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LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1929.

NUMBER 115.

DAM HEIGHT CHANGES STUDIED

Sheriff Sues Review for \$43,500 Damages

NINE STORIES ARE ALLEGED LIBELOUS BY THE COMPLAINT

Articles Complained Against Published Over
Period Beginning October 28, 1928 and
Ending June 4, 1929

Alleging that nine different
stories published in the Las Vegas
Review over a period beginning
October 1, 1928 and ending June
4, 1929, are libelous a complaint
was filed in the district court
yesterday by A. A. Hinman acting
for Sheriff Sam Gay, in a suit to
recover \$38,500 actual and \$5,000
exemplary damages.

The suit is entitled Sam Gay,
plaintiff, vs. F. F. Coady and
A. E. Cahlan, defendants. The
particular articles on which the suit
is based and the amount of dam-
ages sought on account of each
are as follows:

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| October 1, \$5,000; October 1, \$5,000; |
| October 28, \$1,000; January 11, \$5,000; |
| February 13, \$5,000; April 15, \$7,500; |
| April 27, \$5,000; June 4, \$5,000. |
| Total actual damages, \$38,500. |
| Exemplary damages, 5,000. |
| Total \$43,500. |

Weekend Deaths In Calif. High

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
Eight tragic deaths in California
over the weekend were reported to
the United Press today.

Automobile accidents contributed
five names to the death list, one
was shot to death, one committed
suicide, and one died from an un-
determined cause. The dead are:

William Baldwin, 40, received a
fatal gun wound during a quarrel
with his wife at Oroville. The
woman is held on a technical charge
of manslaughter.

Mrs. Ruby Ottensen, 35, San Fran-
cisco, ended her life by drinking
poison. She was dependent
on the care of her small son
for an eastern school.

Mrs. Helen M. Morgan, 29, was
found dead in her automobile at
Los Angeles.

A collision between an automobile
and a train at San Gabriel resulted
in the death of G. F. Campbell of
Los Angeles.

Donald Ross, 8, died in a Los An-
geles hospital from injuries received
in an automobile accident.

Lloyd Deatherage, 16, was killed
near Fresno when he rode his bi-
cycle in front of an automobile.

Harry H. McDonald, 39, of Arling-
ton, Wash., was killed in an auto-
mobile crash at Red Bluff.

Landslide on Dam Is Investigated

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—A
report covering in detail the 200,000
yard land slip last Monday at the
site of the San Gabriel dam, was
to be given late today by Chief
Flood Control Engineer, E. C. Eaton,
at a meeting of the board of super-
visors.

Contractors at present are sink-
ing exploration shafts to the bed
rock at the bottom searching for
faults that may have been missed
by the hundreds of drill holes on
which previous engineering esti-
mates and data were based.

British Ship Is Afire; Rush Aid

LONDON, Sept. 23. (U.P.) A Lloyd's
dispatch from Perth, Australia, said
today that the British steamer
Anthea had reported it was speeding
to the aid of the British steamer
eastward, enroute to Adelaide from
Filton Hall, afire 300 miles south-
Immingham.

The position of the Anthea was
the southwest coast of Australia in
approximately 1500 miles west of
the Indian ocean.

A later dispatch from Melbourne
said the crew of the Filton Hall had
left the burning steamer in life-
boats at midnight.

Perjury Charge In Pantages Case; Arrests Looming

Jury to Get Case Late To-
day.—Much Speculation as
To Outcome of Trial.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
As opposing attorneys neared com-
pletion of final arguments in the
murder trial of Mrs. Lois Pantages
today, Deputy District Attorney
James Costello revealed that he
planned to arrest one defense wit-
ness on perjury charges.

"We have in our hands at this
time enough evidence to warrant
arrest for perjury. We are still
collecting evidence that shows he
perjured himself in other state-
ments in his testimony."

Costello said the arrest would not
be made until after the close of the
case, which should go to the jury
late today or early tomorrow.

