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FREMONT ST. GETS FEDERAL AID

GIGANTIC RAILROAD MERGER PROPOSED BY RAIL CHIEFS FOLLOWING MEETING IN N. Y.

Four Great Systems to Divide Smaller Roads Between Them If Interstate Commerce Commission Approves

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (AP)—Presidents of four railroads conferring on the new eastern trunk line plan, late today reached an agreement on the allocation of the various areas to be covered. The New England area is not included. A copy of the proposal was sent tonight to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, simultaneously with its release to newspapers here. The plan will be considered by the federal commission, which will conduct hearings upon the plan sponsored by President Hoover.

The four railroad presidents in session for more than six hours were: W. W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania; T. E. Crowley, New York Central; Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio; and J. J. Burnet, Chesapeake & Ohio.

The agreement on the allocations, according to the rail chiefs, is "inter-dependent," and could not have been reached upon any different basis.

The allocations were as follows: To the New York Central: The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, and a direct connection with the Virginia Railway and deep water, including joint rates and routes over that railway.

To the Pennsylvania: The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis; the Reading and the Central railroad of New Jersey; the Western Maryland; the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh; the Buffalo & Susquehanna; the Lehigh & Hudson River; and the Chicago and Alton.

To the Chesapeake & Ohio: Nickel Plate system and the Hocking Valley to be added; the Erie railroad; the Bessemer & Lake Erie; the Pere Marquette; the Wheeling & Lake Erie; the Chicago & Eastern Illinois; and the Lehigh Valley, with certain rights to the Pennsylvania in the Lehigh Valley.

The letter to the Interstate Commerce Commission quoted in its first paragraph the opinion of that body in the matter of consolidations of the railroad properties of the United States into a limited number of systems, on December 9, 1929.

The railroad chiefs expressed the hope that the allocations outlined would be a satisfactory substitute for the commission's proposed five-party plan.

BEGINNING TWO STOP PARIS HOP

Pair Starts This Morning Carrying "Pay Load"

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (AP)—Bent upon proving that trans-Atlantic flying can be taken out of the stunt class and put on a sound commercial basis, Capt. Wm. S. MacLaren and Mrs. Beryl Hart planned to take off from North Beach here at dawn tomorrow, on a two-stop flight to Paris.

Their cabin monoplane will carry a "pay load," including about 200 pounds of foodstuffs. They intend to fly first to Bermuda, then to the Azores and on to Paris.

They hope to reach Paris within 40 hours after the take-off.

Popular Couple Wed Yesterday

Tom Wynns French, chief dispatcher for the Union Pacific, and Cecile De Longes were married last evening. While the marriage was not unexpected, close friends did not realize the event was planned to take place so soon.

Mr. and Mrs. French are both well known in Las Vegas. Mrs. French was formerly Cecile De Longes Golden, having secured a divorce from her former husband also being previously married, and having been divorced for several years. The couple will reside in Las Vegas.

Dinner Bandits Start Inquiry Into Judgeships

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (AP)—Charges of political corruption leveled at Tammany Hall by Rep. F. H. LaGuardia in his unsuccessful campaign for mayor against James J. Walker had been forgotten by most of New York's voters on Dec. 7, 1929, when about 100 guests assembled for a banquet at the Roman Gardens, in the Bronx.

Magistrate Albert H. Vitale, jovial and big in stature, was the honor guest at the gathering of politicians, a few business men interested in politics, a few policemen, politically inclined and a number of gunmen, racketeers and thugs involved in politics. Some of the guests had police records and photographs in the Rogues' gallery.

In the midst of the dinner seven uninvited guests entered, held up the diners at the points of pistols and walked away with everything from diamond rings to police-made revolvers. They were never caught. But they opened the way to an investigation of New York courts which has resulted in the ousting, or resignation, of five judges and involved the police vice squad in charges of "framing" girls who are forced to pay high fees to lawyers for their release on bond.

La Guardia's charges that Vitale had borrowed \$20,000 from Arnold Rothstein, whose murder in a New York hotel was never solved. Grover Whalen, who had been made police commissioner by the Tammany mayor, now charged that the hold-up was an effort to recover a "murder contract" in which Al Capone, the Chicago gangster, had agreed to kill Frankie Yale, or Yale, who died under a volley of fire as he drove his automobile through a Brooklyn street. Whalen also said Ciro Terranova, known as "the artichoke king" and acquitted of various murder charges, was at the dinner.

Terranova related that the charges were an effort to injure former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, whose efforts to reorganize the New York political machine into "new Tammany" had been blocked by Walker Terranova said they tried to injure Smith by picking on Vitale, who is a supporter of Edward J. Flynn, Smith's secretary of state.

