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OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

A GIDDY STREET

Where is there a giddier looking street than Fremont street, Las Vegas, this bright and glorious morning?

The street decorations for the American Legion convention which begins tomorrow are in place. All that now remains is for the merchants to flout a little red, white and blue bunting and a few fluttering flags and we are off to a flying start.

The American Legion convention will draw several hundred delegates to Las Vegas and we can assure them of a warm welcome by our people. This makes this convention the glorious success it should be and many others will follow. There is every reason to believe that Las Vegas will become an important convention city.

The way in which we handle this gathering will have a very great influence upon the result of our efforts to bring the Veterans of Foreign Wars here a year from now.

Already steps are being taken to secure the Veterans' convention. If the boys are able to point with pride to the manner in which the Legion convention was handled this year, we may bring several thousand of the Veterans here in 1933.

HUSBAND'S ALIMONY

We read in the news dispatches that a judge rules a wife has no right to divorce her husband and turn him out in a cruel world without alimony. Which has an encouraging sound to it. These women have been shirking their duty too long. We husbands demand alimony!

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Anonymous letters frequently are interesting, but as a general thing a newspaper cannot publish such. It would be far better for the frequent and fluent letter writers to sign their names to their communications if they wish to have them given attention.

We call attention to the appropriate cartoon on the subject on the editorial page of this morning's Age.

GIGOLO'S UNION

The hard working gigolos have been compelled to form themselves into a union to keep outsiders from encroaching on what they consider their own private territory. They have adopted all sorts of things like codes of ethics and constitutions and by-laws and aims and objects, some of which are worthy of attention, to-wit:

"We won't make love at any price, and we pledge ourselves to be courteous, considerate and perfect gentlemen."

Which may not be so bad after all—If lived up to.

BILL GRAHAM TURNED FREE

RENO, Nev., June 7. (U.P.)—William Graham, known as one of the "Big Three" in Reno gambling circles, was exonerated today of all blame in connection with killing R. F. McCracken, a dealer, last year. A coroner's jury freed Graham immediately after the duel which occurred June 4, 1931, in a local speak-easy. The grand jury, the first to convene here in five years, was asked to investigate the case. It did and today voted against returning an indictment.

REPUBLICANS MEET TODAY

Republican mass meetings will be held in the various precincts of the county today at 11 a. m., as provided by law and the notice published by the Republican county central committee.

The precincts within the city, the meeting place in each and the number of delegates to which each precinct is entitled are given below:

- Las Vegas No. 1, 8 delegates, fire house.
- Las Vegas No. 2, 7 delegates, city library.
- Las Vegas No. 3, 7 delegates, 301 1/2 South Main St.
- Las Vegas No. 4, 5 delegates, Clark's Forwarding garage.
- Las Vegas No. 5, 9 delegates, Martin garage, 304 No. Fourth St.
- Las Vegas No. 6, 12 delegates, L. D. S. church.
- Las Vegas No. 7, 9 delegates, old high school gymnasium.
- Las Vegas No. 8, 6 delegates, Gibson garage.
- Las Vegas No. 9, 8 delegates, Mankiewicz building.

RETURN TO PANACA

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Blad and daughter Elaine have returned to their home in Panaca. Mrs. Blad and daughter have visited their husband and father for the past week. Mr. Blad will return here in a few days.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

June 7—Maximum, 83; minimum, 48.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, June 7. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2 cents a pound. Silver, 28.30-29.75 cents an ounce.

GIRL TESTIFIES FROM COT IN LAS VEGAS COURT

From her narrow cot in the courtroom, with a trained nurse in constant attendance, Mary Proctor testified in her own behalf in her \$50,000 damage suit against Claybourn Dilday.

There was a good sized audience in attendance at the trial, and considerable interest displayed at having the plaintiff, who is hopelessly crippled since an automobile accident last December, brought to the court house in an ambulance. She was then carried to the courtroom, where her cot was placed inside the rail.

Miss Proctor, who was the first witness called, told the story of the ride she took with the defendant on the fifteenth of last December, which resulted in the serious injuries from which she is suffering.

The plaintiff charges that the defendant drove at so great a rate of speed over the rough road beyond "Westside," that his car, which is alleged to have had a defective steering column, was forced from the highway, and turned over twice. Since that time the plaintiff has been confined to the Las Vegas hospital and is paralyzed from the neck down.

PHYSICIAN TESTIFIES

Dr. R. D. Balcom of the Las Vegas hospital staff, who has attended Miss Proctor since her injuries, testified as to their nature, and as to the probability that the plaintiff would never recover.

E. W. Gregory and Mrs. Gregory, residents of the Westside, who lived near the scene of the accident, testified to running to the assistance of Dilday and Miss Proctor, and as to the condition of the plaintiff when they found her.

