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Boulder Dam Project

The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than A Quarter Of A Century.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

January 5—Maximum, 56; minimum, 29.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (AP)—Zinc, prime west-ern, 4.10 to 4.15. Lead unchanged at 4.95 and 5.00.

OPEN BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DAM HIGHWAY TOMORROW

Immediate Start On \$1,500,000 Program

NOMINATE CHAMBER OFFICERS

Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee Reports

The nominating committee of the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of John F. Miller, J. T. Watters, A. R. Thompson, J. R. Lewis and W. P. McAllen, has submitted the following nominations for officers and directors for the coming year, to be voted upon at the regular election of the Chamber:

President: O. W. Yates, H. L. Perry.

First vice president: C. P. Squires, James Down.

Second vice president: K. O. Knudson, A. H. Harrington.

Treasurer: A. S. Henderson, T. O. Harland.

Directors: Laws, legislation, education—J. R. Lewis, Fred Alward; commerce—Leo Roth, S. R. Whitehead; manufacturing, industrial relations—W. R. Braeken, C. C. Ronow; business, living conditions—O. A. Kimball, W. E. Ferron; real estate—T. M. Carroll, R. W. Martin; aviation—R. B. Griffith, J. D. Smith; entertainment, housing—M. W. Davis, Andrew Rafael; publicity, statistics—L. J. Oakes, Louis Pico; hotels—A. C. Delkin, C. K. Ryser; transportation—James Cashman, W. G. Fulton; mines, mining—C. D. Baker, G. L. McIntyre; federal, state and municipal affairs—A. W. Ham, Roland Wiley; agriculture, horticulture—E. G. McGriff, Gene Parks; audit, finance—W. J. Flowers, W. J. Hooper; streets, highways—C. C. Boyer, P. A. Simon; membership—L. J. Blood, O. K. Adcock; banking—C. S. Wengert, Will Beckley; reclamation and power—A. B. Witcher, Frank Ryan; national parks and monuments—A. C. Grant, C. O. Lauritzen.

GOVERNMENT DISMISSES 4 POSTMASTERS

Alleged Purchasing Of Jobs May Bring Suits

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—The postoffice department today announced the immediate dismissal of four Indiana postmasters and the suspension of one rural carrier on charges which the department said involved money paid to an unnamed Indiana exchange for their appointments. All the evidence of the alleged purchases was turned over to the department of justice with the possibility that prosecution of a representative might follow.

Mount Vernon, Petersburg and Booneville were three of the post-offices affected and are in the first Indiana district, which was represented by Harry Rowbottom, Republican, who was defeated for reelection in November.

At Evansville, Rowbottom said he knew nothing about the matter. Mrs. Helen Roetzler, who was dismissed from the Booneville office, said she recently told two postal inspectors of making a requested contribution of \$200 to the Rowbottom campaign fund shortly after her appointment.

JUST COULDN'T RECALL THIRD HUSBAND'S NAME

SEATTLE, Jan. 5. (AP)—Mrs. Helen Hansen was granted a divorce from her fourth husband, William Hansen. She was asked the name of her third husband. "I really don't know. I've forgotten his name," she told the judge. She said her third husband was a Scotchman—she remembered that, all right—and they were married in France, she recalled, but she couldn't remember his name.

Nevada Co-ed Sees Snakes; Scotty Buys Her Nice Red Tie

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5. (AP)—Madaline Henderson, 23, University of Nevada student, taking a short cut from Reno to Los Angeles, got stranded overnight in Death Valley by motor trouble. Madaline was rescued at dawn by Death Valley Scotty who towed her 80 miles to Barstow and bought her a big red necktie, she related here. She said she spent a terrible night when rattlesnakes surrounded her car.

DAVISON ASSUMES POSITION

County Board Organizes with McGriff Again Chairman

The county board met yesterday morning with Cashman, Jones and McGriff, passing the county bills for December and approving the bonds of county officials.

In the afternoon Earl Davison, who during the morning had been an interested observer, took his seat as a member of the board in place of James Cashman, who retired after ten years of arduous service for the county. E. G. McGriff was again elected chairman of the board.

