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THE COLORADO RIVER  
BOULDER DAM PROJECT

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## EARLY APPROVAL OF DAM BILL EXPECTED

### APPROVAL OF DAM BILL IS CERTAIN SAYS SENATOR ODDIE AFTER TALK AT WHITE HOUSE

ADDISON SMITH, CHAIRMAN HOUSE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE, SAYS SWIFT APPROVAL OF DAM BILL WILL BE GIVEN BY HIS COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (Special to the Age)—"I am much pleased over the wire of congratulations from the Age on the Boulder Dam victory. The Nevada delegation, federal and state, are most happy over the outcome and have worked untiringly for the success of this legislation. I congratulate Las Vegas on its assured splendid future by the passage of this legislation," said Senator Tasker L. Oddie in a dispatch to the Age today.

"This morning I had a very satisfactory interview with President Coolidge on this legislation and feel confident that if the house accepts the principal amendments he will approve the bill.

"I have today requested the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the treasury and postoffice departments in providing for the erection of a fine permanent federal building for Las Vegas and have assured him that on account of the tremendous increase in government activities, together with the increase in industries and population which will come to Las Vegas because of this legislation a large building will be needed.

"I have strongly advocated the construction of an extra large and fine building for this purpose rather than the housing of Boulder Dam governmental activities in temporary structures. Chas. P. Squires is cooperating with me strongly in this matter and will meet various federal officials in connection with it."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (AP)—The possibility that the Boulder Dam bill be accepted by the house as passed by the Senate and sent promptly to President Coolidge was today advanced by Chairman Addison T. Smith, of the House Irrigation Committee, who said that the optimistic members of his committee would desire early action and that the bill might be speeded to the President by having the House concur without the bill going into conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (AP)—After a conference with President Coolidge, Senator Oddie of Nevada expressed confidence that the Executive would approve the Boulder Bill, saying they went over all the important changes.

Oddie said he was wholly satisfied with the interview. Rejoicing over the passage of the Swing-Johnson bill, congressional leaders interested in the measure are hopeful that the final legislative work will be completed soon and the bill sent the President.

House leaders, upon whom the next step largely depends are anxious to get the measure to Coolidge and have planned conferences with their colleagues to determine whether the bill be sent to a conference between the two houses or the house be asked to accept the Senate changes forthwith.

If strength is found in the House to pass the bill with the Senate changes, a conference would be unnecessary and the chances of the bill getting caught in the final legislative jam obviated.

Meanwhile, Washington speculated on how the President would receive the bill.

In the past Senator Johnson has said he felt sure Coolidge approved, and other supporters said they believed the President's requirements as mentioned in his annual message had been met, many staunch administration Senators voting for the bill yesterday.

### FRIENDLY VISIT AIDS GOOD WILL OVER TWO DAYS FROM TONOPAH

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15, (AP)—Hailed as one whose friendly visit would do much to intensify the good will between the United States and Argentina, Hoover was winding up his sojourn in the sixth country in South America. During a day crowded with events Hoover and President Irigoyen conferred two hours. It is believed they were discussing the future tariff policy of the United States.

Death Valley Scotty is a visitor to Vegas today. It has been suggested that Scotty move his million dollar palace down here now. It would be great for the tourist hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West and children are visiting Mr. West's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ronnow.

E. C. Brown, highway engineer, with the Bureau of Public Roads, San Francisco, expected to reach Las Vegas from Carson City, via Tonopah Thursday evening. Instead he arrived about noon today.

Leaving Tonopah by stage Thursday morning, a snow storm was encountered at the Divide Summit, which surpassed anything that territory had seen in some years. After struggling to get through for three hours, the stage put back into Tonopah.

Yesterday morning another start was made, and it took all day to reach Beatty.

Leaving Beatty this morning, Mr. Brown came on to Las Vegas with L. P. Kimball, who operates the Beatty-Las Vegas stage.

### What Has Been Said

Here are the statements of some of the big figures in Boulder Dam legislation as made to Charles P. Squires, veteran Colorado River Commissioner for Nevada, and Editor of the Age:

Senator Key Pittman: "I congratulate the State of Nevada upon the remarkable accomplishments of her commissioners and her representatives in Congress, not only for the successful passage of the bill in such an expeditious manner, but upon the fact that Nevada obtained absolute justice and more than the most optimistic could have hoped for. This is the greatest enterprise since the building of the Panama Canal. It will mean an enormous development in the southern part of the State with great incidental benefits reaching to all parts of Nevada."