Verne E. Robbins testified as to the condition of the car, and of the steering column after the wreck. The suit finally came to trial after a legal skirmish of several months, during which time a complaint, amended complaint, and second amended complaint were filed by the plaintiff, the defense scoring with one sustained demurrer, and being overruled on one demurrer.

PURPOSE OF SUIT

The purpose of the suit is to determine the degree of liability of the defendant, who was covered by accident insurance. Wm. Hughes of Los Angeles is present to represent the insurance company.

The case is being heard before Judge L. O. Hawkins, and will probably continue through today.

DAM TAX PARLEY TO BE HELD AT CARSON JUNE 21

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting yesterday touched on a variety of subjects.

A. J. Thompson reported that County Commissioner A. L. Jones has arranged to have the county road equipment put to work on the Clark county portion of the Glendale-Alamo highway to materially improve it. State Highway Engineer Durkee, he stated, is pressing forward the preliminaries to permanent improvement of the route as soon as funds can be made available.

O. W. Yates reported on the arrangements were discussed and all business houses were requested to decorate their places today.

Secretary Wilson reported that it was hoped that the fine collection of minerals and curios of the late E. L. Lake could be made accessible to the public at the new offices of the Chamber.

Attention was called to the plan of the Salt Lake Tribune to send seven girls on a tour of the southern Utah parks, and the hope expressed that they might be able to visit Las Vegas and Hoover dam.

On motion of A. S. Henderson, the secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence to Bob Moore, whose brother was killed in a train accident in the east.

The matter of taxation of privately owned property within the reservation was discussed at some length. The committee, of which Ryland Taylor is chairman, was requested to recommend a member to accompany the district attorney and Commissioner McGriff to Carson City to confer with Governor Balzar about June 21.

HOOPER SIGNS BILL DELAYING ASSESSMENT

WASHINGTON, June 7. (U.P.)—President Hoover today signed a bill exempting assessment work on mining claims this year.

HUGHES DEATH PRINCIPALS



Above, right, is Verne L. Doran, ex-convict, who, with Public Defender Frank J. Egan of San Francisco, was questioned in connection with the death of Mrs. Jessie Scott Hughes. Left is Albert Tinnin, former employe of Egan, who was reported by police to have "talked" and will be used as a material witness if developments in the murder mystery warrant. Doran also formerly was employed by Egan.

S. F. DEFENDER SURRENDERS TO COPS TWO ARRESTED FOR LICENSE EVASION

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7. (U.P.)—His thin lips spread in a smile, Public Defender Frank J. Egan surrendered to police today on a charge of directing the alleged murder of a 67-year-old widow who trusted him as a son.

"Good morning, Julius," the one-time police patrolman who became famed and trusted as the brilliant defender of San Francisco's impoverished classes, said to Station Keeper Hiett.

Hiett was startled. For 60 hours, the defender had been hunted by motor car, boat, airplane and on foot through northern California.

"Hello, Frank," was all he could say. Egan was booked on an indictment charging him, Verne Doran, a convict, and Albert Tinnin, an ex-convict, with the murder of Mrs. Jessie Scott Hughes. He refused to give his fingerprints or permit a police photograph. He readily posed for newspaper photographs.

At the city jail his expensive clothing was taken from him. The man who had saved hundreds of accused men from prison was dressed in blue denim overalls and listed as "Prisoner 154."

Egan and his attorney, Vincent Hallinan, refused to say where the defender had been hiding. They insisted he surrendered as soon as they learned the indictment was returned.

Hallinan did not comment on the asserted confession of Doran, which alleged Egan had ordered that Mrs. Hughes be knocked out, placed under the wheels of an automobile in her own garage and crushed to death. Mrs. Hughes, insurance men testified at an inquest, carried \$12,000 life insurance payable to Egan.

SEEK TO JOIN L. V. CHAMBER

Ten applications for membership in the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce were approved and the following elected to membership at yesterday's meeting:

Nevada Gas company, Coast Produce company, J. K. Bond, lumberman; Chas. Gretsinger, plaster contractor; Jack Price, Ltd., clothiers; Clarence E. Horton, New York Life Insurance representative; Luce & Goodfellow, radio and electrical appliances; Sprouse-Reltz Co., Inc.; Harmon & Foley, attorneys, Anderson Dairy.

WILL LEAVE TODAY

Mrs. Nora Wright of Victorville, Calif., expects to return to her home today after spending the past several days in Las Vegas on business and visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Eale of this city.

BRIDE'S JOB IN DANGER IF HER NAME REVEALED

Romance and the difficulties attending modern economic life walked into the office of the county clerk hand in hand yesterday when a Los Angeles couple applied for a marriage license, but begged that their names be kept out of the papers for the reason that the bride would lose her job if it were known she had married.

