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## Elks Arriving For Convention And Celebration

Parade at 9 A. M. Today Will Open Three-Day Festivities; Balzar, Pittman Will Give Addresses.

Elks, arriving hourly for the three-day state convention starting this morning, are greeting each other here today and preparing for not only one of the biggest meetings ever held in Nevada Elksdom, but one of the most diverting Fourth of July celebrations ever staged in Las Vegas.

Delegations from Elko and Ely arrived last night and registered at the Mission Cigar store, registration headquarters. Others from such places as Shenandoah, Iowa, Rawlins, Wyoming; Ossawatimie, Kansas; Juneau, Alaska; Ogden, Utah and Pueblo, Colorado, strolled in and made their presence known by signing the register.

Delegations from Ely and seven from Elko had registered before 10 p. m. The parade, to start at 9 a. m. at the welcome arch and to end at the convention hall, El Portal theater, will be the first event in the celebration. This will be followed by the opening of the convention by State President Harley A. Harmon, of the Elks, at 10 a. m.

At 10:30 a. m. the baseball game between the Las Vegas Eagles and the Pacific Fruit Express will start in the U. P. ball park.

Preceding the convention there will be practice session for the trapshoot.

At 1:30 p. m. ritualistic competitions among the lodges of the state will be held for the state championship.

At 7:00 p. m. the boxing bouts will begin in the U. P. baseball ground.

At 8:30 p. m. there will be a band concert at Lorenzi's resort, by the 40-piece U. P. system band.

At 9 p. m. the fireworks will start on the island at Lorenzi Lake.

At 10:30 p. m. the grand ball will commence, also at Lorenzi's.

Elks registered at 10 p. m. last night were as follows:

From Reno, Senator Key Pittman, From Elko, R. A. Leberski, I. R. Leberski, Chris Esleman, E. P. Carville, Milton B. Balt, Isaac Woodhouse and Rupert L. Bryant.

From Ely, Vail Pittman, A. J. Proctor, H. E. Jameson, F. C. Rowman, A. E. Thomas, Alex Baird, Guy E. Baker, J. S. Hart, J. J. Kelley, D. J. Rodrigue, P. D. Smith, E. H. Goenig, J. A. Simpson and W. C. Draper.

Juneau, Alaska, W. J. Garity. Santa Monica, R. L. VanDusen. Pueblo, Colo., E. Rice. Shenandoah, Iowa, H. B. Pennington.

San Diego, R. A. Putnam. Sacramento, S. Cassman. Rawlins, Wyo., William Wallace and Robert R. McClendon.

Ossawatimie, Kans., Fred Rumph. Ogden, Utah, J. K. Baker.

This, of course, was but the start, for many doubtless had arrived but had not yet registered, and many were due to arrive later in the evening and during the morning today.

The parade will march down Fremont to Fifth, thence around the block via Carson and to El Portal, where Senator Pittman and Governor Balzar will give public addresses prior to the opening of the convention.

The parade will line up as follows according to Herb Krause, esquire of the Las Vegas lodge, in charge of the parade:

Motor police. Union Pacific Band. American Legion with Colors and Guard.

Official car with Senator Key Pittman and Nevada State Elks' officials.

All visiting Elks delegates and members of state lodges—Reno, Elko, Tonopah, Goldfield and Ely.

Boy Scouts, fire department and auto dealers' cars.

American Legion Drum Corps and members of Las Vegas Elks Lodge number 1468.

(Las Vegas Elks are asked to turn out in their white outfits, minus coats, according to Krause.)

The events for Friday are: 8 a. m. trapshoot; 9 a. m. convention and band concert at El Portal; 10 a. m. ritualistic work; 1:30 p. m. ball game; 6 p. m. wrestling match at U. P. park; 8 p. m. barbecue and band concert at Lorenzi's, and 9 p. m. dance at Lorenzi's.

For Saturday: 8 a. m. trapshoot; 9 a. m. trip to Boulder Dam Site and other points of interest; 3:30 p. m. water sports, 6 p. m. barbecue at Lorenzi's; 9 p. m. dance and grand finale at Lorenzi's, with awarding of prizes for trapshoot and ritualistic work.