"A man testified for the defense
under oath that he saw the crash
between Mrs. Pantages' car and that
of Juro Rokumoto and we know
that he did not," Costello declared.

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Costello said he was "convinced
that the case reeked with falsities"
and that several other defense wit-
nesses were being investigated.

Defense Attorney W. I. Gilbert
was scheduled to resume his closing
plea when court resumed this morn-
ing and he was to be followed by
his associate, Max Steuer, and by
Costello.

Steuer vigorously assailed the
state's contention that Mrs. Pan-
tages was intoxicated at the time
of the crash.

"There is no evidence whatever to
indicate that Mrs. Pantages was
drinking on that day," Steuer said.
"Through Harry J. Lederbrink the
prosecution attempted to prove such
a point."

"But Lederbrink, who said he had
talked to Mrs. Pantages and that
she addressed him with an obscene
remark, told the court that she was
riding in a cream-colored automo-
bile."

"You of the jury saw the machine
and you know it was black. There
is no reason to believe any of Led-
erbrink's testimony was worthwhile."

The knowledge that Steuer was
to address the jury brought out the
greatest crowd of the present ses-
sions.

The halls outside of Judge Carlos
Hardy's court were jammed. Extra
seats were placed in the aisles in-
side and spectators stood near the
clerk's desk and inside the judge's
chambers.

Steals New Car From Arden Man

LAZO BOYBASA, an employe of the
Blue Diamond Company at Arden,
reported to the sheriff's office that
his new Chevrolet six roadster was
stolen sometime Friday night. Boy-
basa had only recently purchased
the car from J. W. Woodard the
local Chevrolet agency.

An investigation was made by the
sheriff's office which resulted in
suspicion pointing toward a recent
employe of the Blue Diamond Com-
pany, who also disappeared Friday.
Near where the car was taken the
officers found several letters and an
application for a driver's license.
One of the letters was addressed to
the man's parents and advised them
that he would give them a surprise
in a few days, that he had pur-
chased a new Chevrolet six roadster
and intended to visit them. The
application for driver's license was
evidently made out by the suspect,
even giving a good description of
himself, including his California
address. If nothing goes wrong,
Boybasa should again be driving his
new car in a few days.

Boybasa reported that the suspect
entered his room and removed the
keys to the car from his pocket
sometime during the night while
he slept.

Four Are Rescued From Shipwreck

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
Rescue of one woman and three
men from the Swedish steamer
Carl Jerhard, aground off Elizabeth
City, N. C., was reported to coast
guard headquarters here today by
the Kill-Devil hill station near
there.

Sixteen persons remained aboard
the vessel and are being brought
ashore by breeches buoy. The
ship was bound from Canada to
Tampa with a cargo of plaster.

Commissioners Meet Consider Problems

The board of city commissioners
will meet this afternoon to consider
some of the many questions now
confronting the city.

Chief among these is the question
of how best to approach the matter
of planning the extension of the
sewer system so as to adequately
serve outlying sections of the city
without placing too great a burden
on the taxpayers.

FIRST TELEPHOTO OF DETROIT'S FATAL CABARET FIRE



Photo, transmitted by telephoto by NEA Service to its San Francisco bureau, shows the women's dressing room, where 30 were trapped by the flames when they ran there for shelter and many died. Firemen

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Suspect Erred When He Left Officers Address to Which He Expected To Go To Visit Parents.

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sioner Cashman, it is rumored that
a road is being planned to connect
Phoenix, Arizona, with the Boulder
Dam site.

The route probably would be as
direct as possible from the Arizona
capital to Kingman and would there
connect with the government high-
way to and across Boulder Dam.

It seems that Arizona is becom-
ing more and more alive to the
great benefits she will reap through
the project which has been so long
and viciously fought by some of her
leading, but misled, politicians.

