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## Building Prospects

THE BUILDING PROGRAM which is so necessary to care for the influx of population to Las Vegas will soon be under way. For some years the housing available has not been sufficient to completely meet the needs of the people. There has always been a demand for more accommodations than were available.

The sooner new residences, apartments and business blocks are supplied, the sooner will the community begin to reap the real benefits of the new growth.

The sound of hammer and saw is one of the most helpful and encouraging sounds that can be heard in a community.

At the present writing it is probable that the fine, Spanish type business block to be erected by Dr. Martin and W. E. Ferron on the corner of Second and Fremont, will be the first major project to get under way.

## Compact Ratification

THERE IS MORE OR LESS CONFUSION in the public mind as to the probabilities of Arizona and Utah, or either of those states, ratifying the Colorado River Compact.

It is the opinion of the Age, based on close contact with those who have the power to control the situation in both states, that the compact will be ratified with reasonable promptness.

Those who have heretofore been in a contrary attitude are, of course still loud in their opposition. But it should be borne in mind that public opinion has undergone radical changes for the better during the past few months. Congress has expressed its intentions in no uncertain voice. The project has all the power of the federal government behind it and cannot be defeated.

All concerned realize this and it is morally certain that all interests will recognize the inevitableness of Boulder Dam.

## The Utah Position

UTAH has been for the past two years somewhat sympathetic with Arizona. In Utah official circles there was a belief, or at least a suspicion, that Arizona was not being treated fairly by her neighboring states.

That attitude, we believe, has changed very noticeably during the past month or two. In his message to the legislature, Governor Dern, speaking of the Colorado River matter, says in part:

"While there is an irreconcilable group in Arizona, yet there have been some recent political changes in the state and new developments have resulted, which undoubtedly affect the attitude of the people of Arizona toward the question of ratifying the compact.

"In view of the situation, I hope, and indeed believe, Arizona will ratify the compact, in which event no further action by Utah will be necessary."

"I therefore think it would be unwise for us to do anything until we see what Arizona's attitude is going to be. If she displays a disposition to enter into fair and reasonable negotiations with California and Nevada for a tri-state compact, it will clearly be Utah's interest to stand aloof until the outcome of such negotiation is known."

Governor Dern and Commissioner Wallace have expressed themselves as favoring the bill passed by Congress. Senator King of Utah voted for it after his proposed amendments were adopted. Senator Smoot and Congressman Leatherwood, for reasons of their own which are not understood by the general public, have opposed the legislation, although it is noticeable that Senator Smoot made no fight against it in December and was not present in the Senate Chamber when the final vote was taken.

It would seem that the upper basin states including Utah, having received every concession they asked in the bill, should now vigorously support it. The compact idea was taken up solely for the protection of the upper basin states which have had the vigorous support of both California and Nevada in efforts to ratify it.

The Age believes Governor Dern is correct when he states his belief that Arizona will ratify the compact. But is it not in either event for Utah to show her good intention toward California, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming, which have stood steadfast for the compact for all these years, by re-ratifying the compact as a six-state measure?

If Arizona comes in, as we all believe she will, so much the better. But in any event it would seem fair that Utah should now announce to the world that she is ready to come into the compact without further delay on either a six-state or a seven-state basis.

## BE A BOOSTER

By ART MCGILL  
If you think our town the best,  
Tell 'em so!  
If you'd have it lead the rest,  
Help us grow!  
When there's anything to do,  
Let 'em always count on you,  
You'll feel good when it is through,  
Don't you know?

If you're used to giving knocks,  
Change your style;  
Throw bouquets instead of rock's  
For a while.  
Let the other fellow roast,  
Shun him as you would a ghost;  
Call his bluff with a boost  
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar  
Comes along,  
Tell him who and what we are—  
Make it strong.  
Never flatter, never bluff,  
Tell the truth, for that's enough.  
Be a booster, that's the stuff.  
Las Vegas, good enough.

## Former Crowned Heads of Europe Now Lead Precarious Existence

By JAMES A. MILLS

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

VIENNA, Jan. 17, (AP)—Former kings, queens, grand dukes, grand duchesses, princes and princesses, representing nine countries, with an aggregate population of 350,000,000 people, now the crownless and countryless, forced by the World War from their thrones, many of them are now eking out a precarious living at menial callings in scattered parts of Europe.