But Whalen also attacked the record of Vitale and the judge finally was removed from office, charged with accepting a loan from Rothstein and with releasing a burglar friend of Rothstein.

Federal Probers Then federal investigators found that Magistrate George F. Ewald was connected with a practically worthless stock concern and it was charged that persons who bought (Continued on Page Three)

"I'M READY, CALIFORNIA"



Says Sunny Jim Rolph, who on January 5 will assume the gubernatorial reins at Sacramento. In set, upper right, shows Lieut. Gov. Frank Merriam, who will carry through with the new governor during the coming term.

JOHNNY WINS SUIT REVEALS WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP HIDING PLACE OF MEXICAN

Great Fight Staged at Legion Stadium on Thursday Night

EL PASO, Jan. 2. (AP)—The whereabouts of General Jose Gonzalez Escobar, leader of the unsuccessful revolution in Mexico in 1929, were discussed as Montreal today, when attorneys for Mrs. Escobar announced the filing of a suit for annulment of her marriage in the Quebec courts.

She said Escobar was known in Montreal as J. Deras and was living with his first wife. The annulment petition said he had never divorced her and she seeks to impound in four national banks about a million dollars which Escobar is alleged to have commandeered from banks and other institutions in Mexico.

Escobar disappeared into the United States after the rebel army was defeated.

China Solution Of Silver Price

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Vancouver Province says in its news columns "a very interesting and stupendous plan is now being discussed in London, New York, Washington and Ottawa for the rehabilitation of the silver market and a general reorganization of oriental trade."

The paper said the general plan is to "call together five or six of the leading war lords of China and sell them the idea that everyone would be better off if the Chinese armies were turned into industrial units to carry out the great public works." If peace was obtained, Britain and the United States could arrange a thousand million dollar loan to China and restore order and facilitate commerce.

Thought Auto New, Claims It Was Used Car

When Erma Lewellyn purchased a Chrysler car from W. S. Rhoads Dec. 30, 1929, she thought it was a new car, according to her complaint filed in the district court through her attorney, Roger Foley, yesterday.

March, 1930, the complainant alleges, she discovered that the car was a second hand car, which had been sold to Eldren Nelson by Governor Robbins of Los Angeles in February, 1929.

Plaintiff alleges she made payments of \$873.29 on the car before she discovered it was second hand, and she asks damages in the above amount and costs.

knocked out Joe Fernando in the first.

Art Harris refereed all bouts, with Tom Salter and John Cahlan acting as judges.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR PANAMA IS SELECTED

Revolution Brings Overthrow Of Government

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 2. (AP)—The supreme court named Harmodio Arias as provisional president and called Dr. Ricardo Alfaro, minister to the United States, to return to assume the presidency after the swift and vigorous revolution brought the government of the republic crashing down on the head of President Florencio Arosemena, who immediately resigned. Ten persons were killed in fighting near the presidential palace.

An American newspaperman, Hartwell P. Ayers, employed by the local paper, was seriously wounded. From Washington came word that Dr. Alfaro would return and accept the presidency.

Dr. Alfaro has been in Washington eight years.

Eight of those killed were policemen, and the other two civilians. Fourteen were wounded in the rebellion sponsored by the "Accion Comunal," patriotic organization, which has attacked the alleged corruption of government under the last two presidents. About a hundred men suddenly stormed the headquarters of the national police, who served as Panama's only standing army. The station fell after a few shots and the palace was stormed next. The president was imprisoned and he decided to resign.

Green Lantern Case Suspects Appear Tuesday

James Ferguson, James Cortangan and William Potter, held on suspicion of having held up the Green Lantern Christmas night, will come up for their preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Frank Ryan Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

All three were held on \$2,000 bail which was furnished by Ferguson. The other two are still in the county jail.

Ferguson will be represented by Louis A. Cohen. I. S. Thompson is appearing for Cohen during the latter's absence from Las Vegas for a few days.

T. A. Wells is attorney for Potter. Cortangan has not yet retained legal counsel.

Bond for Ferguson was furnished by B. F. Minter and Ed. Van. Ferguson was arrested as accomplice, when it was stated that his automobile had been seen in the alley during the hold-up. Potter and Cortangan are held as principals. James Carpenter, said to be the third of the principals, has left Las Vegas, according to the officers.

Local Law Firm Has New Member

That well known law firm of Stevens, Henderson and Noland today has a new member in the person of Alfred M. Noland, who was admitted to practice several months ago, and the firm will, in the future, be known as Stevens, Henderson, Noland and Noland.

