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BANK BANDITS ASSURE POLICE ALL WELL, THEN GET AWAY WITH \$50,000

Girl in Institution Touches Off Alarm; Officers Call Up and Are Answered on Phone by One of Robbers, Who Tells Them 'False Alarm'; Then They Leisurely Make Haul

PERU, Ind., Oct. 18. (AP)—Cautious police took so much care verifying an alarm from the Peru National Bank today that six bandits, who wounded two bystanders, got away with \$50,000.

When the sextet of bandits appeared at the bank, a girl clerk pushed an alarm button which rang a bell at police headquarters. The officers, not to be drawn out on any wild goose chase, telephoned the bank to see whether or not the alarm was false.

The wily bandits assured the police that the alarm was a mistake, then lined up fifteen customers and eight clerks and leisurely ransacked the vault of all cash and negotiable securities.

On their way out they shot and wounded slightly John E. Rainey and H. E. Howenstein, who approached the bank.

When the alarm sounded in the police station the second time, and officers were assured the bank actually was robbed, the bandits had disappeared in a large automobile.

Farm Group to Go to Portland

A party from Panaca will leave tomorrow morning for Portland to attend the livestock show and farm exhibit as guests of the Pacific International.

Lee Burge, who is working on control of noxious weeds in Nevada, and who has been coaching the boys, will accompany them to Portland, as will also James N. Hollinger, president of the Lincoln County farm bureau.

The boys won the privilege of making this trip by meritorious work in livestock judging at the state club camp in Reno several months ago.

Keith Lee, Panaca lad who was a member of the team which competed at the club camp, will join the party at Reno, where he is in attendance at the University of Nevada.

The Panaca party will join forces at Reno with Prof. V. E. Scott and the university team. They will be absent about two weeks on the trip, driving by automobile, and staying at Camp Plummer while in Portland as guests of the Pacific International.

Miss Orpha A. Miller will accompany Miss Merle Jones, winner of the \$95 prize for first place in canning at state club camp, to Portland. This prize was offered by the Kerr Glass Jar Company for the best eight jars of vegetables, fruit and meat.

The prize for first place at Camp Plummer will be a \$300 scholarship at any university she may choose.

"We hope Merle gets this prize," said Miss Miller yesterday. "Merle is to enter the health contest and the meat judging contest."

**Vegas Pair Get
Marriage License**

Elmus Leon Hines and Irene Burton, both of Las Vegas, were one of two couples to secure marriage licenses Thursday here.

The other couple were Thomas L. Amos of Yermo, California, and Gladys Beatrice McCoy of Phoenix, Arizona.

Angel Guadarrama of San Diego and Claire Gonzales of San Francisco were married yesterday morning by Judge Wm. E. Orr. Dorothy Keeler and Billee Hosman were witnesses.

**Fountain of Perpetual Youth Has
Been Discovered, Surgeons Declare
After Rejuvenation Operation**

CHICAGO, Oct. 18. (AP)—Another medical attempt to find the fountain of perpetual youth was described in glowing terms tonight by surgeons who witnessed a rejuvenation operation upon a prominent 65-year-old business man here.

The operation was performed in greatest secrecy yesterday by Dr. Victor Lestinasse at Wesley Memorial hospital before a distinguished group of surgeons. Identity of the subject, reported to be wealthy and prominent in civic affairs, was guarded closely.

Dr. Lestinasse, who is credited with having performed a similar operation on Harold McCormack, nationally known Chicagoan, in

Cable Thought Involved In L. A. Burglary

Young Man Who Left Local Pawnshop at Same Time Cash, Jewels Disappeared, Traced to California.

John Cable, who left Las Vegas recently, supposedly with several hundred dollars in cash and a suit case taken from the Las Vegas pawnshop, where he was employed, is believed to have been arrested in California on charge of another robbery, according to information received here from Los Angeles police officials.

A picture of a man of the same name recently arrested in California as a burglary suspect, and turned loose for lack of evidence, was identified as Cable, it is stated from reliable quarters.

