

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
 January 7—Maximum, 59; minimum, 29. Partly cloudy. A gentle drizzle of rain started early last evening and still persisted at the time of going to press this morning.
METAL MARKET
 NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (AP)—Lead, spot, New York, 5.00; E. St. Louis, 4.80 to 4.85. Zinc, E. St. Louis, spot and future, 4.10 to 4.15.

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PITTMAN EXPECTS SUIT FAILURE

DAM HIGHWAY PROPOSALS FROM SIXTEEN CONCERNS EXAMINED BY ENGINEERS

General Construction Company Of Seattle Made Lowest Bid—Proposals Must Be Approved By Denver Office And Washington

The court room in the Las Vegas court house was the scene yesterday morning of an event which in the future may be looked back on as the first step taken by the government in the actual construction of the Boulder Dam.

September 17 last when the Union Pacific branch line construction was begun by Merritt, Chapman & Scott, was the official beginning of work. But that did not cover work on the actual dam site.

This work on which bids were opened yesterday is a more intimate portion of the Boulder Dam, providing for the construction of the highway from the proposed Boulder Dam city to the site of the great dam.

Bids were opened by the opening board composed of Construction Engineer Walker R. Young, Office Engineer John C. Page and Field Engineer Ralph Lowry, beginning promptly at ten o'clock.

There were 142 proposals presented completely packing the little court room. The crowd was composed of contractors and their representatives, agents for surety companies, machinery companies, material men, and others having a direct or indirect interest in the bids, with a sprinkling of local people.

Bids were submitted by sixteen firms, most of them well known for the work they have done in the west.

The lowest bid was that of the General Construction Company of Seattle, Washington, which totaled \$394,257.86 for the thirty-foot highway and \$329,917.15 for the 22-foot highway.

The proposals were separated into two classes, one applying to a highway thirty feet wide and the other the highway only 22 feet wide. The highway was divided into three sections for convenience in figuring.

The General Construction company of Seattle, the lowest bidder, is not new to government work. Their biggest construction contract is for the building of the Owyhee dam, at present the highest in the world, which will, when completed, rise to a height of about 420 feet. Here they also were required to construct some miles of standard gauge railroad. The same company has also important government work on the Kittitas division of the Yakima, Wn. project, as well as large harbor and railroad contracts and is considered one of the largest and most substantial contracting firms in the northwest.

The president of the corporation is J. A. McEachern; D. V. McEachern is vice-president, and J. W. Lawlor, vice-president and manager. The last named was here in person to observe the proceedings.

R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., of Stockton, Cal., and the Utah Construction company were the two next lowest bidders. The Stockton company has been prominent in the large construction works of California, its latest work being that for the Southern Pacific Company in building tracks to connect the main lines on each side of Suisun Bay across the great new bridge which is taking the place of the old Benicia-Port Costa railroad ferry.

The Utah Construction company has performed a vast amount of heavy work in the west, mostly on railroad construction.

The bids as tabulated by Mr. Young and his assistants, will be forwarded with recommendations to the Denver office of the reclamation bureau, where Chief Engineer Walter will scan them, and forward them to Dr. Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation at Washington. (Continued on Page Six)

Paper Tries Out New Check Plan

STURGIS, Mich., Jan. 7. (AP)—"Turnover of money is the foundation of prosperity," the economist has been crying since the business depression started. "Inactive money is the cause of depression."

But is retained for the Sturgis Daily Journal to put into operation a plan by which a \$5 check is "turned over" 30 times a month and creates \$150 worth of business.

The Journal plan is as follows: A check for \$5 will be issued to a needy family. The check will have space for 30 endorsements. Each person receiving such a check from the Journal, and each subsequent recipient, must endorse himself to endorse it and spend it within 24 hours, within the city limits of Sturgis. The last recipient will endorse it in the last space provided for that purpose and then may cash the check at a bank.

Thus the original \$5 will pass through the hands of 30 persons and figure in \$150 worth of trade. The check may be used for any business transaction within the city limits.

If the plan works in this test, a campaign to issue checks for larger amounts will be started and it is believed that thousands of dollars worth of new business can be stimulated.

Ousted Head State Bureau Refuses to Quit

PHOENIX, Jan. 7. (AP)—Governor Hunt wired Secretary of Labor William Doak today requesting him to direct R. E. Crouse to surrender the superintendency of the federal Arizona reclamation bureau of Phoenix. Crouse refused to resign at the request of the governor, who had appointed C. P. Flynn. Both men occupied the office today, taking time about warming the chair.

The South Atlantic league has abolished the 1930 practice of letting women in free to games.

