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THE WEATHER
LAS VEGAS—Yesterday: Max. 66; Min. 42.
NEVADA—Fair Saturday and Sunday; freezing
temperatures at night.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—Copper quiet; elec-
trolytic, spot and future, 18c; iron quiet, unchanged;
lead steady; spot, New York, 6.25c; E. St. Louis,
6.10c. Zinc quiet, E. St. Louis, spot and future, 5.50c.

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WILBUR SAYS WILL BEGIN DAM

Whether States Reach Agreement or Not

Great Transcontinental Phone Line Span Strung Over River at Tri-State

NOW CREW TO BE SENT TO VEGAS

Work on Bell Company Line Will Be Finished; Crew of 75 Coming; Span Feat

By carrying a line across the Colorado river by boat at Tri-State, ninety miles south of the dam site landing, D. L. Lacy of Las Vegas made possible the completion of the last connection of the Bell telephone company's new Los Angeles-New York line which crosses the southern rim of the country.

Completion last Sunday of this 2,411-mile span between two 87-foot steel towers, presages the shifting of the crew of about seventy-five men working on this job to Las Vegas, to commence work shortly after New Year's, on the last stretch of the other new transcontinental Bell line which passes through this city.

To Come To Vegas
This crew will be quartered in and near Las Vegas for some time, starting near the city, where the work left off several months ago, and working out toward the Utah line, where the line being constructed by a Utah subsidiary will meet the one from Los Angeles.

It was announced recently that the crew working on the southern line would be sent here when the other line was finished.

Four consecutive lines of increasing size and strength had to be used before the twenty-two wire line, almost half a mile long between the two towers could be strung from bank to bank.

Use Four Lines
First, Lacy attached the end of a number ten wire to the stern of the smaller of the two boats owned by the Boulder Grand Navigation company, and motored across the river, delivering the end on the other side.

To this wire was attached the end of a five-sixteenths inch wire, which in turn was pulled across, trailing through the water as it was taken across.

Then, according to Lacy's description of the feat, a three-eighths line was pulled across the river, and this in turn was used to pull over a one inch cable.

The one inch cable was strung up between the two towers and the phone line was then pulled across on it.

Eighty Messages at Once
Four conversations can be carried on over each wire of the new transcontinental line, it was stated. The twenty wires therefore will have capacity to transmit 80 conversations at the same time.

Ten more wires will be added in a month or two, it is believed. This is said to be one of the greatest wire suspensions ever built, and is recognized as a genuine and difficult feat of engineering.

Car Certificate Law Disregarded

CARSON CITY, Dec. 20.—Although 11,632 certificates of title have been issued to owners of motor vehicles in Nevada by the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office at the close of business Tuesday, the owners of the other 20,577 automobiles, motorcycles and trailers which were registered in Nevada during 1929 have failed to apply for their warranty of title.

The 1929 statute providing for the certificates provides that after January 20, 1930, no motor vehicle shall be operated upon any highway in the state unless the owner has secured his certificate. A fine of from \$25 to \$50 was set for the violation of this provision, and no 1930 automobile licenses will be issued to any owners not having the required certificate of title.—Tonopah Times.

HOOPER GIVEN AWARD
W. J. Hooper was awarded \$5.05 Thursday by Justice of the Peace Roger Foley for services rendered the Egan furniture store.

PAIR STRANDED ON SHORE IN RIVER CANYON FOR DAY

Ever been stranded for twenty-four hours on the meagre shore of the Colorado down in the canyon below the dam site with a motor boat without gasoline as your only means of transportation?

That was the experience this week of P. L. Lacy of the Boulder Grand Canyon Navigation company and C. E. Pembroke, Las Vegas business man.

They had to wait for the company's other motorboat to bring them twenty-seven gallons of gasoline before they could complete their tortuous ninety-mile upstream trip from Tri State, where Lacy had been on a job for the Bell Telephone company.

They started Monday and after two days of travel upstream from Tri State, during which time the boat used a gallon of gas to the mile, the sixty gallons with which they had started became exhausted.

Imagine the sensation of having your gas run out in such a locale as this, with towering stone cliffs on either side and miles and miles of river to traverse before egress is possible!

They Pitched Camp
The two voyagers, however, were prepared for the contingency. They had full camping equipment along, and they hauled to shore and pitched camp, knowing not how long they would have to wait.

