

THIS WEEK

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DEEP SEA FISH AND MEN BE WISE—KEEP PREPARED THE SOCIALIST VOTE AMERICA'S FIVE BIG MEN

Scientists study fishes that live a mile below the ocean surface. Bring them to the top, removing the water pressure, they burst and die.

Human beings live at the bottom of an atmospheric ocean, 500 miles deep. If you look us to the top we probably should burst, and we should die surely. Man cannot live even ten miles up, to say nothing of 500 miles.

We pity the poor, submerged deep sea fish, leading such dull lives. They would pity the submerged poor among human beings.

Science says all of earth's life was once in the ocean. Some animals climbed on the land, developed lungs in place of the fish's bladder, ear in place of gills. Men were included in that migration to land. Other animals, even more ambitious, learned to fly—the birds.

Among human beings a few, birdlike, fly above the level of necessity to the realms of wealth. Once they get there, they, like the birds, are safe. But, like the birds, they don't do much thinking. They don't have to think.

Mr. Brown, known the world over as the recalcitrant stormy petrel of thought, quarrels with President Coolidge because the President speaks of good will between nations, then asks for fifteen cruisers.

That's not inconsistent. The others nations know that we can get the fifteen cruisers, and fifty if we want them. And that creates the "good will."

Brown asks, "Is a man who goes out into the world armed only with faith more timid than he who carries weapons?" Of course he is. Look at the rabbit. He carries no weapon, and is more timid than the lion or wolf, that has a mouthful of weapons.

You can't be truly courageous unless you are wise. And if you are wise, you keep prepared.

Socialists of the country discover with grief and surprise that their Presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, polled only 3,000,000 votes, against more than 15,000,000 for Governor Smith and 22,000,000 for Herbert Hoover.

Debs, in 1912, got nearly 9,000,000 votes. However, Socialists need not be downcast. Their candidate had a hard time, running against prosperity, 7,000,000 Coolidge plurality, the "wet-dry" question, etc. When people are as busy as that, they haven't time to think about Socialism.

Will Rogers selects an "All-American Team" of ability, as follows:

Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Herbert Hoover, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Lindbergh.

He probably leaves out the ablest man in the country, as yet unknown. That's fortunate, for it means we have reserves.

Rogers would have those five men run the country, "move Thanksgiving Day up to election and do away with elections entirely.

The plan would work, of course. The original John D. Rockefeller could have done the job alone when he was younger. He would have known how to select the men.

But the people must plan to govern themselves as babies must learn to walk, no matter how badly they do it at first. If you always hired a man to push your baby around in a wagon, the baby wouldn't develop.

WILLIAMS SELLS HOME PROPERTY

N. E. Williams, veteran conductor of the Union Pacific and who resided in this city until recently, yesterday morning sold his home place on Fremont street between Fourth and Fifth, to Carl Ray of Hollywood, Cal., for \$15,000 cash.

Mr. Ray woke Mr. Williams from his sleep early in the morning and asked the price of the property. "Fifteen thousand," said the sleepy man. "Sold," said Ray, and the deal was made.

Mr. Ray paid the purchase price in cash an hour or two later when Mr. Williams had breakfasted and gone down town.

The property is 62 1/2 feet on Fremont by 130 feet deep. Mr. Ray plans to build a business block on his site beginning probably next summer.

THIEVES BREAK INTO THOMAS QUALITY SHOP

The Thomas Quality Shop was visited by burglars early today according to Roscoe Thomas proprietor of the store.

The robbers had apparently dropped through the skylight and made their getaway through the rear door by lifting the bars. Their loot was small, only a few dollars in small change and a pair of pants being taken. Mr. Thomas stated.

WINGFIELD BUYS BUSINESS PROPERTY

Bureau Names Chief of Boulder Dam Construction

**NOTED BUILDER
WILL DIRECT
HUGE PROJECT**

**COMMISSION REGARDED
AS BEST CHOICE OF
LARGE LIST.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, (AP)—Raymond F. Walter, ranked as one of the most capable irrigation engineers in the world, was today appointed Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation in charge of the construction of Boulder Dam at Black Canyon on the Colorado River near Las Vegas, Nevada.

