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POWER IS KING!

The Age is happy to be the first to give to the people of Las Vegas the authoritative statement of Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, that there is a scramble for Boulder Dam power.

"Instead of searching the field for contracts," said Dr. Mead, "I found offers thrust upon me."

As freely predicted by the Age and by others who have been in close touch with the situation, the power companies want Boulder Dam power and will fight if necessary to get a share of it.

We have the anomalous situation of those who have consistently fought the project; doing their utmost to defeat or delay it, now recognizing the fact that Boulder Dam project is a reality. Unable to defeat it, they now seek to monopolize the power.

According to the statement of Dr. Mead, all the power corporations of Southern California as well as the City of Los Angeles and other southern California municipalities, are ready and anxious to bid for all or any part of the power.

It is great news, coming as it does so quickly in confirmation of the statement of Secretary Wilbur and Dr. Mead that the project will be built with all speed.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

The proclamation of President Herbert Hoover issued yesterday, declaring the Boulder Dam bill in full force and effect, has double meaning for us in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles and other municipalities, happenings in Los Angeles where the Southern California Edison, the Southern Sierras Power Company and the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Company, the great power corporations of Southern California, as well as the all declared themselves ready to take all the power to be made available by the Boulder Dam project.

We can visualize the satisfaction with which the President sees his action in Washington so quickly translated into terms of action by the power organizations of California.

The news of the developments as published in the Age this morning should remove the last trace of skepticism, if any still persists.

The Age has had the best of reasons for believing that the Boulder Dam project was fully assured. As the decisive steps are taken one by one with the inevitableness of fate itself, it would seem time for Las Vegas to get wise to the fact that her chief concern should be to get ready for the great days coming.

We have done much if we compare ourselves today with the Las Vegas of one year ago. If we were able to see ourselves as we will be one year in the future, we would realize that we have hardly yet started.

The Age congratulates the people of Las Vegas upon the developments of the past few days, especially those of yesterday.

And, we would remind our readers, now is the accepted time to prepare for the future if we would not be caught napping and be left in the rear of the great parade.

Great Hotel Merger Looms

NEW YORK, June 25. (U.P.)—A merger of two of the largest hotel systems in the United States the Bowman-Biltmore chain and the United Hotels Company, was reported impending today, the deal which would combine total assets of about \$75,000,000 and provide 20,000 guest rooms, involves 35 hotels.

Britain-U. S. Talkie Squabble Subsiding

LONDON, June 25. (U.P.)—The squabble between the American talking machine distribution and the London theaters equipped with British reproduction apparatus was subsiding today following the decision of leading American companies to allow their films to be shown in the British equipped theaters.

Suit Looms In Seizure Special Near Beer Train

By JOSEPH F. HEARST (United Press Staff Correspondent) DES MOINES, June 25. (U.P.)—The sewer yawned today for the midwest's greatest near beer shipment.

Ten carloads of the innocuous brew sent out aboard a gayly decorated and widely advertised train from Manitowish, Wis., to cool the burning throats of thirsty Iowans appeared destined for destruction after its seizure by police last Saturday.

Attorneys for the brewing companies local agency had not claimed the constabulary. Their failure to interpose with a court order led authorities to believe no protest would be made to the search and seizure action of John D. Hammond, veteran dry crusader.

Hearing on the confiscation was scheduled for tomorrow in municipal court with Al Adams, assistant county attorney, who recently led the train raids on five and ten cent stores, ready to show the Iowa law prohibits malt brew of any description, even through it is less than 1 percent in alcoholic content.

Meanwhile, Hammond satisfied the situation in Des Moines was "well in hand," directed his attention to Boone, Ia., 40 miles north of Des Moines, where a two-carload shipment of near beer from Sheboygan, Wis., is expected.

"The state law," explained Hammond, "declares that no malt brew, regardless of alcoholic content, may be sold in Iowa. The supreme court has ruled against the beer interests. I'm satisfied that in this instance, the courts also will be with us."

Ship Flies Over Grand Canyon

LOS ANGELES, June 25. (Special)—Inspiring color effects and fascinating play of lights and shadows unfolded to air travelers over the Grand Canyon and Painted Desert of Arizona are enthusiastically described by Lieut. Chas. W. Gilpin, pilot for Pickwick Airways, Inc., who recently returned from a chartered trip to Santa Fe, N. M., in a Biplane. Painted Desert plane Lieut. Gilpin piloted a party of Los Angeles mining men on the air journey.

Air pockets over the Grand Canyon offer no obstacles to flying, provided sufficient altitude is maintained, Lieut. Gilpin said. Passengers and pilot are enthusiastic over the sublime view of the canyon and desert afforded from the air.

Hawks to Begin Hop N. Y. to L. A., Back

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. June 25.—(U.P.)—Captain Frank Hawks took off from Park's airport here at 9:11 a. m. for New York, where he will make final preparations for a round trip flight from New York to Los Angeles.

