

OBSERVATIONS

Cr'st from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

THE RACES

The convention over, the Observer joined a party going to the races at Washington Park, Chicago.

We leave Chicago on an Illinois Central electric train of about a dozen cars at 1:30 and it gets us there at 2:00, just in time for the first race.

The racing park is wonderfully fitted with buildings, grand stands, and club house, with every possible device for the comfort of patrons and every incentive to induce them to spend money.

The broad expanse of paddock is covered with green lawns and inside of the track the area is landscaped, with lawns, flowers, shrubbery and a small lake.

Under the grandstands are the betting booths. You, of course, have paid ten cents for a card on which is printed the horses in each race and other interesting information.

You look wise, pick your horse and walk up to a two dollar window or a five dollar window, or a ten, twenty, or a hundred dollar window, put down the amount indicated and say "Brass Monkey" or whatever the name of the horse you have decided to bet on may be.

You hasten out to the track just in time to see the ponies start. Golden Camel takes the lead and holds it to the end and you find yourself shouting for him and feeling quite a winner when he comes across the line a winner.

However the writer did win a bet, cashing in a ticket for a net gain of sixty cents, and when we talk about the races we tell about the race we won on and not at all remembering several times we lost.

But such is life, and if it were not for a lot of us who like to speed up a little once in a while, the ox would very likely be the present day system of transportation.

SECOND BONUS DIVISION IS FORMED

Organization of the second division of the Nevada bonus army is under way in Las Vegas today at the corner of First and Ogden streets, where the first division organized before their record-breaking trek to Washington.

The new army will make an early start, according to present indications, for more than 50 recruits have already signed up to make the trip.

The only qualification an ex-serviceman need have to join the nation-wide protest against non-payment of the soldiers bonus, is to have their army discharges, irrespective of race. Several colored ex-servicemen have already joined Las Vegas' second division.

Las Vegas business men are again cooperating with the second bonus group.

ROBT. YATES DIES IN VEGAS

Robert Charles Yates, 57, of Hollywood, Calif., died Sunday from general peritonitis. Mr. Yates was a naturalized citizen of Canada and a retired manufacturer. He leaves his wife, Louise M. Yates, a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. McCampbell, attorney of Reno, Nevada. The remains will be shipped to Reno by the Las Vegas funeral home.

SULLIVAN HAT IN STATE RING

Declaring that, in the event he is elected, he will work for the repeal of the prohibition amendment, with protection of the "dry" states, and favoring the soldier's bonus bill, Maurice Sullivan announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress.

His announcement also declares that he is not put forth by any particular faction of group, and will be free to use his best judgment as to what is good for the people of Nevada and for the country, if elected. He also pledges himself to use his best efforts for favorable silver legislation, and says he is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

June 27—Minimum, 113; maximum, 84.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, June 27. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2 cents pound. Lead, 3 cents pound. Zinc, 2 1/2 cents pound. Bar silver, July, 26-27.10 cents ounce.

LAS VEGAS AGE

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BOULDER DAM PROJECT The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered and United Press Wire Service Brings News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

ROOSEVELT RANKS JARRED

BOULDER FUND IS BOOSTED UP TO 23 MILLION

Joined in his efforts by Senator Key Pittman, Senator Tasker L. Oddie yesterday succeeded in increasing the emergency appropriations for the Hoover Dam project by \$13,000,000, making a total of \$23,000,000 available for continuation of the work on the dam.

As a member of the appropriations committee, Senator Oddie has been a consistent proponent of Hoover Dam legislation, and the passage of the new appropriations is considered a signal victory for the Nevada senators.

The sub-committee of the appropriations committee, of which Senator Oddie is a member, yesterday increased the appropriation for the project by \$5,000,000, making the total under the second deficiency bill \$7,000,000 to be appropriated.

With Senator Pittman, Senator Oddie made a strong plea before the committee for the increased funds with success. Their fight assures continuance of the work on the Hoover Dam without curtailing the number of men to be employed, and is to be regarded as an indication that the employment level will be maintained on the project.

With this \$7,000,000, added to the \$6,000,000 made available through the regular appropriations bill, and the \$10,000,000 included for Hoover Dam in the Wagner Emergency Relief bill which has just passed the senate, the total sum for the Hoover Dam for the coming year amounts to \$23,000,000.