Each of the contracting parties was 24 years of age, and neither had been married before.

CITY DRESSES UP FOR BIG LEGION MEET

With flags and banners flung to the breeze, and festoons of pennants draped across Fremont street, Las Vegas today takes on the appearance of a carnival city in preparation for the Legion departmental convention which opens here tomorrow.

WILL REGISTER

During the morning and early afternoon, all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will register at the new A. C. Grant super-service station at the corner of Fremont and Third. The station will be sign-boarded to that effect.

TO SEE DAM

Business will occupy the morning session Friday and the afternoon will be spent by the delegates in viewing the Hoover Dam project and Boulder City as guests of the Boulder City post of the Legion.

On Saturday officers will be elected and unfinished business cleaned up. The three-day affair will end that night with a big fiesta and dance at Lorenzi Lake park, at which the queen of the Legion will be crowned.

B. C. GIRL IN CONTEST LEAD

Mary Lindsay of Boulder City again leads as the race for the honor of being named American Legion convention queen enters its last day.

It's a hot race with every one of the seven contestants in position to win and the three leaders only 700 points apart.

Tonight at midnight the race will be closed and everyone desiring to help any one of the girls is urged to cast their votes and drop them into any one of seven conveniently located ballot boxes. They will be found at the Apache Drug store, Boulder Drug store, City Drug store, Apache hotel, Mission Cigar store and the Professional Drug store.

As a final send-off for the girls on the eve of the day of the race, five of their number were introduced from the stage of El Portal theatre in the following order: Mary Lindsay, Ruth Perryman, Rose Marie, Pauline Smith and Dixie Landis. Each one of the girls gave a short talk, making a final appeal for votes.

Immediately after midnight tonight the votes will be counted by Irving R. Golden, campaign manager, and Doc Green, Boulder City Post 31 campaign manager.

Although the race for queen closes tonight, it was pointed out by Golden that the ticket sale for the convention dance would continue until Saturday night.

VERDICT GIVEN IN DEATH CASE

Establishing the identity of a Mexican who was fatally shot Sunday night after he was captured while trying to break into an auto camp cabin, Coroner Frank M. Ryan's jury decided last night that the would-be burglar, Jose Martinez, came to his death as the result of a gunshot wound in the head accidentally inflicted.

The funeral will be held from Las Vegas Funeral home Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

As Las Vegas residents were identifying and claiming the jewelry found on the person of Martinez, police were checking off from their robbery reports, many of the "jobs" pulled and now attributed to Martinez.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL

I. H. Sample of the Apache casino was called to Los Angeles on Sunday following the death of his niece who was killed in an automobile accident. Sample will journey to Chicago where the funeral services will be held.

ON BUSINESS

Reed A. Hannig of Glendale spent yesterday here on business and visiting relatives.

VETERANS ARE REVIEWED IN CAPITAL MARCH

WASHINGTON, June 7. (U.P.)—As thousands of unemployed ex-service men swarmed through capital streets, the senate late today suddenly defeated a provision of the omnibus economy bill which would have reduced general benefits to veterans by \$48,000,000.

RAGGED AND LIMPING

WASHINGTON, June 7. (U.P.)—World war veterans, some in their old-time uniforms, others in ragged, dusty combinations of civilian clothes, paraded down Washington's street of heroes tonight to demand \$2,000,000,000 in World war bonuses to keep them from starvation.

Police said approximately 8,000 men turned out, and the impression they made brought a crowd that lined Pennsylvania avenue to cheer and shout "stay with them till you get it."

Heavy forces of policemen, afraid there would be trouble, found themselves with nothing to do except salute the flags that headed each little regiment of veterans.

As they marched down the wide avenue behind the three drum corps—the only uniformed groups in the long parade—the snap returned to the tired men's walk and they kept step well.

MARCH SLOWLY

When the head of the parade got down Pennsylvania avenue, where so many paraders have marched to cheer, the two leaders—Walter W. Waters, who brought the original Portland, Oregon, contingent across the country afoot and on box cars, and George Alman, Oregon lumberjack, dropped out of line with the leading drum corps and reviewed the parade. It took the men, in column of fours, half an hour to pass the reviewers. They turned eyes right in passing.

The men turned off at the foot of the marble capitol building and marched quietly, slowly and unevenly back to their barracks in black old warehouses and to their great camp at Anacostia.

It was a ragged army, but one of martial spirit. They paraded down the avenue, not up, as triumphant armies do, and were ushered carefully back of the White House so that they never got a sight of it through the thick trees that dot its spacious grounds.

GOOD SHOW

But they staged a good show from their gathering point back of the White House at the foot of the 555-foot monolith to George Washington.

