first political speech by a candidate for office in what promises to be one of the most interesting campaigns in the state's history was made last night, when Judge P. A. McCarran of Reno announced that he would be back in Las Vegas again in the near future on a campaign tour. McCarran is seeking the Democratic nomination for United States senator, and so far is unopposed.

SILVER ACTION Judge McCarran was one of several speakers at the banquet given in the basement of the Apache hotel by the Clark county Democrats in honor of more than one hundred delegates from other parts of the state who are here to attend the Democratic convention which opens this morning at eleven o'clock in the Elks' hall.

The former state supreme court justice declared in his talk that the world was waiting for America to lead the way out of the present economic crisis. "If this country," he said, "would put silver back to its proper status and realize that man can regulate production and its resultant consumption, then will a period of progress be in the immediate offing!"

HARMON PRESIDES Harley A. Harmon, Clark county district attorney, presided at the banquet.

Joe O'Brien, old-time resident of Beatty, called upon for a two-minute talk at the meeting was coming to a close, took it upon himself to announce the candidacy of James G. Scragham, former governor, for the Democratic nomination for congress and urged the Democrats of the state to "go down the line in support of the Democratic candidate for president and for McCarran for senator and Scragham for congress."

The Clark county delegation and Las Vegas in particular were highly lauded by every speaker of the evening for the gentility and success with which they had launched the convention. The entire affair was colored by a high degree of enthusiasm, cheers bursting forth from time to time as various speakers gave vent to popular wishes.

MEET ENTHUSIASTIC President Hoover bore the brunt of much of the evening's joking. There was a specially designed song in honor of Hoover, introduced to the assemblage and sung by Nat Petroni. Enthusiasm in the meeting was interpreted by party leaders as being not only the best shown in recent years, but a feeling which would carry through the main plea expressed during the evening—the plea for party unity, no matter what the issue or candidate.

The banquet, first feature of the convention which continues through today and concludes with a sightseeing trip to the Hoover Dam tomorrow, marked the opening of Las Vegas' biggest bid for recognition as a convention city.

Sewer Gas Frustrates Ingenious Attempt To Rob Bank Via Tunnel M. Hopkins stepped on a rug in the house he dropped five feet into the tunnel. Hopkins started an exploration of the tunnel and his flashlight soon disclosed the body of a man lying in a tunnel leading from a nearby residence to the bank building. Police were called to the residence by an anonymous tip telephoned to headquarters. When Detective Jesse

BOMB BLAST KILLS JAPANESE



These stirring action pictures were taken a few seconds after a bomb killed one and injured 20 at Shanghai during a celebration of Emperor Hirohito's birthday.



The upper picture shows wounded being carried down the steps of the platform, and K. Mural, Japanese consul general, slumping to the floor, wounded. In lower picture, Japanese gendarmes are shown leading away a Korean arrested as a suspect.

SILVER AND PROHIBITION WILL BE MAIN TOPICS AT CONVENTION

Eleven o'clock this morning is the time set for the state Democratic convention to convene for its first business meeting, to be held at Elks' hall. This meeting, which promises to be one of the most colorful in party history, is the first state political convention to be held in Clark county.

Tom Carroll, of Las Vegas, and third vice-president of the Democratic state central committee, will call the meeting to order, after which it is expected that Harley A. Harmon, chairman of last night's opening festivities, will be nominated as temporary chairman of the convention. It is also forecast that the temporary officers nominated will be made permanent leaders for the meeting.

William Woodburn, of Reno, will probably head the Resolutions committee. It is predicted by members of the party that at least two of the issues to be offered will be similar to those resulting from the recent Washoe county caucus of the party: (1) Remonitization or relief of silver; and (2) Abolition of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act.

JAFSIE TELLS OF WORK ON CASE TO JURY

NEW YORK, May 20. (U.P.)—Activity in the Lindbergh murder case switched to the Bronx today, where Dr. John F. Condon, "Jafsie," went before the grand jury and gave his version of the strange negotiations that led to his payment of \$50,000 to the real or pretended kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

For more than two hours the elderly educator, a man of marked eccentricity, explained the series of meetings—one held in a cemetery—with representatives of the "kidnap gang," and the "proof" they sent through him to Col. Lindbergh that they had possession of the child.

