

CLOUDBURSTS HITS IMPERIAL

Wind, Rain Help Kill Forest Fire Hazard

MANY BLAZES ARE NOW COMPLETELY PUT OUT; CANYON IS THREATENED

Crisis on Pacific Coast Considered Past as the Elements Come to Rescue of Exhausted Fire Fighters; Shifting of Breeze Saves Town in Washington From Destruction

(By United Press) After drenching rains and changing winds had aided crews combating forest fires in three Pacific Coast states Wednesday, they reported that the crisis was past and in some cases the flames completely extinguished.

The disastrous forest fires which blackened 15,000 acres in Ventura county of Southern California, and did more than \$3,000,000 damage was put out on its last front near Santa Paula late Wednesday.

In San Diego county approximately 50,000 acres were burned over in the back country. The flames were confined to the rugged Witch Creek region last night.

Fire fighters of Northern California were concentrated late today near Woodside, where a blaze swept through the heavily wooded La Honda canyon, threatening several estates of wealthy men.

In the Pacific Northwest a wind change had saved the town of Stevenson, Wash., from destruction after flames had surrounded it on three sides. Numerous small blazes were reported throughout Oregon and Washington.

Juice Failure Soon Remedied

Shortly before one o'clock this morning, just as the Age office was getting ready to put the paper to bed, the juice went kerfluey.

The ad man stood in the dark with his stick in his hand and no place to put it. The makeup man was trying to plug up a hole in the back page but couldn't find the hole.

The linotype operators couldn't punch a key and the metal in the pots turned cold. Even the proof readers could not dot an 'i' in the dense darkness.

And things looked dark for the paper. And down at the U. P. power house, things were even worse. In the darkness themselves, the crew worked frantically to get the injector which pumps water to the boilers, and which had failed to function at this critical moment, into working order again.

The period of darkness seemed like a day but when at last the juice came on and the lights glowed and the metal began to stew and the wheels to turn in the Age office, the clock showed less than half an hour had been lost after all.

And it seems, aside from the newspaper standpoint, one o'clock in the morning is about as good a time as any to have the indispensable current go dead.

"But it sure was hell on the devil," said the profane pressman, and we let it go at that.

Victim of Plane Crash Passes Away

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—Lieut. J. R. Hays died here today as the result of the crash Tuesday when the army plane which he was flying with Lieut. Henry Whalley went into a tailspin from formation. Lieut. Whalley died a few minutes after the accident Tuesday.

L. A. Musician Says He Played At Blue Heaven and Left Unpaid

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—"Blue Heaven" dance hall, near Las Vegas, Nevada, may be heaven for those who shake a mean hoof, but it's a heck of a place for an orchestra to supply syncopation and then not be paid, according to one Marsh, Los Angeles musician, who filed complaint with police today against Jake Taylor, dance hall proprietor. Marsh says Taylor, who also lives

Woman Would Borrow State Lethal Chamber

CARSON CITY, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—A disconsolate woman desires to end her life in Nevada's lethal gas chamber which is used to execute capital offense convicts, Governor Fred B. Balzar disclosed today.

"Life holds little hope for happiness for me," a letter to the governor read. The woman's name and address was not disclosed. She followed with the request that the lethal gas chamber be loaned for her contemplated suicide. She will not be granted her request.

New High School Plans May Be Approved Today

Advertising for Bids on Construction Is Expected By Monday; Architect Meets Board at 10 A. M. Today.

Complete plans for the new \$250,000 Las Vegas high school building are in Las Vegas, and will be presented for inspection of the board of education at 10 a. m. today.

It is expected they will be approved by tonight or tomorrow and that advertising for bids will be opened about Monday, according to C. K. Adeock, of the school board.

George A. Ferris, Reno architect, who started work on the plans about six months ago, is now in this city with the specifications and drawings, which occupy thirty-eight pages, and he will remain here until they are approved. Ferris will have general supervision and inspection of the work as it progresses.

The board met yesterday to take up the matter of approval of the plans, but the entire board was not present, and so the matter will be taken up again today.