Another instance of a young man having forfeited bail, is believed to have furnished a clue to his whereabouts.

Cable's movements have been traced from here to Reno, and then to Los Angeles, through stage drivers' information.

His mother and brother, who live in Los Angeles, have been pronounced high class persons by the Los Angeles police. They have given police every assistance in helping find John Cable, it is said, and are extremely anxious to straighten out the whole affair.

**Seattle Hotel
Disaster Death
Toll Now Nine**

SEATTLE, Oct. 18. (AP)—The death toll of the Portland hotel fire reached nine today.

Twenty-four hours after the old building, rooming house for laborers was destroyed, John Miller, 59, a railroad worker, died of his injuries.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18. (AP)—Convinced that yesterday's fire in the old Portland hotel in the "skid roads" district of Seattle, which killed nine men and injured 13, was the work of a pyromaniac, the coroner's office, prosecuting attorney and fire marshal shined today in a search for the fiend.

Up and down the "skid roads," that section of Seattle where loggers gather when they come out of the woods, the word went today that the fire was started by a man responsible for several lesser blazes in the district recently.

Kerosene had been poured on the stairways of the hotel, hopelessly trapping the laborers in the old brick structure. The dried, wooden interior burned like tinder. Many were killed in their beds. Others had dropped in hallways of the three-story building. One man was found sitting in a chair.

Four of the injured men were reported today in critical conditions.

**Town Grid Team to
Play Kingman Here**

Kingman will invade Las Vegas tomorrow afternoon for a football game between two town teams, it has been announced. The teams to be composed largely of former high school players and college men.

1922, said the operation has passed the experimental stage and that hundreds of persons have been treated successfully by the method. The operation, he said, does not involve transplanting of glands or the use of glandular extracts. It is described as theobothelobotomy, or in the language of the layman, a transfer of blood from one vein to another.

The method consisted of joining the femoral and popliteal blood vein in the abdomen so that blood from the femoral vein courses through the popliteal vein. New blood in the latter, the doctor said, revitalizes the glands, which in turn are believed to control the flow of life.

Ishbel MacDonald Denies Report She's Engaged to Arnold

LONDON, Oct. 18. (AP)—Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the prime minister, today emphatically denied reports circulated here that she was engaged to Lord Arnold, 51-year-old bachelor.

In a trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with the Evening Standard, Miss MacDonald said: "I do not know anything about it at all."

Miss MacDonald, who is 26 years old, is now in Canada with her father.

**'Hotel Will Be
Built'—Emmerson**

Allowing of Wingfield Option to Lapse Does Not Mean Plans for Structure Have Been Abandoned, He Says.

The hotel construction announced several weeks ago by Milo Elson Emmerson will go ahead, despite the lapse of Emmerson's option for purchase of the Wingfield property at the corner of Fremont and Second, Emerson stated yesterday, pointing out that there is other desirable property available for purchase.

In a statement handed to the Age, he said: "Headlines in Evening Review of Thursday 17th 'Hotel Deal Here Falls Through,' conveys an entirely erroneous impression. My option on Wingfield Property was allowed to lapse, as extension of time covering the present period of investment uncertainty was refused.

Other properties, quite as desirable for our purposes, are available on satisfactory terms, and it is the intention of myself and associates to perfect and carry through our Hotel project without unnecessary delay or unreasonable hazard."

Signed: Milo Elson Emmerson.

**Country Club
House Will Be
Finished Soon**

A very decided progress is noted in the erection of the club house for the Las Vegas country club and it is expected it will be finished in about one week's time. The outside of the building is nearly completed and work on the inside will start Friday.

The roughing-in of the plumbing is done and on completion fixtures will be put in place. The arrangement of the rooms is very convenient and they were planned for the utmost convenience of the members. There will be rest rooms provided with showers and lavatories for both men and women, also an up-to-date soda fountain and storeroom. Water is supplied by the water mains to various parts of the ground for the caring of the extensive lawns the club is planning to plant.