## Lost Capitalist Believed Found

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—(U.P.)—Detectives of the missing persons detail said today they were almost certain that a man held in the psychopathic ward of the general hospital here was Charles Frankish, elderly Ontario millionaire who disappeared two years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Frankish, young second wife of the missing man, accompanied officers to the psychopathic ward this morning but was unable to positively identify as her husband, a 75-year-old man held there under the name of Abel Armstrong, they reported.

Armstrong bore marked resemblance to her husband, she told the officers, but his condition was such that she could not be certain it was he.

He was taken to the psychopathic ward suffering from a complete mental relapse from which he has not recovered, although his physical condition was said to be perfect.

Search for the missing millionaire was renewed yesterday at the request of Mrs. Frankish, who posted \$100 reward for definite information concerning his whereabouts.

## Explosion in L. A. Grain Exchange

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—(U.P.)—Two rooms of the Los Angeles Grain Exchange on the fifth floor of the I. W. Hellman building here were demolished by a mysterious and plotted explosion today.

The discovery of unexploded dynamite, open gas jets, a burning candle under a wheat sack and lengths of fuse indicated a plan to wreck the entire exchange.

Officials at the exchange hinted the explosion might have been set by a disgruntled former employee.

The theory that robbery might have been the motive was discounted since employees were in the office and no attempt was made to take any money.

After the smoke and dust of the blast cleared away police entered the rooms to find five unexploded sticks of dynamite, which was near a length of fuse which in turn terminated in waste paper.

All gas jets in the lavatory were discovered wide open and in the same room a candle was burning beneath a grain sack. The candle was extinguished before enough gas had gathered to cause another explosion.

Police started a search for a recently discharged employee of the exchange.

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—(U.P.)—Perry Larsen, 47, auditor, confessed that he was responsible for the dynamite explosion which demolished two rooms of the Los Angeles Grain Exchange in the I. W. Hellman building, police reported.

Larsen assertedly admitted that he had embezzled \$1,500 from the exchange over an eight month period and that he sought to cover his shortage by destroying the records.

The auditor was arrested in the grain exchange offices by Captain Bert Lynn. Larsen's nervous actions aroused Lynn's suspicions.

Larsen admitted taking the money because he lost heavily at gambling, Captain Lynn said.

## Natives Flee New Volcano Fury

SYDNEY, N. S. W., July 3.—(U.P.)—Renewed eruptions of the volcano Marum on the island of Ambren of the New Hebrides today sent natives and whites rushing to the island of Malejula, 30 miles distant, for safety according to radio dispatches received here.

The dispatches said no word of the safety of the staffs of three missions had been heard since the disastrous eruption last Friday. The staff of a fourth mission was reported safe.

