

**OBSERVATIONS**  
**Grist from the Daily Grind**  
By C. F. S.

**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
June 3—Maximum, 82; minimum, 56. Precipitation, .05.  
**METAL MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, June 3. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 3/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.80-2.85 cents a pound. Bar silver, 28.15 cents an ounce.

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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**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.

# GRILL SUSPECTS IN L. A. PLOT

## LONE FLIER A GAIN OVER OCEAN

**GOLDEN RAINBOW**  
That might be the name of a new gold mine if there is anything in signs.  
Because yesterday morning when the weather was showery, the end of the rainbow rested right about where the old Quo Vadis mine is located. Or possibly, it was a little farther away and pointing to Eldorado canyon.  
Whichever place it was pointing at there was good precedent to support it. At the Quo Vadis the writer once saw a bucket full of ore which was about half gold. John Anderson had a lease on the property when he made the strike. He was so elated with his good fortune that he took what he could out of the stringer and gave it away to visitors and friends for specimen. After that he never had money enough to go on with the search for the real ore body and the Quo Vadis still awaits development.

**ELDORADO CANYON**  
Speaking of gold mines, Eldorado presents a wonderful enticement just now. More than 50 years ago the mines of the canyon were producing generous fortunes in high-grade. And for all the years since, some gold has been coming out of the canyon.  
However, there has not been sufficient capital in the hands of the owners of the properties to do much work. And one can't make mines without sinking shafts and running drifts and tunnels.  
Now, as the time approaches when cheap power from Hoover Dam will be available, more interest is being shown by men with money. A real revival of gold production will follow the advent of capital into Eldorado canyon.

**PREDICTS BUSY TIMES**  
Andy Mellon, former secretary of the treasury, now ambassador to Great Britain, says that very soon America will see unprecedented activity in business and industry.  
Andy can give the world lessons in what to do with money. But most any of us can give Andy pointers on how to do without it.  
We have had more practice in the latter art than Andy has.

**BIG SAVINGS**  
Somebody tells us—it makes no difference who, because nobody can prove otherwise—that Americans have accumulated and hoarded 26 billions of dollars since the late unlamented depression came to live with us.  
We are fearful that everybody may decide at the same time to get busy and invest that hoarded money in something. What a flood of money we all would have coming in!

**TAXING IT OUT**  
There was an attempt made in the budget balancing bill to place a tax on safety deposit boxes, on the theory that making the boxes a little more expensive might induce the hoarder to replace his money in the bank.  
Which would certainly be taking unfair advantage of a poor hoarder.

### \$2,470 IS PAID IN CITY FINES

Law violators paid \$2,475.00 in fines into the city treasury, according to the report tendered to City Clerk Viola Burns by Municipal Judge W. G. Morse, June 1.  
As in recent months, liquor law violators paid the heaviest toll, more than 60 per cent of the total having been paid by defendants convicted of possession of intoxicating liquor.  
Drunken drivers, petty thieves and persons convicted of gross intoxication, assault and battery, disorderly conduct and the carrying of concealed weapons paid the remainder.

### BABY ELKS JOIN ANTLERED HERD

Members of B. P. O. Elks, Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468, initiated three new members at their meeting Thursday night. The new baby antlers are C. C. Hinchberger, contracting civil engineer; W. J. Doyle and William R. Depeu.  
A delegation of visiting Elks from Needles were present and enjoyed the hospitality of their Vegas compatriots. It is planned to send a delegation of local lodge members to the California city to return the visit.  
Plans were also discussed relative to holding a series of stag parties next fall, and a rip-roaring, blood-curdling, wild western '49 camp, here next fall.  
During the summer, the Elks will hold only one meeting a month, as has been their custom during the warm weather of preceding years.

### VISIT IN BOULDER

Mrs. Mina Stewart, accompanied by her nephew, Austin Hunt, of Bunkerville, and her daughter, Helen, spent yesterday in Boulder City and visiting the dam site.

### HOME AGAIN

Jean Horton, employe of the Post Office Drug, returned Wednesday from Salt Lake City and Pric, Utah, where she has been spending the past ten days visiting with relatives and friends.