Senator Oddie told press associations that on this basis, construction activities on the Hoover dam, as well as employment, can be substantially increased.

NO RACIAL ANTAGONISM HERE



These three representatives of San Francisco's foreign colonies appear in friendly spirits as they prepare for the second annual International Pageant, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, to be staged during the Shrine convention, July 26-28. They are, left to right, Irene Kusyev Tamimoto, Japan; Natalie Antichko-Nicol, Russia; and Violet Kaoru Miura, Japan.

DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY TAKES UP RARE PERFUME; WILL START FOR HIS HIDDEN GOLD IN PANAMINTS

Death Valley Scotty breezed through Las Vegas last night, headed for his hidden cache of gold ore, subject to public conjecture for the past forty years.

"I've got my mules already, and as soon as I hit the Valley, I'm starting after another load of gold. Everybody else is howling, but while they're howling yours truly is going ahead and bring out some more gold," the famous desert character said, his eyes twinkling.

Asked if he wasn't afraid someone would follow him to his secret source of wealth, he said, "Let 'em. They've been following me for forty years and I've been losing them right along, and I guess I can do it again."

Scotty still maintains that his \$2,400,000 Death Valley Castle will remain closed.

"Of course I still live there when I'm in the Valley, but I refuse to be a tourist attraction for all the hot dog stands and hotels within a hundred miles of the Valley," he said, his traditional red necktie fluttering in the breeze.

Scotty was conveying a cargo of presents sent him from a party of friends touring Europe. The shipment included perfumes from Egypt, silk blankets from Afghanistan, and assorted unmentionables for his private bedroom in the Castle.

MAYOR CRAGIN RETURNS TO CITY

Returning from a several days' trip to Honolulu and Seattle as a delegate to the Rotary convention, Mayor E. W. Cragin returned to Las Vegas last night.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Cragin and his young son. The mayor will re-assume his official duties immediately.

U. S. 'GOBS' GO THROUGH VEGAS

Bound for their first tour of sea duty with the Pacific fleet, "gobs" and officers from the Great Lakes training station, near Chicago, Ill., passed through Las Vegas in a nine car special train this morning.

The sailors are headed for San Diego and San Pedro, Calif., where they will join their ships of the Pacific fleet.

STARVATION IN BONUS ARMY IMPERILS RANKS

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 27. (U.P.)—The threat of hunger faced members of the Bonus Expeditionary force tonight. Seventeen dollars remained in the police department food fund after Tuesday's supplies were bought. Bread will not be served most of the men tomorrow.

IMPASSE REACHED An impasse apparently was reached. Police said they had no idea where food was coming from. The world war veterans' leaders said widely that they were confident food would be provided. In any event, they declared, they might as well be hungry here as anywhere else.

There was no sign of a break-up at camps or barracks. The veterans, variously estimated at between 12,000 and 20,000, were basking in the scorching sun or hammering away at their huts in the mud flat city they have built on the eastern branch of the Potomac.

Bickering over leadership continued. July 4 was set as the date for a convention at which "permanent" officers will be elected. Many men will be hungry by then. Already there are cases of dysentery at some camps, due to an improperly balanced diet.

A revived Communist scare attained some proportions today when two over-seas veterans were beaten by bonus seekers, one of them being taken to the Maryland border and ordered not to return, because of alleged Communist activities.

Other men "arrested" included Joseph Vacellotti, Passaic, N. J., an overseas veteran of the 147th infantry, 37th division; James Brown, negro, Philadelphia, overseas veteran of the 542nd Engineers; Thomas Plunkett, negro, New York; Marion Watkins, negro, Chicago; and William Meltzer, New York.

Vacellotti and Brown are not members of the league. All insisted they were here solely as veterans, and not as members of any organization.

WERE THREATENED All said they were threatened by the bonus marchers, and some were told they would be thrown in the river if seen again.

George Lucas, member of the veterans' executive committee, and Edward Lachmann, a "military policeman," struck Young when he was surrounded by guards at veterans' headquarters.

Earle Gould, national billeting officer, and another bonus marcher, took Young to the Maryland border.