Dr. Condon was the first of six witnesses summoned before the grand jury who was asked to sign a waiver of immunity.

In informal interviews before he appeared in the grand jury room, Condon admitted that "a whole lot about this business has never been told," and said he intended to give the officials every bit of information he possessed.

Following his appearance at the Bronx court house, Col. H. Norman Swartzkopf announced, Condon was to be taken to New Jersey to view the photographs of suspected criminals. It was intimated that the investigators might then take him to Philadelphia "on a secret mission."

With him, it was understood, was to be Joseph Perone, the taxicab driver who took the first of a series of ransom notes to Condon, on the order of an unidentified man.

New York detectives assigned to the case, who have been "Jafsie's" constant companion for the past two weeks, also testified before the grand jury, which then recessed until next Tuesday.

The New Jersey police meanwhile continued their efforts to persuade the Rev. Dr. H. Dobson-Peacock, dean of Christ church, Norfolk, Va., to go to Hopewell for questioning, and offered to pay his expenses if he feels the burden should not fall on him.

Dobson-Peacock had complained yesterday that he could not afford the trip. The new offer brought no response from the clergyman, who said he still was willing to talk to any accredited representatives of the state police who might be sent to Norfolk.

The New Jersey authorities also were considering the possibility that John Hughes Curtis' hoax may have been part of a bootlegging scheme into which the Norfolk boatbuilder was unwittingly drawn.

It was admitted that they were checking reports, none of which could be confirmed today, that rum runners with the withdrawal of the coast guard fleet, engaged in hunting the phantom Lindbergh kidnapers, as an opportunity to smuggle vast quantities of liquor into various ports.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN VETERANS Three new recruits were added to the roster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, when they met last night in Eagles' hall. They were Alexander Goodman of Boulder City; Rodney O. Bybee of Boulder City, and James L. Wilcox of Las Vegas.

A number of visiting members were present at last night's meeting, and after being introduced, gave short talks on the activities and undertakings of their home posts.

HONEYMOONING IN HAWAII



William Paley, 30 year old president of the Columbia Broadcasting Co., and his attractive bride, the former Dorothy Hart Hearst, a daughter-in-law of W. R. Hearst, publisher, are shown as they left on the liner Malolo for Hawaii to spend their honeymoon.

SCIENTISTS REPORTED SAFE AT CAMP ON MT. M'KINLEY GLACIER

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 20. (U.P.)—Nicholas Spadeveckia and Percy T. Olton, members of the ill-fated Allen Carpe scientific expedition, are safe at the base camp on Mt. McKinley, it was reported tonight by Pilot Jerry Jones of the Alaska Airways, who flew over them but was unable to land.

Pilot S. E. Robbins, missing since yesterday, is also safe, Jones said. Robbins' plane had apparently broken an axle in attempting to land on Muldrow glacier.

Spadeveckia had left the Carpe base camp eight days ago for McKinley National park headquarters in an effort to bring aid to E. P. Beckwith, sick member of the party, who subsequently was removed to Fairbanks in a plane piloted by Jones.

His failure to arrive had caused belief that he fell to his death in a crevasse, as did Allen Carpe and Theodore Koven, leaders of the party, or had become lost.

Olton had remained to search for Spadeveckia, whose wanderings during the eight days are unaccounted for.

Jones flew over the three men and the disabled airplane, but could not land because his plane was equipped with wheels instead of skis.

Notes were dropped by Jones, Paris thought needed for the crippled airplane and a mechanic will be sent from here.

MIAMI, Fla., May 20. (U.P.)—Council for the defense of Capt. William N. Lancaster, British flier charged with first degree murder in the death of Harden Clarke, today listed six reasons why they are going to petition for disinterment of Clarke's body.

Clarke was found shot to death in the sleeping porch he occupied with Lancaster a few hours after midnight April 20 in a bungalow rented by Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, noted Australian aviatrix and flying partner of Lancaster for the past five years.

LOS ANGELES, May 20. (U.P.)—Two oplane appeared to crumple and the men were killed here today when their airplane dived from mid-air and crashed into a garage in the rear of a residence in a thickly populated section of the city.

MAKES HOP ON ANNIVERSARY OF LINDY JAUNT

By JOHN T. MEANEY United Press Correspondent

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., May 20. (U.P.)—Amelia Earhart Putnam sped eastward on a solo flight over the north Atlantic ocean tonight, just five years to the day after Col. Charles A. Lindbergh blazed the treacherous air trail from New York to Paris.