### FEDERAL HELP ASKED: NEW LETTERS FOUND

**HOLLYWOOD, June 3. (U.P.)**—A series of five threatening letters received by Marlene Dietrich were disclosed by authorities tonight as they widened a search for an extortionist gang which promised to do away with her little daughter unless she paid them \$20,000.  
The letters—investigators previously believed the German screen star was sent only two—were obtained from her director-manager, Josef Von Sternberg, after a bitter clash.  
**OBJECTS TO POLICE**  
Objecting strenuously to "police interference," Von Sternberg told aides of District Attorney Buron Fitts that he had private detectives trailing the extortionists.  
The first crude note turned over to officers was received May 13 and demanded \$10,000. Others were received May 15, May 17, May 23 and the last yesterday. It demanded \$20,000.  
One letter revealed the origin of an unsuccessful trap laid by Beverly Hills police, whom Miss Dietrich asked for aid when first threatened eight weeks ago. It said, "Keep your car in front of your house. Put \$10,000 near the rear bumper. Keep silent. Lindbergh stuff."  
While bodyguards were retained to protect Miss Dietrich and her six-year-old daughter, Maria Sieber, police put the money at the designated spot and waited. No one claimed it.  
**ASK FEDERAL AID**  
With the revelation of additional threats, authorities sought aid of federal officials here. Clues leading to other southern California cities were traced. Although skeptical of immediate success, investigators said they were confident a number of suspects will be arrested.  
But the chisellers—so described by Fitts—had made a batch of the letters. The missive intended for Miss Dietrich—"You've told the cops, so the price is doubled to \$20,000," it read—was sent to Mrs. Egan Muller, wife of a rich German importer here. A second letter designed for Mrs. Muller, demanding \$483, was in turn sent to the film star.  
The letters, crudely formed by pasting together words clipped from magazines, provided authorities with their surest clues. They claimed a number of leads were furnished by perusing copies of old magazines similar to those used by the extortionists.  
The actress herself returned to her set at the Paramount studios as usual today, refusing to be worried and insisting the plot was authored by some "crank."  
**FATHER UNCONCERNED**  
Her husband, Rudolf Sieber, German businessman, indicated his own unconcern by leaving the Dietrich home in Beverly Hills for Paris after spending a vacation with his family. Von Sternberg, who, with Miss Dietrich figured recently in a controversy with studio officials over a scenario, continued to keep a husky chauffeur near at hand.  
Mrs. Muller, according to Fitts' aides, furnished "a number of valuable clues" when questioned. Investigators were sent to check them. She is the mother of a five-year-old boy.

### IDAHOANS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Griffith and daughters of Boise, Idaho, arrived in Las Vegas Thursday and will spend the next three weeks visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Whillet and family. Miss Virginia Whillet, who has been attending school in Salt Lake City, returned with the Griffiths.

### FROM GOODSFRINGS

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### RETURN HOME

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### SIDNEY SMITH RESIGNS POST

Sidney W. Smith, manager of the Apache hotel, tendered his resignation at the meeting of the board of directors of the hotel held yesterday. He will be succeeded by Mrs. Matilda Robert Russell, wife of Robert R. Russell, who is a member of the board of directors.  
William A. Brown, owner-manager of the Apache Coffee shop, was also named a director at the meeting. Brown has been in the hotel business for a number of years, coming to Las Vegas from Yuma, Arizona.  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell came from Los Angeles. Russell was retired until he became interested in the Apache hotel project. Smith also is a former resident of the coast city and will leave for his home there within a few days. He has been associated with several leading hotels on the coast.

### Faculty Of New York College Broke; Won't Wear Traditional Caps, Gowns

NEW YORK, June 3. (U.P.)—Because they have not been paid for two months, the 120 members of the faculty of Long Island university will attend commencement without caps and gowns. At a meeting today the faculty decided it would be unable to pay rentals on the traditional garb of the scholar.