Bonus march officials said Young was ordered not to return to Washington, but when asked what their authority was for policing the national capital, narrowed their jurisdiction to their own camps.

U. S. OPENS NEW LAND TO ENTRY

Restoration to entry of lands originally withdrawn for the Colorado river storage project was announced recently by Clara M. Crisler, register of the United States land office at Carson City.

The restoration to entry is subject to the usual conditions pertaining to homestead and desert land laws.

Ex-servicemen will have the same preference as is usual with entry conditions. Their simultaneous filing period will be from July 2 to July 21, inclusive, and their preference right from July 22 to October 20, inclusive. The simultaneous filing period for the general public will be from October 1 to October 20, inclusive, while all the lands will be open to general disposition October 21.

The lands opened by the new order are all of township 21 S., R. 61 E., M. D. M.

NO LICENSE: FINED Arrested Sunday night for operating a truck without a Nevada license, Leo Leve was fined \$50 in justice court yesterday. Leve was brought before Justice of the Peace P. H. Springer yesterday afternoon, and found guilty of the charge.

IN MOUNTAINS Mr. and Mrs. Al Drew spent Sunday in the mountains.

LINDBERGH IN COURT TELLS STORY OF HOAX

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 27. (U.P.)—Grim-visaged, but in complete possession of himself, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh went before a jury in Flemington's white-pillared courthouse today to tell his version of the kidnaping, last March 1, of his blue-eyed son, Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

FIRST RECITAL Speaking in a tone that was low, yet distinct, Colonel Lindbergh recited, for the first time in public, the circumstances surrounding the abduction and murder of his baby, and of his dealings with John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk shipbuilder, who is on trial accused of hoaxing the famous flier into believing he had been in contact with the kidnapers.

Curtis is charged with obstructing the orderly processes of justice. He supposedly confessed, after the Lindbergh baby's body had been found near Hopewell that he had manufactured his story of negotiations with the kidnapers.

He sat today, ten feet from the dead child's father, beside his 11-year-old daughter, Constance, and his two brothers, George and Sandusky Curtis, from Norfolk.

Anthony M. Hauck, Jr., district attorney, who has full charge of the prosecution, told the jury of five women and seven men that he hoped to prove that Curtis tried to get in touch with Colonel Lindbergh for the purpose of perpetrating the hoax.

ASKED DEFINITE PROOF Hauck declared that after Curtis had come forward with the statement that he had been in contact overseas veteran of the 147th infantry, 37th division; James Brown, negro, Philadelphia, overseas veteran of the 542nd Engineers; Thomas Plunkett, negro, New York; Marion Watkins, negro, Chicago; and William Meltzer, New York.

Police authorities the prosecutor said, had abandoned numerous clues that might have been important in order to follow the leads furnished by the Virginian.

Rymann Herr, chief of defense council, indicated today that he and his cohorts are prepared to battle every move of the prosecution. He even stood up in the hushed, crowded courtroom and accused the state police of having "railroaded" Curtis, and of continuing their efforts to send him to prison.

Almost the entire dramatic personality of the now famous Lindbergh case was present in the courtroom when Judge Adam O. Robbins, brusque and businesslike, called the session to order.

Betty Gow, attractive English nursemaid who was baby Lindbergh's constant companion, sat beside Ollie Wheatley, the dour, unemotional Lindbergh butler. Mrs. Wheatley, cook in the Lindbergh house, sat back of Betty. Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf occupied a seat a few feet from Colonel Lindbergh.

VEGAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Struck down as he was walking across Ogden street at Main street, B. W. Hannan, 55, was taken to the hospital yesterday for treatment of the injuries inflicted when a car passed over him.

Hannan was struck by a car driven by Ed Michelson as it turned off Main street entering Ogden street. According to witnesses, the two left wheels of the car passed over Hannan.

At the hospital it was revealed that he had severe lacerations on his back and the back of his head, in addition to being badly bruised about the body.

WHATAMAN HUDSON, EX-VEGAS AUTO SALESMAN, BROKE BUT STILL EATING

Los Angeles, successfully survived an inquisition into his financial status by Ned I. Mulville, municipal court referee, yesterday.

In a long session of "Q and A" Hudson made the following noteworthy admission:

He hasn't earned a dime since November.

