

# OBSERVATIONS

**Grist from the Daily Grind**

By C. P. S.

## LAS VEGAS WEATHER

June 6—Maximum, 79; minimum, 51. Precipitation, trace.

### METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, June 6. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 29 1/2 cents a pound. Silver, July, 28.50-29.75 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.

### INFORMAL REVOLUTION

Revolutions have come to be entirely informal. In fact we understand there is no longer any enigma in a revolution to attract the attention of an adventurer out of a job.

For example, the revolution in Chile Saturday night. No fighting. Not a shot fired. Not even a threat made. Tame affair.

The revolutionary committee calls at the palace and notifies the police president that they want to take over the government.

"How does the affair stand?" says the president. "With us," reply the revolutionists. "All right, then, I resign," says the president, and the revolution is all over.

Except for the little matter of the navy. The admiral cast the lot of the navy with the revolution. But he failed to consult the crew. Not that they cared a whoop in purloining which side they were on, but failure to consult with them was not to be tolerated. So the crew has decided to revolt back to the former president, at least until the admiral with due formality asks them their opinion, when, of course, they will vote solidly for the revolution.

**HELL'N MARIA**  
General Dawes seems to have done an excellent job of organizing a big concern while head of the National Reconstruction Finance corporation.

He seems to be devoid of fear, but just walks right up to a difficult piece of business, snaps it in the face a couple of times and makes it eat out of his hand.

Then, the job of organization finished and the thing running smoothly, Dawes resigns forthwith to tackle a harder and more dangerous job.

He says he is going into the banking business in Chicago. Which seems like flying in the face of providence from all reports.

**A YOUNG BLADE**  
John D. Rockefeller, a young blade of slightly under the century mark in years, comes out vigorously for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

He never will settle down to the serious things of life, it seems. We may see him out selling stock in a new brewery enterprise yet.

Anyhow, we must admit that John has had quite a wad of experience in this old world and that he has played the game of wits with brains and vigor. We would not be surprised if he knows what he is talking about.

**HAWTHORNE LEADS**  
No, not Nathaniel, but the American Legion post from Nevada's most (at present) important seaport, the city by the U. S. naval ammunition depot, will lead the parade at the Legion convention in Las Vegas this week.

Hawthorne wins that distinction through the fact that its post has shown the largest increase of membership during the past year of any in the state.

**YACHT CLUBS**  
Speaking of the navy at Walker, let us remind that the various Dry Lake Yacht clubs in southern Nevada are confronted with serious difficulty. The new tax bill places a high levy on yachts, in effect July 1st.

The tax must either be paid by that date or the Fourth of July yacht races called off, according to Commodore Callahan, commander of the regatta ship Full House.

"It is nothing less than confiscatory," said the Commodore as the Boatswain whistled for one in the middle to fill a straight. "If congress does not show some consideration for our sport we will throw down our hands and call the Fourth of July Dry Lake regatta off. The country can take her choice and face the consequences."

**ROBBER SLUGS VEGAS WOMAN**  
Police were still searching today for a "dark" man who Sunday night knocked down Ada Perry, 27, of New York, snatched her handbag containing \$20 in cash, \$200 in travelers checks and a bus ticket to Los Angeles.

The girl was going home from church, walking to her residence at 123 north Third street, when a man stepped up behind her and pressed either a gun or a thumb into her back. She started to scream, and the footpad struck her on the forehead, presumably with his fist. As the girl fell, the thug grabbed the purse and fled. A fair description of the hold-up man was turned over to the officers.

# SCORES HURT IN HOTEL FIRE

## PRESIDENT SIGNS TAX MEASURE

### DEATH TOLL IS UNKNOWN AT EARLY HOUR TODAY

CLEVELAND, June 6. (U.P.)—A blast of undetermined origin practically destroyed an old eight story downtown building here in the early hours of the morning, causing an unknown number of deaths and injuries to scores.

As the flames shot high into an illuminated sky, firemen and police surrounded the residence hotel, rescuing scores of residents, and carrying out wrapped bodies—grim evidence of a tragedy the extent of which was still unknown.

