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MANY FLEE AS FOREST FIRES MENACE NORTHWEST TOWNS

Pantages Juror Fixed, Rev. Shuler Charges

'JURY WILL BE HUNG,' PASTOR SAYS; MYSTERY CAR BROUGHT INTO CASE

Witness Testifies Auto Driven by Theater
Magnate's Wife Was Scraped by An-
other Machine Just Before She Hit the
Car of Japanese, Causing His Death

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
In a courtroom made tense by the
prophecy that its jury would be un-
able to reach a verdict, the trial of
Mrs. Lois Pantages, accused of the
murder of Juro Rokumoto, Japanese
gardener, continued today.

The greatest interest was centered
in the scheduled after-session ap-
pearance of Rev. R. P. Shuler who
charged in a radio speech last night
that the "jury will be hung" and
that he knew "the man who will
hang it."

The jury, unaware of this intima-
tion that one of its members was
"fixed," listened attentively as the
defense called one witness after an-
other to break down the prosecu-
tion contention that Mrs. Pantages
was responsible for the automobile
collision in which Rokumoto was in-
jured fatally.

The outstanding defense move of
the day was the introduction of the
driver of the mystery car, the ma-
chine which, the defense claims,
forced Mrs. Pantages' automobile
in Rokumoto's.

Henry Lee, rancher of El Dura,
took the witness stand and said that
Mrs. Pantages' car passed him just
by the site of the collision and
passed on to crash into Rokumoto's.

The Japanese was attempting to
make an improper left hand turn,
Lee said.

"Crowded" Says Witness
Mrs. Alyce Campbell went to the
witness box to support the defense
claim that a "mystery car" forced
Mrs. Pantages to drive into Rokumoto's
machine.

This vehicle, not reported by any
prosecution witness, scraped the
fenders of Mrs. Campbell's car and
then crowded Mrs. Pantages to the
left of the highway, Mrs. Campbell
said.

In presenting his case, the State
asserted that Mrs. Pantages was in-
toxicated and her condition was re-
sponsible for an erratic turn into
Rokumoto's car.

The crash was unavoidable, Mrs.
Campbell maintained. Under cross
examination she said she knew Mrs.
Pantages by sight but was not a
friend of hers.

Witness Recalled
John Contorno, a defense witness,
last week, was recalled to the stand
by the prosecution.

The State attempted to draw an
admission from Contorno that he
made conflicting statements at the
time of the accident and when he
appeared for the defense.

Contorno denied that he had
changed his story or that he had
sent word to Pantages that he could
"help him out."

In answer to prosecution questions,
Dr. C. A. MacDonald, defense wit-
ness, who said he had treated Mrs.
Pantages but that he was unable
to detect any odor of liquor on her
breath, said the only money he re-
ceived from the Pantages was in
payment for his medical services.

**Sand Drifts Block
Roads Near Ontario**

ONTARIO, Calif., Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
A sandstorm from the desert that
swept down through Cajon pass to-
day blocked all roads leading east
from here to Redlands, Riverside
and Colton.

Traffic on Valley and Foothill
Boulevards, the principal highways
leading east and south, was com-
pletely blocked and it was neces-
sary to route traffic over the Base-
line road at the foot of the moun-
tains, which was protected some-
what from the storm. Several motor-
ists reported that the storm was so
terrific that the paint was removed
from their machines.

Is Reno the Only Place for Divorce? Just Ask Groebli

A letter of inquiry was re-
ceived yesterday by Viola Burns,
city clerk, in which a resident
of California asked whether
Reno was the only place in Ne-
vada where divorces could be
obtained.

The inquirer wanted to know
whether Las Vegas was a county
seat, and whether divorces
could be had here, and if so
"how much."

Mrs. Burns wrote him answer-
ing his question in the affirma-
tive.

She might have answered by
informing him that yesterday
a man who was married in Reno
in 1922 filed for his divorce
here.

George Groebli charged May
Groebli with desertion in his
divorce suit filed against her
through Attorney J. R. Lewis.

