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BIG DEMAND FOR POWER AIDS HASTENING OF PLAN FOR DAM

40,000,000 Starving in China, Worst Famine in Years 1700 Convicts Try Jail Break

IMMEDIATE START OF PRELIMINARY WORK IS ASSURED, SAY EXPERTS

Canibalism Is Rampant In One Province

PEIPING, China, July 29.—(U.P.)—The international famine relief commission asserted tonight that 23 foreign missionaries have died in the Kansu province in the last six weeks and that an estimated total of 40,000,000 persons were on the verge of starvation in the whole of China.

"The missionaries and priests, all of whom were Americans, British or French, died of typhus."

The report said that cannibalism is rampant in Kansu province, which has suffered probably most severely in the famine. Shensi province reports have been virtually as terrible as those from Kansu.

All famine relief investigators have agreed that this year's famine is worse than any other such disaster in the last century. An immense area is afflicted by crop shortage due to drought, grasshoppers, deprivations of bandits and undisciplined soldiers.

The mission boards report several of their workers, both Chinese and foreigners, have literally lost their minds because of the dreadful conditions.

The mission compounds, report says, have often been surrounded by hundreds of dying persons who have cried feebly for food, which the missions were unable to supply.

U. P. Workers To Give Norris Engraved Watch

As a token of the esteem of Las Vegas railroad men for J. E. Norris, formerly master mechanic here, and recently shifted to a Utah division point, an excellent engraved watch and chain will be presented Norris in the near future in their behalf, it was learned yesterday.

The watch is a 23-jewel Ball, and will be accompanied by a handsome charm, engraved with the Masonic and Shriners' insignia.

There will be also a solid gold chain, according to R. H. Begley, of Delkin's jewelry store, who is doing the engraving on the charm.

The watch will be on exhibit at Delkin's for a few days it was stated.

Three Families to Trek for Texas On Their Vacation

Three Las Vegas families will trek by automobile to Texas for vacation visits at the same time, beginning about a week from today.

They are the Kings, the Smiths and the Taylors, and they will be accompanied by Frank Butcher, high school coach and probation officer for next year.

"And we're going to make time," said Louise King, one of the party, yesterday. "Tell you about our record trip when we get there."

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. King and daughters, Louise and Leone, will head for Stephenville, Texas, with Butcher, Dallas bound, as their guest.

At Clovis, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and their son will leave the rest and head for Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, with their three daughters, will go to Bonham, Texas.

The Kings plan to spend part of the last week in August fishing, returning to Las Vegas about September 1st.

UNION PACIFIC BRINGS VAST QUANTITIES OF RAILS AND TIES

Assembling of Materials in Las Vegas Yards Indicates Approaching Railroad Construction

Plans for Enlarging Las Vegas Yards and Building New Station Also Require Much Material

Mention has been made from time to time of the fact that the Union Pacific is assembling considerable quantities of railroad ties and steel rails in Las Vegas.

The movement, which began over a month ago, is still in progress until today there are stored at a point south of the ice plant on the railroad grounds, enough ties and rails for the construction of approximately 40 miles of trackage.

Although the company officials are unable as yet to officially confirm the report that these vast quantities of track materials are to be used in the construction of the Boulder Dam branch railroad, the assumption is made in railroad circles that this is the use to which they will be put.

The branch line to the material yards near the summit of railroad pass will be approximately 22 miles in length and permission has already been granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington for the construction of the line.

The material yards at the end of the line, where the materials for building the dam will be delivered to the government or to the contractor, will require several miles of trackage also.

The remodeling and enlarging of the Las Vegas yards planned to be coincident with the construction of the proposed new passenger station, will also require several miles of rails and ties.

Under the new arrangements, the main line passenger tracks will come in from the south on the east side of the ice plant of the P. F. E. Co., and all the space between Main street and the present main line tracks, except that occupied by the new station, will be devoted to new sidings.

This improvement is not entirely incidental to Boulder Dam construction but will be required in the near future because of the large increase in traffic which the Union Pacific has experienced during the past year or two.

The Union Pacific Company is setting an example which should be followed by every citizen of Las Vegas—getting ready. If Las Vegas people would profit to the full extent by the great events which impend, they should place themselves now in a position of readiness.

YELLOW PINE PUSHING CONSTRUCTION OF MILL

Twenty-five Men Now on Construction Work; Custom Mill and Zinc Oxide Plans Under Consideration by Company Officials.