Lacy, however, had arranged with other members of the company that if he did not show up at the landing by Wednesday evening they were to send the other boat down with gasoline.

After more than a day and a night of waiting, the big boat appeared up the river, bearing the much-needed gasoline.

At one time during the trip the pair had to go overboard to help boost the boat over a sandbar, wading in water well up toward their hips.

Lacy pulled the line across the river for completion of the new transcontinental phone line which crossed the river at Tri State.

Five Are Killed In Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—The worst airplane tragedy of the year here occurred today at Bolling field when five men, including Representative Kaynor, Republican of Massachusetts, and his secretary, Stanley B. Lowe, were instantly killed.

The dead: Representative William K. Kaynor, Republican, Springfield, Mass., member of the house military affairs committee.

Stanley B. Lowe, aged 40, his secretary, Springfield, Mass., former newspaperman.

Captain Harry A. Dinger, crack army pilot, who has flown Representative James, chairman of the house military affairs committee, and other congressmen thousands of miles.

Private Vladimir Kuzma, army air corps.

Arthur A. McGill, friend of Representative Kaynor.

The party had planned to go first to Springfield, Mass., where Lowe was to see his new born baby and bring his family back to Washington for Christmas. Later it was planned to inspect national guard units at Hartford. It was Lowe's first time in the air.

It all happened with sickening quickness. The giant three motored Fokker had just taken off from Bolling field, and had risen 300 feet in the air. Gracefully it began to curve toward the north when suddenly one motor failed and the huge craft shot downward.

The Fokker hit the ground not more than 74 feet from where Lieutenant Kaynor was seated.

Three Killed as Cars Hit Truck in Fog
BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—Three persons were killed and five seriously injured in a dense fog near here today when three automobiles crashed into a truck which had run out of gasoline and stopped.

Two northbound cars struck the truck from the rear and a southbound car hit it head on.

The dead are Mrs. N. L. Osborne, wife of a Los Angeles X-ray specialist; Maxine Osborne, 19 daughter, and Miss Edna Mitchell, Brawley, Calif., occupants of the Osborne machine.

Arentz Gives Blood To Save Daughter
Under date of December 14, 1929, the following telegram was sent by N. L. Cornell, secretary to Congressman Arentz, from Washington: For your information, Congressman Arentz is accompanied by his three-year-old daughter, Fredricka, to the children's hospital this afternoon, where he will give blood for a transfusion in the hope of aiding her in her fight for recovery from an illness over the past ten weeks.—Mason Valley News.

Gave Up Career For Love Of Her Colored Husband

By GEORGE H. BEALE (U. P. Staff Correspondent)
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—Helen Lee Worthing, the blonde beauty who once was the toast of Broadway, went back to the "black belt" today.

She returned to the section of Los Angeles reserved for "colored folks" so that she could rejoin her husband, Dr. Eugene C. Nelson, an admitted member of the black race.

"I hope no one feels badly about it," Miss Worthing said today. "I love him too much to leave him. I know he has negro blood but he's all the world to me."

"I left a stage career and a screen career to marry him in 1927. I still love him too much to even care what people think about it. I want to be back with him—that's all that matters."

Elks Initiate Thirteen New Lodge Members

Harold P. Hale, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Honored By Banquet; He Urges Promotion of Charity.

Thirteen new members were initiated by the Elks lodge in Las Vegas Thursday evening, with the solemnity of the ritual of the order, with Harold P. Hale, district deputy grand exalted ruler and president of the Nevada State Elks' association, was put on.

Mrs. Roscoe Thomas played two unusually beautiful numbers on the violin and was the recipient of enthusiastic applause, the club being under great obligation to her for the generous manner in which she has given her talents.

Prof. L. E. Rowe, and the high school glee club gave a portion of the Christmas Cantata, "The Star of Bethlehem." The young people showed both talent and good training in the manner in which they carried through the rather difficult arrangement of the musical numbers, and the Rotarians greatly enjoyed a musical treat.

Prof. Rowe and the glee club were given the thanks of the club for their fine entertainment.

Al Cahlan made the suggestion that one of the living trees in the railroad park be fittingly decorated and lighted in lieu of the usual community Christmas tree on Fremont street. Walter Bracken for railroad company offered to see that proper illumination for the tree was provided, and President Park appointed a committee to perfect the arrangements.

