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HOLD LOCAL MAN ON FELONY CHARGE

AIRPLANES WILL HUNT COUPLE LOST ON RIVER

FEAR MAN AND BRIDE DEAD FROM EXPOSURE, HUNGER

The Secretary of War has instructed the Army Air Corps to augment and continue the search by government airplane along the Colorado River for Glenn Hyde and his wife of Hensen, Idaho, who have been lost in an open snow for three weeks.

Boat parties and airplanes have been searching the river from the Grand Canyon thirteen miles south without avail. The order from the War Department was in response to a telegram from Hyde's daughter, R. C. Hyde who demanded continued hunt for the stranded pair.

R. C. Hyde, father of Glenn Hyde who with his wife is reported lost and perhaps dead after three weeks starvation and hunger on the Colorado River, was in Las Vegas yesterday on his way to the Grand Canyon to help in the search for his son and daughter-in-law. The Hydys were newlyweds, honeymooning with adventure when it is believed that they lost control of the boat in which they were riding, and after capsizing, were compelled to swim ashore at some unknown point.

LOCAL CHAMBER WILL HOLD MEET WEDNESDAY

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will not be held next Tuesday on account of the fact that Christmas falls on that day, but will be at 12 o'clock Wednesday noon instead.

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE SOON

Long distance telephone service out of Las Vegas at all points in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be opened during the next few weeks, according to S. J. Lawson, general manager for the Consolidated Power & Telephone Company.

Negotiations have been under way for some time for this service. The local company has been using every facility at its command to have the lines opened by January 1st but due to the construction program which will materially change the trunk lines, the work has been delayed.

Officials of the company have been in daily negotiation with the long distance service companies and the plans have been approved, it was said.

ELKS' LODGE CELEBRATES

The local Elks' Lodge helped to end the celebration yesterday evening by staging a gala dance at the hall.

Fine music was furnished by one of the local orchestras and a happy crowd lingered until the early morning hours.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Ham arrive this evening to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham. They are bringing their granddaughter, Betty Katherine with them. Betty is much improved in health.

Mrs. J. A. Frederickson of Goodsprings was in Las Vegas today.

The Las Vegas Age has on display in the window of its plant at 6 Fremont Street, the pictures of the pilgrims of Las Vegas citizens to the Black Canyon Dam site yesterday. These earnest people made the 28 mile trip by automobile where, on bended knees they gave thanks to Almighty God for the greatest Christmas gift ever received in the history of the world. The photographs were obtained by the Associated Press through our local photographer, L. J. Oaks.

SENATE POSTPONES TREATY ACTION UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (AP)—Postponement of consideration of the Kellogg anti-war treaty reported to the senate until after the Christmas recess has been decided upon by Chairman Borah after consultation with leaders.

BRITISH ALARM OVER KING'S LIFE SUBDUED

LONDON, Dec. 22. (AP)—The condition of King George continues to remain the same despite the aggravated infection which causes his temperature to rise noticeably in the afternoon.

There is no disposition on the part of the public to regard it as other than satisfactory.

Christmas activities went forward in the same atmosphere of subdued cheerfulness which has marked them during the last few days.

UNIONS SHOW OWN PICTURE

The first screening of a Labor Movie in Las Vegas will take place Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the Majestic theater. The old show house has been especially opened by Messrs. Cragin and Pike in order to accommodate the local union men.

This picture, "The Contrast," the first labor movie made by Labor Film Service, Inc., New York City, is not shown anywhere with the idea of making money. The screenings of this picture are all privately conducted. Admission is by invitation only. These invitation tickets are now in the hands of the local officials of the several unions of Las Vegas. Those, however, that fail to get them will also be supplied at the theater previous to the screening of Labor's very own movie.

This film story of organized workers features railroading, coal mining and the garment industry. The love theme between the coal miner and the garment worker is a thrilling affair, for the object of the picture is not alone to entertain, but to instruct as well. In this respect business men as well as all others not directly connected with a union can see the affect of organized workers on any community. More money means more business, this means bigger and better business and so the higher wages of the union man always increases the business of the local merchants.

Don't forget the place, Majestic Theater, and the time, Sunday, December 23, 3:00 p.m.

SANTA VISITS TINY TOTS

If any there be who are so hard boiled and skeptical that the Christmas spirit fails to reach them even after reading the immortal "Christmas Carol" they should have been present at the Christmas Party given for the kindergartens and first grade by the teachers, the Misses Hancock, Cropper and Ottinger at the kindergarden room yesterday afternoon.