Tax Returns Made Public

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—By a vote of ten to four the Senate Finance Committee, on the motion of Senator Smoot, made public the names of approximately three hundred twenty-five corporations, firms, and individuals whose tax returns were requested of the Treasury Department by a committee of Democrats for use in considering the need of tariff increases.

The list includes almost all the big manufacturing concerns in the nation, United States Steel, General Electric, Westinghouse, Chicago Meat Packers, Greatwestern Sugar company and others being among the most prominent.

Motor Trouble Holds Ship Here

Motor trouble developed on the Western Air Express plane which arrived in Las Vegas a little after 9 p. m. yesterday made necessary the holding over here of the plane.

Another ship was dispatched post haste from Los Angeles, picking up the mail here four hours later, and taking it on toward Salt Lake City.

New Switch to Pave Way For Dam Line Start

Roadmaster's Crew To Build Near Bracken to Comply With Permit Time Limit.

In order that there will be no delay when actual construction of the railway line to the dam site is begun the local roadmaster's crew has started preparing to construct a switch at the point 1.9 miles south of Bracken where the dam line will join the main line.

Construction of the actual railway branch will not directly concern the local roadmaster's force, it was explained by J. A. Kay, roadmaster. Due to the fact, however, that only the regular road crew is allowed to do any work whatever on the main line, this will be done under Kay's direction. The main line will then be in readiness for the activities of the construction crew when it is ready to start actual construction.

Loading of materials for the building of the switch was started yesterday and it was expected that within two days the crew would be ready to start work on the switch. This move on the part of the railway company will serve to a certain degree as a technical compliance with the time limit of October 1 set in the permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission for beginning construction of the Boulder Dam line.

Rector Called To California

Rev. Boyd Parker Will Go To Episcopal Church at Lancaster, Calif., October 1.

Rev. Boyd Parker last week made a visit to the Episcopal Church at Lancaster, Calif., and as a result has been engaged by Bishop Stevens of California, to head the church activities in that district.

The field covers several small towns and also includes the church at Needles, Calif., where services will be held once each month. Mr. Parker, who came to Las Vegas when the work of Christ Church was at a low ebb, has been very successful here, building up a church and congregation which has shown much activity. The Sunday school also increased very substantially in attendance.

Mr. Parker's removal from Las Vegas is received with much regret. Mr. and Mrs. Parker both having made many friends, Mr. Parker has been especially well liked by the men of Las Vegas and was made an honorable member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club. His activities will be much missed.

Mr. Parker's successor in the work of Christ Church has not yet been named so far as known here, although Bishop Jenkins, of Nevada, is said to have promised a new man by October first.

New Fire Truck Question Talked

Further investigation of the matter of buying a new fire truck for Las Vegas will be conducted by City Commissioner Roscoe Thomas, it was decided at last night's meeting of the board.

He will look into the matter of possible means of financing the purchase, and will report at a future meeting of the group. Commissioner Otis Smith has been delegated by the board to look into the matter of purchasing a street sweeper.

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FIRST ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION PREPARATORY TO BUILDING OF DAM IS STARTED HERE

Testing Plant Work Started at Old Ranch by Bureau of Reclamation, Under Direction of O. G. Patch; Testing of Materials for Dam to Be Under Way at an Early Date.

Sunshine City Has First Shineless Day in 60 Years

YUMA, Ariz., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—A record of 60 years standing was broken here yesterday when the sun failed to even take a peep at the "Sunshine Capital of the World."

Until a short time ago a local restaurant advertised that it gave free meals on any day that the sun failed to shine. The offer stood for more than fifteen years and no one collected any free food. It rained most of yesterday, the local weather station reporting a precipitation of .82 of an inch.

Senate Debates U. S. Supervision Air Transport

By PAUL R. MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—A move to put the nation's growing air transport lines under government regulations like the railroads aroused a vigorous contest in the Senate today which temporarily sidetracked the tariff bill.