The matter of additional room to accommodate the various demands which are arising was considered by the board. An agreement was arrived at with Mayor Hesse whereby the new justice of the peace, Mr. Ryan, may use the municipal court room in the police station by making a proper division of the time with Municipal Judge Morse.

The idea of housing the justice court in the basement was abandoned.

Miss Akln, deputy superintendent of public instruction, requested the use of office room in the court house if the board should find it available.

The board will meet again at 9 a. m. today for the purpose of drawing a jury panel and attending to other business which may come before it.

Bill Would Buy Mexican States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—A proposal to purchase lower California and part of Sonora from Mexico was made today in the senate, which also started an investigation of affairs in Nicaragua by demanding of the state department all official documents relating to the sending of United States marines to the Central American republic.

Questioned regarding the United States future policies, the state department said the supervision would not extend beyond the 1932 elections. Senator Ashurst of Arizona introduced the resolution which would direct the President to institute negotiations looking toward U. S. acquisition of Lower California, which extends far out into the Pacific ocean south of California, and about 10,000 square miles of the state of Sonora. This, in part, is the delta region of the Colorado river. The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Woman Whips Man in Theater

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5. (AP)—George Kenney, 28, was whipped in a theater lobby by Mrs. Nan Kelly, who told police he was familiar with her inside the show, where she took a leather belt of her coat and hit him. She pursued him outside while a crowd watched. Kenney was jailed for disturbing the peace.

SENATE ADDS 15 MILLION TO DROUGHT BILL

House Passes Pyramid Lake Wild Life Refuge Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—Congress came back to work today with the drought relief discussion making the biggest noise in the senate and added \$15,000,000 to the \$40,000,000 already agreed on for drought relief. The extra money was to be used to buy food for hungry people.

The action might as well have been the echo of the shouts of farmers storming the stores of England, Ark., Saturday for "food for our starving families." The house administration leaders planned to knock out the extra fund.

The senate adopted a resolution asking the state department to send it all of the papers relating to the stay of marines in Nicaragua, where several were killed lately. No action was taken on the resolution of Senator King, Utah, asking to withdraw the marines entirely.

The house passed a bill providing for the establishment of the Needles Rock wild life refuge in Pyramid lake Indian reservation, Nevada.

Teachers Pass Night in Open

George W. Lang and Leonard Sledge, local school teachers, who passed their vacation in Reno, spent an uncomfortable night Sunday, besides narrowly escaping serious injury.

The car which they were driving had been giving them so much trouble, that it was late at night when they passed Tim Harnedy's Indian Springs Inn. Tired, hungry and suffering intensely from the cold, they stopped for a time at the inn. The Harnedys urged them to remain all night on account of the uncertain condition of their car, but the young men were anxious to get back to their jobs, and decided to come on into town.

Early yesterday morning, Mr. Harnedy started for Las Vegas and about 20 miles out discovered the young men. Their car had overturned and run off the road.

No cars had passed during the night and the young men had sat huddled in their blankets waiting for daylight and for a passing car.

Estimate 400,000 Aliens Entered U. S. Illegally

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—Secretary of Labor Wm. N. Doak reported to the senate today that there are approximately 400,000 aliens in the United States who entered by evading immigration laws. It was estimated that 100,000 of these aliens are subject to deportation. These figures represent the conclusions of a sweeping investigation into the alien problem in the United States authorized by a senate resolution passed in December.

Activities of foreign born gangsters brought the question to a focus and resulted in the senate action.

Boulder Dam Job Will Cost 109 Millions



How the huge dam in Boulder canyon will look from the air when completed is shown at right. The dam's location, on the Colorado river between Nevada and Arizona, is shown by map.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—The largest single contract ever granted by the government soon is to be awarded.

Bids on the Boulder canyon dam project will be opened by the bureau of reclamation March 4 at Denver—and the successful bidder will have a \$109,000,000 job ahead of him. It is to be completed in seven years.

Of all the phases of the project, just one aspect of it—cooling the millions of pounds of concrete—is to be a big job in itself.

One hundred fifty miles of two-inch pipe will be needed to safeguard the placing of 3,600,000 cubic yards of concrete in the dam, which will rise 727 feet above the Colorado river's bed.

