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OFFICIALS DISPELL LAST DOUBT AS TO START OF DAM PROJECT

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD TESTING PLANT NOW

First Real Construction In Connection With Boulder Dam Ready to Begin— Will Be Completed in Six Weeks.

Dr. Elwood Mead announced before leaving for Los Angeles last night, that the testing plant for testing materials for use in Boulder Dam will be built in Las Vegas and, he hopes, will be completed in about six weeks. Dr. Mead said:

"The compression press, the principal piece of machinery for the plant, which must be manufactured for us, was ordered today.

"There will be no unnecessary delay in getting started. We will employ about five or six engineers in the testing plant to start with and will employ a number of men digging materials, taking samples and preparing the tests.

"I hope to be able to tell you that the site for the plant has been selected before I leave this evening."

Officials See Valley Project

Dr. Mead Announces Engineers Will Be Here in October to Make Final Investigations on Project.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Elwood Mead, U. S. Commissioner of Reclamation, and Mrs. Mead, Chief Engineer Walter of the Reclamation Service, and about fifty others, spent Sunday in the Moapa Valley, inspecting various points of interest and enjoying the fine hospitality of the Valley people.

The chief object of the visit was to inspect the White Narrows dam site in the upper valley and to put in motion the machinery necessary to supplying the valley with additional water through storage, and possibly flood protection in some of its tributaries.

The party left Las Vegas about 8:45 Sunday morning and drove to St. Thomas where a few moments were spent greeting friends and taking a motion picture of the officials in front of the postoffice.

The party then visited the Salt Mine in the Virgin Valley about three miles from St. Thomas. They were conducted through the mine by Levi Syphus and enjoyed their coolness as well as the wonders of the mine. Secretary Wilbur especially indicated the greatest interest in the mine, climbing to the topmost portion of the slope where the miners are at work.

Returning the party drove by way of the Buried City to Overton where the big events of the day were to be enacted.

The first of these was a delightful luncheon served in the high school gym, with plenty of cold drinks, which ended with a feast of real, home-made ice cream. This gave the hot, tired and dusty travelers new strength and courage and brought forth many compliments for the ladies who prepared it and the girls who so nicely served it.

Mr. Wilbur was then conducted to the auditorium where a large and appreciative audience had assembled.

President Willard L. Jones acted as chairman of the meeting which opened with "America." Then followed a prayer by Bishop J. I. Farl.

A very delightful violin trio by Mack Lyon & Co. opened the program of entertainment and speaking.

President Jones expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the people that they were privileged to entertain a cabinet officer of the United States in the person of Dr. Wilbur, and the Commissioner of Reclamation, Dr. Mead.

Mr. Cecil Creel expressed the thanks of the visitors for the very delicious repast and the hospitality the party enjoyed.

"During the past decade," said Dr. Creel, "the University of Nevada has paid particular attention to this valley. Realizing that the Boulder Dam project would revolutionize the whole economic situation, we have made studies of soil conditions, farming costs, flood control and water storage. These things we are trying today to bring to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior and Dr. Mead.

Record Broken as Pair End Hot Trip Over Desert Here

A "hot" romance ended in this city this week end when a young couple from Los Angeles, intent on matrimony, drove across the Mojave desert during the heat of the day Sunday to reach Las Vegas and get the license.

The thermometer said 120 at Baker, but they kept on, and now they are a married couple.

Furthermore, they were the couple who put Clark County over the top for the month for a new record in the taking of licenses. The previous record was 42. It is now 46, with five more days yet to go.

The last seven couples were: Charles B. Kuhns and Lillian B. Egger of L. A.; John H. Goodwin and Vera Staggs, L. A.; George Benner, Las Vegas and Bessie Pailso, Salt Lake; Archie W. Mollett of Las Vegas and Louise Varela of Albuquerque; Gilbert Davis and Doris Wolf of L. A.; Chas. Tepler and Edith Carlton of Ontario, and Jerome Delfelice and Mabel B. Fritz, both of Berkeley.

President Will Sign Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(U.P.)—Executive order putting into effect the Boulder Dam Act passed at the last regular session of congress is to be signed by President Hoover tomorrow. It was learned at the White House today.

The order was submitted to the President today by the Attorney General in whom it had been sent for final examination from a legal standpoint.

Pilot Is Killed When His Plane Runs Into House

St. Paul, Minn., June 24 (U.P.)—A new tri-motored passenger plane of the Northwest Air Lines crashed late today into a house as it was taking off for Minneapolis. The pilot, Edwin H. Midgale, of Chicago, was killed.

The seven passengers, including one woman, were seriously injured. The plane burst into flames immediately following the crash. A by-the-pilot was burned critically.

As the passengers grasped desperately at their seats, the plane crashed into one house, then it careened into another and fell to the ground.