Only one or two of them, like former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria ("The Fox," his royal friends call him), and Sultan Ammed former Shah of Persia, were able to salvage enough from their scattered fortunes to live in comfort and leisure. The others live largely on the bounty of relatives or friends.

When Kaiser Wilhelm lost the World War and his throne he dragged down to ruin not less than 300 royal or titled persons in his own and other countries. Most of them spend their days in idle retrospection and sorrow. The most tragic feature of their lives perhaps is that fate, in exalting them to rulership, failed to provide them with even a means of making a living when days of adversity came upon them.

Members of the once mighty Hapsburg dynasty of Austro-Hungary are the chief sufferers. About seventy-five of them are now sharing the lot of the ordinary citizen in various parts of Europe. Most notable of the group is former Empress Zita. With her eight children, the widow of the late Emperor Karl is living in the little fishing village of Lequeitic, Spain, supported largely by the charity of Hungarian monarchists and of King Alfonso of Spain, who is related to the Hapsburgs.

She is hard pressed, reports from Lequeitic say, to keep herself and her large family in clothing, shoes and food. Her chief comfort is the thought that some day her sixteen year old son, Archduke Otto, may become King of Hungary.

When Czar Nicholas of Russia and his family were killed by the Bolsheviks, every Russian in royal lineage fled the country in order to escape a similar fate. Most of these fugitives now live in slender circumstances in France, where the cost of living is lower than in most other countries of Europe. The French government has always shown a sympathetic attitude toward politicians and royal exiles.

Chief among the imperial entanglements of Russia are Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, brother-in-law of Queen Marie of Rumania, who proclaimed himself "Emperor of all the Russians" in 1924; Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasovitch, former commander-in-chief of the

Russian armies, now dead, who recently relinquished his leadership of the so-called "anti-Bolshevik army" in Paris. Once worth millions in gold, jewels, and land, most of the Russian royal exiles now are dependent on their own efforts or on charity. Some of them are working at the most menial trades.

When the Kaiser's throne crashed more than a score of lesser German dynasties lost their crowns. Unlike their less fortunate Russian brethren, however, they at least have a country.

Under a plebiscite held by the German government they are permitted to live in Germany, and most of them have been allowed to retain their property among them are the seven sons and daughters of former Emperor Wilhelm.

Many members of the House of Hapsburg of Austria continue to live in Austria, but all their property has been confiscated, and they are permitted to domicile in Austria only after renouncing their titles. All are in reduced circumstances. In order to eke out an existence, several of them have taken most humble positions that barely keep them in food and clothing.

The dukes, archdukes, princes and princesses of Hungary have been allowed to remain in that country and keep their property, from which they derive sufficient income to live decently. Their leader is Archduke Albrecht, who may be the next King of Hungary.

Among the most recent additions to the ever-growing company of throneless kings is former King George of Greece, who, like his exiled mother, Queen Sophie, widow of the late King Constantine of Greece, is living in exile in Rumania. King George's wife, the eldest daughter of Queen Marie of Rumania, was left nearly a half million dollars by her father, the late King Ferdinand, so that neither George nor she need worry about keeping the wolf from the door. George never has abandoned hope that the Greek people will one day recall him to the throne.

Perhaps the most pathetic figures in Europe's large company of homeless, jobless rulers are the former princes and princesses of Turkey, including the sultan-caliph, Abdul Mejid Efendi. All the money, property and jewels were confiscated by the Kemal government, and they cannot return to their country without facing death or imprisonment. They are practically penniless. Some of them live in ever-hospitable France, while others are domiciled in Egypt, Syria, Hungary, and other countries.

Another unenviable figure among the royal outcasts is former Queen

## The Big Fight

THE PROPOSAL to hold the 20-round contest between Mickey Walker and "Ace" Hudkins for the middleweight championship in Las Vegas on July 4 is attracting nationwide attention.

The greatest sports writers in America are turning their talents to the task of picturing Las Vegas and her characteristics to the world, not always it is true, in the most complimentary light, but always arousing the desire to see.

Las Vegas is enjoying the advantages and suffering the disadvantages of being in the limelight. We are unable of course to control to any considerable extent this publicity.