#### THIRTY BURNED

The body of an unidentified woman was brought to the Cleveland morgue and at least 30 people were brought to the Charity hospital suffering from severe burns and suffocation.

The building, occupied on the ground floor by business establishments, and on the upper floors mostly by aged residents, is a remnant of old Cleveland, situated in the heart of newer and taller office buildings. It is only a block from the United Press office.

At 1:45 EST an explosion was heard for miles around. A few minutes later, flames shooting high into the sky sent screaming whistles of fire engines and sirens of police cruisers rushing towards the scene.

Old men and women were being carried out of the now almost devastated building in their night clothes. Large wrapped bundles—bundles of either dead or injured—were carried out, placed in ambulances and rushed toward hospitals.

#### LOSING BATTLE

At 2:35 a. m. the flames were still rising high, and it appeared that efforts of fire fighters to save the structure would be unavailing. The firemen were concentrating their efforts upon preventing the fire from spreading to nearby buildings.

The death toll was still undetermined, but police expected it to mount as reports from the various hospitals where the injured were taken would be received.

Henry Watkins, who lived on the second floor immediately above a restaurant in the burning building, said the explosion which preceded the fire blew him out of bed.

"The whole inside of the building blew up," he repeated over and over, sitting in the lobby of the Hollender hotel, a block away from the structure.

Alex Spenser, gray-haired survivor of the fire, sat in his underwear and trousers in the lobby of the same hotel. "My poor dog," he sobbed. "He's in there."

#### FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS

The crowd which gathered as if summoned after the explosion, helped firemen pass the hose lines. Members of night parties at downtown hotels, many of them in evening clothes, watched from sidewalks and applauded the difficult feats of the firemen. When the work of rescue began, they helped carry the burned and suffocated from the scene.

Nearly 80 of the survivors were taken to the Hollender hotel, where two doctors attended them. Vacant suites were turned over to them.

In normal times about 500 persons occupy the residence hotel, made up chiefly of small suites.



Above is Dr. Leonard Troland, Hollywood, Calif., scientist, who fell to death over a high cliff near the Mt. Wilson observatory while posing for a picture a friend was to take.

### DISSENSION IN BONUS BANKS BREAKS

WASHINGTON, June 6. (U.P.)—Disension broke out in the "bonus expeditionary force" of World War veterans today and brought an unsuccessful attempt by leaders to depose George Alman, commander-in-chief.

A rump court martial of nine members of the legislative committee this afternoon formally deposed Alman, and appointed two men in his place as commander and vice-commander.

So impressive were the protests of the rank and file among the Oregon group, who organized the cross-continent march, to demand that congress cash \$2,000,000,000 in World War bonus certificates that the action was reversed tonight.

The full legislative committee, which also is the executive committee, faced by threats that the Oregon group would split from the main body, called on one man from each of the six bonus "regiments" and unanimously confirmed Alman as commander pro tem.

A real executive committee will be named Wednesday, one man from each regiment, to select a permanent commander.

Alman will lead tomorrow night's parade down Pennsylvania avenue—the "veterans' demonstration" of their 3,000 voices demanding the bonus as an unemployment relief measure.

### MINERAL POST TO LEAD BIG LAS VEGAS PARADE

Mineral County Post No. 19 at Hawthorne will lead the procession at the Nevada department convention on in Las Vegas next week according to a bulletin just issued by Department Adjutant A. J. Reed as a result of showing a percentage standing in 1932 of 173.91 as compared with its record of 1931. Wells comes next with 126.36 per cent and Sparks third with 119.32 per cent.

#### VEGAS POST IS HOST

In order will follow Austin, Elko, Carson City, McGill, Eureka, Gardnerville, Lovelock, Winnemucca, Reno, Ely, Lyon county, Fernley, Caliente, Battle Mountain, Fallon, Tonopah, Boulder City and Las Vegas. Because of holding its membership to 70 per cent, Las Vegas is entitled to eighth place, but is marching last as entertaining post.

Another all time high record was set by the Nevada Legion Wednesday when 2055 members were officially recorded in the state office and sent in to national headquarters, the best previous record for the department, having been made last year with 1714 on the roster.