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### REVENUE FOR NEVADA, ARIZ.

By GEORGE MALONE  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Boulder Dam bill passed at 8 p.m. yesterday.

Our amendments of last year providing 37 1/2 percent of any surplus power revenues to Nevada and Arizona, and providing for our purchase of power at cost for use in the state were included.

There are some other amendments, but they do not affect the general set up.

### HON. S. S. ARENTZ PURCHASES HOME

A real estate transaction took place yesterday during the excitement preceding the passage of the Boulder Dam bill which contained dramatic elements.

A two-day correspondence by wire, including lengthy real estate descriptions, resulted in Mr. Arentz's securing a valuable piece of real estate just before it was withdrawn from the market.

On Thursday Tom Carroll, local realtor received a wire from Arentz, stating that he wished to purchase a site for a home, and to get something worth while for him.

Mr. Carroll got busy at once, and spent \$10 on telegrams describing to Mr. Arentz several available sites.

In reply came a wire stating that after considering the various places offered, Arentz had decided to purchase 75 feet, east frontage, in block 25 South Addition on the west side of South Sixth street.

The sale was clinched, but a few minutes later would have been too late as the former owner was seriously considering withdrawing the property from the market.

Congressman Arentz plans the building of a winter home at Las Vegas.

### BORN

SANTA CRUZ: Mr. and Mrs. Emilio, a son. Main and Stewart streets. December 12, 1928.

ROCKWELL: Mr. and Mrs. J. W., a daughter. Westside, December 14, 1928.

Dr. C. E. Bulette reports all parties doing nicely.

MYERS: Mr. and Mrs. Roy, an 8 pound daughter, Westside, Dec. 13.

FOREMASTER: Mr. and Mrs. LaMar, 7 pound daughter, at Las Vegas Hospital, Dec. 12.

Dr. F. M. Ferguson reports mothers and babes making good progress.

### KING PUTS UP BRAVE FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 15, (AP)—The King, worn by his long struggle against illness is still fighting bravely for a new foothold on life.

The King suffered something of a setback after the ordeal of Wednesday when operations were performed for the removal of purulent fluid from the base of the right lung.

The morning bulletin served somewhat to alleviate the dismay felt in official circles, indicating the King had had several hours sleep and that his pulse was steady.

### L. A. JR. C. OF C. VISITS DAM SITE

A delegation of about twenty-five members of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce arrived in Las Vegas yesterday afternoon simultaneously with the news of the passage of the Boulder Dam bill. They immediately wired congratulations to Senator Hiram Johnson.

The young men left this morning for Needles, planning to visit the dam site enroute.

### BROTHER OF FANATIA DIES

Thomas D. Fanatia, Clark county assemblyman, received word this morning of the death of his brother, C. R. Fanatia, of Chanute, Kansas.

Mr. Fanatia had been ill for about a month, and at the time of his death was in a sanitarium at Independence, Kansas.

Thomas Fanatia has decided not to go east at this time, as it will be necessary for him to leave for Carson City early in January.

### SERVICE

Again, yesterday, the Age exemplified its ideal of service to its readers by being first on the streets with authentic news of the Senate vote on the Boulder Dam bill.

Within two minutes after receipt of the wire here, the Age had a full sized newspaper off the press, with complete details of the day's action. Within an hour and a half, over 700 copies of the extra had been sold to those anxiously awaiting the good news.

### BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(Special to the Age)—Hayden's amendment recognizing rights of the states to tax the property of licensees or contractors for Boulder Dam power was defeated thirty-five to forty-two.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—Nearing the final vote on the Boulder Dam the senate rejected Hayden's amendment designed to protect Arizona's asserted right to tax power to be generated at the dam by a vote of forty-two to thirty-five.

Hayden declared that his proposal conformed with the wishes of President Coolidge as expressed in his annual message that the states' rights should be protected. The amendment was opposed by Senators Shortridge and Johnson of California who contended that Arizona was already sufficiently protected. Senator Walsh of Montana said he had no fear that Arizona would place a confiscatory tax on the power generated at the dam inasmuch as it would have to similarly tax other companies. Senator Pittman expressed no objection to the amendment, giving the same reasons as Walsh.

The Senate defeated an amendment by Black of Alabama which would have compelled the government to reimburse Arizona or Nevada in an amount equal to taxation on privately generated power in the event the government sold the power itself.