The selection of Walter, who is now attached to the bureau's office in Denver, was made known after The Associated Press had made a careful inquiry among bureau officials and other engineers. Walter did not deny the important appointment.

This assignment is considered one of the most important ever made in the history of engineering circles. The only other equally important appointment was that of Major General Goethals who supervised the construction of the Panama Canal.

It is authoritatively reported that Secretary of the Interior West has approved the Walter appointment and that the commission has already been forwarded to the noted engineer. Those interested in the Boulder Dam project are said to heartily approve the choice of the Reclamation Bureau.

Walter has been attached to the reclamation service since 1903 and was in complete charge of the construction of the famous Pathfinder Dam in Idaho. He also supervised a number of other important reclamation projects in the West.

Bureau officials said that Walter's appointment was made after a wide field of efficient engineers had been considered. Walter's salary now is \$7,000 per year. It is believed that this will be materially increased as a result of the new commission.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29, (AP)—The basin States agreement necessary to the ultimate construction of the Boulder Dam in Black Canyon near Las Vegas, Nevada will come in the very near future, according to a statement made to The Associated Press today by William B. Mathews, member of the Colorado River Commission from California upon his return from Washington.

Mathews said that Senator King of Utah will remove his state's objections to the bill and that the settlement upon the Black Canyon site will remove much of Arizona's objection and that the culmination of Imperial Valley's business-like attempt to arrange the financing of the All-American Canal will remove the last barriers.

Mathews was present when President Coolidge affixed his signature to the Boulder Dam bill and was presented with a token by the President, in memory of the historic occasion.

MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The installation rites of the Vegas Lodge No. 32 was presided over by Dr. W. S. Park, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, at the ceremony Thursday evening in the Masonic Temple.

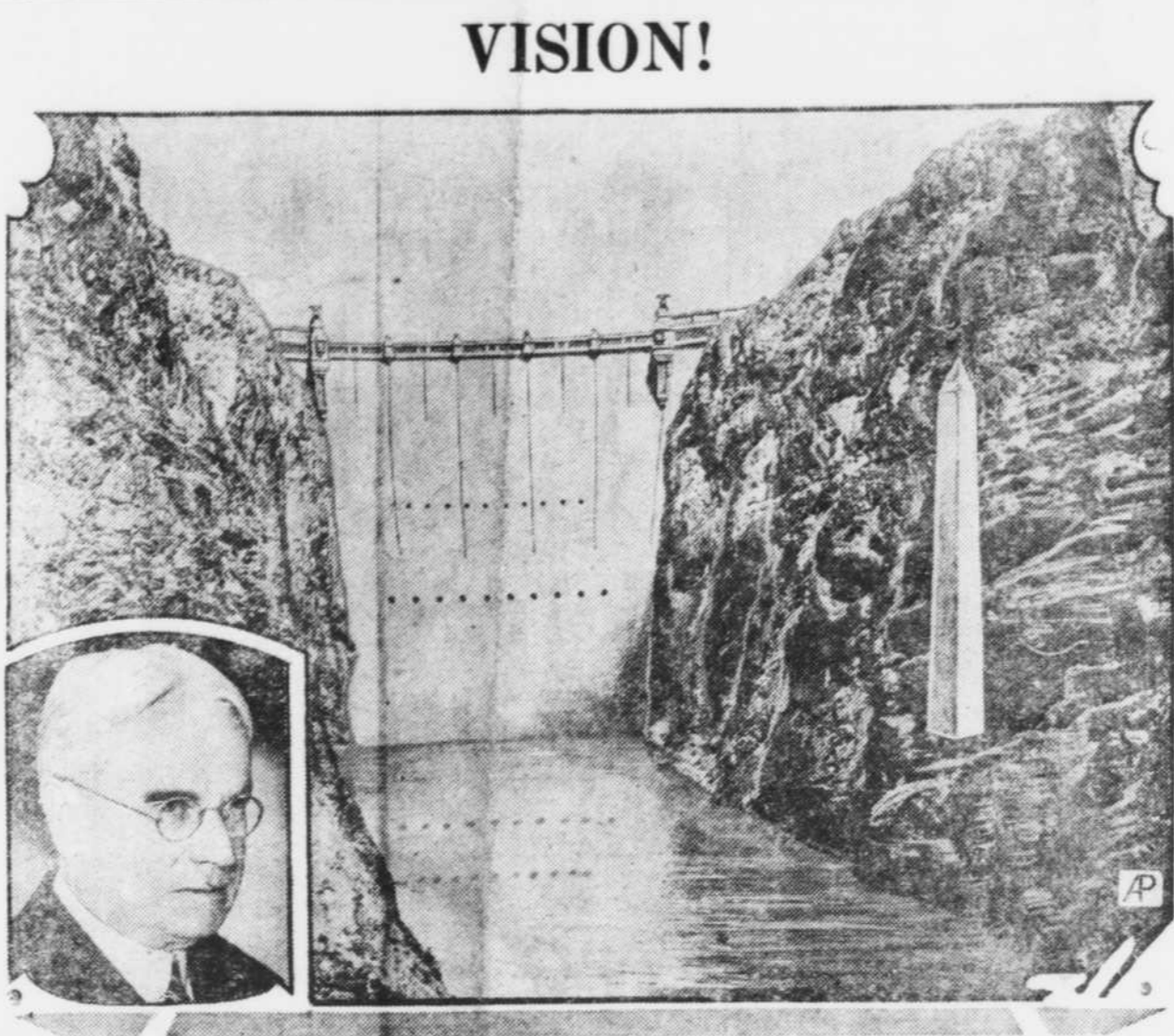
Those installed in their new posts were:

Earl Davison, Master; J. W. Wilson, Senior Warden; William Sheer, Junior Warden; Fred Callihan, Senior Deacon; Carl Farrar, Junior Deacon; Julius Kadus, Senior Steward; J. H. Jeter, Treasurer; W. N. Schuyler, Secretary and Ed Von Tobel, Treasurer.

HOOPER WILL OPEN OFFICES

W. J. Hooper, for the past two years in the employ of Leigh Hunt, will on the first of the year open offices in the suite in the Park building formerly occupied by Leo A. McNamee.

Mr. Hooper plans to devote his time to auditing and public accounting, federal income tax service, real estate, insurance, surety bonds and allied lines.



WRIGHT BROS. PRAISE SISTER'S AID IN AIR EXPERIMENTS

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29, (AP)—Mrs. Katherine Wright Haskell, sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright wants no credit for giving financial assistance to her brothers during their early developments in aviation.

The reason, stated in her own words, is this: "I never gave my brothers any financial aid."

POSSE HUNTS NEGRO TRUSTY AS KIDNAPPER

GIRLS' FATHER FOUND SLAIN AFTER STRUGGLE WITH FIEND

PARCHMAN, Miss., Dec. 29, (AP)—Bloodhounds were leading posses out into the hills near here today in search of Charles Shepherd, negro trusty, of the State Prison farm who is believed to have slashed to death J. D. Duvall, 55, carpenter, and sergeant of the prison, and then kidnaped Duvall's 18 year old daughter, Ruth.

Duvall's body was found in the dining room of his home last night with his throat cut and his head beaten in. Evidence was that his daughter had retired for the night and that there had been a struggle in the bedroom and in the room in which the body was found.

Feeling is high here against the blacks as a result of the murder and possible assault and it may be necessary to call out state militia to preserve order and avoid a race riot.

OFFICERS HAVE KIDNAP CLUE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29, (AP)—Search for 11-year-old Richard Grant and the capture of Harry Palmer, 40, suspected of kidnaping the child centered around two widely separated desert spots near Yuma, Arizona and in the Mojave.

Two detectives were reported to be on their way to the southern border city after another boy told the officers that Palmer had taken him, over a year ago, to a mining claim near Yuma and attempted to "mistreat" him.

Ventura, California also came under the eye of the searching officers when it was reported that a man and a boy answering the description of Palmer and young Grant, registered at a hotel Thursday night.