## New Judge Will Aid Foley During Elks' Convention

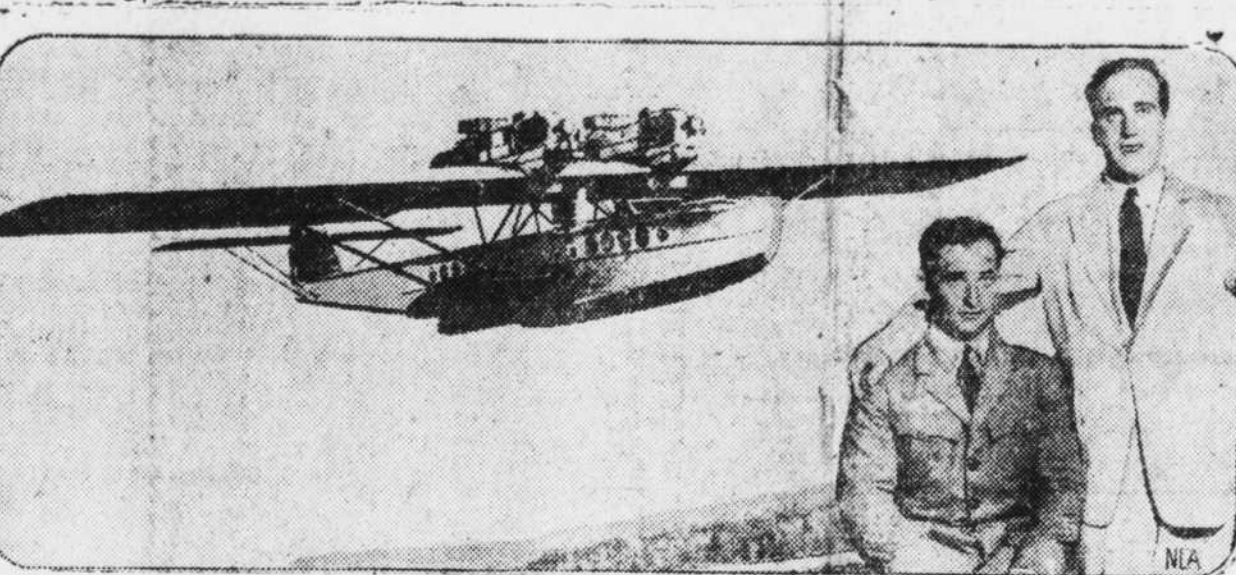
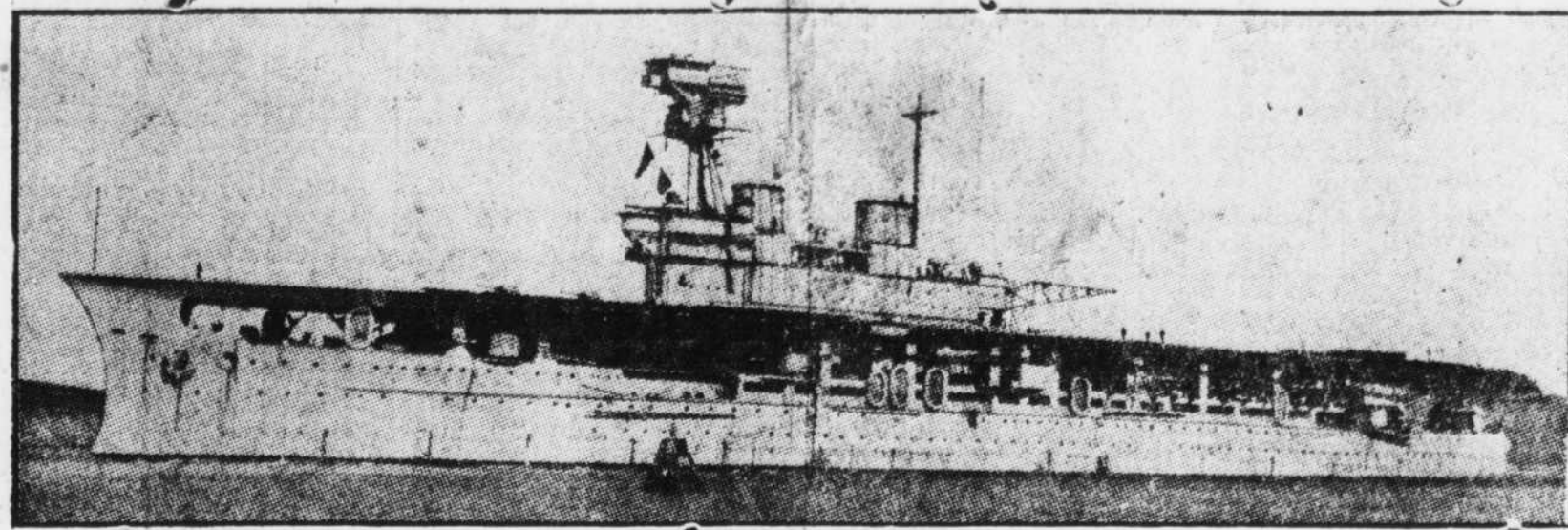
Help in dispensing justice is expected to emanate from a brand new court here during the three days of the Elks' State Convention, according to Municipal Judge Roger Foley, who stated yesterday he was going to delegate authority for keeping down infractions if any of the accepted code among visiting Elks to a kangaroo court.