FIRST WOMAN SOLOIST America's best known woman flier, who followed the Lindbergh route from Newfoundland to Wales with two companions in the airplane Friendship four years ago, was the first woman ever to attempt a trans-Atlantic flight alone.

Miss Earhart departed from Harbor Grade, Nfld., in her speedy red monoplane at 4:30 p. m., EST. The sky was cloudy. A light southeast wind was blowing.

Her plane had been fueled at the Harbor Grace airport after her arrival this morning from St. John, New Brunswick, accompanied by Berni Balchen, famous aviator, and Eddie Gowki, mechanic, who aided her final preparations but did not accompany her.

Miss Earhart announced just before her departure that she was bound for Paris—following the Lindbergh route from Newfoundland. She was embarked on a flight of 1,900 miles over the water to the southern tip of Ireland, and an additional 600 miles across the English channel to Paris—a total of 2,500 miles MAY ARRIVE EARLIER

Her plane has a cruising speed of 140 miles an hour and she expects to make the trip from Harbor Grace to Paris in approximately 18 hours. She will arrive there even earlier if weather favors and her craft speeds up to its maximum of 180 miles an hour on the last stage of the flight.

Colonel Lindbergh required 33 1/2 hours for the entire flight of 3,600 miles from New York to Paris. He took off from New York early in the morning just five years ago and late in the afternoon—about the time Miss Earhart was starting from Harbor Grace—he had passed over Newfoundland and headed out over the ocean.

ELABORATE GREETING

LE BOURGET, AIRDROME FRANCE, Saturday, May 21. (U.P.)—Elaborate preparations were being made here early today to receive the American flier Amelia Earhart, somewhere over the Atlantic in the first solo trans-Atlantic flight ever attempted by a woman.

An airdrome official reported favorable weather conditions and good visibility in this vicinity. He also said a favorable tail wind had been reported over the ocean by marine weather stations and predicted that with this advantage she probably would arrive shortly after noon.

NEW JOBLESS AID OFFERED

WASHINGTON, May 20. (U.P.)—Enactment of a giant federal unemployment relief and business revival program moved nearer today when senate and house Democratic leaders joined in backing slightly dissimilar plans which can be easily compromised.

The senate Democratic committee which has been working for several days announced completion today of a \$2,340,000,000 program, which differs in some details from the Garner house plan but approaches very closely the views of President Hoover.

Speaker of the House John N. Garner announced today his \$2,100,000,000 program made public yesterday is being whipped into a bill, and will be pushed. Not a single house member thus far has criticized it, he added.

ADMIRAL BENSON DIES WASHINGTON, May 20. (U.P.)—Admiral William C. Benson, 77-year old veteran of government services, died at his home today of a cerebral hemorrhage.

PAYROLLS OF HOUSE OPENED

WASHINGTON, May 20. (U.P.)—Payroll records of the house were thrown open today officially revealing dozens of members carrying wives, children and other relatives as secretaries and clerks at government expense.

In a number of cases relatives have been dropped within the last few weeks since attention was called to the situation in a series of newspaper dispatches from the United Press which began late in April.

One of these is Speaker Garners son, Tully C. Garner, who served as a "contact man" for his father at Uvalde, Tex. He was dropped from the payroll May 16 and the place has not been filled.

SENATE VOTES OIL, COAL DUTY

WASHINGTON, May 20. (U.P.)—The senate voted oil and coal tariffs today and then in a dramatic night session spent itself in one of the bitterest partisan debates between Democrats ever witnessed in the historic chamber.

The "bad boy" of the senate, the irrepressible Huey Long, Dem., La., chided his fellow Democrats who had voted against these tariffs by showing how they had voted for tariffs before. Later he was given a biting tongue-lashing by Senator Walter F. George, Dem., Ga., which closed the acrimonious exchange.

FROM CALIENTE Tom Dixon, assemblyman of Lincoln county, arrived yesterday from Caliente to attend the convention as a delegate. He was accompanied by J. B. Davidson of Pioche.

HERE FOR CONVENTION Bob Douglas, rancher of Churchill county, arrived yesterday to attend the Democratic convention.

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