### AFTER MIRACULOUS ESCAPE



Top is Nat C. Browne, Texas cowboy aviator, and lower, Frank Brooks, Seattle, who escaped death by parachute jumps in Puget Sound when a wing on Browne's big trans-Pacific plane crumpled while it was being fueled in the air for a non-stop Seattle-Tokio flight. Both men were injured only slightly. Both are shown on their hospital cots. The accident occurred when the gasoline hose dangling from the fueling plane caught the tail of Browne's ship.

### EASTERN TOURISTS THRILLED AS KING SNAKE AND RATTLER FIGHT TO DEATH IN DESERT NEAR HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Day of New York City, who passed through Las Vegas yesterday enroute home, after an extended visit to Hollywood, told a strange story of a battle they witnessed about fifteen miles this side of Yucca Grove, between an immense rattlesnake and a king snake of equally large proportions.  
According to Day, his car broke down and while his chauffeur caught a ride back to Yucca Grove for assistance, he and Mrs. Day took a short walk across the desert. Nearing a shallow ravine they became aware of a steady and loud buzzing or rattle. At first they were at a loss to account for it, but upon approaching the gulley, to their amazement they saw two large reptiles locked in a death grip, writhing and twisting in the crevice.  
The king snake was endeavoring to crush the life out of the rattler, who in turn was striving to get in a position to strike with his poison-laden fangs. The tourists watched the battle for a half an hour, and at last the king snake was successful in getting a deadly grasp on his opponent, just back of the head, and with lightning-like speed he entwined himself completely around the poisonous reptile and used his terrible crushing power to break the neck of the unfortunate rattler.  
He then uncoiled himself, and not seeming satisfied, wrapped the still squirming body of his victim in another death fold. At last he relaxed, and for the first time seemed to take notice of his audience. He coiled himself, as though for a spring, rattler fashion, and his head shuttled sidewise with lightning-like rapidity. Day thereupon produced a revolver and shot him through the head. He returned to his car and when the mechanic arrived, went with him to the scene of battle and together they secured the skins of the two snakes. Day stated that he would leave them in Salt Lake City to be mounted and have them expressed to New York, to retain as trophies of his visit to the Western desert country. The enthusiasm of Mrs. Day was not so ardent and she vowed that the reptile skins would find no lodging place in her apartment. "We have snakes in New York," stated Mrs. Day, "rattlesnakes, copperheads and moccasins, but nothing as fearsome looking as those immense reptiles."

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### DEMOCRATS TO BACK RELIEF PLANS OF GARNER

WASHINGTON, June 3. (U.P.)—The two billion dollar Garner-Rayney unemployment relief bill tonight was assured passage by the house when Democrats of that body at a caucus voted 123 to 18 to support it as a unit.  
**RARE ACTION**  
It was the first such vote taken since the Democrats bound themselves to support the Underwood tariff bill eleven years ago. Two representatives, Clarence J. Cannon of Missouri and John E. Rankin of Mississippi, obtained special release from the party pledge on the grounds they already had been pledged to oppose the bill.  
Majority Leader Henry T. Rainey of Illinois said the measure would be brought up Tuesday, if possible, and passed the same day. Republicans will offer as a substitute the Hawley bill incorporating President Hoover's unemployment relief program.  
However, the Democrats are in the majority and, with their unit vote, will be able to pass the measure. All members are bound to vote for it.  
By their action the Democrats defied President Hoover who vigorously opposes any bond issue on the ground it will weaken government credit. He criticized the public works program of the Democratic bill as "a cork barrel" legislation.  
**PROVISIONS**  
The Garner bill provides:  
1. A \$100,000,000 fund to be administered by the President for relief of unemployment distress.  
2. Authorization for the reconstruction finance corporation to lend \$1,000,000,000 for "self-liquidating" construction by states, municipalities or private industries—that is, construction such as toll tunnels and port works which by bringing in revenue pay for themselves.  
3. A bond issue of \$1,220,000,000 for public construction.  
The Hoover program calls for \$1,220,000,000 for "self-liquidating" construction and \$300,000,000 for employment relief for the unemployed. The money to be lent to states whose governors certify that they are unable without aid to relieve distress.