Close to a hundred happy youngsters gathered in the kindergarden room around the Christmas tree after the noon recess. Quiet as mice they sat on the floor and listened while Miss Hancock told the story of the first Christmas. Never have we heard the story more beautifully told, and as the plot unrolled before them, the little faces were at first gleeful at the fun of riding on a donkey, as Mary did, then distressed at the plight of the tired, beautiful Virgin, who could find no room in the inn. These were rapidly succeeded by joy at the birth of the "Babe" and interest and amazement at the story of the star and the wise men.

Just as the story was finished came a loud knock at the door, and Santa Claus had arrived with his pack had arrived with a package and a bag of candy for every little boy and girl.

Among the decorations on the tree were animal cookies, covered with pink and white icing, which were donated by Mrs. Hodgman, mother of two of the kindergarteners. These were distributed to the kindergarden children at the close of the afternoon.

ABANDON MINT AT CARSON CITY

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 22. (AP)—Silent, brooding, gray, the United States mint building here stands in massive silence as a reminder of the days of silver and Nevada's golden age of mining.

The treasury department of the United States has recommended its complete abandonment. For nearly two decades only two persons have used the building—a secretary of the civil service commission and an assayer.

The recommendation for its abandonment includes omission of an appropriation for the assayer. The civil service clerk would move to the federal building a few blocks away, thus emptying the structure.

The building of the mint, starting in 1895, was heralded as an event of major importance and meant great prosperity to Carson City in those hectic days of Comstock booms. But mines do not yield precious metals forever and evil days fell upon mining in Nevada.

On September 24, 1896, the Masonic lodge of Carson City laid the cornerstone of the mint. From this cornerstone arose a large building, covering a block, constructed of granite from the state prison quarry.

It was opened in 1898 to receive ore and bullion from the Comstock and adjacent mines. The Comstock, Silver City, Gold Pinenut communities saw their Hill, Dayton, Carson Creek and mines "peter out" and with that a diminution of the mint crew until today the assayer has very little to do and the need for a mint has passed.

LOYAL TROOPS DEFEAT REBELS

LONDON, Dec. 22. (AP)—Troops loyal to King Amanullah of Afghanistan have taken the offensive and advise from the front telling of defeats of the rebels at the same time however acknowledge the revolt as serious.

Troops of Amanullah are said to have repulsed the rebels in territory surrounding Kabul and are attacking the rebel stronghold in Baghala Hills.

ARMY REFUSES VOLUNTEERS

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 22. (AP)—The government here today ordered the army not to accept any more of the volunteers who began to flock to the army when war with Bolivia seemed imminent. The government officials believe that further additions to the army would deplete the supply of labor for farms and industries.

THEM CAME THE DAM

By ALDEN CHAMBERS

The poem, "Then Came the Dam," printed below was written by Alden Chambers, Los Angeles poet and author. It was sent by him to the editor of the Age as his contribution to Las Vegas' celebration of the Boulder Dam victory.

Sand! Sand!
Not a living thing in sight
Hot by day, cold by night
A hell for man and beast;
Heat waves stabbing with pain
I'll never go there again
There is no gold.

Thirst! Thirst!
Not a drop of water in sight
I must find water before light
Death for me and my beast;
Crazed trip 'tis the truth
Robbed me of my youth
There is no gold.

Water! Water!
Flooding all the land in sight
Sand turned to loam over night
A beautiful country spreads before me;
A home for man and beast
Crops to the north, south and east
I! have! found! gold!

ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LAS VEGAS

It is significant that THE ASSOCIATED PRESS was the only national news service to send a man to Las Vegas to cover the story of the celebration of the Boulder Dam victory. George Ellis, from the Los Angeles office of THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, spent three days in Las Vegas and Las Vegas was assured of unequalled publicity throughout the nation as a result of the assignment.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS has always been generous to Las Vegas in getting before the public the great advantage of this city as the center of Boulder Dam activity. The citizens of Las Vegas are grateful to THE ASSOCIATED PRESS for its unselfish interest.

SIGNERS OF RECALL BILL TO WITHDRAW

Several petitions are being circulated among the signers of the recall petition, asking to have their names removed from the recall.

It is said that some signers have stated that they signed the petition under somewhat of a misunderstanding of the situation, and having since reconsidered, believing it for the best interests of the city to avoid internal strife, at the present time.

NEW KANSAS OIL DISCOVERY

OCRAOKE, N. C., Dec. 22. (AP)—Oil, renowned for its gifts of sudden wealth, is spouting in a new Klondike near this southern Kansas village, bringing riches to Willard Goodrich, hard working farmer, and his two motherless children.

The discovery well in the new producing territory is on the Goodrich farm. With a daily output of 7,000 barrels, it is the biggest gusher Kansas has seen in 10 years. It "came in" without warning, drenching the surrounding fields in oil.

A pool of "black gold" four to five feet deep and covering an acre of ground was formed as neighboring farmers with teams hurriedly constructed ditches and dirt dams.