Merrill Back; Will Play With High School Eleven

Ely Schedules Games With
Vegas For November 9
and 22; Finance Is Big
Factor in These Games

Winston Merrill, one of last year's
Las Vegas high school football stars,
has returned to Las Vegas, register-
ing yesterday at the local high
school for his senior year.

He registered at Santa Monica
school, but returned here after he
found that the California school
didn't appeal to him as the Las
Vegas high school did.

And so Winston is turning out for
football, with high prospects of
making the team, adding to the
material from which Coach Frank
Butcher will choose in whipping his
eleven into shape.

Two more games were added to
the schedule for the year, when a
letter was received from Ely, agree-
ing to play Las Vegas November 9
and 22. The first game probably
will be played in Ely, and the last
one here.

The transportation problem is one
of the difficult features of this trip,
it is said, for the trip usually is
made to Coalinga by train and from
there automobile transportation
must be called upon. Hence these
games depend somewhat upon fi-
nancial matters.

This makes eight games scheduled
for the season.

Hooper Installs New Fireproof Safe

The better to protect the records
of his clients, W. J. Hooper, income
tax specialist, auditor and public
accountant, had installed yester-
day in his office a six-foot fireproof,
all-steel safe.

This is but one unit of an expan-
sion program in Mr. Hooper's busi-
ness, which has been located in the
Park building, on south Second, for
the past nine months. He came to
this city five years ago.

The investment of large sums of
money in office space and equipment
gave evidence of the faith he has
in the future of the city.

The first opening of the safe was

Rhineland On Way Here After Meeting Wife

Young Millionaire Stops Off
to Visit With Friends in
Denver; Refuses to Talk
Of His Plans for Divorce

DENVER, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—The dis-
inherited young multimillionaire,
Leonard Kip Rhineland, on his
way back to Las Vegas, from a con-
ference with his attorney in Kansas
City over litigation by which he
hopes to secure a permanent separa-
tion from his negro wife, spent
several hours with friends in Denver
today.

Young Rhineland, son of the
aristocratic Maj. Philip Rhineland
of New York, who roused the ire of
his family by marrying Alice Jones,
daughter of a negro cabman, says
he is in the real estate business at
Las Vegas and he is "doing very
well."

He admits, however, that his so-
journ in the Nevada town is merely
to establish a residence which will
entitle him to sue for divorce.

Rhineland was accompanied by
his attorney, Harley A. Harmon,
who is the district attorney at Las
Vegas.

Neither Rhineland nor Harmon
would discuss the divorce plans ex-
cept to say the former was not try-
ing to "put anything over" and that
they hope to secure a separation
without scandal such as character-
ized the first unsuccessful suit in
the New York courts in 1925.

New Pioneer Building to Be Done This Week

The new Pioneer Title Insurance
and Abstract company building on
south Fourth street being com-
pleted this week by Gantner and
Clark of Santa Monica, contractors,
will be inspected today or tomorrow
by officials of the two concerns
which will occupy it immediately.

O. W. Yates, of the Pioneer com-
pany, will return today from a brief
visit to San Bernardino, where the
home office of his firm is located.
This firm will move in about Oc-
tober 1, it is planned.

Members of the firm of Stockwell
and Binney will also arrive soon,
planning to open for business Mon-
day.

The building is reinforced con-
crete, class A and fireproof. Howard
E. Jones was architect, Charles Car-
roll had the contract for the paint-
ing and the O. K. Tile Company
the decorative tile work. The build-
ing cost \$21,000.

Wahmonie Mail Delivery Dropped

Rural mail service to Wahmonie
from Las Vegas was ceased the first
of this month, according to Robert
Griffith, postmaster.

Due to the fact that the popula-
tion there now consists of one in-
dividual, and that ninety-two miles
from this city, that part of the
route was dropped, delivery in that
direction extending now to Indian
Springs only.

Indian Springs is about forty-
four miles from Las Vegas.