President Park appointed C. P. Squires as program chairman for the meeting December 26 when a New Year program is customarily given.

Harold Hale of Elko was a guest of the club.

J. Wesley Wilson was introduced as the newly elected member of the club.

On leaving the meeting the club members made a voluntary contribution to assist in caring for Howard McMullen, who is in a very serious condition as the result of illness and who was brought in an ambulance from Indian Springs where he has been staying.

Members responded to the request of Mr. Bailey to pose for a group picture to be used in a Las Vegas "Booster Book."

Morgan Seeks Title Clearance For Estate

Reese T. Morgan, as administrator of the estate of Al J. Clark, deceased, filed quiet title suit this week against Myron D. Noleware, Frank L. Wildes, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McWilliams, Lewis W. Ball, L. Clark, Al Clark, County of Clark, County of Lincoln, R. H. McWilliams, as trustee, C. O. McWilliams, Peter Buol and Henry Ingram.

Clark died December 26, 1928, and court order for sale of the land for settlement of the estate was made. The lots in question are lots 21, 22 and 24, block 4, original townsite of Las Vegas.

Stage Garage to Be Finished Soon

Construction of the new Interstate Transit company garage on South Main street will be completed in a short time, according to W. L. Davis, superintendent of construction.

It will be occupied about a week from tomorrow, it is expected. Davis will leave Sunday for Los Angeles, to spend the Christmas holidays, returning to finish up the job about Thursday or Friday.

MERGER OF RAILWAYS IS PLANNED

Interstate Commerce Commission Has Finished Consolidation Scheme, Said

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—In a copyrighted article from Washington, Dow Jones & Company stated today that the Interstate Commerce commission has completed a railroad consolidation plan, with publication expected in a few days.

According to the Dow Jones article, the main features of the consolidation are:

"Allocation of railway properties among 19 major systems, exclusive of the Canadian controlled Soo line and Grand Trunk and Vermont Central, which will be treated as separate units, making 21 systems allocated.

"Definite assignment of short line railroads to respective systems.

"General treatment of the terminal situation as necessarily arises in providing for joint use of terminal facilities in large and congested metropolitan areas."

In the west, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific will be consolidated as a single system with the Burlington excluded. Other systems will be grouped about the following railroads: St. Paul, Atchison, Burlington, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Northwestern.

H. S. Students Celebrate Christmas With Carols, Play, Gift Assembly

Whoopie good and plenty was made in the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon when Santa Claus and a couple of assistants appeared on the stage in civilian clothes and broad grins to vend gifts to the students.

The climax of the celebration, the distributing of the gifts, was preceded by songs by the glee club and the giving of a costume play, "The Knave of Hearts."

The glee club, under direction of Mr. Lewis E. Rowe, sang Christmas carols.

The play, a comedy which furnished great amusement, Evelyn Johnson played the part of queen, with an assurance and a dash that was convincing.

Herbert Ward, as king, made an excellent king, from the standpoint of comedy, his youthful appearance and voice being in sharp contrast to his dark beard and his kingly attire.

His Wife Told Chief Of Police He Carried Gun, Doctor Alleges

Dr. Robert L. Fenlon alleges that his wife, Florence M. Fenlon, retained the Clinton, Iowa, chief of police to search his car, stating he carried a gun, in order to discredit him in the eyes of other officials, charged by Doctor Fenlon, who was at that time health officer for Clinton.

Doctor Fenlon alleges also that his wife gave out confidential information about some of his clients, to the embarrassment of the clients and himself.

The couple, who were married in 1907 in Iowa, have four children, 21, 18, 11 and 10 respectively, willing. Doctor Fenlon states, he is willing to support.

Harley A. Harmon and Chas. Lee Horsey are attorneys for the plaintiff, who alleges cruelty in his suit.

DENIES SHE IS TO MARRY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—Amelia Earhart, noted woman flyer, denied here today that she is engaged to marry George Putnam, publisher.

"There is nothing to that rumor," she said in commenting on a report from Chicago. "I am not engaged to anyone. Mr. Putnam is my publisher—that's all."

Man Killed In Love Triangle Duel at Yermo

Husband, Wife, Alleged Lover All Shot When Man Finds Spouse With Friend In Auto, Opens Fire.