The 80-acre farm on which the well is located was left to the family by the mother when she died 11 years ago. Goodrich has an 18-year-old daughter, Arlene, and a 15-year-old son, Dale.

Ed Ganey of Oklahoma is in Las Vegas to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Mildren.

SCHOOL PROGRAM HUGE SUCCESS

The pupils of the Intermediate grades of the Grammar School put on one of the best Christmas programs ever seen in Las Vegas.

A crowded auditorium greeted the young Thespians as the curtain rose for the first time on the prologue portraying "The Story of the Birth of Christ." The scene showed the Virgin Mary with the Christ Child, surrounded by the angels. The three wise men came bearing their gifts, and completed the tableau. The part of the Virgin Mary was taken on by Shirley Ferron, the angels were Willa Higbie, Nila and Nola Ullom, Muriel Scharre, Dorothy Parker, Dorothy Beard, Nadine Trelease, Mickie Kelly, Dorothy Hammer, Elinor Rehbehn and Virginia Nay. Brady Golden, Ralph Houser, and Norman Mott took the parts of the Three Wise Men.

"At Home with Santa Claus" is a delightful little operetta which was splendidly presented by the pupils. Needless to say, too much credit cannot be given to those who spent many hours of their time in training the youngsters so successfully, the Misses Ebba Lundquist, Louise Jensen, Sara Wilson, Ethel Oxley, and Mr. L. E. Rowe, are deserving of sincere praise for the fine program presented.

Numbers by the High School orchestra, directed by Mr. Eldon ment, and between acts a string-Larson preceded the entertaining quartette rendered two beautiful numbers. The members of the quartette were the Misses Dorothy Buzick and Helen Craner, Mr. Eldon Larson and Harold Pike.

Following is the cast of characters of the operetta: Santa Claus—Charles Doherty Mrs. Santa Claus—Ella Varella Merry Christmas—Barbara Ferra (Mrs. Santa Claus's spinster sister who lives with her) Santa Junior—Carl Krause Chrissie—Pauline Honrath Cringle—Jean James Little Nick—Billy Bingham Baby Bunting—Dimples Commodore—Ray Mabey Fairies—Stella Gordon, Florence Thurman, Sara Jane Flowers, Winona Barlow, Verle Allen, Marjorie Rockwell, Mary Kelley, Teresa Barolo.

Brownies: Lee Rand Orr, Billie Ogle, Junior Kampling, Jack Colbert, Francis Bozzarth, Archie Warden.

Explorers: Daylie Trelease, Robert Schmidt, Dayton George, Jack Allen, Virgil Ham, Oscar Thacker, Buster Van Walkenber, Harry Gravelle, Heber Bleak.

Eskimos: June Bradford, Audrey Waters, Gail Mildren, Norma Webb, Helen Miller, Evelyn Young, Eunice Beckley, Bessie McKenzie.

Synopsis: Act I—Santa's home at the North Pole. The night before Christmas.

Act II—Same scene, Christmas morning.

The stage settings were especially beautiful and were the work of the Grammar School art classes under the direction of Miss Louise Jensen.

XMAS SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 23rd — 4th Sunday in Advent— Holy Communion 8 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer 11 a.m. Church School tree and entertainment 7 p.m. Christmas Eve— Midnight Service 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day— Holy Communion 9 a.m. Wednesday, December 26th—St. Stephens— Holy Communion 9 a.m. Thursday, December 27th—St. John the Evangelist— Holy Communion 9 a.m. Friday, December 28th — Holy Innocents— Holy Communion 9 a.m.

SANITY TO BE QUESTIONED

Mrs. Mayme Kuhlman will come before the District Court Monday afternoon when a hearing on her sanity will be held.

Mrs. Kuhlman made her second attempt at suicide Wednesday night when she drank a quantity of lysol.

Charles P. Squires, Colorado River Commissioner, will arrive home on No. 7 tomorrow evening from Washington.

FLU EPIDEMIC IS REPORTED CHECKED IN SOUTHERN CALIF.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22. (AP)—Influenza attacks which reached epidemic heights here two weeks ago were reported on the wane in Southern California after having taken two hundred and twenty-five lives this month in Los Angeles. The health department fixed the number of cases reported yesterday at ninety three as compared with eight hundred cases reported in one day during the peak.

HOOVER WILL SAIL ON HOME TRIP TONIGHT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 22. (AP)—The good will tour of President-elect Herbert Hoover, which has been hailed as a great success by Southern American government chiefs, will sail for home on the U. S. S. Utah late tonight.

The President-elect arrived on the giant battleship after a round of receptions and sightseeing in the Brazilian capital where he was showered with roses and other brilliant flower petals by the thousands who lined the Avenue Rio Banca, the main thoroughfare of Rio de Janeiro.