Briton Seeks Land Arms Reduction Also

GENEVA, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—A res-
olution designed to further disarm-
ament on land as well as sea was
introduced by Lord Cecil of Eng-
land before the disarmament com-
mission of the League of Nations
assembly today.

yesterday afternoon, immediately
after A. M. Murphy, house mover,
had completed the task of dragging
it upstairs from the street with a
winch. The safe was shipped here to
the factory in Youngstown,
Ohio.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 16, (U.P.)
Two young women were sought by
police here today at the request of
Hugh Martin, 25, who said he was
picked up by the pair, driven to a
lonely woods near Arden, beaten,

SEC. WILBUR EXPLAINS HOW GOVERNMENT WILL TACKLE GREAT JOB OF BUILDING DAM

During the latter part of June, I
visited the Black Canyon Dam site
on the Colorado River, where the
700-foot Boulder Dam eventually
will be constructed. While there I
was accompanied by Dr. Elwood
Mead, Commissioner of the Bureau
of Reclamation, under whose juris-
diction the dam will be built, and
by Mr. R. P. Walter, chief engineer
of the bureau, who will be in gen-
eral charge of construction.

Although Boulder Canyon
Dam Act was approved by President
Coolidge on December 21, 1922, it
did not become effective until six
months thereafter. The act was
made formally effective through the
proclamation of President Hoover,
dated June 25, 1929. In this pro-
clamation, the President pointed out
that the six States of California,
Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,
Utah and Wyoming have ratified
the Colorado River Compact and
have consented to waive the pro-
visions of the first paragraph of Ar-
ticle XI of the compact, which
makes the compact binding and ob-
ligatory only when approved by each
of the seven states signatory thereto,
and that each of the six states
named has approved the compact
without condition, except that of
six-state approval, as prescribed in
the Boulder Canyon project act.

A brief resume of what is included
in the proposed development will be
of interest. There are three main
construction features. First, the
great Boulder Dam in Black Canyon,
where the Colorado River forms the
boundary between the States of Ari-
zona and Nevada. On completion
of the dam, the present surface of
the river will be raised 550 feet, or
almost identically the height of the
Washington Monument.

The dam will result in the crea-
tion of a huge artificial lake with a
capacity of 26,000,000 acre-feet of
water, or enough to cover the state
of Ohio or the state of Virginia to a
depth of one foot. This great re-
servoir will serve as a vast basin
to impound the surplus flood waters
of the turbulent Colorado for use
in irrigating fertile land in a region
which has been aptly called Ameri-
ca's Valley of the Nile, and will also
regulate the rivers flow so that the
highly developed lands in the val-
leys adjacent to the river below the
dam and in the famous Imperial
Valley will be protected from over-
flow, water shortage and silt accu-
mulation, the three great menaces
to successful agriculture at present.

Second in magnitude and in pub-
lic interest, is the power plant to

be constructed just below the dam.
This will provide for the develop-
ment of 1,000,000 horsepower of
hydro-electric energy with 550,000
constant horsepower available at all
times. The Boulder Canyon Pro-
ject act does not appropriate funds
for the work, and before such ap-
propriations are made by Congress,
the act provides that contracts for
the sale of power must be secured
sufficient in the judgment of the
Secretary of the Interior to meet
operation and maintenance ex-
penses and to insure repayment
within 50 years of the construction
cost of the dam, together with inter-
est at the rate of 4 per cent per
year. My own opinion is that the
Government can most wisely sell
falling water at the wheel, com-
puted into electrical units, as the
basis of such contracts.

The third important feature of
the proposed development is the
construction of an all-American
canal from Laguna Dam on the
Yuma project, or from some other
suitable diversion dam, to connect
with the present irrigation distribu-
tion system in the Imperial Valley
of California, and an extension to
the Coachella Valley in the same
state. The construction of this all-
American canal will involve much
difficult construction for a distance
of about 75 miles, a considerable
portion of which is in a region of
shifting sand dunes. When com-
pleted, however, it will do away
with the present inconveniences
and annoyances incident to the op-
eration of the canal now carrying
water from the Colorado to Imperial
Valley, which runs for 60 miles in a
great loop through Mexican terri-
tory.