It will be necessary to keep the concrete mass at the proper temperature in laying the base for the huge dam, which will be 650 feet thick at the bottom and 45 at the top.

County Agent In Auto Wreck

John T. Wittwer, county farm bureau agent, escaped serious injury Sunday night when his car collided with a Ford driven by a couple of tourists, near Bunkerville.

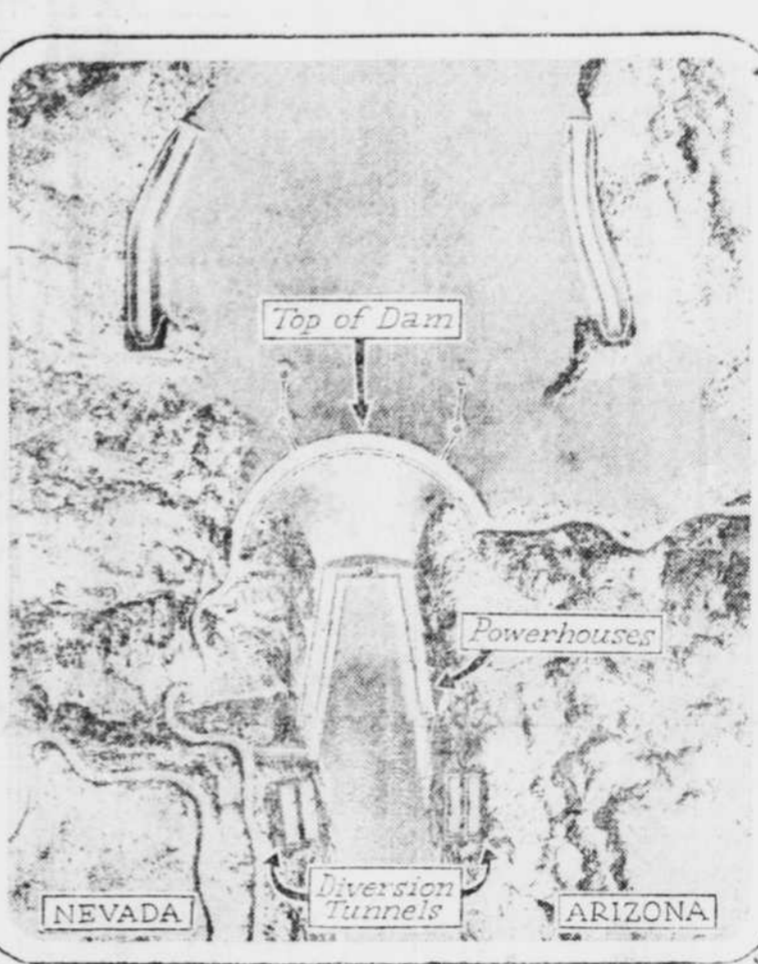
Details of the accident are lacking, but both cars were badly damaged, although none of the occupants was badly hurt.

Los Angeles Raid Nets Big Stills

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5. (AP)—The offices of the Comalt company were raided by federal prohibition agents today and 250 gallons of alcohol, 30,000 gallons of mash and two stills seized.

The stills were said to be of 1,000 gallons a day capacity. Three men were arrested. The materials seized were found behind a cleverly concealed door.

Clyde Keegle, who has been spending the holidays with his father, P. A. Keegle, has returned to his studies at Harvard Military academy in Los Angeles.



Measuring 1,180 feet between the Nevada and Arizona sides of the river, the dam will back up water 115 miles along the river's channel to form a lake 227 square miles in area.

Specifications for the project, which provide for starting work near next April, require that the concrete be kept at not less than 40 degrees nor more than 72 degrees—in a country where the average temperature ranges from 20 to 120 degrees.

Great copper strips through the dam will permit expansion and contraction to meet temperature changes.

The dam proper, to be the largest in the country, will cost \$71,000,000. There will be the \$38,000,000 power house and generating system, which include six power units on each side, great tunnels, and two intake towers upstream, each about 30 feet in diameter.

The concrete intake towers will be connected with the dam by big steel bridges, about 115 feet long.

The power house, which will be a U-shaped concrete structure, will have a wing on each side of the river and extend for 800 feet along the banks.