The issue was projected in the tariff discussion by Senator Bratton, Democrat, New Mexico, who wants to refer his resolution for an inquiry of the proposal to the Senate interstate commerce committee where it is assured of favorable consideration.

Bratton's motion was vigorously opposed by Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, former A. E. F. aviation commander, who wants the resolution referred to the commerce committee of which he is a member and where it will be considered unfavorably.

Bratton's proposal grew out of the recent crash of the T. A. T. transport plane City of San Francisco, on Mt. Taylor, N. M., with a loss of eight lives. It aroused interest also because of the decision of transport officials in convention yesterday at Kansas City to oppose any government regulation.

Bratton has demanded a vote of the Senate upon the issue and he proposed to force a senatorial inquiry of the matter no matter which committee gets the resolution. Beyond the question of federal control the resolution would authorize an investigation of the T. A. T. crash and all other accidents in which lives have been lost.

Mrs. Pantages' Defense Rests

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—After presenting medical testimony purporting to show that Juro Rokumoto died from administration of an anesthetic on a hospital operating table, the defense in the murder trial of Mrs. Lois Pantages rested its case late today.

The testimony was admitted after hours of argument. Immediately after the important victory, defense counsel began an attempt to prove that Rokumoto did not wish to submit to the operation performed three days after his automobile collided with that of Mrs. Pantages.

Street Improvement Work Finished

Improvements of three blocks of street in the Ferron-Griffith tract immediately south of the Park residence was completed this week by the Desert Construction company. Parts of Division, Sixth Street and Fifth Place were ditched, curbs were built, and water piping was installed by the O. K. Plumbing company.

This tract is a subdivision of Lot J, Park Place Addition.

ENGINEER ADAMSON MISQUOTED ON BOULDER DAM LINE WORK; DATE NOT SET FOR BEGINNING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—No definite date for starting construction work on the Boulder Dam railroad has yet been set by the Union Pacific railroad, officials said tonight.

Engineer R. L. Adamson, of the road, was said to have been "misinterpreted" in being quoted to the effect that actual grading would start within three weeks. Plans and outlining of crews probably will start at that time.

President Carl Gray, of the Union Pacific, and his official party, are due in Los Angeles within the next few days. While it is not definite that any date for commencement of real construction work will be announced during his stay here, it was considered likely.

Columnist's Letter Causes Subpoena Of Prominents in Rum Investigation

TOPEKA, Kans., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—The Rev. McClellan turned the letter over to Attorney General William A. Smith. Gov. Clyde Reed took a hand in the affair. They went to the society columns and found out what families House visited on his recent trip back. Subpoenas went out to the heads of seven leading households and three were haled before the attorney general for questioning as to whether they were numbered in the 14 who offered drinks to the columnist.

Their replies were suppressed. The other four were not immediately available. The list of those subpoenaed included Arthur Carruth, Jr., managing editor of the State Journal; J. C. Mohler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and Col. Charles Mitchell, aide to former governor, now Senator Henry J. Allen.

Las Vegas Gas Co. Asks Certificate

Public Service Commission Will Receive Protests Until October First.

The Public Service Commission of Nevada is in receipt of an application by the Las Vegas Gas Company for a certificate of public convenience authorizing that company to construct and operate a gas plant to serve the city of Las Vegas. The rates proposed to be charged are \$2.50 per thousand cubic feet for the first one thousand feet, with a minimum monthly rate of \$1.50 for three hundred cubic feet per month.

Inasmuch as there is at present no gas service in Las Vegas the Commission will grant this application unless protest against the same is received prior to October 1, 1929.

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Wingfield Land Sold For Use As Hotel Site

The building of a five story, 120-room, class A hotel on the corner of Fremont and Second streets will be started within a month, according to Milo Elson Emmerson, local business man, who revealed yesterday that he had closed a deal Tuesday for purchase from George Wingfield of the tract upon which Wingfield formerly planned to build a hotel.

The building of the structure has been fully financed, according to Emmerson, who stated yesterday that "nothing will stop the building of the hotel."