GOODSPRINGS, July 29.—(Special)—Twenty-five men are now busy in the construction of the new Yellow Pine mill and flotation plant. Blasting for the foundation is well under way and the entire work will be pushed, according to Jess Knight, president of the Yellow Pine Mining Company.

Machinery is now on the way for a flotation plant of the very latest design for the treatment of the ores, and plans are under way also for handling custom ores.

High grade mixed ores may be shipped as heretofore, but with the new plant it is expected that much greater saving of values will be made than heretofore.

The company, according to President Jess Knight, also is investigating the feasibility of the manufacture of zinc oxide.

Morris E. Kirk, engineer and mineralogist, who was connected with the Yellow Pine Company some years ago, is now carrying on experiments for the company at Harbor City, Cal., for the production of zinc oxide. The plans contemplate using either oil or coke as fuel and if the experiments now being carried out are successful it will be possible to profitably produce zinc oxide, utilizing ores of low zinc content.

The production of zinc oxide from

Been That Way Last 100 Hours World Informed

ST. LOUIS, July 29.—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Robin, endurance plane piloted by Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien passed its 400th hour in the air at 11:17 tonight.

Shortly before the record was established, a message was sent up to the flyers asking them if they did not think it advisable to come down. This action was taken because two cylinders of the Robin's motor had started leaking badly and it was feared there might be a crackup if the engine stopped suddenly at night.

So far no answer has been received from the message and at the 400th hour mark the flyers continued circling slowly about the field, without showing any indication of a change in their plans to "make it 500 hours or bust."

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 29.—(U.P.)—First definite admission that their Challenger motor was weakening came today from Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien, pilots of the St. Louis Robin, which at 9:17 a. m. had been aloft 336 hours.

"We know we have a couple getting weak. Has been that way for the last 100 hours," said a note dropped to the refueling plane and continuously referring to cylinders on their power unit.

Officials at the field, however, were not unduly alarmed by the note.

Obstacles Face Hoover in Army Cost Cut Plan

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(U.P.)—President Hoover encountered obstacles in his search for ways of reducing army costs at a week-end conference in his Virginia camp with Secretary of War Good and other war department and army officials.

That developed today when Good, on his return here, said he does not yet know where reduction can be made though he is hopeful of finding ways to retrench. He answered in the negative a number of inquiries about possible abolition of various agencies, such as the cavalry, coast artillery and civilian components, where it had been thought reduction might be made. No new agency such as airplanes and tanks have wholly displaced other agencies, such as the cavalry, he said.

The President, it also developed has changed his plans of having his specially appointed officers' commission to investigate the subject of reduction as the result of the week end conference. Good said the general staff instead, would make this investigation.

Ten Killed Seeking Relief From Heat

DES MOINES, Ia., July 29.—(U.P.)—Ten persons were killed, 34 injured and four missing, believed drowned as Iowa's sought relief from the heat over the week end.

Two of the deaths occurred in automobile crashes, three were drowned, two were found shot under mysterious circumstances and two committed suicide, another died of injuries received while diving. Of the injured, 31 were hurt in traffic accidents.

"Rocker" Queen Wins Title, By Rocking 10 Days

DECATUR, Ill., July 29.—(U.P.)—Evelyn Burdick, 19, won the crown of "rocker-chair queen" when her last remaining opponent, Kenneth Sears, 15, rocked himself to sleep.

Evelyn rocked 250 hours to set the record and win a \$25 prize.

Washoe Bank Merger Suits to Be Tried Today

Judge Bartlett to Hear Two Cases on Proposed Liquidation; Examiner, Holders of Stock in Court Actions.

RENO, July 30.—(Journal)—Trial of two suits, through which it is hoped to bring about the sale and liquidation of the Washoe County Bank so that it may be merged with a new bank, were set for 2 o'clock today, July 30, by Judge George A. Bartlett in the Washoe County District Court last week. Answers to the suits were filed recently, and Judge Bartlett immediately set the time for trial. It is probable, according to attorneys, that the suits will be consolidated.

In the answer the directors of the bank declare that the institution is not insolvent, but that "it is now necessary, by reason of the situation of said bank, to liquidate the same."

One of the suits was filed by E. J. Seaborn, State Bank Examiner, and the other by George H. Taylor, J. E. Van Nagell and Cora M. Van Nagell, as owners of more than 10 per cent of the bank's capital stock.