However, with the imminence of Boulder Dam, the Walker-Hudkins fight and other things of national interest coming our way, it is clearly up to us to reap whatever legitimate advantages we can. And the presence here of a crowd of 25,000 or 50,000 people to see the big fight July 4, will bring a shower of ready money to Las Vegas which will not be unwelcome. Moreover, many of our visitors at that time will become permanently interested with us in the upbuilding of the city. The advertising the occasion will give us will be a very strong stimulus to a growth which already gives promise of being almost unprecedented.

Amelia of Portugal, who, two years after the assassination of her husband, in 1910, was forced to flee from Portugal with her son, King Manuel, on the fateful day when Portugal was proclaimed a republic. Amelia and her small family are now living modestly and obscurely in Versailles, ancient home of crowned and uncrowned sovereigns.

Some of Europe's dispossessed sovereigns have readily accepted their fate as exiles and have abandoned all hope of ever regaining their thrones. Others, however, in spite of the present trend toward the establishment of democracies and republics, cling tenaciously to the belief that some day they will don their regal robes and wear glittering crowns.

Among the one-time royal personages who beguile themselves into believing they will regain their thrones are Prince Danilo and Prince Michael, pretenders to the throne of Montenegro, which now is amalgamated with the Balkan kingdom of Yugo-Slavia. Addressed always by their admirers as "Your Royal Highness," they conduct their "Court" and have their "Thrones" in the pleasant atmosphere of San Remo, on the Mediterranean, free from intrigue, political excitement and the fear of assassination.

With the exception of former Kaiser Wilhelm, who is living at Doorn, Holland, in comparative luxury, Ex-Crown Prince Carol of Rumania probably has the easiest life. Renouncing rulership over 16,000,000 people, he ran off to Paris with the daughter of a wealthy Jewish merchant in Bucharest named Lupescu. The Crown Prince is having a good time in Paris on the half-million dollars left him by his late father, who, while dispossessing the wayward son of all property in Rumania, left him a fortune in money so that he might complete the days of his merry life in Paris as a royal gentleman.

## WOMEN HEAVY VOTERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 17, (AP) — The hand that rocks the cradle in Illinois is the most active at the polls. In the November election 94.9 per cent of women registered voted, whereas 94.5 per cent of registered men cast ballots, said the Illinois League of Women Voters.

## BUNKERVILLE

A basketball game was held here Friday, Virgin vs. Needles. The score was 11 to 17 in favor of Virgin.

Following the game a Court of Honor was held. Mr. Curkun, president of the Boy Scouts and Mr. Moore were the speakers. All the Scouts from Overton, Logandale, St. Thomas, Mesquite, and Bunkerville were here. The boys have reported having a splendid time. Badges were presented by Mr. Curkun for life saving to Denzel Waite, Aschel Leavitt, and William Eaton.

Mrs. Alva Hunt, who has been in the St. George Hospital, is reported on the road to recovery.

"The Belle of Barcelona," our high school opera is being presented at Overton the 16th and at St. George the 17th.

## RADIO FOR PATIENTS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 17, (AP)—Radio entertainment is a medium of treatment in four Missouri state hospitals. Special programs feature music designed to aid in treating mental disorders.

## WORKMEN IN CONTEMPT

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Jan. 17, (AP) — A warning from a pajama-clad judge did not impress workmen who arrived early to lay a sewer across the judge's land. Now the judge is suing town officials.

## OKLAHOMA BOY IS EXAMPLE OF THRIFT

PAWHUSKA, Okla., Jan. 17, (AP) —Marion Elam, 12, is Oklahoma's proud exponent of industry and thrift.

At the age of seven Marion moved to this city and started selling papers on the street. He made 10 cents the first day and, in the five years which followed, put by the sum of \$1,000. He celebrated his twelfth birthday by writing a check for the whole amount and investing it in bank stock.

Marion finds time to attend school where he is president of his class and ranks with the first three students. He also finds time for recreation, but his first interest is in his news and collection route with which he expects to double his "stake" of \$1,000 in the next few years.

## A DOG TALE

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., Jan. 17, (AP)—Possibly this is where bulldog hooch got its name. Two watchdogs were "confiscated" by federal raiders as material on hand for illegal manufacture of liquor.

## HAD 1,986 VISITORS IN YEAR

CHEROKEE, Ia., Jan. 17, (AP)—Mrs. P. P. Kohms believes she has shattered the idea that farm life is lonesome. Last year she was hostess to 1,986 callers.

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