Directly over the entrance to the grounds will be built a 14 foot gateway out of large logs. This will carry a large sign that will be flood-lighted. C. C. Bowler is in charge of the construction.

A house warming is planned upon the completion of the structure.

**Two Cars Crash
On L. A. Highway**

Two machines traveling in opposite directions crashed together in front of El Desierto roadhouse late yesterday afternoon.

The machines were going at a nominal rate of speed, but fast enough to do considerable damage to both cars. One was a Chevrolet roadster, the other a Ford coupe. The owners are both local residents and are well known about town.

J. C. Drake, owner of the roadster, luckily escaped injury. The coupe was registered under the name of John Dorrard and it is understood from witnesses of the accident that the driver, whose name was not learned, was cut badly about the head. The Western Service garage took charge of the coupe.

**Blue Diamond
School to Start**

School will be started on October 28, a week from Monday, at the new Blue Diamond district school. It was announced yesterday by Miss Amy Hanson, deputy state superintendent of schools.

Trustees for the new district, created a short time ago by the county commissioners, include Oscar Rucker and Mrs. Mina Rucker. Mrs. Warren Parker of Las Vegas will teach the school, in which there will be eight pupils at the start, at the Oscar Rucker ranch, which was formerly the Bill Morgan ranch.

Blue Diamond is about 20 miles from Las Vegas.

Oil Clog Makes Russ Ship Land At Vancouver

'Land of Soviet' Turns Back On Hop to S. F., Repair Difficult Because of Peculiar Make.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 18. (AP)—The Russian plane "Land of the Soviets," landed at Pearson field at the army post here this afternoon after turning back from some distance south of Portland.

A closed off line was the cause of the landing, army mechanics at Pearson field attempted to work on the plane but were running into considerable difficulty owing to the fact that the plane was entirely unfamiliar to them and the Russians were unable to make them understand their advice and instructions.

A faulty oil intake in the left engine and a leak in the radiator of the right engine were discovered by Commander Shestakov.

Although the Russians had not abandoned plans for the flight to San Francisco, weather conditions along the coast made the time of their departure for the south uncertain. Storm warnings were expected to be posted before morning.

**Mesquite Club
Holds Meeting**

The Mesquite Club held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Boyer Friday afternoon. There was a large representation and plans for the club year were discussed. Miss Withers gave a report of the things accomplished last year and mentioned several of the things which might be accomplished the coming year. The club is contemplating the plan of study sections and have in mind groups for the study of music, Bible history, drama and book reviews.

Delightful musical numbers were rendered by Prof. Eldon Larson who gave two trombone solos, accompanied by Prof. Lewis Rowe at the piano and vocal solos by Prof. Rowe accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Moran. The next meeting will be a social one at the home of Mrs. C. P. Squires.

**Doctor Testifies
No Indication
Girl Attacked**

Pantages' Witnesses Try To Break Down State's Case, Alleged Night Visits Of Miss Pringle Are Told.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18. (AP)—Medical experts whose testimony contradicted that of a police chemist, and a young publicity man who revealed asserted night visits, were called upon today by defense attorneys who seek to free Alexander Pantages of charges of attacking Eunice Pringle.

Jack Rosenstein, who admitted he was a press agent and defined the procession at great length, said he had seen Miss Pringle in the Pantages theatre office about 11 p.m. on several occasions and that she was alone.

His testimony contradicted that of the 17-year-old dancer, who said on the stand that she never had been in the building after 8:30 p. m., and then was accompanied.

Doctors Differ

Three physicians gave expert opinion for the defense. Their testimony ridiculed the methods by which City Chemist Rex Welsh arrived at conclusions damaging to Pantages' contention that he did not attack the girl.

Except for these two lines of testimony, the trial became rather an attempt to impeach one of the millionaire theatre man's witnesses, Garland Biffle, who, while the jury is not supposed to know it, was indicted on perjury charges after testifying for the defense, was confronted by W. A. Mills, a Stockton attorney.