### 10 MORE JOIN V. F. W. GROUP

It seems that the Veterans of Foreign Wars just can't help getting new members. The Las Vegas Post No. 1753, fastest growing branch of the V. F. W. in the west, enrolled 10 new members at their meeting last night. Four of the initiates came from Boulder City, while the other six are Vegans. The new Vegans are Frank Williams, Geo. W. White, Ralph Henry Moritz, Charles A. Shoup, Dominick Guisti and Jesse M. Easterling. Boulder City newcomers are Fard O. Eddy, C. W. Sears, Benjamin B. Farrell and Howard S. Medert.  
Less than a year ago the total membership of the Fred S. Pennington Post of the V. F. W. was only 88, and today they are more than four hundred and fifty strong.  
Las night members of the V. F. W. received and accepted an invitation from the Boulder City post of the American Legion to attend the opening of the new home of the Legion in the reservation city that is now under construction. Commander A. T. McCarter urged every member to attend the function if possible. It is scheduled for the evening of June 15, at 8 p. m.  
Plans for the trip to Vallejo, where the convention is to be held this summer, were discussed. It was decided that all members of the post would contribute to the expenses of the attending delegates. Further details of the convention will be discussed at the meeting to be held Friday night, June 17. All members who can go to Vallejo are asked to get in touch with the encampment committee.

### HOME FROM BUNKERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and family, accompanied by Miss Rowena Waite, returned Thursday from Bunkerville, where they have been spending the past ten days visiting with relatives. After spending Thursday visiting in this city at the home of Mrs. LaPrele Neale, they drove to their home in Arden.

### KEYES HEARING SET BY JUDGE

Maurice Keyes, alleged slayer of Leighton Ferris, was arraigned before Judge Frank M. Ryan yesterday afternoon. The time for his preliminary hearing was set for Wednesday, June 8, at 10:00 a. m. He will face a first degree murder charge.

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Today, Director Horace Albright of the National Park service issued a call for bids for the dangerous job and said inasmuch as the bodies were on government land it was necessary to let contracts for their recovery.  
He estimated the task would cost the government \$1,500 at least.

### BOARD TO MEET

A meeting of the members of the city commission will be held in the city clerk's office this afternoon at three o'clock.

### F. D. ROOSEVELT ASKS WALKER CHARGE IN DETAIL

NEW YORK, June 3. (U.P.)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's challenge to Samuel Seabury to disclose the evidence and make "such charges as are warranted" against Mayor James J. Walker, was answered tonight by the announcement that a formal accusation is being prepared by a group of civic organizations headed by the committee of one thousand.  
**COMPLETE TESTIMONY**  
It was answered a second time when, from Pittsburgh, Samuel Seabury announced that he would send a complete transcript of the testimony and a record of the committee findings to the governor immediately upon his return to New York.  
Seabury on his way south to receive a degree from Washington & Jefferson college, said he had read the governor's statement with interest, and that he would be glad to comply with the inferred desire for more enlightenment.  
"As soon as I return to New York," he said, "I will be glad to furnish him with all the evidence he desires."  
The governor's reaction to what he termed "political sniping and back passing" was expressed in crisp, almost scathing terms.  
"It is time for the legislative committee and their counsel to stop talking and do something," he said in a public statement.  
**CRISP REPLY**  
Tonight's statement in reply, by William Jay Schieffelin, acting for the committee of one thousand and the society for the prevention of crime, was equally crisp.  
"Prior to the challenge issued by Governor Roosevelt," he said, "the society for the prevention of crime, the City club, the New York committee of one thousand, and the Citizens' union, had already taken steps for the formulation of charges which may require the removal of New York's mayor by the governor."  
The city affairs committee, the Woman's City club, and the Merchants' association have been asked to join in signing the petition to the governor.  
"I have been informed that sending such a petition would in no way conflict with the plans of Judge Seabury, and, of course, it would not be sent until his return to the city."  
"Any action by the civic organization will be on their own volition because Judge Seabury has consistently declined to request or advise such action, but he has always been willing to give the fullest information upon which charges may be based."  
**"OFFICE MISCONDUCT"**  
"In addition to the removal of the mayor, the society for the prevention of crime feels that the governor should designate an extra term of the supreme court and a special grand jury to determine whether or not the mayor and a number of others whose misconduct in office has been disclosed by the legislative committee, but as to whom the regular prosecuting officials have as yet taken no action, should not be indicted and tried for high crimes and misdemeanors."