Approximately 4,500,000 cubic yards of concrete will be used in constructing the whole project. This is a million larger in terms of barrels, or more than 4,392,000 cubic yards used by the bureau of reclamation in its 26 years of history.

Inspection of the dam will be possible through galleries within it, to be reached by an elevator shaft extending to within 50 feet of the bottom.

The galleries, to be six feet in diameter, will begin at about 100 feet from the base, placed at each 100-foot level to within 150 feet of the crest.

Workers on the project will live in the model town to be built by the government seven miles away.

ALMA RUBENS, ACTRESS, IS IN TOILS AGAIN

Possession of Narcotics Cause of Former Star's Arrest

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 5. (AP)—Alma Rubens, whose screen career was ended by the drug habit, was arrested in a leading hotel here today on a charge of possessing 120 grams of narcotics.

A year ago she was discharged from the Spadra state hospital as cured. Dr. Paul Drust, police surgeon, who examined the actress today, said she admitted she was using a drug similar to veronal.

After a conference between city and federal officials it was decided to turn the case over to the government. Miss Rubens will be arraigned at 10 a. m. tomorrow before U. S. Commissioner Henry Ryan on charges of violating the Harrison narcotic act and the tariff law.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED IN LAS VEGAS AND SENT TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE

Government Granted Extension of Time in Suit Brought by Arizona to Block Dam Construction—Dr. Mead To Make Inspection of Work Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP)—The cost of constructing the railroad and highway from Boulder City to the dam site, on which bids will be let immediately and the work started, was placed at a million and a half dollars in estimates of the bureau of reclamation.

The bids for the highway, which will cost about a half million dollars, will be opened Wednesday at Las Vegas and sent to Washington for approval. One mile of highway, requiring a long tunnel, is expected to cost about \$80,000. Bids on eight and six-tenths miles of railroad, costing about a million dollars, will be opened January 12.

CITY BOARD CONSIDERS FEDERAL AID

Beginning Also to Be Made in Beautifying City Park

The board of city commissioners met yesterday and considered several matters of general interest.

The proposal to improve a 30-foot strip in the center of Fremont street with federal aid whereby the government would stand about 88 per cent of the cost of construction was taken under consideration, but no decision arrived at.

The city adopted a resolution in conformity with the report of a citizen's committee appointed to investigate the engineering contract with Koebig & Koebig, agreeing to the transfer of the contract to Webster L. Benham, consulting engineer, of Kansas City, providing that a satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at between the board, Koebig & Koebig and Mr. Benham.

The committee making the report consists of S. B. Whitehead, O. K. Adcock, W. E. Ferron, L. B. Hansell and A. W. Ham.

The report of the citizen's committee had four counts:

1. The committee believes said Benham to be competent.

2. Compensation percentages should be dependent upon the actual cost of the improvements and not on the amount of bond issues.

3. Main and disposal plant should be built out of a general bond issue rather than by assessments.

4. The board should satisfy itself that there will be sufficient finances to take care of the principal and interest of any bond issue.

Urging that steps should be taken for beginning improvement of the city park area, A. B. Witcher and Dr. Roy W. Martin presented a suggestion for a tree planting plan, which the board took under advisement. The matter is to be reported on by Mayor Hesse and City Engineer A. R. Thompson who are to report today on a plan for tree planting.

Orval Hafen, Vivian J. Frei and County Agent Walter F. Smith of S. George attended the annual meeting of the Moapa Valley Produce Growers at Overton last week.

Eldorado Rand Will Remain Quiet For Time

The famous Eldorado Rand mine, in Eldorado canyon, will not continue operations for a time, it was announced yesterday by P. A. Keegle, manager.

Gilbert H. Beesmyer, now serving a 10 to 100 year sentence in San Quentin, was the chief backer in the enterprise. All his holdings in the Rand, as well as other mines in which Keegle was interested, were turned over by Beesmyer after the crash.

Keegle states that he has every expectation of being able to continue operations at some time in the future. While in Los Angeles he made a visit to Beesmyer in the county jail, and also escorted Mrs. Beesmyer and the son to bid farewell to the husband and father just before his departure for the north.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler have returned from a short trip to Los Angeles, where they visited their son, Donald.