LAS VEGAS FLIER MAY BE LOST WITH AIRPLANE

MAN REPORTS PLANE SEEN DROPPING NEAR SALTON SEA

BULLETIN

IMPERIAL, Calif., Dec. 29, (AP)—A railroad worker who hurried here from a point on the desert north of the Salton Sea said that a large aeroplane landed which he believed to be the "Albatross." The man said that in his rush to convey the news he failed to learn whether or not the plane was damaged.

EL CENTRO, Calif., Dec. 29, (AP)—Carrying a load of 646 gallons of gasoline, the single-motored monoplane, "Albatross" sored over the Salton Sea in an effort to break the world's duration flight record. "The 'Albatross' is piloted by Charles Rocheville and John Gugliemetti. Rocheville said that he thought the plane could remain in the air 70 hours.

An official observer for the National Aeronautical Association is stationed at the scene. The barograph on the plane is sealed with the seal of the association.

The "Albatross" took the air quickly after travelling six-tenths of a mile and headed over the Salton Sea to take advantage of the dense low level air.

Charles Rocheville, one of the pilots of the "Albatross" is well known in Las Vegas, having been engaged in flying in and around the city for several years.

He was at one time employed at the Potosi mine near here.

DOWN HAS NEWS OF STOLEN CAR

James H. Down today received the welcome news that the Erskine sedan stolen from him in Los Angeles Wednesday night, has been recovered and the thief arrested.

Mr. Down will return to Los Angeles to be present at the hearing which will be held Tuesday next.

Jim Down, Jr., who is suffering severely from an affection of one eye, will return to Los Angeles with his father for further treatment.

PETERSON RITES WILL BE HELD MONDAY

The funeral services for Charles Peterson, local tailor who was found dead in his bed by his son Fred Christmas night, will be held from the Las Vegas Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2:30.

The plans have awaited the arrival of Mr. Peterson's wife who is on her way here from San Francisco.

UTAH 'COUGARS' WILL CLASH WITH U. P. FIVE

H. R. Merrill, chairman of the athletic council of the Brigham Young University was in Las Vegas Thursday arranging the preliminary details ament the forthcoming tilt between the Varsity basketball team of Brigham Young and the luskny five of the Union Pacific Athletic Club which will be staged at the High School Gymnasium here on January 7.

Clever Team

The "Cougars," as this clever Utah combine is dubbed, is reported to have as members of its squad three of the fastest athletes in the conference. "Rags" Ingersoll, center, was in the Rocky Mountain Conference 5 years ago; Mark Reeve, substitute center, represented the Union Pacific Railway at the Olympic meet last year as an all-around athlete; Owen Rowe is another famous sportsman and "Sanky" Dixon, "Cougar" forward was an all-conference football end this year. Dixon also played in the National Tennis tournament as an All-American contestant.

First Visit

This is the first time that Las Vegas will have had the opportunity of watching this fast quintet of ball tossers and it is expected that one of the largest sport crowds in the town's history will be on hand to watch the clash.

G. Ott Romney who coached the University of Montana team into championship, is guiding the destiny of the "Cougars" and his able tutورشip is not to be disregarded in the prediction of victory.

Lauds Local Boys

But the Union Pacific five are not to be sneezed at. Mr. Merrill, while standing pat in his declaration that his team will take the honors, admitted that the U. P. outfit was giving his boys and Coach Romney considerable anxiety.

Another lively basketball tilt will be seen on January 2 when the U. P. boys' range with the Branch "Aggies" of Utah. This game will give the observer an opportunity to judge the outcome of the "Cougar-U. P." clash on January 7.

PAYS \$30,000 FOR MARTIN CORNER

The first big development in Las Vegas following the Boulder Dam legislation came this morning when George Wingfield paid to Dr. Roy W. Martin \$30,000 in cash for the northeast corner of Second and Fremont streets and announced his intention of proceeding at once with the construction of a modern fireproof hotel to cost approximately half a million dollars.

George Wingfield this morning arrived from Reno for the purpose of identifying himself with the business and financial interests of Las Vegas. He was accompanied from San Francisco by Walter R. Bracken, to whom a large measure of the credit is due for Mr. Wingfield's coming.