Before his departure officials at the airport arranged to place signs on the field informing him of weather conditions at destinations for both legs of his round trip flight.

He said he expected to begin his attempt within the next few days, providing weather conditions are favorable.

He plans to fly without stopping to Los Angeles and then after a brief halt return to New York non-stop.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, June 26.—"Poled again!" commented Clarence Darrow, agent the farmers and what they might hope for from Congress while on a recent trip to the capital.

Here a whole session of Congress been devoted to fooling the farmers. They'll keep on doing that until the farmers learn to vote in their own interest instead of voting on Civil War issues, such as negro slavery, as they are now."

Darrow says the new tariff bill is only a gold brick for the farmers, handed with considerable force at the back of his neck instead of being kindly proffered on a platter.

"The tariff," he said, "is the champion swindle of all of them in the economic world. Everybody seems to be interested in making us pay more for something. The whole idea of protection is a delusion and a snare. The theory of trade is that each nation should produce what it can produce the easiest and exchange surpluses freely with each other."

Assaults Sugar Increase The proposed sugar tariff increase makes Darrow especially sore. He says it will tax everyone for the benefit of a few wealthy beet sugar manufacturers.

"The only way to help the farmer," he continued, "is to give him something like free trade, which would make it easier for him to sell his crops and not make him pay twice the worth of everything he buys."

Darrow still doesn't think much of President Hoover, though he gives him credit for recently reducing freight rates on grain.

"The bosses have got him," says Darrow. "A lot of nonsense," he replied when asked his opinion of Hoover's law enforcement commission. "The only laws I know of that aren't enforced are the anti-trust

laws and others designed to control the special interests. The commission isn't going to bother about those laws.

"All the laws against petty offenders are enforced except prohibition, and everybody knows you can't enforce that. An increase of penalties is a sign of the breakdown of a law and always has been. My guess is that there are three places selling liquor today for each one before prohibition. Everybody has liquor at home and most people are making it."

"It's easy to make wine. You just let it alone and God makes it. He's been making it ever since the world began and I don't suppose, he knows about our Congress. The earth is one of the most insignificant of numerous species of mud, anyway."

"I think the masses of people are getting poorer and poorer, relatively speaking. Monopolies have made it almost impossible for a man to start his own business any more. The one big opportunity for a young man without much capital is bootlegging. Many a poor colored man and many an obscure Italian immigrant has been lifted to affluence in that business."

Mr. Darrow thinks the worst thing in the world is tyranny. "Life isn't worth while unless you're free," he said, "and it's a damned close question whether it is, even then. I notice now they're trying to have nothing but sacred stuff on the radio on Sunday. Then they'll be having nothing else on other days of the week—that they themselves think is sacred stuff."

"The reformer's idea of sin is something that makes you happy. The best thing in the world is the converse of tyranny—freedom. It's been an eternal struggle for men ever since he came on earth. The more you fight for it the more you get."

HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By DUANE HENNESSEY (United Press Staff Correspondent) HOLLYWOOD, June 26. (U.P.)—Among film colony people there are a number of new, and some old, experiences, among them that of David Newell, who treasures a common seaman's discharge gained in the British Merchant Marine service.

When Newell and his older brother, Jim, decided to tour Europe they found that they had little cash, heavily enough for a de luxe trip to the other side.

They talked the skipper of the British oil tanker Patolians out of jobs. The vessel made the trip from New Orleans to Bordeaux, France, in 15 days and the Newell brothers received their discharges.

Two months later found them in Southampton, England, their \$200 apiece dwindled to a state where each was the possessor of 75 cents. That lasted three days and then they visited the American consul asking him to aid them in finding a chance to work their passage to America. They came back in style—dishwashers on the Leviathan.

Arrived in New York, they had \$1.50 apiece coming to them as wages. They slept on the ship for three nights and spent all their money seeing shows.

circuits to dramatic leads on the stage. His first screen role was in "The Hole in the Wall," which was made at Paramount's Long Island studio. He won a featured player's contract and a ticket to Hollywood.

His first assignment since arriving here was the second male lead in Clara Bow's new talking picture "Dangerous Curves."

The busy looking man hurried last Moran and Mack, the Two Black Orca, on a movie lot. Mack—"That fellow sure puts up a nice false front."

Moran—"Two faces, eh?" Mack—"No, he builds these sets."

George Bancroft is looking for witnesses who saw a messenger boy named George do bicycle tricks in front of the Bijou theater in Philadelphia about 25 years ago.

He tried to convince Al St. John, who is a mean crook on a bicycle, that he used to stunt on the two wheels himself.



NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By DEMING SFYMOUR NEW YORK, June 26.—Three centuries ago Bowling Green was a ward large enough to be a parade ground for King's troops.