YERMO, Calif., Dec. 20. (U.P.)—A husband and wife staged a revolver duel here last night which resulted in the death of A. W. Hunt, 50, the husband, and the wounding of the wife and another man.

According to deputy sheriffs who came here today from San Bernardino, Hunt was jealous of the attentions paid his wife, Leonora, 35, by William Fountain, 40, a worker on a state highway construction crew operating near here, where Hunt ran a small restaurant.

The shooting occurred when Hunt saw his wife and Fountain sitting in an automobile near the restaurant. He shot Mrs. Hunt three times, twice in the chest and once in the abdomen. Fountain was shot through the chest.

Mrs. Hunt, although seriously wounded, ran from the automobile and secured her revolver from the restaurant. She returned and fired two shots at Hunt, officers said as they reconstructed a version of the duel. One bullet hit Hunt in the head and the other went through his heart.

Mrs. Hunt and Fountain were taken to a hospital in San Bernardino. Physicians said both probably will recover, although the wounds are serious. Neither would give officers a complete statement.

Hunt's body was taken to Barstow, where an inquest was scheduled late today.

One Dies, House Burns as Film City Park Swept

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—A wind-and-bush fire swept 1200 acres in the Griffith park hill today, threatened costly homes and was the indirect cause of one death and injury to four persons before it was put under control.

More than 1,000 persons, including city firemen, golfers from Griffith park municipal course, a troop of boy scouts, civic employes, motorists and citizens aided in the fight. Only one house, a six-room dwelling whose ownership was not learned, was destroyed.

Residents in the district kept shrubbery and roofs soaked with water from garden hoses.

The tinder-dry brush of the park hillside fortunately was somewhat sparse in growth and while the flames ate through it quickly, there was little danger tonight of a new outbreak from smoldering shrubs.

The firemen were content to let the natural fire breaks, while they concentrated on guarding neighboring property.

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J. J. Dollar, city water department employe, died from a broken back sustained when the truck in which he and three others were riding overturned on route to the fire.

The others suffered minor injuries. M. J. Lakey, fireman, was struck down by an automobile during the blaze and was seriously injured.

Now They Can't Wet L. A. Lawns

That the shortage of water has hit Los Angeles this winter, due to the unusual drought, is shown by the fact that notices were sent out this week to home-owners that they must conserve water and stop sprinkling their lawns until the drought in the southern part of the state is broken.

These notices were received early this week, according to Carl Ray, who came to Las Vegas yesterday.

Baptists to Present Christmas Pageant

A Christmas pageant will be presented at the Baptist church Sunday evening, Mrs. George Beard is in charge of the preparation of the program.

WILBUR SAYS STATES SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON RIVER

But Declares Interior Department Will Begin Actual Construction of Dam If No Agreement Reached—Conference May Be Held Next Week

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—The Governors of the States of Nevada, California and Arizona have been asked if they care to hold a conference among themselves in an effort to stave off threatened court action by Arizona.

The Interior Department head said he had not invited the governors to a conference, but had suggested that such a conference would be wise before any further action is taken by him toward plans for actual construction of the dam.

Arizona, through representatives both in the state government and on the Boulder dam commission, has threatened to file suits if construction of the dam is begun before certain demands made by Arizona are met.

Wilbur said he had made the suggestion to the governors privately in the hope they could work out a plan for such a conference before anything was said in the press.

"In case no agreement is reached," Wilbur said, "the Interior department will begin the actual construction of the dam."

He said that if the project becomes involved in the courts it will be because these three most interested states could not agree.

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Severe Storm Does Damage

POMONA, Calif., Dec. 20. (U.P.)—A severe windstorm struck this section of Southern California shortly after noon today, causing one death and doing damage to small buildings, power lines and trees.

Clarence Esley, 65, was killed when he climbed on top of a chicken house at his ranch on the outskirts of Pomona and was thrown 100 feet when the wind ripped off the roof.

Trees were blown down in some sections and traffic was hindered on highways by fallen objects and thick clouds of flying dust.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (U.P.)—High winds caused death and destruction through Southern California today.

In Pomona one man was killed as the result of a severe dust and wind storm. Five men were injured fighting a Hollywood brush fire which was fanned by a 40-mile breeze.

Tops were stripped from trees and small buildings were damaged at many points.

Downtown Los Angeles was clouded by smoke from the Hollywood blaze and dust from the windstorms.