Mr. Wingfield, with the knowledge that Las Vegas is entering upon an era of expansion and improvement in preparation for the building of the Boulder Dam project, wished to assist in the development of this part of the state if, on closer inspection, he found conditions to his liking.

Quick Decision

Within an hour after he stepped on the street he had paid \$30,000 in cash for the corner owned by Dr. Martin where the Boulder Realty office is located, Second and Fremont streets.

Interviewed by the Age after he had completed his first purchase. Mr. Wingfield stated that he would immediately improve this corner with a hotel which would be second to none in the southwest.

Referring to the reasons for his entry into the local field, Mr. Wingfield said: "There is no doubt but that what helps one part of the state is good for all. The Boulder Dam project will be helpful not only to Las Vegas but to the entire state."

"One of the first things we should do is to get our north-south highway completed and then the trip from Reno will be easy. We should bear in mind also that the airplane is changing conditions of travel and I anticipate that my future business here will take me but a few hours from Reno."

Lauds Las Vegas

"You here have a wonderful future. You have great mining resources, splendid transportation facilities, good water and plenty of it and with the completion of the dam you will have cheap power.

"The combination of all these things will in time make Las Vegas a wonderful location for industries."

"I am pleased to see Las Vegas on such a substantial basis as it is and hope to work with your people in meeting the necessities created by the changing conditions."

Hotel Plans

Mr. Wingfield talked freely about his plans to build a splendid hotel for Las Vegas on the site he purchased today and states that he has already employed an architect to make the plans and has made connections with a construction firm for doing the work.

"My plans will call for a building 100 by 130 feet to cover the entire lot," Mr. Wingfield said. "There will be a basement under all."

"The first floor will be devoted to a spacious lobby, dining room, coffee shop, private dining room, and a ball room suitable for dances, social functions and the use of the various service clubs. In addition there will be two store rooms for business."

"The foundations and walls will be built to carry a ten story building. At present it is my intention to build either four or five stories. The structure will be in two wings with a 12 foot court between. Every room will be an outside room with bath. Some of the rooms will be arranged in suites. The second floor will be devoted to offices. There will be two elevator shafts.

Modern Thrust

"The hotel will have a modern steam heating plant for winter. In summer it will be cooled by washed cold air which will assure comfort even in the hottest weather. Circulating ice water will be piped to all rooms.

"The construction of the entire building will be reinforced concrete with all floors and the roof of poured concrete. It will be a class A strictly fireproof building."

"The cost of the building will be approximately \$100,000 a floor. There will be 36 rooms to each floor, the total depending of course on the number of stories I decide to build."

Sole Owner

The deed to the site from Dr. Martin goes directly to the Reno Securities Company, which is the holding company for a number of Mr. Wingfield's real estate operations including the Riverside and the Golden hotels at Reno and other valuable pieces of real estate in various parts of the state. Mr. Wingfield is sole owner of the stock in this corporation.

The quick decision of Mr. Wingfield to enter into this transaction which involves the expenditure of half a million dollars, perhaps twice that much, is gratifying to the people of Las Vegas who long have hoped for his active cooperation in our enterprises. He plans to remain in Las Vegas until Wednesday next.

FRED THOMSON FORMER STATE PARSON, BURIED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29, (AP)—Funeral services for Fred C. Thomson, the American boy's screen idol and former Nevada preacher who died Christmas night were held yesterday at the Beverly Hills Community Presbyterian church.

Thomson, who had an interesting life as a world-famous athlete, minister, soldier, and motion picture actor, was one of film-dom's most popular celebrities. He was very active in church, civic, and service affairs of Beverly Hills where he lived. He was a lover of boys and on the day of his death, when his illness took a change for the worse, the lawn of his home was filled with youngsters whose conduct was nicely contrasted to the active and vigorous fun-making of which Thomson was always the center.

His wife, Frances Marion, scenarist, is under care of physicians from collapse at his sudden death.

LEGION BOYS HOLD INSTALLATION

The American Legion last evening held its installation of officers, which was followed by a banquet and an all-round good time. The function was held in the Legion Club House.

In addition to installing the officers, the post elected W. J. Hooper manager of publicity for the coming year.