ATTORNEYS ARE SUING JOURNAL

Ralph Eisman, former Brooklyn magnate, but a resident of Franktown, Nev., for the last several years, the Nevada State Journal and James G. Serugham were named defendants in a suit filed by Samuel Platt and Cooke & Stoddard, alleging defamation of character and asking damages of \$100,000 on account of an interview given by Eisman and published by the Journal December 22, 1930, in which he is alleged to have said:

"In my opinion neither Mrs. Eisman nor I could possibly secure a reversal of Judge Barrett's ruling. I question the motives of any lawyer who would advise his client to appeal such a decision."

The plaintiffs in the case declare that the statement referred to is a libelous reflection upon their standings as attorneys and counselors at law.—Reno Evening Gazette

Poison Liquor Claims 4 Lives

SALINAS, Calif., Jan. 7. (AP)—Wine served at a family party here was blamed for the death of a woman and her parents. The husband is seriously ill. The fourth death at a road camp in Anderson canyon was blamed on poison liquor.

The dead are Mrs. Hazel Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Angles, her parents, and John Nihil, road worker, San Francisco.

FIVE DEAD IN ITALIAN SEA FLIGHT

ROME, Jan. 7. (AP)—Five Italian aviators were killed in two accidents which occurred when the seaplanes started from Dolama, Portuense, Guiliana, on the west coast of Africa, early yesterday morning on a trans-Atlantic flight to South America.

This was officially announced here tonight.

The official communique said that two pilots, two mechanics and one radio operator had been killed in the accident at the start of the daring flight to Natal, Brazil. Ten of the planes arrived there under command of General Italo Balbo.

The first accident occurred when one of the planes piloted by Captain Recagno made a forced landing just after the takeoff. The plane plunged about 150 feet into the sea. First Sergeant Louis Fois was killed. He was a mechanic.

Captain Recagno, Lieutenant Abbriga and the radio operator, Sergeant Mario Marchini, were unhurt, the communique declared.

The second accident took the lives of four men. The dead, the entire crew, follows: Capt. Louis Boer, pilot; Lieut. Damilo Darbincini; Sergeant Felice Mensi, mechanic, and Sergeant Ercolo Imbastari, radio operator.

The plane was forced to land on the ocean ten minutes after the flight started. It came down in flames and all were burned to death.

Two other planes which descended to the ocean as they approached the coast of South America were proceeding toward Brazil, the advices stated. One was expected to arrive late tonight and the second tomorrow, at the island of Fernando Noronha, 125 miles off Natal, where the ten other machines succeeded in making port without mishap.

CO. BOARD IN SESSION THREE DAYS

Commissioners Transact Vast Amount of Detail Business

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were busy ones in the court house, especially so in view of the fact that the county and the city board each held meetings each day.

Beginning Monday, the old board with James Cashman as a member, completed its work, following which the new board with Earl Keats taking the place of Mr. Cashman and E. C. McGriff and Albert Jones, the holdover members, began the detail work of examining and approving bonds of county officials, hearing reports and requests of old and new officials, drawing a jury list and in general planning the activities of the coming year.

Among other matters the commissioners, at request of Sheriff Joe Keats, appointed J. A. Fredrickson and A. C. Calkins as outside deputies at Goodsprings and Searchlight, respectively. The board also at the suggestion of the sheriff appointed S. D. Conger deputy sheriff at Mesquite and Harley Adams deputy sheriff at Bunkerville, each of the three serving without pay and to receive their compensation, if any, through collection of fees. Each of the three had been formerly acting as constables, but Sheriff Keats asked that their status be changed to that of deputy sheriff in order that they might have wider authority.

After considering an appeal from the people of Bunkerville, the board passed a resolution asking the state highway department in relocating and reconstructing that portion of the Arrowhead highway near Bunkerville, to endeavor to build the highway through that town instead of to one side of it as it is now located.

The board agreed to appoint the following justices of the peace in the townships where none were elected at last election:

Warren Hardy, Bunkerville.
 S. A. Wymir, Overton.
 P. H. Springer, Goodsprings.
 D. E. M. Ferguson was appointed county physician at a salary of \$75 per month until further order of the board.

A. J. McLarin was reappointed attendant of the county farm at a salary of \$175 per month to include the services also of his wife, Miss Lucile Wilner, a reappointed county health nurse, the county to pay \$135 per month to her salary.

The position of county road supervisor, formerly filled by J. P. King, was abolished by the board and the work turned over to two district road foremen, Fya Perkins being appointed for the northern district and Bud S. Barrett for the Las Vegas and southern districts. The foremen are to receive \$650 per day for their services.

It was decided to turn the burial of indigents over to the two funeral homes in Las Vegas for alternating periods of six months each. Captain Griffin of the Salvation Army appeared before the board and explained the work of the organization in caring for the destitute, and the board voted to continue its support to the amount of \$350 per month.