Active prosecution of such prelimi-
nary work as was possible has been
under way for several months by Dr.
Mead, Commissioner of Reclama-
tion. A contract has been entered
into with the Imperial Irrigation
District and the Coachella Valley
County Water District, providing
for a maximum expenditure of
\$100,000, payable equally by the
United States and the two districts,
under which the Bureau of Reclama-
tion has placed a force of men
in the field to make the necessary
surveys and investigations with a
view to a definite determination of
the location and estimated cost of
the all-American canal.

Conferences have been held with
representatives of the various states
and municipalities and power com-
panies interested in the contract
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Laxity Blamed For Ship's Fate

HOLLAND, Mich., Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
Charging laxity on the part of the
operators of the gravel carrier An-
drea that sank in Lake Michigan a
week ago with the loss of 25 lives,
Coroner Gilbert Van der Water, Ot-
tawa county, announced today he
will make an official inquiry into
the disaster.

Fokker Will Build Planes at Alhambra

ALHAMBRA, Calif., Sept. 16, (U.P.)
Construction of a Pacific Coast
branch of the Fokker airplane fac-
tory will be started here immedi-
ately, according to an announce-
ment today by James A. Talbot,
chairman of the board of the com-
pany.

The factory is expected to cost
\$300,000 and will employ 500 men

Women Made Man Walk Home In His Socks, He Charges

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Board to See Finished High School Plans

Congested Condition of Sys-
tem, With 72 New Seats
Being Added, Prompts
Haste Toward Start

The Las Vegas school board will
have an opportunity to look over
the completed plans for the new
high school building to be con-
structed here this winter tomorrow,
when George A. Ferris of Reno,
architect who is formulating the
plans, arrives here with them, if
present plans materialize as sched-
uled.

The crowded condition of the
school system, with the prospect of
a much more congested condition
with students continuing to enroll
and many more families expected to
come to town with the starting of
actual work on Boulder Dam pre-
liminary work, makes earliest possi-
ble construction of the high school
imperative.

Installation of 72 new seats, 24
in the high school and 48 in the
grammar school building, is being
pushed, with Ray Shaw in charge of
the work.

Several substitute teachers have
been employed regularly since the
opening of school. Mrs. Lloyd Ulton
has taken over the fourth grade
class from which Mrs. Hemphill
was shifted to a first grade class.
Mrs. Hemphill is also a substitute
teacher.

Waggoner Is Indicted For Bank 'Bunco'

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
Waggoner was indicted by the Fed-
eral grand jury here today on
charges of mail fraud growing out
of the transaction of early this
month by which seven New York
banks allegedly were defrauded of
\$500,000. He will be brought here
at once from Newcastle, Wyo.,
where he was arrested.

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BLAZES LICK OUTSKIRTS OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON; WORST FIRE SINCE 1902

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Escacada, Oregon, From Ranches in Fear
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Rampage of Destruction Out of Control

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Another fire, one rushing before
a terrific east wind in the Mt. Hood
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No Confirmation For Report of R.R. Work Start

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
Confirmation of the report that ac-
tual construction of the Boulder
Dam branch line of the Union Pa-
cific will be started in three weeks
could not be secured from Los An-
geles U. P. officials here today.

The permission granted by the
Interstate Commerce Commission
for construction of the line provided
that work should be begun on Oc-
tober 1.

Officials said, however, that
merely preliminary matters would be
under way at that time and that
actual building of the road would
not commence until after that date.

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In order to comply with the provision
of the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission that work on the Boulder
Dam railroad line must be started
by October 1, work preparatory to
beginning of actual construction
will be started by that date, it was
learned here today from the office
of the Union Pacific.

These preliminary preparations
will include arranging of materials
on the grounds. Officials here were
loath to set any definite date as to
when construction work will be
started, indicating that it may be a
month or more.

Guggenheim Named Cuba Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, (U.P.)—
The White House today announced
the appointment of Harry E. Gug-
genheim, president of the Guggen-
heim Foundation for the Advance-
ment of Aviation, to succeed Noble
Brandon Judah as ambassador to
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IT HAPPENED IN LAS VEGAS 10 YEARS AGO

[From The Files of The Age]

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