Beauty Treatment Bills Cause Rift

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
Displeased over an \$8,000 deficit,
including \$40.50 for beauty parlor
treatments left in the wake of
Aimee Semple McPherson's soul-
saving campaign here, her Detroit
square gospel light-house today
was completing a severance of re-
lations with the Los Angeles evan-
gelist.

All but a few of the 400 members
of the Detroit congregation have
endorsed the church council's action
to sever connection with the Los
Angeles evangelist and establish an
independent organization to be
known as the Detroit gospel taber-
nacle.

IT HAPPENED IN LAS VEGAS 10 YEARS AGO

1919.—Sept. 20.—An orchestra has been
organized at the high school and
the band boys of the grammar
grades are getting busy.

There are five high school teach-
ers and ten grammar school teach-
ers in the system. Professor Beach
is principal of the high school and
R. H. McPeak of the grammar
school.

A. W. Ham has purchased the
home of Ralph Thomas and the ad-
joining cottage.

Miss Nora Conlin, proprietress of
the Squires Rooming house, is
mourning the loss of hard earned
cash—money earned over a hot
stove in a mining camp. The money,
\$103 in cash and \$200 in Liberty
bonds, was taken from her room,
the culprit entering through a rear
window.

Nevada Pilot In Fast Trip East

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—In
the plane in which he set the non-
stop transcontinental record, Cap-
tain Roscoe Turner left here today
to rush Miss Teresa Bartel, of Mon-
teicito, to the East where her brother
is reported seriously ill.

Captain Turner intended to stop
at Salt Lake to refuel and then to
continue immediately to Chicago
where Miss Bartel will take a train
to Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Barrett Contract Progressing Well

Bud S. Barrett is making good
progress with his work of building
the link of highway to connect the
end of the Nevada highway at Mes-
quite with the new highway now
being built through the Arizona strip.
The grading on the Barrett con-
tract is about 75 per cent finished,
it is reported.

Phoenix Plans Road to Boulder

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New Department In Radio Store

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Vegas branch of H. E. Saviers &
Son, is in receipt of a telegram
from the head office in Reno that
the local store leads all of the
branches in the sale of radios. This
is quite a compliment to Mr. Mc-
Coy for his efficient management.

Mr. McCoy, in an endeavor to
properly handle the large volume of
business that is expected this fall,
is having installed a modern radio
repair shop in connection with the
local branch, where prompt service
will be available for radio com-
plaints. An expert on radio has
been engaged to take care of the
new department. This department
will be open to the public for dis-
cussion of their radio troubles.

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Famed Actress In Divorce Suit

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
Blanche Sweet, screen actress,
filing suit for divorce from her di-
rector-husband, Marshall Neilan.

"She cited numerous incidents
when Neilan assertedly mistreated
her in private or in public. She
said he was profane, abusive and
treated her with contempt."

Once in New York, she contended,
he took her to a night club and
then left her sitting alone while he
entertained other women at another
table.

They were married in Chicago in
1922 and separated in 1929.

Buy Sweeper For Las Vegas Streets

City Commissioner Otis J. Smith
returned Sunday from Los Angeles
where he has been for several days
with City Street Superintendent J.
P. King, looking into several mat-
ters of interest to the city.

It was found that a large motor
driven, pick-up sweeper of the type
used in large cities would cost
about \$3,000, and the representa-
tives of the city decided that Las
Vegas has not yet a large enough
mileage of paved streets to warrant
such an expense for a sweeper.

They compromised on a sweeper
costing \$720, which will get its mo-
tive power from a city truck, and
which, they believe, will serve very
well for the next several years.

While in Los Angeles the officials
also gave considerable study to the
matter of planning the proposed
new sewer system, but will reach
no conclusion until they have con-
ferred with the other members of
the board.

Rio Grande River Is On Rampage

SAN MARCIAL in Path of Tor-
rent For Second Time This
Year.—Special Trains To
Rush Inhabitants Out of
Danger Zone.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 23.
(U.P.)—The Rio Grande river roared
out of its banks today, spreading
death, destruction and misery.