Story "Not Consistent"

Biffle admitted that he, in the fashion of the traveling salesman he is, had talked of his part in the trial to Mills, but the two men differed as to the exact trend of the conversation.

Biffle's indictment came after he had testified that Miss Pringle had told Nicholas Dunaev, author of her act, that "he will be sorry if he doesn't book me" as she entered the theatre building on the visit during which she claims Pantages assaulted her.

"In substance," Mills testified, "Biffle told me that he was in the Pantages building at the time of the alleged attack. He said he didn't know until later what had happened. He told me that he spoke to no one there, was spoken to by no one and didn't know anything about it."

School Bonds Are Sold to Two Utah Firms

Remaining \$99,000 For New High School Building Goes To Salt Lake City Concerns.

The remaining \$99,000 of the high school bond issue was sold yesterday to Edward L. Burton company and the Central Trust Company, both of Salt Lake City.

The board of education made the sale after opening of bids at a public sale at 3 o'clock. The \$151,000 bonds of the issue which have been sold previously were sold to the same people.

The premium is \$150 and the bonds will carry five and three-quarters per cent interest, the bonding companies to pay for printing of the bonds, according to Miss Maude Frazier, superintendent.

**Saving Eyesight
Is Part of Work**

County Nurse Tells of Children Rescued From Probable Blindness Through Aid of Kindly Souls.

Miss Lucile Withers, county nurse, yesterday revealed a feature of the work which is being carried on under her supervision among the school children of Clark county, which is not generally known by the public.

That is, the work being done, with the assistance of kindly souls who have interested themselves, in saving the eyesight of children whose eyes are defective.

Among other cases, Miss Withers told of the two Huston children, girls aged four and twelve years respectively, who were born without the natural coloring pigments in their skins. Such, commonly called Albinos, have a peculiar affection of the eyes which takes the nature of uncontrolled eyeballs, the sight roving here and there continually, the eyes being in motion even during sleep. There is but little coloring to the iris, the eyes generally taking on a pinkish cast.

Coupled with the other difficulties, Albinos eye is generally severely astigmatized. In the case of the girls above mentioned the imperfect eyesight has been gradually failing.

Miss Withers has succeeded in enlisting the interest of Dr. Fisher of Los Angeles in these cases, and believes that with proper treatment and suitable glasses, the vision can be at least partially restored.

Dr. Dixon, optometrist, of this city, is also giving his services to the cause. He has undertaken the case of little Curtis Leavitt, son of Ira Leavitt who lost his life several months ago in an accident. The lad has been gradually going blind for lack of proper care and treatment, but those interested in the case are hopeful that the boy may be restored to at least 50 percent normal vision.

Dr. Dixon has also undertaken to aid two other children who live in Vegas and who have been lacking proper assistance to their eyesight.

Miss Withers states that she has found a number of cases of very defective vision which are being remedied.

"Educational District No. 1," said Miss Withers, "is doing everything possible to assist in this work. The people of the northern part of the county are showing most laudable enterprise in looking after the welfare of their children."

**Judge Sets 'Record';
Handles 7 Cases
In Five Minutes**

A record for speed in administering of justice is believed to have been set yesterday by Municipal Judge Morse when he handled seven cases in five minutes.

Five men were sentenced to fine or imprisonment for drunkenness, one was "fined," as the saying goes in police parlance, and one was released on \$10 bail on a drunk charge.

Jack Leonard, picked up after he had systematically begged from a number of persons on Fremont (while smoking a "tailor-made" cigarette) was "fined."

B. Howard, arrested for drunkenness on Wednesday, was released on bail, and Lou Parker, J. M. O'Hara, Frank Wycoff, J. M. O'Malley and Jack Nash, all arrested between 12:25 a. m. and 3:15 a. m. yesterday for drunkenness, were all given \$10 and five days, with the exception of Jack Nash, who was given a sentence of \$5 fine and two and a half days.