With the coming of the new year the members of the firm decided to make a New Year's present to Mrs. Noland, who has been associated with the firm for several years, and took her into the firm as a full-fledged member.

With the absence of Senator Henderson at Carson City during the session of the state legislature, there will be need for another member to assist in carrying on, and Mrs. Noland's friends are rejoicing with her in her advancement.

Lost Air Pilot Returns Safe

OAK RIDGE, Ore., Jan. 2. (AP)—J. Russell Cunningham, Pacific air transport pilot, missing for two days, came here today, unhurt. Cunningham said he was forced down on the fork of the Willamette river 30 miles from here while flying from Medford to Seattle. Plans have been searching for him.

CITY IS INFORMED THAT FEDERAL AID AVAILABLE FOR FREMONT EXTENSION

State Highway Department Suggests Means Of Financing Link of Boulder Dam Highway Within City Limits

TAR, FEATHER WOMAN NEAR RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 2. (AP)—A coat of tar and feathers, applied to a woman homesteader by masked men, was ascribed today to efforts of cattlemen to drive Mrs. Anna Wood from her valuable mining claims and grazing land. Sheriff's deputies began a search for Indian cowboys of the adjoining ranch at Cabazon, 49 miles east of Riverside.

"They told me to move out or I would wish I had," Mrs. Wood told Deputy Carl Rayburn. Friends discovered the woman's plight last night when they went to her isolated ranch in the San Jacinto mountain foothills. She was in a semi-conscious and hysterical condition. Rayburn said she accused the neighboring cattlemen of persecuting her for years and demanding that she quit the homestead. Rayburn said the Indian cowboys had been known to commit depredations on her ranch.

She said a masked man seized her at her barn yesterday, stripped her clothing and with the aid of a masked accomplice, plastered her with hot tar and rolled her in feathers. She lay unconscious for several hours and finally crawled into the house where friends found her.

Rayburn said he suspected two cowboys but had been unable to locate them. The woman has a son who is a movie electrician in Hollywood. Deputies said they understood he was en route to Cabazon to avenge the offense. Word from Hollywood said the son could not be located today.

The department of highways is of the opinion that a four inch pre-mixed oil gravel surface, 30 feet wide, on a 6 inch crushed gravel base will meet with the approval of the bureau of public roads and if the improvement of Fremont street may be included in the first unit of the federal aid project between Las Vegas and Boulder City, work on which will be started in the near future.

The fourth of Fremont street between Fifth street and the easterly city limits is 8,000 feet.

It is estimated that the total cost of this project within the city limits will be \$37,500, of which the city's share would be approximately \$7,500.

The board discussed the matter and the members were practically unanimous in approving the project. However, the method of financing the city's share to meet federal aid was left for discussion at a later meeting which will probably be held Monday afternoon.

CLUB HAS ELECTION OFFICERS

Darrell Dayton Heads Organization Next Six Months

The Las Vegas Twenty-Three club held its semi-annual election of officers last night, when the following were chosen to serve the club until next July 1:

President—J. Darrell Dayton. Vice President—Frank McNamee, Jr. Secretary—Walter Hunsaker. Treasurer—Elmer Hampton. Directors—John Beville and Verne Perry.

One new member was admitted to the club last night in the person of Harold Harvey, of the Pacific Auto Supply company, which has opened a new retail and wholesale sales store at the Tower Mercantile company.

Bill Rogers Pleases In "Lightnin"

"Lightnin'" the play in which Frank Bacon starred, and which was written for him, is at El Portal this week.

The play itself is an enjoyable bit of drama, which takes a kindly but mischievous poke at Nevada divorce courts, and Bill Rogers is as enjoyable as ever in the character role. Although he changes somewhat the part made famous by Bacon, the character fits him well, and any changes in interpretation have been entirely in keeping with the Rogers talent.

We can heartily recommend "Lightnin'" for an evening of pure enjoyment.

The total farm income for 1930 is expected by the department of agriculture to be about \$9,950,000,000.

The cumulative value of crops grown on federal reclamation projects exceeds \$1,600,000,000.

EARTHQUAKE TERRORIZES CHILIANS

VALPARAISO, Chile, Jan. 2. (AP)—The newspaper La Esfera today printed a report that an earthquake of extraordinary violence had struck southern Chile.

The report said the quake was particularly bad in the vicinity of Talca, 10 miles south of Santiago. The populace was terror stricken, fearing a repetition of the shock.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 2. (AP)—A slight earthquake was registered here at 7:30 a. m. today.

The quake was not important, being a tremor caused by earth movements due to the heavy earthquake at La Poma, Argentina, last week.