Another amendment by Hayden to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to institute a survey of the proposed Gila Valley reclamation project was adopted with Senator Johnson opposing on the ground he did not wish to load the bill with extraneous matter and would have no objection to the survey if it came up separately. Ashurst contended the Gila project is an integral part of the Colorado undertaking.

An amendment providing that the cost of the construction of the All-American canal shall not come out of the revenues from power generated at the dam was adopted without debate.

An amendment was adopted without discussion providing that the Imperial Valley be exempted from paying carrying charges on water from the canal used for domestic or irrigation purposes, both amendments being offered by Pittman.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 5:27 P.M., (Special to the Age)—Senator Reed of Pennsylvania offered an amendment giving private capital the first preference to build the power plant.

Great debate by Senators Reed, Norris, Johnson, Phipps and Borah on question of government ownership versus private capital followed, holding the attention of the crowded galleries.

The amendment was defeated 24 to 53.

Now five-thirty; debate going on on Borah amendment expressly directing the Government to build the power plant.

At this late hour improbable there will be a final vote on the bill today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 5:53 P. M., (Special to the Age)—Vote of 64 to 18 on amendments to bill reflects the final vote which will come in a few minutes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 6:05 P. M., (Special to the Age)—Bill passed 64 to 11.

### QUICK ACTION BRINGS VICTORY AT END OF SEVEN YEAR STRUGGLE WESTERN SENATORS PLEASED

JOHNSON, SHORTRIDGE, PITTMAN, ODDIE AND OTHERS ARE PLEASED BY FINE SUPPORT GIVEN BILL. HAYDEN SAYS BETTER THAN HE EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (Special to the Age) — A happy ending to one of the longest and most bitter struggles in legislative history, and a wonderful victory in which Nevada played no small part, came when the Senate passed the Boulder Dam bill sixty-five to eleven.

The day had been one of the utmost in tension. All day the work of disposing of amendments wore on with seemingly interminable discussions on minor points. Attracted by the heat of the fight, hundreds of people crowded the galleries. The fifteen minute limit rule on debate made it brilliant and there many unusual bursts of oratory the bill is indicated by the overwhelming vote for it in against this or that feature of the bill.

As the usual time for adjournment approached it seemed that hope for a final vote yesterday was gone. Then suddenly came the call from Vice-President Dawes for a vote on the amendments as a whole and we knew that the critical moment was at hand.

Sixty-four to sixteen was the vote which first showed clearly the strength of the bill. Then quickly followed the final vote. The announcement was made, sixty-five for, and eleven against, and the great victory was won.

The adjournment quickly followed and hand-shakings and congratulations and such a show of elation as is rarely seen in the dignified Senate wing of the capitol. The Age passed brief congratulations with some of the great figures in the fight.

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Even the representatives of Imperial Valley, who have been dissatisfied with some of its provisions, admit that tory in which outstanding figures crossed words for or and Pittman and Congressman Arentz, who have so long and patiently and so ably borne the brunt of the great fight for Nevada, of course share in the general elation and were the recipients of unbounded congratulations.

Senator Pittman said, "I congratulate the State of Nevada upon the remarkable accomplishments of her commissioners and their representatives in congress not only for the successful passage of the bill in such an expeditious manner, but upon the fact that Nevada obtained absolute justice and more than the most optimistic could have hoped for. Compromises have been obtained that provide protection for all seven states and insure ratification of the Colorado River Compact. The perfection of the bill is indicated by the overwhelming vote for it in the United States Senate. While the conference between the two houses may take up some time, there is little doubt that the major provisions of the Senate bill will be reported and of course such a bill will be signed by the President immediately. The separation of the all-American canal from the dam and power plant insures that there will be no delay in commencing construction of the dam. This is the greatest enterprise since the building of the Panama Canal. It will mean an enormous development in the southern part of Nevada with great incidental benefits reaching to all parts of Nevada. I rejoice with the people of Las Vegas and Clark county in the great prosperity that will be theirs and to which they are so justly entitled."

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### DISTANCE AT OLYMPIC TONITE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15, (Special)—Distance boxes at the Olympic tonight. On Tuesday Miller boxes at Ventura, and on Friday at Hollywood. O'Brien is scheduled for a match at Ventura Friday. All the boys are o.k.

F. R. McNamee, attorney for the Los Angeles & Salt Lake, and pioneer Nevadan, is in town this morning.

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