Several Injured The injured passengers were H. S. Poole, Brian McOker, Halbert Ames and his four-year-old son, Paul and Robert M. Johnson, all of Minneapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Clough, Chicago.

B. J. Miller, St. Paul, who witnessed the accident and rushed to the rescue of the victims, was severely burned.

Footie, who was in the plane with his wife, said he noticed the ship did not gain altitude as he thought it should.

"I asked the pilot," Footie told a hospital attendant after the crash, "if he wasn't too low." Midgale, who has piloted planes for nine years, answered that he was taking care of the ship.

"About that time," Footie said, "all the motors stopped. I guess the pilot already had known something was wrong and was looking for a place to land."

The plane began to fall. Slowly, then faster. The passengers were terror-stricken and helpless and too frightened to speak.

"We hit something—I guess it was a house," Footie said.

Apparently Midgale had arrested his fast-driving plane so that it struck a house-top, breaking the fall. He himself was pinned in the wreckage.

DAM WILL BE STARTED NOW, OFFICIALS TELL NATION IN BROADCAST

Secretary of Interior Wilbur and Reclamation Director Mead Give Listeners Country Over Definite Assurance Work on Project Will Go Ahead; Procedure of Start Outlined

That Boulder Dam is going to be built without any shadow of a doubt and that work is now being pushed toward its actual start was the message given radio listeners all over the United States Saturday night when Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur and Dr. Elwood Mead, director of the bureau of reclamation, with U. S. Senator Pittman as chairman, delivered the first radio address to emanate from Las Vegas.

After having met in the Gateway City, surrounded with senators and engineers of note who are concerned in the great project, and after having made their first boat trip from the landing down to the actual dam site during the morning, the two national executives who will have charge of the determining of policies and the directing of the work on the dam construction took the platform Saturday evening at El Patio

theater and, by remote control through KMTB, Hollywood, assured their nation-wide audience that preliminary work on the dam is going ahead.

Senator Key Pittman introduced the two speakers to the local and national audiences, retracing the complete history of the Boulder Dam legislation and of the struggle which has been necessary in bringing it to its present status.

Senator Pittman made the statement, and hammered it home time and again, that the building of Boulder Dam was then being begun.

Reports of congratulations for the broadcast were received by the broadcasting station in Hollywood until yesterday morning, from all over the United States. The contents of the two principal addresses are given here:

Wilbur's Address The able engineers who have come to make a study of the situation relative to the construction of the Dam were named by Dr. Mead. They are:

R. T. Walter, chief engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation. Lewis C. Hill, consulting engineer. A. J. Wiley, consulting engineer. J. L. Savage, for years one of the chief designers for the Bureau of Reclamation, and who has had a major share in the responsibility of the construction of more than seventy dams.

L. V. McClellan, electrical engineer for the Bureau, who is dealing with electrical development. (Continued on Page Six)

Mead's Address

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Ability of L. A. Photographer as a Sailor Handy Aid

When is it a good idea for a photographer to be an able-bodied seaman?

When he's making a trip down the Colorado in a boat to take pictures of the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Bureau of Reclamation in another boat and when the propeller breaks and his boat has to be paddled to shore on the Colorado, and that during high water.

This, at least, is the opinion of Sam Sansone, Las Vegas Examiner photographer, who had that experience and as a result nearly missed getting his plates off on the afternoon Saturday.

One of Sansone's pictures was published in the "C" edition of Sunday morning's Examiner, a picture showing Secretary Wilbur leaning out of the boat, and Director Mead and others also making the boat trip. Sansone went in the smaller boat with James Cashman and Paul Swartz, owners of the boat line, in order to "shoot" pictures.

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Montreal Visited By Violent Storm

MONTREAL, Que., June 24.—(U.P.)—A sudden and violent wind storm struck the Montreal region late yesterday, causing several deaths and wide property damage.

In the most spectacular incident of the storm 22 convalescent nurses were carried to safety from the roof of the Sacred Heart at Sault Au Recollet, after the building had been struck by lightning. Two firemen were overcome in fighting the blaze.

Two persons were drowned at Vaudreuil when their boat was overturned.

Grand Jury To Sift L. A. Charges

LOS ANGELES, June 24.—(U.P.)—Charges of "inhumane" conditions existing in the Lincoln Heights "stockade" jail are to be investigated by the grand jury tomorrow, the district attorney's office announced today.

News From The Sheriff's Office

MEAD SEES BENEFITS PERMANENT TO VEGAS

Use of Power For Development of Industries Based on Hitherto Untouched Mineral Resources Seen as Nevada's Greatest Need.

"Las Vegas, certain to be the center of all industrial and mining activities in Boulder Dam district, will gain more by the use of power after the completion of the Boulder Dam project than she will during the period of construction," said Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation in an interview before he left for Los Angeles last evening.