Information from national headquarters as a result of this year's membership campaign and figured on the records of the past four years places Nevada fourth in the national parade at Portland, the farthest up the line the department has ever been. Arizona will lead the parade, making a good showing this year because of a low basic quota. California will be second and Florida third. National membership at the present time is 849,461 with the quota for convention time 936,173. For this year, Nevada headed the list with 132.15 per cent as compared with Arizona's 92.13 per cent.

#### EUREKA WINS CUP

Eureka won the American Legion cup as a result of its membership showing this year as of May 30. Going from last year's membership of 6 to 28 this year, or a gain of 280 per cent. Hawthorne will receive the D. A. Turner trophy because of its climb from 28 to 41, or a gain of 173.3 per cent.

Another trophy to be awarded this year is the Jas. G. Scruggam cup, given to the post making the best showing in the department parade to be held in Las Vegas. Determining the award will be appearance, originality, and representation, each counting one-third, the delegate-mile factor determining the latter.



ILA VERE BEYNON

### GIRL, 16, CROWNED OHIO CHAMPION AT "SPEAKING PIECES"

COLUMBUS, O., June 3. (U.P.)—When Ila Vere Beynon was about so high, the neighbors used to stand her up on a chair or piano bench and urge again and again, "Speak a piece."

There was no reluctance on Ila Vere's part. She would knit a baby-like brow and lip off a verse in sober fashion. There would be many admiring "ohs" and "ahs" and then she would recite something else from a surprisingly large repertoire.

Now— a 16 year old Amsterdam, O., high school girl—Ila Vere is Ohio's champion in a state-wide verse speaking contest.

She dreams of Broadway.

### FILM PLAYERS HARD HIT BY CLOSING OF BANK

Miss Garbo was reported to have had a large amount in the bank, some sources claiming the sum to run to "several hundred thousand dollars."

Will Rogers, Harold Lloyd, Noah Beery, Constance Bennett, Lew Cody, Eddie Cantor, Marie Dressler, Marion Davies, Jimmy Gleason and John Gilbert—were others said to have banked in large figures in the First National of Beverly Hills.

Miss Harlow told the United Press that she was "hard hit."

"Unfortunately," she said, "I had just made an especially large deposit to take care of some obligations. Every cent of cash I had was in the bank. I'm hard hit but don't think I'm the only one. Dozens of actors and actresses had accounts there. We'll get over it, of course, but it seems a bit hard now."

Miss Harlow would not reveal the amount she had in the bank, but it was reported and not denied that it ran into six figures.

Miss Bennett, reputed the highest paid actress in films, was said to have deposited a large amount Friday, just a few hours before the directors decided the bank must close to "protect stockholders."

#### GARBO SILENT

Miss Garbo declined to comment on her deposits and the bank refused to discuss the account of the Swedish star or any other of its depositors.

The bank was one of southern California's leading institutions. Richard Hargreaves, close friend of R. C. Durant, and formerly the husband of Grace Bryan, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, is president. Hargreaves now is married to Helen Ferguson, stage and screen actress. Chairman of the board is E. J. Nolan, formerly chairman of the board of the Bank of America. Fred Niblo, the motion picture director, formerly was on the board of directors.

The directors of the bank, in a formal statement, said they hoped to readjust the bank's capital in anticipation of reopening. Deposits in the bank were reported at almost \$7,000,000 in its December 31, 1931, statement.

This was the second bank the closing of which affected scores of film folks.

#### EXPENSIVE "RIDE"

The first was the Bank of Hollywood. In it Harry Langdon, the comedian, was a heavy loser. He remarked sorrowfully that he was "taken for a \$25,000 ride." The Bank of Hollywood since has returned to investors approximately 50 cents on the dollar.

### HERE IS NEWS FOR NEVADA'S YACHT OWNERS

WASHINGTON, June 6. (U.P.)—All but one of the excise taxes contained in the new \$1,118,500,000 tax bill signed today by President Hoover, will become effective 15 days from tomorrow.

The tax on yachts begins on July 1.

The new high income rates contained in the 1932 law are retroactive to January 1 of this year.