In the answer to the State Bank Examiner's suit the directors, through their attorney, Robert M. Price, claim that the capital and surplus of the bank have not been impaired "to any substantial extent."

It is also claimed that if the assets are "properly conserved and liquidated" there will be no loss to the depositors or stockholders.

Waive Right

Though denying the charge that the actual value of the assets of the bank is insufficient to pay the liabilities, or that the bank is in "an unsafe and unsound condition," the directors state that it would be inexpedient to continue business at this time.

The answer filed to the suit brought by Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Van Nagell as stockholders asks that the State Bank Examiner be appointed receiver and the directors waive their right to name one of their number for the position.

Efficiency Bandit Pair Gets \$2,600 From L. A. Bank

LOS ANGELES, July 29.—(U.P.)—Two "efficiency" bandits who worked as though they had carefully rehearsed their parts, held up the Forty-ninth Avenue and Western Branch of the Security Trust and Savings Bank today, escaping with \$2,600 in currency.

They drove up to the bank before closing time and sauntered into the building. When each had taken his position, shouted to the teller, Claude Cox, "Give me all you've got, and the less you say the better."

The retreat of the bandit who took the money was covered perfectly by his companion, who ran to join him.

Jailbreak Laid To N. Y. Crooks

DANNEMORA, N. Y., July 29.—(U.P.)—Dr. Raymond Kelz, New York state commissioner of correction, today blamed the Dannemora and Auburn prison mutinies on a gang of desperate New York City criminals.

Grapevine information, passing through the underworld, was responsible for both revolts, Kelz believed.

Similar trouble has been anticipated at Sing Sing prison, the Commissioner said. For the present, he said, officials will resort to group isolation of the most dangerous convicts in both institutions, to prevent other disturbances.

Builds Town on Intensive Rest

Dresden, Tennessee, Makes Unique Appeal; No Factories, No Fleas, No Knockers, Says Editor.

The Age is in receipt of a letter from Joe L. Holbrook, editor of the Dresden (Tennessee) Enterprise, in which he recalls a visit to Las Vegas, "your wonderful city," and requests a copy of the big 40-page Elks' special edition of July 2.

Editor Holbrook advertises his city in a new and unique manner. "The Enterprise covers Wesley County Like the Dew of Heaven," he says, and he has prepared an attractive little folder advertising his town, which is interesting enough to reproduce. It reminds us that hustle, bustle and business activity are not the only things upon which communities may prosper.

Here it is: DRESDEN, TENNESSEE—The Town of Intensive Rest! No Factories, No Fleas, No Fly in Town. No Knockers, Except Woodpeckers. Not a Discordant Note. No Scandal-Mongers, No Disturbances, Not a Grumbler in town. POPULATION—One Thousand Five Hundred Citizens—Not just people, either. Here the opportunity is offered 90% of the World's population to find that they secretly desire Peace and Easy Living. We Bid You Welcome—If it is Rest you Seek. DRESDEN, Tennessee—Has most appropriately denominated "The Town of Intensive Rest."

Here our people and our guests enjoy an atmosphere of freedom from noises produced by factories, freedom from fleas, freedom from discontent and absolute freedom from all labor troubles—for we do not labor (much) in Dresden. Some of our One Thousand Five Hundred Citizens vote the Republican Ticket, and some the Democratic, but a very large majority support the white Man's party.

Our inducement to you to stop in Dresden, Tennessee, is the quietude of our little town, easily reached via 12 Highways from every direction.

There is a Latch-String on the outside of every home in Dresden, Tennessee, and above it—WELCOME! If the hotels should be crowded, which is oftentimes the case, when you arrive in our beautiful little city—just pull one of these numerous latch-strings. Tourists often travel long distances out of their way to pay a visit to Dresden, Tennessee, for the privilege of viewing the prettiest Court Square in the World, as well as to receive the Cordial Greeting and Wholehearted Welcome that is extended every person entering within our gates.

There isn't a Mr. in Dresden, Tennessee. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren either call the older people (and folks really don't grow old in Dresden, Tennessee). Jim, John, Joe, Henry, Sam, Bill, Tom or they say Uncle Jim, Uncle John, Uncle Joe, Uncle Henry, Uncle Sam, Uncle Bill, Uncle Tom. The spirit of fellowship in Dresden, Tennessee, has no equal in the wide world.