Asked who the other judge would be, Judge Foley gave an elusive answer.

Asked where the court would be held, he stated baldly it would probably be from the back of a truck somewhere.

Asked for citation of precedent for such procedure, he dragged various Elks' convention incidents out of the hazy past and told of sundry disfigurements heaped upon helpless members who made slight mistakes in Ely or somewhere in a day ago.

## SPANISH FLYERS AND SHIP THAT RESCUED THEM AT SEA



Pictured here are the Spanish aviators who were rescued from the Atlantic, their plane and the ship that saved them. At left is their Dornier seaplane, Commander Ramon Franco (left) and his navigator, Captain Raiz de Alda. Above is the British airplane carrier Eagle, which picked them up in mid-Atlantic. Major Eduardo Gallarza and Mechanic Pedro Madrazo, also aboard the plane, were likewise saved.

## Now the Children Are Learning To Bootleg—But It's Firecrackers

By United Press  
Widespread "bootlegging" among the younger generation has become noticeable during the last few days—but it is "bootlegging" which crops out only once a year. This time it is firecrackers.

Nearly every large city in the United States has ordinances against the selling or firing of the old time fireworks which youngsters of the nation deem necessary for the celebration of Independence Day.

Firecrackers, pinwheels, skyrocket and their explosive kind are banned from stores in most of the cities, while their milder companions are ranted sale. However, suburbs of the large cities supply the needs of the boys who must have gunpowder to express their exuberance and in most of the cities these explosives have been in evidence for several days.

Michigan has one of the most severe statutes. It forbids even the sale of sparklers, which are non-explosive. Several deaths in the state on Independence Day 1928 had much to do with the state legislature passing the law.

In New York and Chicago, suburbs have done a thriving business in the last week selling explosive fireworks. Chicago has a city ordinance calling for \$200 fine and 60 day jail sentence for selling fireworks and shooting firecrackers is cited as a misdemeanor.

However, many crackers have been set off in the last week and no arrangements have been made. Much the same situation was noted in New York, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Mo., Indianapolis, and other eastern and midwestern cities.

On the Pacific coast the north-west is strictest. The fear of forest fires aids in the enforcement.

In Los Angeles Fire Chief Scott issued a warning that all Fourth of July ordinances would be enforced rigidly.

He pointed out that all articles which travel along the ground when exploded and firecrackers, Roman candles, torpedoes, skyrocket and gunpowder, were on the prohibited list.

Washington, D. C. has a stringent law which is enforced rigidly. The youngsters in the district go across the borders into Virginia and Maryland where they can have all the noise they want without molestation.

CHICAGO, July 3.—(U.P.)—Chicago's first fireworks casualty of the year was recorded today.

NEW YORK, July 3.—(U.P.)—One child killed and three others injured were the toll taken by early celebrants of the Fourth of July.

## Babe Ruth Hits 17th Home Run

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 3.—(U.P.)—Babe Ruth hit his 17th home run of the season with the bases filled in the seventh inning of today's game with Boston.

Combs, Robertson and Gehrig also had reached base safely when Ruth came up and hit one of Ruffing's slants into the rightfield bleachers.

## U. P. Paves Way For Branch Line to Boulder Dam

Railway Files Application With Interstate Commerce Commission for Building of 23-Mile Track.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(U.P.)—Construction of a railway extension for the purpose of conveying men and material necessary in building Boulder Dam on the Colorado river was outlined in a petition to the I. C. C. today by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railway.

The application asked the commission to approve construction of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake of a 23-mile extension starting at a point connecting with its main line seven miles south of Las Vegas, Nev., and running eastward 23 miles. From that point, the application said, the United States government will complete the line to Boulder Dam. The line will pass through no incorporated cities or towns.

Evidence that the Union Pacific railway intends to be prepared to build its branch line from Las Vegas to a point near the dam site in the near future was shown Tuesday when an application was filed in Washington, D. C. with the Interstate Commerce Commission for a franchise to build a 23-mile railway line easterly to the dam site from a point on the present main line 6.83 miles south of Las Vegas.