When Hoover returned to the Utah he was shown a large batch of mail which has accumulated during the momentous voyage. He smiled and intimated that he could easily dispose of it during the few days trip home. But officials accompanying him declare that even as diligent a worker as their Chief is, the mass of correspondence will take him several weeks to answer.

TRUCK INJURES M'GILL BOY

Gordon Dittmore, employed as a driver by the Goodman-Tidball Merc. Co., at their McGill store, was seriously injured on Saturday last, when, according to his statement, the truck he was driving turned over and badly crushed him in the lower portion of the body.

Dittmore was returning to McGill from Steptoe City where he had been making deliveries, and it is believed started down the incline in high gear. Possibly believing that the truck might get out of control on the slippery road, he is thought to have been attempting to change into a lower gear when in some manner the truck skidded and turned over, throwing him out and falling on him as he lay in the road.

He was rushed to the Steptoe Valley hospital where it was found that he suffered a fractured pelvis bone, in a number of places, and also a ruptured bladder. According to latest reports he is holding his own and possibly showing some slight improvement, but his condition remains very serious.—Ely Daily Times.

ALLIED POWERS WANT UNITED STATES IN PACT

PARIS, Dec. 23. (AP)—Strong emphasis on the desirability of American participation and the hope of continuing it was contained in a memorandum issued at the Foreign Office outlining the method agreed upon by Germany and the allied powers for seeking final settlement of the reparations problem.

TEACHING WITH MOVIES POPULAR

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20. (AP)—Instruction by motion pictures has been inaugurated in Bellevue High School here.

Students purchased a combination stereoscopic and moving picture machine out of the proceeds of entertainments and it is being used in classrooms and in entertainment programs.

"The picture machine will be useful in supplementing oral instruction and textbook, especially in American history and social subjects," said J. Nelson Mowls, the school principal. "The machine also will be used in singing. We use no singing books in Bellevue High."

Fred Hesse, Jr., is home from California Tech for his Christmas vacation.

FIX BLAME IN DAM DAY AUTO CRASH

COMPLAINT ALLEGES C. E. MILLS DROVE CRASH CAR DRUNK

—BULLETIN—

C. E. Mills was released late this afternoon under \$2000 bond furnished by James H. Down and M. E. Ward.

Charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor at an excessive speed, and with striking the automobile of Mrs. George Ullom while so driving, inflicting serious injury to the occupants of the Ullom car, C. E. Mills, local barber, was arraigned in the Justice Court on a felony complaint today. The complaint was signed by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon.

The Ullom accident brought to an abrupt end the celebration of the Boulder Dam victory yesterday. The crash injured several occupants of the Ullom car which was driven by Mrs. Ullom's chauffeur, Bert Nicholson. The most seriously injured, however, was Norman Ullom, 11, who was in the front seat of the car. Norman is confined in the Hewetson hospital with severe injuries to his legs and possible internal injuries.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Carson and South First streets.

It was in the same automobile, more than a year ago that Mrs. Ullom's husband met his death in a similar crash.

ART GOEBEL FAMOUS FLIER, WILL RECOVER

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 22. (AP)—The condition of Art Goebel, famed trans-Pacific flier, who has been seriously ill at his home here with pneumonia is reported much improved.

Goebel was stricken following an operation for appendicitis when the noted flier contracted "other pneumonia." For several days his life was despaired of and Frank Phillips, Oklahoma oil millionaire, Goebel's financial backer was called to the sick man's bedside.

GIVE THANKS AT BOULDER SITE

Over 200 of our citizens participated in the midst of the holiday celebration yesterday long enough to make a pilgrimage to the Black Canyon Dam site where they gave thanks for the blessings vouchsafed to them and to the community.

A long line of automobiles made the 28 mile trip, escorted by the members of the American Legion Post No. 8, and accompanied by the ministers of various organizations.

The Rev. C. H. Sloan of the Baptist Church, the Rev. Boyd Parker of Christ Episcopal Church, the Rev. C. E. Reardon of St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic, Bishop Ira J. Earl of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and the Rev. C. S. Reynolds of the Methodist Episcopal Church led the assemblage, who knelt on the sands by the muddy waters of the Colorado, in silent prayer.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21. (AP)—Governor Young, of California, when informed of the presidential approval of the Swing-Johnson bill, declared that President Coolidge reflects credit upon the administration, seven states being benefited.

PHOENIX, Dec. 21. (AP)—Rumblings of possible plans for court proceedings as another attack against the Swing-Johnson bill were heard by Arizona capital people when the legislature and state officers were thrown into a pitch of high tension when the word was received of Coolidge's approval of the Boulder Dam bill. Surprise was expressed at the signature by Governor Hunt and the river commissioners who said that they had expected the President to veto the bill.

The Christmas Tree will be held as usual at 6:30 Monday evening.