All those fined were unable to pay their fines, and are serving time.

Lady Heath Starts 'Serving Time' For Reno Divorce

RENO, Nev., Oct. 18. (AP)—Lady Mary Heath, 31, aviatrix and wife of Sir James Heath, 75, British ironmaster, has joined Reno's divorce colony today.

The noted woman flyer, who was injured at Cleveland during the women's air derby, has taken up the customary three months' residence in this city at one of the most exclusive hotels.

**'Venison Feed'
For Elks' Drive**

Leonard Blood, C. E. Perry Donate Two Deer For Banquet at Close of Membership Campaign.

A venison feed will be the climax of an Elks' membership drive to be staged between now and November 7, it was stated yesterday by Leonard Blood, who returned Wednesday with C. E. Perry from a three and a half day deer hunting trip in the Kaibab, in Arizona.

"We brought back four deer, and are donating two of them to the Elks for this banquet," said Blood yesterday. "They are in cold storage now."

Blood stated that deer are not very plentiful in the part of the Kaibab to which they went, except in the "back country."

**Golf Tourney
Opens Tomorrow**

About thirty-four are signed up for the golf tourney to be started tomorrow at the Country club, according to Dr. Wm. S. Park, president.

The class A tourney will be played off tomorrow, classes B and C to play in all probability a week from tomorrow. There will be three champions, one in each class.

Five ladies have signed up for the ladies' tourney, and the holding of the ladies' tourney is partly contingent upon enough more signing up to make it worth while, it was hinted.

**Johnson Realty Now
Gallagher Realty Co.**

P. J. Gallagher, who recently bought out the interests of the Johnson Realty, has taken over the business, now known as the Gallagher Realty Company, located at 124 Fremont street.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left yesterday for Phoenix, Arizona, where they expect to engage in the real estate business.

**Keep Everything
Locked, Says Nash**

Warning that there are several "characters" in town on whom police feel compelled to keep watch was sounded yesterday by Police Chief Percy Nash.

"I would advise locking of cars and homes, even when they are left for only a brief time," he stated.

**Auto Crash
Victim Still Is
In Bad Shape**

Norris J. Mott, Seriously Injured Wednesday Near Caliente, Endangered Chiefly By Pneumonia.

Norris J. Mott, 21, Las Vegas who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Caliente Wednesday, and who was unconscious from Wednesday until Thursday afternoon was still lying in serious condition at Las Vegas hospital just before press time last night.

Suffering multiple lacerations and contusions, fractures of cervical vertebrae and bronchial pneumonia, Mott's chief danger is from the pneumonia, according to Dr. F. M. Ferguson, who is attending him. This was contracted as the result of exposure after the accident.

Mott was picked up by a passing motorist and taken to Caliente unconscious, where he was cared for by Dr. Stockman, Union Pacific physician.

When his identity was learned, he was sent to Las Vegas, arriving here at 7 a. m. yesterday.

Mrs. Roy Mosbach and Miss Marion Mott of this city, are his sisters.

Don Roberts of Las Vegas, Mott's nephew, and a mining man, were with him when the accident occurred. They were slightly injured, it is said.

Failure to negotiate a curve at a high rate of speed is blamed for the crash, which demolished the car, but threw all three occupants clear of the wreckage.

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS CONTINUE INFORMAL POWER DISCUSSIONS

Agreement Whereby Nevada Is Permitted to Withdraw Power for Use in State As and When Needed, Seen as Solution of Problem; Formal Meeting Expected to Get Results

**Local Boys to
Wrestle At
Arena Friday**

George Batalis Will Meet 'Little Giant' Costello of Provo; Clarence Saunders To Tackle 'Kingman Wildcat' Gallin.

George Batalis and Clarence Saunders, Las Vegas wrestling idols, will figure in a two-bout mat card to be staged at the American Legion arena next Friday evening.