Leo McNamee, attorney for the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad company, filed legal notice of this application made by the railroad with the Age yesterday for publication in today's issue.

That the railroad company intends to be ready to build the branch line as soon as satisfactory arrangements have been made with the government is evidenced by this move on the part of the company, although the building of the branch, of course, depends, McNamee said yesterday, upon what sort of rates and what sort of contract the government will give.

## Attempt to Save Grounded Ship

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., July 3.—(U.P.)—The tug Sea Rover placed a line aboard the lumber ship Anne Hanly today and an attempt will be made to pull the latter off the rocks at Point Honda at high tide this afternoon.

The coast guard cutter Algonquin and the oil tanker Las Alamos were standing by prepared to take off the crew of the lumber vessel in event of danger.

The Anne Hanly, aground since it struck during a heavy fog yesterday morning, appeared to have been driven closer to the shoreline during the day.

OMAHA, Neb., July 3.—(U.P.)—An explosion believed to have been caused by fireworks this afternoon wrecked the Bruin and Jensen Paper Co., in the downtown business section.

Harold Jensen, son of one of the owners of the company, and Ralph Jones, working on the fourth floor of the building, are missing and believed to have been killed when flames from the explosion rapidly destroyed the building, trapping the men on the top floor.

## Spain Rejoices in Rescue of Fliers

GIBRALTAR, July 3.—(U.P.)—New throngs of people from Andalusia, Estremadura and New Castle, availing themselves of every possible means of conveyance, continued to reach here today to celebrate the rescue of the four Spanish fliers and to pay homage to their British rescuers.

The streets were even more packed than they were yesterday when British airplane carrier Eagle arrived here with Commander Ramon Franco and the other Spanish fliers aboard. Once more the Spaniards from across the border mobilized at dawn and once more they demonstrated how happy all Spain was at the miraculous rescue from the Atlantic of its crack fliers.

The extreme modesty of Franco and his companions—Raiz de Alda, Eduardo Gallarza and Pedro Madrazo—has made a fine impression upon their Spanish compatriots and the British.

"The giving out of our cigarettes was the thing that worried us more than the lack of provisions," Gallarza said. "We were completely bored until a storm came along to entertain us."

## Agnes O'Neill Gets Reno Divorce

RENO, Nev., July 3.—(U.P.)—Only five minutes time was required for Mrs. Agnes O'Neill to obtain a divorce from Eugene O'Neill, New York playwright, at a trial behind locked doors.

Newspapermen and the public were barred from the courtroom. A cowpuncher and his wife operating the "dude" ranch where Mrs. O'Neill had been living for three months were the only witnesses called. They affirmed that she had fulfilled the legal residence requirements of the Nevada laws.

Mrs. O'Neill testified briefly, charging desertion on the part of the author of "Strange Interlude" and other dramatic successes. O'Neill did not contest the suit.

## M. P. & T. Ry. Strike Voted

CHICAGO, July 3.—(U.P.)—A strike vote has been taken by locomotive engineers of the Missouri Pacific and the terminal railroad association of St. Louis to compel both carriers to recognize an individual grievance agreement with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, E. E. Edgington, an assistant grand chief of the organization, announced.

The controversy involves the railroads, the engineer brotherhood and the brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Engineers hold that it should be their organization's right to represent all engineers regardless of which union they belong to.

## Ace Fined \$13,000 For Poor Fighting

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—(U.P.)—The California boxing commission late today decided that \$13,000 of the purse due Ace Hudkins for meeting Charlie Berlinger be forfeited. The commission granted him \$2,000 for training.

Referee Bobbie Thompson was suspended indefinitely. Berlinger was given \$1,000 for training expenses and the remainder of his purse, \$1,800, was ordered forfeited.

The commission said it was clearly shown that neither boxer put forth his best efforts.

## METHOD OF MARKETING BOULDER DAM POWER PROBLEM BEFORE MEAD

Nevada Assured She May Contract Electrical Flow For Future Needs and Dispose of Surplus; Percentage Asked; Congress May Give Fund for Preliminaries in September.