Residents of San Marcial, 100
miles south of here in the path of
the flood, were loaded into a spe-
cial train and started for El Paso.
It was the second time this year the
town of 1,200 faced destruction. A
similar flood threat last month
caused officials to take women and
children out of the danger zone.
Today's menace at San Marcial was
even worse than then, because the
levees protecting the town gave
signs of collapsing.

The first death from the swirling
flood was reported at Santa Fe, the
state capital, where Margarita
Ortiz, 45, was crushed to death
when the walls of her adobe home,
more than 200 years old, fell on her.

Santa Fe passenger train No. 14,
out of El Paso and 14 hours over-
due at Albuquerque, was trapped in
the flood zone between two wash-
outs, 70 miles north of San Marcial.
Forty passengers were aboard. Two
work trains left San Marcial at noon
to attempt to repair the tracks.

Street Lighting Creates Interest

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept.
23. (U.P.)—Residents of Albuquerque's
northern outskirts fled today from
raging waters of the Rio Grande.
Many homes were flooded and sev-
eral adobe structures collapsed. The
Rio Grande went out of its banks
after the heaviest rainfall in 50
years.

Railroad traffic was impeded with
several washouts reported on the
Santa Fe. Three thousand men, in-
cluding 50 students of the State
University, aided residents of the
northern outskirts to abandon their
homes with their belongings.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
Women and children were ordered
today to leave San Marcial, N. M.,
as flood waters of the Rio Grande
river threatened to inundate the
town.

City Clerk Viola Burns is receiv-
ing many inquiries regarding the
proposed ornamental street lighting.
Six firms are figuring on making
bids on the work. All of these
firms excepting one are from out-
side Las Vegas.

Bids will be opened Monday, Sep-
tember 30th.

SECRETARY WILBUR SUBMITS PROBLEMS TO THE ENGINEERS

Suggestion That Boulder Dam Height Be In-
creased Being Studied By Reclamation
Bureau Engineers At Denver.

Simple Service Marks Wedding Famed Couple

Hundreds Crowd Church and
Yard as John Coolidge and
Florence Trumbull Are
Married.

Florence Trumbull, late this after-
noon, became the bride of John
Coolidge.

In a single "ring service" the
daughter of Connecticut's governor
promised to love and honor the son
of the former President of the
United States while hundreds of
well wishers milled about in front
of the plain white Congregational
Church anxious for a view of two
of the world's most famous lovers.

There were only a few people
privileged to watch the uniting of
the young couple.

Outside the little white church—a
plain little edifice of revolutionary
design and adorned with thousands
of imported flowers for this occa-
sion—thousands of persons had
gathered.

Former President and Mrs. Cool-
idge arrived this morning but re-
mained in the background so as not
to divert from the attention the
bridal couple was to receive.

A crowd of 10,000 had surrounded
the church prior to arrival of the
wedding party.

A long tan and white canopy
stretched from the entrance of the
church to the roadside.

As soon as Mr. Coolidge's motor
car arrived the crowd started to
push forward. The thirty state
troopers tried to hold them back,
but were ineffectual. By the time
John and his sweetheart arrived the
crowd had reached the church.

The crowd was good natured and
cheering, but was insistent upon
getting as close as possible to the
ceremony.

The wedding group hurried into
the church, John and Florence both
appeared excited. They did not
answer the cheer of the crowd as
had the Coolidges and the Trum-
bulls.

Within a few minutes after the
group entered the church the strains
of Lohengrin's wedding march could
be heard coming from within.

The crowd was somewhat restive
during the interval that signified
speaking of the words which joined
John and Florence. Officers be-
sought the crowd to be quiet.

Soon John and Florence reap-
peared arm in arm, married. Both
were blushing and smiling happily.
They hurried to the waiting lim-
ousine. Florence carried a large
bouquet of eastern lilies, breaking a
bridal tradition that roses should be
worn.