The four tariffs written into the revenue bill are classed under excise provisions and become effective in 15 days.

The estate taxes will be assessed beginning on June 7, 1932. Miscellaneous taxes including bank checks, etc., become effective in 15 days.

### NEW BILL WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT BY JUNE 22

By THOMAS L. STOKES (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, June 6. (U.P.)—President Hoover late today signed the \$1,118,500,000 budget-balancing tax bill with a word of praise for the willingness of the people to "accept this added burden in these times."

This greatest American peacetime revenue measure reached the White House at 4:45 p. m., after the senate in less than three hours had approved the conference report by a vote of 46 to 35. This vote was taken at 3:20 p. m.

#### SIGNS AT ONCE

Speaker Garner of the house signed the bill immediately and at 3:48 p. m. Vice President Curtis affixed his signature. It was rushed by messenger to the White House where Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson was in conference with the President.

Secretary of Treasury Mills emerging from the White House earlier had said with a smile, "I don't think the President will wait long before he signs the bill. He's waited for it long enough."

At 5 p. m., Stimson departed, and using a plain desk pen and in the presence of only one of his secretaries, Theodore Joslin, Jr., Hoover affixed his signature.

His statement issued a few moments later said:

"The willingness of our people to accept this added burden in these times in order impermissibly to establish the credit of the federal government is a great tribute to their wisdom and courage. While many of the taxes are not as I desired, the bill will effect the great major purpose of assurance to the country and the world of the determination of the American people to maintain their finances and their currency on a sound basis."

#### HITS EVERY AMERICAN

Thus ended, in a burst of speed, the legislative journey of the tax bill after it had been battered about, delayed and revised in congress since January. Its importance was stamped indelibly upon the country when President Hoover a few days ago made a personal and dramatic appearance before the senate urging that it act immediately to safeguard the nation's credit.

The excise provisions of the bill, which hits virtually every American, will become effective in 15 days. A bitter debate was waged in the senate prior to a final vote on the measure today, over the electricity tax. The conferees submitted a consumers tax for the three per cent tax originally voted by the senate which would have been paid by the power companies.

### TO PROBE INTO MEXICAN'S DEATH

A coroner's inquest was to be held today by Judge Frank M. Ryan into the death of an unidentified Mexican who was killed Sunday night when he attempted to wrest a gun from John H. Woods.

Woods, an employee of the Bates Auto camp, accompanied by Howard Poole, Frank Wright and F. Steckman, captured the man when they saw him attempting to enter a cabin at the camp.

As Woods covered the Mexican with the gun while he telephoned for police, the house-breaker made a grab for the weapon. In the ensuing scuffle, the pistol was discharged and a slug entered the Mexican's head above his left eye and imbedded itself far back in the brain. He died a few hours later.

Although the body of the dead man has been viewed by several persons prominent in the Mexican colony, his identity has not been established. Pictures of a Jose Garcia, taken by the police department several months ago, almost tally with the features of the dead man, with the exception of the nose structure. Fingerprints had not been compared late last night.

Evidently the Mexican had been busy before he was caught attempting the Bates camp job, for a search of his pockets revealed five rings, some valuable; one watch and a man's stickpin.

### TO CONFER ON SIX COS. TAXES

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners yesterday, E. G. McGriff quoted W. A. Bechtel, president of Six Companies, as saying that Secretary of the Interior Wilbur had assured him before bids for building Hoover dam were received, that it would not be necessary for the contractor to pay state and county taxes.

District Attorney Harmon made the charge that, if the statement of Mr. Bechtel is true, Secretary Wilbur is guilty of malfeasance in office. That such statement by the secretary, if made as stated, would give that particular contractor a material advantage in the bidding.

The county board authorized Chairman McGriff, District Attorney Harmon and another person to be designated by the Chamber of Commerce, to confer with Governor Balzar on the subject.

### RED CROSS TO CONTINUE WORK

The matter of relief to the indigent was the principal subject of discussion at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon.

The burden had reached such proportions that the commissioners were compelled to consider the withdrawal of their monthly contribution to the Red Cross funds.