"Your city will reap great prosperity during the construction period," he said, "because the government and the contractors and all connected with the project will make their headquarters here. Also, the tourist business, attracted by the great engineering work, will grow to great proportions. Like Niagara Falls, this city will not stop growing when the dam is completed. Your greatest prosperity will come through the use of power in the development of your industries.

"This morning I visited two of your industries both founded on raw material which you have in such great abundance here. I visited the lime plant at Sloan and the gypsum works at Arden. The availability of cheap power will tremendously stimulate those lines.

"Your mineral resources are very great but can only be developed to the best advantage through cheap electrical power.

Of course we will cover with the lake many mining claims—there are perhaps four hundred in the area to be occupied by the reservoir. The Salt Mine which we visited yesterday will be partially inundated, but not so far but that it can still be worked by means of shafts. But the number of new mineral deposits made valuable through cheap power will vastly over-balance those that are destroyed.

"The highway across the dam winding its way down the cliffs on each side to Las Vegas and Kingman will be like the Columbia Gorge. It will be a tremendous attraction to hundreds of thousands of tourists.

"I have greatly enjoyed my stay here and have all the party. It was made very pleasant by the hospitality and good will of everyone. We feel especially indebted to Mr. and Mrs. James Cashman for their very kind hospitality in turning their home over to The Secretary, Mrs. Mead and myself.

"I am going to Los Angeles where we will have an informal conference with all who will be interested in contracting for the power."

Senator Oddie Congratulates

Would Translate Power Into Payrolls; Sees Great Prosperity in Store for Las Vegas.

Before leaving last evening for the power conference in Los Angeles, Senator Tasker L. Oddie in an interview with a representative of the Age said:

"I congratulate the people of Las Vegas and all Nevada on the tremendous events brought to a focus at Las Vegas during the past three days. The efforts you have made during past years are now bearing fruit. The Boulder Dam project with all its vast benefits is assured to you.

"Particularly I want to congratulate Mr. Charles P. Squires on the success of the great enterprise in which he was one of the pioneers and to which he has given so many years of time and effort. To him and his associates in the early days of the movement, Mr. Martin, James Cashman, Ed Clark and others, Las Vegas owes a great debt but she can repay it.

"The arrangements for the reception of the Secretary and Dr. Mead and other guests were finely carried out. They all leave Las Vegas with the utmost good feeling and pleasant remembrances. The committee who arranged the program is entitled to great credit for its success.

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Weather Report Sounds Like L. A.

DENVER, Colo., June 24.—(U.P.)—Residents of several sections of the Rocky Mountain States today shivered in sub-normal temperatures while flurries of snow were reported at higher elevations.

Colorado, Wyoming and Montana experienced almost freezing weather while Arizona and New Mexico sections were warm with temperatures reading near or over the 100 mark.

2 Students Try For Scholarship of T. A. Edison

Kendall Nungesser, Mack Lyon, Take Examinations with Hope of Representing Nevada in Competition.

Two Clark county students yesterday took the first step in seeking to qualify for a four-year technical school scholarship to be given some outstanding American boy by Thomas A. Edison.

Kendall Nungesser of Las Vegas and Mack Lyon of Overton high school are the boys who took the examinations yesterday, results of which will be compared with the scores of others in Nevada, to determine who will be Nevada's representative to go to Edison's laboratories at West Orange, New Jersey.

Examinations were given in Ely, Reno and Las Vegas, and the lad with the highest score in the state will be one of 49 to be given a trip to West Orange at Edison's expense. Edison himself will give these 49 lads tests to determine which of them is to receive the scholarship.

Each of these boys will be given one of Edison's Radio-Phonograph combinations, according to a letter sent by Edison to the Nevada State Board of Education.

The tests given in Nevada, and upon the scorings of which Nevada's representative will be chosen, are the following:

Terman group test of mental ability; Stenquist Mechanical Aptitude test; Powers General Chemistry test; Columbia Research Bureau Plane Geometry test; Brown-Woody Civics test, and Cross English test.

Boys who have made high marks in scientific studies during the school years just past are the ones chosen for the tests, the administering of which took all day yesterday in Las Vegas, according to Miss A. Hanson, deputy superintendent of public instruction.

S.P. Train Robbers Are Still Missing

PITTSBURG, Calif., June 24.—(U.P.)—Identity of the bandits who held up a Southern Pacific train and escaped with \$16,000 after wounding the engineers, was believed to have been definitely established today, police announced.

Authorities revealed they had found a house in "Home Acres" a mile from the scene of the robbery, which is believed to have been used by the bandits.

The house was deserted and the two occupants of the house had not been seen since shortly before the holdup Saturday. Authorities refused to reveal the identity of the suspects. They admitted that they were without clues as to their whereabouts.