Batalis, who has gained in popularity ever since he started performing here last spring, will take on George Costello, the "Little Giant" of Provo, Utah, in a finish match, two out of three, it was announced definitely yesterday by Sam Shaw, commander of the Legion post, and A. B. Mortenson, who has been asked to engineer the bouts.

Clarence Saunders, local boy who is now in possession of a medal he won with the heavy weight amateur inter-mountain championship within the year, will tangle with Al Gallin, the "Kingman Wildcat," from Arizona, in the special event, with 45 minutes time limit.

Stay With McCann

Batalis and Costello both have been doing their stuff in both Nevada and California. Batalis, at the carnival now showing in Las Vegas, and fans who have seen them in action against the Wildcat declare it will be a whale of a match when the two come together. Both have stayed with Wildcat McCann for fifteen minutes.

Costello acquired his moniker "Little Giant" when he threw a two hundred thirty pounder over the ropes into a lady's lap during a bout. He wrestles at 150 pounds and Batalis at 165.

Gallin Tied With Woods

Gallin came to Las Vegas from Kingman, where he owns a restaurant, seeking a bout with Sailor Jack Woods or Billy Edwards. He is said to have in mind the building of a modern athletic clubroom in this city.

He has wrestled Ad Santell of San Francisco, Ad Gustaves of Portland, Sailor Jack Woods, Kotosonoras and Fritz Nelson, the terrible Swede from Minneapolis, having wrestled Woods to a draw four years ago.

**Mr. Grant's Mother
Seriously Injured
When Hit by Auto**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Grant received news Thursday evening that Mr. Grant's mother had been seriously injured by being hit by a car while walking on a street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant left immediately for Phoenix by automobile, arriving there shortly after noon yesterday.

A wire brings the news that Mrs. Grant suffered a compound fracture of one leg, several broken ribs and internal injuries, the seriousness of which cannot be known for several days.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED

A blaze which burned out the interior of the chimney at the Nevada cafe was put out yesterday with a hand chemical machine before the fire department arrived.

The soot in the chimney burned out, and the smoke went up the chimney just the same.

**H. S. Team Beats
Second Squad**

The first team of the Las Vegas high school beat the second stringers on the local gridiron yesterday afternoon 24 to 6 in a practice game.

Coach Frank Butcher, who staged the game to keep the first team in trim for the game with Panaca next Saturday, played with the second team during the last half of the game.

Jack Pembroke made the solo touchdown for the "super-varsity."

Leland Beatty made two of the touchdowns for the first team and Glen Jarrett made the other two.

**Eighth Grade Elects;
Class Dance Friday**

Beulah Cline was elected president of the eighth B class of the elementary school yesterday.

Bill Saunders was named vice president, Ora Lovell secretary and George Young treasurer.

Leslie Edwards is faculty adviser. The annual game of Panaca next Saturday will be held in the high school gymnasium next Friday, according to plans now being formulated by the class. Special invitations will be issued to parents, it is expected.

**Prospective Investors' Interest In
Vegas Shown by Volume of Quizzes
Received By Information Bureau**

Great interest in prospects for investment in Las Vegas is shown by letters received daily here by Boulder Dam Information Inc., according to Dudley D. Humphrey, in charge of the operations of the information bureau here.

Inquiries from every quarter of the country are coming in, at the rate of about forty a day, in response to want ads which were run in 300 of the leading papers of the country.

Many inquiries concerning the new town to be built at the dam site are being received. Many persons want to know how to get lots in this projected town, what it will cost to build there, what living conditions prevail in Las Vegas and what sort of housing there

will be for the workmen to be employed on the construction work.

These questions, from persons representing every sort of business and every craft, are all answered so far as possible by Humphrey. Many letters come by air-mail.

Indiana contributed eleven questioning letters in one day last week. The Middle West, the South and the East have sent more letters than the West, according to Humphrey.

The sixteen-page booklet entitled "Colorado River Project—Boulder Dam and the City of Las Vegas, Nevada," has been off the press for some time, and is being distributed for dissemination of information concerning Las Vegas and the Boulder Dam project.