A committee of the local Red Cross organization appeared before the board, accompanied by A. L. Shafer, manager of the Pacific coast division of the National Red Cross, and Miss Deborah Pentz, in charge of the local office. Among those who appeared before the board were W. E. Ferron, Ed. W. Clark, A. C. Grant, Nye Wilson, O. W. Yates, Ira Earl and others.

The proposal was made in behalf of the Red Cross that the national organization would assume the payment of the salary of the local executive and the office expenses. Also that flour would be furnished sufficient to provide food for those in need, and that the Red Cross organization would assist in dispensing such funds as the county commissioners thought advisable to spare for relief work.

It was the view of the board as well as those members of the Red Cross present that it would be a serious mistake to disperse with the organization which has administered the relief work just at present, in view of the probability that it would be greatly needed next fall and winter.

The county commissioners offered the services of Bud Barrett, county road supervisor, to encourage those who have no business here to move on instead of settling down as permanent charges of the community.

The board of commissioners accepted the offer of the Red Cross and promises all possible cooperation that the condition of the county funds would permit.

The rubber industry annually uses about 385,000,000 pounds of cotton.

### QUAKE ROCKS CALIFORNIA

EUREKA, Calif., June 6. (U.P.)—The rocky, wooded coastline through northern California and Oregon was struck today by a deadly series of earthquakes almost as intense as the famous tremors of 1906.

A woman was killed, two men were seriously injured and property damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars. Four distinct shocks were felt for a distance of 300 miles, extending from Humboldt and Del Norte counties into Roseburg, Ore.

Loss of life and damage were kept to a minimum by the fact that the quakes struck in the early morning hours and spent their force in sparsely settled country. Seismologists believed the tremors probably extended far out to sea.

Mrs. Wallace McCutcheon, 25, was crushed to death by a chimney which collapsed in her bedroom here as she slept. Her husband's leg was broken and several ribs crushed. Ralph Young, Eureka, was the only other person reported injured. He suffered two broken ribs when thrown against a machine in a bakery.

### VEGANS ATTEND MOAPA MEETING

Among those from Las Vegas who attended the celebration for the 20th anniversary of the founding of Moapa stake at Overton over the weekend were Mrs. George Goodwin, Miss Vera Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Earl and family and U. S. Commissioner and Mrs. Flowers.

### NOME Celebrates Christmas As First Vessel Reaches Port With Presents

NOME, Alaska, June 6. (U.P.)—Today was Christmas for scores of Nome residents.

Included in the freight were numerous Christmas packages containing the usual assortment of gifts for adults and children.

### COMMISSIONER HERE

County Commissioner A. L. Jones of Fernon spent yesterday attending the regular monthly meeting.

### TO BROADCAST

The Eagle Drum Corps, number 1213, will play over the local radio station tonight at 8 p. m.

### STUDENT RETURNS

Miss Elizabeth Von Tobel, who has been attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City the past winter, returned home Sunday to spend her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Von Tobel.

### Vice Squad Attends Show Two Nights And Then Closes House For 'Vileness'

DALLAS, Tex., June 6. (U.P.)—A "no show" sign hung on the Hippodrome theater here tonight and a police thengrapher was suffering with aching fingers, all because he and members of the police vice squad attended the performance two nights in a row.

City Judge Paul McCarroll ordered the sign posted today after members of the vice squad told him the show was "vile" and presented stenographic copies of all gags and songs.

### DAWES QUILTS FINANCE POST

WASHINGTON, June 6. (U.P.)—Gen. Charles G. Dawes today resigned as president of the gigantic Reconstruction Finance corporation, backbone of the interlocking organizations President Hoover has formed to combat the depression.

"Now that the balancing of the national budget by congress is assured, the turning point toward eventual prosperity in this country seems to have been reached," Dawes said in explanation of his sudden action.

This reference was to the signature by the President this afternoon of the billion dollar tax bill.

The resignation to take effect June 15 was announced at the White House just after the signing of the bill, and with it there was announced the President's letter of acceptance, thanking Dawes for his work.

K. O. Christner's 12-year-old son, Milton, has a greater chest expansion than his battling father.