### SIX DEAD IN OKLAHOMA FLOOD

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Reports of damage in outlying districts filtered in today, as the waters receded and communications were reopened.  
The flood struck here early yesterday with no warning whatever, and caught its victims as they slept. Seven inches of rain fell within six hours, and homes were washed away while their occupants could only guess what was happening.  
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### POPULAR? YES!



Back in St. Paul, Minn., Vivian Lydon, above, knocks 'em dead with her smile. She won a popularity contest and is shown here as she sailed aboard the Malolo for Honolulu. The overseas trip was the prize.

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### SHIPS ON ROUTE

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Hausner has no radio. His plane, powered by a Wright whirlwind motor of the same type that carried Lindbergh and Chamberlin across the Atlantic, bears the figures "NR7085."  
His wife wept as he sped down the runway, but was able to get into the other plane and fly out to the Rockaways.  
The Polish pilot made his first attempt to span the Atlantic last Saturday. Six hours after he had taken off he returned to Floyd Bennett airport, having been forced back by fog and a broken instrument. Conditions over the north Atlantic were reported to be very favorable today.  
**CARRIES FLARES**  
Hausner is 32 and a naturalized American citizen. He is extremely taciturn, and during his stay at the field talked little to reporters.  
Mrs. Hausner is staying at the home of her brother, Walter Waters, in Jersey City during the flight.  
Hausner took some chicken sandwiches, coffee, water and fruit. He also is carrying six parachute flares.

### TREMOR TOLL MAY BE HIGH

MEXICO CITY, June 3. (U.P.)—A series of violent earthquakes which shook all central Mexico disrupted communications in the state of Colima tonight and raised fears of a heavy death toll along the Pacific coastal region.  
Press reports from Colima estimated the dead and injured at 30 and advices from other western states reported several additional casualties.  
A total of 15 shocks were felt from 4:40 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. and the Colima volcano was reported spouting flames.  
The most seriously damaged town was believed to be Manzanillo, in Colima state. Communications with the district were disrupted.

### SMILING POLE SETS OUT TO REACH HIS CAPITAL

ABOARD S. S. PARIS, AT SEA, June 3. (U.P.)—The sky was clear and a strong northwest wind prevailed tonight along the north Atlantic route which Stanley F. Hausner expected to follow on his flight from New York to Poland.  
**FLOYD BENNETT AIRPORT, N. Y., June 3. (U.P.)**—As nonchalantly as though he was catching the 8:15 for work, Stanley Hausner, the smiling Pole, stepped into his flame-colored Bellanca monoplane today and roared away from New York in an attempt to fly non-stop to Warsaw, Poland.  
**IS UNSIGHTED**  
Ships on the great circle route of the north Atlantic had not seen him up to tonight.  
The takeoff was at 9:46 a. m. It was an auspicious start and as graceful a takeoff as any ocean flyer has ever made. The big ship, fueled with 525 gallons of gasoline, shot down the concrete runway and took the air about half way to the end.  
Along side Hausner's ship flew a smaller plane, occupied by Mrs. Martha Hausner, Father Paul Knappock and Pilot John Coyne. They flew with Hausner as far as the Rockaways, where he waved them farewell and shot off into the Atlantic mist.  
Before the takeoff Hausner, a motion picture operator ranked as an amateur in aviation, said that he would head for England and that when he reaches London, if his plane, the S. Rosa Maria, is still in good condition, he will go on to Warsaw. Otherwise, he intends to land at Troyden airport, London.  
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