The option has been in hand for five days, and Tuesday Wingfield signed the papers for the Reno Securities company, owners of the property.

The price of the land, which is 150 by 130 feet, is \$75,000, according to Emmerson, and the cost of the hotel will be \$275,000.

The building, according to present plans, will be all modern and fireproof, with steel frame.

Mr. Emmerson, who has been in Las Vegas for the past nine months, is a Nevada and California business man, having been in the West for the past two years.

Water Well For Lots Offered by Johnson Realty

Drilling for an artesian well on the tract offered for sale by Johnson Realty will be begun immediately.

The contract was signed yesterday for drilling of the well, and machinery will be taken today to the tract, which is but a mile from Fremont Street and the lots of which are drawing considerable interest among purchasers of residence lots.

Electricity already has been installed in the tract, and complete water system will be put in after water is struck, it is planned.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—Dragged from his bed today in his underclothing, Cleo Tessner, 24, a union organizer of Kings Mountain, was forced into an automobile by three men and taken to a lonely spot in South Carolina, severely beaten and warned if he returned within three months he would be killed, he said here today.

Recover Stolen Slot Machines

The three slot machines recently stolen from the Oasis and in front of the Jack Pot and El Desierto were found yesterday afternoon by Leonard Blood and E. A. Stinson, at a point several miles east of Las Vegas near the road, their backs pierced and the money removed.

Blood and Stinson were driving out toward the Winterwood ranch to test a new shotgun, when they spied two of the machines, which they brought in to town and turned over to Deputy Sheriff R. G. McCubrey.

RAIL LINES ARE HURT BY FLOOD

Lives May Have Been Lost; Tourists Who Deserted Cars Hit By Rolling Rocks

EL CENTRO, Calif., Sept. 18. (U.P.)—Cloudbursts throughout the Imperial Valley last night have resulted in a serious tie-up of rail facilities and may have caused loss of life, it became known today.

The San Diego and Arizona Railroad suffered heavily, it was reported, with seven washouts in Carriso gorge, 40 miles from El Centro. The Southern Pacific also experienced serious disruption of service.

The State highway between Imperial valley and San Diego at Coyote Wells, 30 miles west of here, was the scene of a heavy cloudburst. Water from the north and west rushed into the lowlands forming a lake 10 feet deep on the desert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webber of Colton, Calif., were brought to El Centro after a narrow escape from death. They were forced to abandon their automobile and were battered by rocks which rolled down a mountainside.

Frank Lewis and his infant daughter were caught in the water and escaped only because the father is a strong swimmer.

The Webbers reported seeing an automobile with a man standing on top just as the water struck their machine. It was feared the man may have drowned.

Deputy sheriffs were sent to the scene but a search was difficult due to the lack of boats.

Three trains were tied up on the main line of the Southern Pacific due to heavy rain which was estimated at 5 inches in the Chocolate mountains.

The Golden State Limited, west bound, was reported stranded north of Colton. Train No. 46 out of Los Angeles for El Centro was tied up near Mecca with washouts front and rear.

Due to the condition of desert roads it was impossible to remove mail or passengers. Rail officials said there was no danger and that it was believed traffic could be started by night fall.

There was no crop damage, according to agriculturists, because all harvesting has been completed.

High Hope For Arms Cut Told By President

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—President Hoover described negotiations with other powers looking toward disarmament as "most hopeful" in a radio speech tonight in connection with the dedication of the Columbia Broadcasting Company's new studio in New York.

The President talked into a microphone installed on the desk in the White House, in which he said he received daily "evidence of almost universal prayer," that the negotiations will succeed.

His proposals for disarmament, he said, will preserve national defense and at the same time relieve those who bear the burden of military expenditures, as well as remove from the world the ache and fear engendered by rivalry in building warships.

Silk Hat Dignity? Or Slouch Hat Comfort for MacDonald, Question

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (U.P.)—The battle was on today to determine whether Premier MacDonald's visit to Washington shall be marked by silk hat dignity or slouch hat comfort. He is to arrive here Friday, October 4.

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