The tallest building in the town is the Court House—and the boy frequently play leap-frog over it. If further information about Dresden, Tennessee, is desired, write the Secretary of the Dresden Commercial Club. But better still come and see—Dresden, Tennessee.

Federal Representatives Considering Matter of Dividing Electrical Energy Between States; Planning of City to House 1,000 Workers at Dam Site Being Pushed.

Clara Bow Still Uncertain When, Whether to Wed

HOLLYWOOD, July 29.—(U.P.)—Clara Bow, the motion picture colony's vivacious "IT" girl, celebrated her birthday today with her newly-found romance still in an uncertain state.

when, or if, she would marry Harry Richman, New York stage player and night club owner, while Richman predicted an extremely important announcement regarding the engagement "sometime today."

Miss Bow said she expected to spend her day at the studio "as usual." She declined to number her years. She is said to be 23 or 24. "Take a guess," she said.

Miss Bow was born in Brooklyn. She entered pictures seven years ago.

New Plane To Replace Wreck Of 'Tokio' Ship

TACOMA, Wash., July 29.—(U.P.)—Wreckage of the "City of Tacoma" Lockheed monoplane demolished here Sunday morning when it ground looped during an attempted take-off for Japan, was on its way south by truck tonight to the Burbank, California, factory.

Harold Bromley, pilot, who hoped to fly to Tokio without a stop, will go to the plant to oversee the construction of a new plane with which to make the trip.

Weather conditions will be better in August than at the present, weather bureau records indicate.

The new plane will be christened "The Greater Tacoma."

Assault on News Photo Man Brings Arrest of Two

LOS ANGELES, July 29.—(U.P.)—Two men who set upon a newspaper photographer, attempting to take pictures of the defendants in a bribery case were arrested here today and charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

The men were John Sobiek and Benjamin Neblett, described as the body guards of F. P. Newport, millionaire real estate dealer. The photographer was William Snyder, on the staff of a Los Angeles paper.

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WASHINGTON, July 29.—(U.P.)

The department of the interior of the federal government is going ahead swiftly with preliminary work looking to early starting of the construction of Boulder Dam.

Concurrently with receipt by the department of applications from power companies for twice the amount of power which will be produced at Boulder Dam, the department is planning a model city to house a population of about four thousand persons, construction of which city will be one of the first steps toward construction of the dam.

Announcement was made today by Secretary Ray Lyman Wilbur that the bids for power have been turned over to the Denver office, where distribution among the states is being studied. It is expected that, as a result of the great demand for power contracts, these will be signed at an early date, promoting the early start of actual construction of the dam.

The city being planned by the government will rise on the brink of the Colorado a mile from the site of the dam. It will provide permanent homes for a thousand workers who will be employed eight years building the dam, their families and the normal population necessary to a comfortable existence.

The city will be on government land, leased to those who live on it or establish business buildings. A string will be attached whereby the government can cancel the lease of any tenant who misbehaves, and department officials said this would be used to exile bootleggers or other law violators who interfere with the well-being of the dam workers.

Instead of a boisterous frontier town, officials hope the community will be one of simple homes, gardens with flowers, schools and playgrounds.

Workers will travel daily to the brink of the Colorado, and be lowered 1600 feet by huge elevators to their work.

Plans call for a permanent community that will last even after construction is completed, when the largest artificial body of water in the world will stretch a hundred miles through a region of rare scenic beauty and where it is believed a popular resort may grow, when the reservoir is developed, to provide incidental attractions.

Plans already are being developed for an automobile highway from Las Vegas to Kinsman via the top of the dam when completed.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(U.P.)—Preparation of designs and plans for construction of Boulder Dam now has reached the point where the Interior Department has found it necessary to authorize expansion of the engineering staff of the Denver office of the Bureau of Reclamation. The increase of staff is the first authorized on account of the Boulder project, which, in addition to construction of a permanent dam, entails drilling four miles of tunnel fifty feet in diameter, through solid rock of canyon walls, and erection of two concrete dams, one above and one below the dam site.

The one upstream from the dam will have to be eighty feet high and of sufficient strength to divert the flow of the Colorado river even at low tide.

Of the tunnels, two will be used as permanent spillways, and the other two will supply water to power houses which are intended to generate enough electricity to pay for the entire project. All of the designs and plans are to be completed in advance of the time when money will become available for actual construction.