The problem of how the government will market the power to be produced by Boulder Dam is now uppermost in the minds of Dr. Elwood Mead, director of reclamation, and others at the helm of the great project, according to Senator Key Pittman, who addressed the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon on the power question.

Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur favors building of the power plant by the power companies which will use the power, thus keeping the government "out of the power business." The power companies, also, favor this method, he said, while Nevada and Los Angeles indicated at the recent meeting in Los Angeles with Dr. Mead that they favored the building of the plant by the government and sale of the power to the users by the government.

It is believed probable that the power companies will be given an opportunity to make a try at getting together with the view to putting over the first-mentioned plan, according to Senator Pittman, although the possibility of such plan is doubted by many engineers.

Should this attempt fail it is possible that the plan of construction by the government and lease of the plant to the chief user of power may be adopted, as a "compromise policy."

This is the chief thing that now gives any promise of delaying the solution of the power problem, said the senator yesterday. He stated that Secretary Wilbur will try to arrange for the doing of a great deal of the preliminary work, such as building of roads and camps, while the power problem is being worked out.

It is hoped that congress will make a special appropriation for this preliminary work when it convenes in its special session in September, said Senator Pittman.

Nevada asked for a percentage of the power to be produced at the dam, instead of a stated amount, according to the Senator, speaking of the conference between Nevada representatives and Dr. Mead in Los Angeles.

The representatives of this state agreed quite unanimously that a minimum of 150,000 horsepower would be needed by Nevada to supply the future power needs of the state, but 25 per cent of the entire output was asked by the group.

Nevada may contract for more power than she now needs and dispose of the surplus wherever she sees fit until she needs it, Pittman has been assured in a letter from Dr. Mead. Los Angeles would be glad to take such temporary surplus, Pittman said.

Great interest in the future cheap power possibilities here on the part of big electro-chemical manufacturing interests in the east was reported to the Nevada delegation by Mr. Fulton, of the University of Nevada bureau of mines, who had spent some time in the east making a study of this situation.

To Make Reports  
It is acceded by Dr. Mead that under the seven-state compact Nevada is entitled to reservation in some form for sufficient power to meet all future demands, said Pittman.

Written statements will be submitted to Dr. Mead at an early date showing the present demand for power in the state of Nevada.

Three things were settled quite definitely at the Los Angeles conference, said Pittman yesterday.

First, Nevada will be granted sufficient power to meet her future demands.

Second, Nevada may dispose of the surplus power as she sees fit until she needs it.

Third, Secretary Wilbur's intention is that the water power be sold by the government to the power companies if they can get together within a reasonable time and agree upon the building of a power plant, the government to build the plant if this is found impossible or impracticable. At any event some plan will be determined upon in the near future.

## Four Suits For Divorce Filed

Charging among other things, that her husband insisted that she accept his brother, sister and father into their home and take care of them, Isabel Degenhart sued Tuesday for divorce from Fred J. Degenhart. The couple were married in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1923.

Mrs. Degenhart seeks restoration of her maiden name—Isabel Henningsen. Stevens, Henderson and Noland filed the action.

Charles W. Albin filed also for divorce Tuesday from Mary M. Albin, who is now living in Salem, Oregon, with the two children, Marion six, and Arthur William, one year and two months of age.

Cruelty is the ground for the action, which was filed by Stevens, Henderson and Noland.

Gerald Birdneau filed Monday for divorce from Marie Birdneau, through Harmon and Safter. They were married in 1924 in Riverside, Calif. Cruelty is the grounds for the action.

Frank Langford sued yesterday for divorce from Agnes W. Langford, to whom he was married in 1924 in Santa Ana, on grounds of cruelty, through Ham and Taylor.

Five new contributions to the Boy Scout log cabin fund boosted the total by \$35 this week, it is reported by K. O. Knudson, scout executive.

Simon's Service Garage contributed \$10, Ward's Cash and Carry, \$5, Adcock & Ronnow, \$5, the Las Vegas Hardware, \$5, and A. C. Clark, Ford dealer, \$10.

## \$35 More In Given To Scout Cabin Fund