Young Coolidge, appearing boyish
in his faultlessly tailored cutaway,
stumbled as he entered the car,
causing more laughs to the crowd
and more discomfort to himself.
Florence sighed, noticeably as she
settled back into the upholstered
seat of the limousine.

The machine sped away, amidst a
serif roar of cheers and horns.
Employees of a machine shop across
the street which clattered ceaselessly
during the proceedings, leaned out
of their windows to cheer and wave
grimy hands.

Then the former President and
his wife appeared. Both were very
serious. Mr. Coolidge wore a gar-
denia in his buttonhole which Flo-
rence had placed there before the
wedding.

John Coolidge had today as one
of his wedding gifts a check for
\$250, presented to him by Mrs.
Calvin Coolidge after Good House-
keeping Magazine paid her that
amount for "The Open Door," a
poem inspired by the fifth anni-
versary of the death of Calvin
Coolidge Jr.

Mrs. Coolidge's poem "wrote it-
self" in the wakeful hours of the
night, she advised the magazine
editor. She advised him she was
giving the check she received for
it to John as a wedding gift to be
used in a manner Calvin Jr. might
have employed it.

The poem, copyrighted by Good
Housekeeping in its October issue,
follows:

"You, my son,
Have shown me God.
Your kiss upon my cheek,
Has made me feel the gentle
touch
Of him who leads us on.
The memory of your smile, when
young,
Reveals His face,
As mellowing years come on
and space.
And when you went before,
You left the gates of Heaven
ajar
That I might glimpse,
Approaching from afar,
The glories of His grace.
Hold, son, my hand,
Guide me along the path.
That, coming,
I may stumble not.
Nor roam,
Nor fail to show the way
Which leads us—Home."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
The height of Boulder dam and its
water capacity may be increased
considerably beyond the present
plans which call for a 700 foot
structure to impound 26,000,000 acre
feet of water, secretary of Interior
Wilbur told the United Press today.

Reclamation Bureau engineers in
the Denver office now are working
on plans for a larger structure and
soon will present a report to Wil-
bur. He indicated today if the en-
gineers agree a larger one is fea-
sible he will approve their recom-
mendations.

The idea of making still larger
what, according to present plans,
will be the greatest dam in the
world, was suggested to Wilbur by
Los Angeles City officials. They
pointed out the demands of the
west for water and hydro electric
power justified a larger project
than had been contemplated.

It had been proposed to raise
the water level of Boulder Dam
from 550 to 625 feet. The exact in-
crease has not been determined,
Wilbur said.

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Engineer Dies at Throttle of Train

DUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 23. (U.P.)—
When the west-bound Golden State
Limited, crack Southern Pacific
train, failed to slow down as it
neared a sharp curve late yesterday,
Fireman C. D. Roton glanced across
the cab and saw Engineer David
Strothers slumped in his seat.

The fireman leaped to the
throttle and brought the limited
remaining three miles into Douglas,
where an examination showed
Strothers had died, probably from
apoplexy.

Strothers, a veteran Southern Pa-
cific employe, was prominent in
Douglas and other parts of the
southwest.

Williams' Case Set for Trial

T. C. "Horsefly" Williams will
face a jury October 23, charged with
the murder of Jesse Whitman, that
date having been fixed by Judge
Dunn this afternoon.

After listening to arguments on
the demurrer to the information,
which had been filed by defendant's
attorneys T. A. Wells and Louis
Cohen, Judge Dunn overruled the
demurrer and set the case for trial.
Arguments occupied a large part of
the attention of the court Saturday
and Monday.

NEW HOME PLANNED

Plans are being completed by the
architectural department of the
Deseret Construction Company for
the erection of a new home for
Chief of Police Percy Nash. The
new residence will be located on the
corner of Tenth and Bonneville
streets.