When Commander-in-chief Waters had seen the last of the tired men go by, some concealing limps in their desire to keep step, he turned to newspapermen, quiet and almost in tears and said:

"It is what we needed to show them that we mean business. It's just starting. Another week and we'll really have some men here. It is not a holiday. We'll stay as long as we have to."

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., June 7. (U.P.)—The "bonus armies" converging on Washington are inspired by "Communists seeking to capitalize the mental attitude of unemployed veterans," the Kansas department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars declared today.

While denouncing the "marchers," the veterans holding their annual encampment here went on record as favoring immediate cash payment of the bonus.

PRINTERS GROUPS NAMED BY HAYES

President Henry F. Hayes has named standing committees of the local Typographical union as follows:

Executive board: George Tompkins, Beryl Worley, D. L. Harford, President Hayes and Secretary-Treasurer C. D. Keeler. Auditing board: William C. Whitehead, Beryl Worley and M. B. McElwain. Apprentice committee: B. N. Smith, M. B. McElwain and George Hanson. Label committee: Hayes, Keeler, Tompkins, Worley, Harford, Entertainment, Dick Lochrie and C. D. Keeler.

GO TO COAST

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron and daughters, Barbara and Shirley, have gone to Los Angeles for several days.

Garner's Relief Bill Passed By House, 216-182

NICE AND COOL



Carole Lombard, film actress, shows her idea of the proper costume for those hot summer days. All one needs, she says, is a few inches of cloth, an aquaplane and a bright smile.

WASHINGTON, June 7. (U.P.)—The house smashed through bitter Republican opposition today to pass the \$2,500,000,000 Garner relief program providing immediate aid to the distressed and designed to reduce unemployment through construction of public works and self-liquidating projects.

UNDER GAG RULE

The Garner bill, passed under the most drastic "gag rule" during this session of congress, provides for a billion dollar increase in the funds of the reconstruction finance corporation "to broaden the base for loans"; expenditure of more than a billion dollars for a public works program, and a fund of \$100,000,000 to be administered by President Hoover for immediate relief of distress.

Shortly before the vote on the Garner bill the house rejected, 218 to 183, President Hoover's relief plan which was offered by Rep. Willis C. Hawley, Repn., Ore., as a substitute for the speaker's program. The administration proposal contained provisions for increasing the capital of the reconstruction finance corporation \$1,500,000,000 to finance self-liquidating projects, a fund of \$300,000,000 for direct relief to unemployed, and money to finance agricultural exports.

The Garner plan, bitterly attacked by President Hoover as "pork barrel" legislation because of the public works provision, is the first giant relief proposal backed by the party leaders to be voted on during this session.

EIGHT KNOWN DEAD IN FIRE

CLEVELAND, June 7. (U.P.)—Firemen and police tonigher searched through smoldering ruins of the Ellington apartment building in downtown Cleveland for additional victims following the blast and fire that swept the structure early today taking at least eight lives, injuring 30 others, and causing damage of approximately \$1,000,000.

Four bodies were recovered from the debris, and fire department officials said they were positive four more were wedged in between fallen timber and bricks.

A list furnished by the apartment building owners showed that 18 residents still were missing.

Assistant Fire Chief James Nimmo reported that he saw three other bodies covered by debris besides the eight that officials reported had been killed by the terrific explosion and engulfing fire.

The stores and business establishments that occupied the ground floor of the block square building, were a mass of ruins, particularly those facing the Superior avenue side, where officials believe escaping gas caused the explosion. Police maintained a cordon around the block as it was feared the remaining walls might give way.

NAVAL PLANES COMING HERE

Three navy planes from the base at San Diego will arrive here this morning at 10 a. m., P. A. Simon, founder of the Western Air Express field and aviation enthusiast, was advised yesterday.

The telegram to Simon from the naval commandant at San Diego failed to state the size or capacity of the ships. It is believed that the trip is being made in connection with naval maneuvers off the coast of southern California.

TO SPEED INDUSTRY

It places additional borrowing power in the hands of the reconstruction finance corporation "and would speed up private industry," Mills said.

The house agriculture committee favorably reported a resolution authorizing the farm board to turn over 40,000,000 bushels of wheat and 500,000 bales of cotton to the Red Cross for bread and clothing for the 400,000 destitute. Majority leaders said they hoped to expedite its passage.

Fat Girl Empties Gun At 'Admirer' And Fails To Hit; She's Arrested

CHICAGO, June 7. (U.P.)—"If my bullets hadn't gone wild," lamented Miss Gertrude Lucas to police who held her today on charges of trying to shoot Matthew P. Giuntini, "I would have pleaded justifiable homicide."

"We'd been sweethearts for 10 years," she continued. "About two weeks ago he said I was too fat. Then when I shot five bullets at him and missed every time he said I was even too fat to shoot straight."