Today it is a little oval hardly as big as a pea patch, covered mostly with concrete walks and benches, subway kiosks, news stands and a big central fountain, with light and chest-high fences hemming in its clumps of shrubbery. Year by year Bowling Green seems to shrink in size as the buildings around it grow taller. The Standard Oil building on one hand, the row of steamship offices on the other and the Customs House at its nether edge seems to stuff it and to make it more of a lounging place than a breathing space down where Broadway begins.

Yet its area has not been diminished in 158 years, for the same iron fence surrounds it today which bordered it in 1771, when there stood on it a green a statue of King George III, erected in jubilation by the colony of New York when that monarch ordered the repeal of the stamp act.

The Bowling Green was the lawn where Sir Francis Drake stood with his comrades on the close-cropped grass and played a game of bowles while the Spanish Armada crept into the harbor. Warned of the foe's advance, he declined to interrupt the game, declaring that there was time to finish his bowling and still defeat the enemy. There was.

It has been a public park since 1732, when it was leased to the community for one peppercorn a year and set aside for the recreation and delight of the inhabitants. In those days it was a fashionable meeting place, and gamblers sported on the now-vanished lawns. Later it was the terminus of every trochlight parade.

Today concrete has all but conquered it. Even the shrubbery struggles to keep alive and to help the enclosure continue to deserve its historic name of Bowling Green.

A Vanishing Tribute At the gateway of Theodore Roosevelt's grave, overlooking the blue waters of Oyster Bay, stands a small rock brought from Panama. The legend checked in its side since read: "To Theodore Roosevelt, from the Canal Zone children, Culebra Cut, Dec. 3, 1929."

Today the lower line of the inscription is all but broken away, and the sides of the rock are being chipped off steadily. Souvenir hunters are breaking off pieces of the stone to take away with them, and will, within another summer or two, have almost effaced the inscription.

Broadway Ice Boxes A 100-pound motion picture fan melts his own weight in ice these summer days when he goes into an ice-cooled theater.

When the temperature in the street is in the eighties or nineties the theaters employ 100 pounds of refrigeration in a day to keep the theater's temperature between 72 and 78 degrees. Each pound of mechanical refrigeration is equal to the melting of a pound of ice.

The problem of the theaters is to keep the auditoriums warm enough, on hot days, so that patrons will not catch summer colds when they come in from the hot pavements.

COLIMA TO BOX STRONG HOLLYWOOD, June 25. (U.P.)—Bert Colima, Mexican middleweight, and Everett Strong, who have been fighting each other now and then for the past three years, will battle through ten rounds on the Hollywood card Friday.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, and various stock symbols like Calif Bk, Mer Nat'l Bk, Nat'l Bk Com, etc.

Randsburg Has Disastrous Fire

RANDBURG, Calif., June 26.—(U.P.)—Twenty-two buildings in the business district of Randsburg were destroyed today, flames of which for a time threatened the entire city.

The fire raged for four hours and was conquered only by blasting. Wire communications were demolished. The Southern Sierras Power Company temporarily was put out of order. No injuries were reported.

The blaze started in the rear of the Palace Pool Room, presumably from a cigarette tossed carelessly into a rubbish pile.

It burned that building to the ground, reached to the Armand hotel, then to the Silver Streak hotel and to the Anderson service station.

The flames continued until a total of 22 buildings on either side of the main thoroughfare, Butte avenue, were destroyed. The Armand and the Silver Streak hotels were the only buildings of more than one story in height.

The Yellow Aster Mine reservoir furnished the majority of the water used, but when it was found not to be sufficient, the firefighters resorted to dynamiting.

The Yellow Aster mine was the site of the original discovery of gold here. It brought on the boom of 1906 that mushroomed a population of 6,000 on the desert. Approximately 1200 people live in Randsburg now.

HOLLYWOOD, June 26. (U.P.)—The possibility of open warfare between stage and screen players was seen here today as the newest development in the attempt of the actor's Equity Association to force the closed shop into Hollywood.

Heat Records At Phoenix Are Broken at 117.8

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 25. (U.P.)—A new record of all time was established here Monday when the temperature reached 118 degrees.

The previous high mark was 117.8, set in July 1925.

Continuation of the excessive heat may be expected for several days, according to the government forecasters.

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 25. (U.P.)—Reports on file here today showed that three epidemics now are in progress in various parts of the state. Cerebro-spinal meningitis claimed two sufferers at Jerome, and one at Miami. Whooping cough with more than half of its 52 cases centered in Jerome, and 47 cases of chickenpox complete the list.

Birth Control Work Advocated

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26. (U.P.)—The most important bit of social work before the country is "to encourage birth control," the oldest social worker at the national conference of social work meeting here, believes.

"Uncle Alex" Johnson, 43-year-old New Yorker and the father of seven children, is one of the staunchest supporters of birth control, although he said that "the wrong people practice it."

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