LOSE FIGHT ON TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY RULE

By THOMAS L. STOKES (United Press Staff Correspondent)

CHICAGO, June 27. (U.P.)—Roosevelt and anti-Roosevelt strategists fenced for position tonight, attempting to gain advantage from the break over the two-thirds rule.

ROOSEVELT POSITION Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt gave up his fight for abolition of the two-thirds rule in a statement that broke suddenly over the opening session of the Democratic national convention today. His lieutenants here—working to assure his nomination on the first ballot through substitution of a majority rule—were maneuvered out of a tough corner by his instructions. Opposition was rolling up, heavily.

Still enthusiastic, however, they went into the rules committee and brought out a compromise plan whereby the majority rule would be enforced after six ballots. James A. Farley, Roosevelt manager, muddled the voters still further by disavowing this as a "Roosevelt idea," saying the governor meant "in good faith" his statement opposing a majority rule for nominating.

This uncertainty in the Roosevelt camp immediately was capitalized upon by the "favorite son" coalition, including Alfred E. Smith. They began to build up a wall to prevent the New York governor's nomination and to center upon a compromise candidate to step in and take the prize after the wearing down process familiar to Democratic conventions.

RITCHIE IS DARK HORSE Gov. Albert C. Ritchie was the most talked of "dark horse" prospect tonight. There was also considerable talk of Newton D. Baker, Woodrow Wilson's secretary of war. The Mississippi delegation, counted in the Roosevelt camp, but not definitely instructed, split into factions supporting these two. New York was reported as leaning toward Ritchie, with Baker as second choice.

Numerous conferences were held among coalition leaders.

Reports were circulated that Smith was ready to withdraw from the race and throw his delegates, over 100, to the Maryland governor, to start a drive for his nomination. Ritchie sides denied any knowledge of such a move.

The Maryland governor is the popular favorite among the side-walk delegates here. His ballyhoo is well organized, and he keeps himself in the friendly ring, skirting any entanglements. Like tactics proved the key to Warren G. Harding's nomination by a deadlocked Republican convention in 1920.

N. Y. SUPPORTS SHOUSE Talk of candidates overshadowed tonight in the crowded hotel lobby which are to come tomorrow over the compromise nominating plan engendered tonight by the Roosevelt forces and the battle over the permanent chairmanship.

New York took another shot tonight at the Roosevelt forces by voting to support J. P. Morgan for this post. The Roosevelt people are supporting Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana. The issue still was in doubt tonight.

Roosevelt leaders indicated a desire to get to the balloting early, in order to prevent any breakup in their forces by pushing through the rules committee a change in procedure which will put the balloting ahead of the platform fight. This is unprecedented.

Democratic leaders of eleven states united tonight in a repeal plank which they hope to push through the national convention resolutions committee.

FIGHT ON FLOOR If that effort fails, the fight will be carried to the floor of the Democratic national convention, Senator David Walsh of Massachusetts, who

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PAST ELK HEADS TO ATTEND MEET

Three past exalted rulers of the Las Vegas Elks will attend the annual convention of the Elks, to be held at Birmingham, Ala., starting July 10.

They are Dr. Roy W. Martin, who also holds the post of district deputy exalted ruler for the state of Nevada, and Roscoe W. Thomas and C. E. Pembroke.

BUY AT HOME CAMPAIGN OPENS

"Buy at home, and hire local labor," was the keynote of the four speakers at last night's meeting of the Las Vegas Builders Exchange meeting at the American Legion arena.

The meeting, open to the public, was held for the purpose of acquainting the public with the buy at home and hire at home aims of the Las Vegas Builders Exchange.

Principal speakers at the meeting, with Lee Mahoney presiding, were R. R. Caldwell, of the Barr Lumber company of Santa Ana; Jack E. Cope, of the Cope Electric company, of Santa Ana; Frederic Sanford, Santa Ana, manager of the Orange county Builders Exchange and secretary of the California state Builders Exchange, and George W. Israel, secretary and manager of the Pasadena, California, Builders Exchange.

All dwelt upon the different constructive phases of the program to be instituted by the Las Vegas Builders Exchange, citing instances that had demonstrated the practicability of exchange effort.