The matter of a general county hospital having long been under consideration and the board believing that the necessity for the same is constantly becoming greater, it was decided to pass a resolution asking the legislature to authorize the board to make a bond issue. It is thought of the board to provide hospital quarters for the hospitalization of its charges probably in connection with the county farm.

The county law library board was appointed, to consist of Judge William E. Orr as ex-officio chairman, A. W. Ham and Leo A. McNamee.

The board served without compensation.

The board drew a list of 250 names for jury service during the coming year.

Mildred Hardy, county recorder and auditor, was given the adjoining room, heretofore occupied by the deputy superintendent of public instruction, as an addition to her office, it being needed to accommodate additional book cases and filing cases which the growing volume of records requires.

As long as possible Miss Akin, deputy superintendent of public instruction, will be permitted to occupy the same room. The room has for the past two years or more been occupied in part by the recorder and auditor and has been considered a part of that office.

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CITY BOARD ACCEPTS AID FOR FREMONT

Street From Fifth To City Limits To Be Improved

The board of city commissioners has been busy the past three days studying the question of the proposed improvement of Fremont street between Fifth street and the city limits, a distance of about one and one-half miles. Meetings were held both Tuesday and Wednesday, at which the views of interested citizens were sought and an agreement finally reached to go ahead with the work with all possible speed.

In view of the fact that Fremont street between Fifth and Eighth streets was improved with a thin coating of oil-bound gravel less than two years ago, it was decided not to include that part in the new project, but improve it in the future when the heavy traffic which is expected makes it necessary by adding additional material to the present surface.

Between Eighth and Twelfth streets the city will participate in the federal highway aid 30-foot highway project and will also provide for the improvement at the same time of the ten feet of roadway on each side and the curbs and gutters, the entire cost of the project between Eighth and Twelfth streets over and above the amount provided by the government to be assessed against the abutting property.

From Twelfth street to the city limits, at Charleston boulevard, the improvement will consist only of the 30-foot federal aid strip. Such portion of the cost to the city as the assessed valuation of the abutting property will permit, will be assessed against the property owners.

In carrying out the city's portion of the work in conjunction with the government project without delay it is proposed to ask the legislature to authorize a small bond issue, to be used to accelerate the improvement and then repaid to the city by assessments against the abutting property.

It is proposed to modify the proposition heretofore started by petition of property owners, to comply with the proposed federal aid project so far as Fremont street is concerned.

"Kid" Brother Of Wales To Be His Understudy

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 LONDON, Jan. 7. (AP)—The Prince of Wales will have an understudy during his coming tour to South America and the West Indies.

Prince George, fourth and youngest son in the royal house of Windsor, will fill the role. It is the first time Edward P. has ever had an assistant in his overseas tours, except possibly for the brief visit to Canada in 1927 when Prince George also accompanied him.

Buckingham Palace court circles and high Westminster quarters express the view that Prince George may assume the travel duties of the Prince of Wales, if the latter becomes king. The forthcoming tour is considered a training session.

When the Prince of Wales' journey to the Argentine and other Latin American countries was announced, it became known that he wanted Prince George to accompany him.

It appeared for a short while that Prince George would be forced to remain in Great Britain to perform official duties. It is understood, however, that the Prince of Wales brought pressure to bear, and now his "kid" brother will pal with him for five months during a journey which will take him over twenty-thousand miles.

Prince George takes a keen interest in modern sports and modern machinery developments. He has flown solo, plays a rapidly improving game of golf, and enjoys swimming, boxing, horse-back riding and driving an automobile.

Prince George is also considered a better public speaker than either the Duke of York or the Duke of Gloucester. The youngest son of King George V. is also a smart dresser and a good dancer. He, like the Prince of Wales, spends considerable time visiting hospitals and the East-End.

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New Version Of Bad Check Racket

OAKLAND, Jan. 7. (AP)—From San Diego to Sacramento, in nine different cities, Walter J. Norris, 24, had great success with a new version of the bad check racket, according to Oakland, where he failed.

Norris would give a worthless check for first payment on an automobile, police said, then seal license plates for the car and place it in a garage. He would then give the garage proprietor another worthless check, it was charged, and the second check would be readily cashed on the garageman's theory that he had the new car for security.

That happened, police said, in San Francisco, Burbank, San Diego, Glendale, Stockton, Sacramento and Watertown, S. D.

He was arrested here after two auto supply houses had cashed checks.

SALT HARVEST

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 7. (AP)—Six thousand tons of salt have been "harvested" by the Long Beach Salt Works from sea water pumped into big evaporation reservoirs six months ago.

It took six months to rthe sun's rays to evaporate the water and crystallize the salt.

The salt commands a ready market in various parts so the country after it has been put through a refining process, according to company officials.

Water for next years "crop" was pumped into the company's land recently.

New Utrecht high school has won the indoor track title among Nevada high schools six straight times.

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Rolph Asks Return Of Leonard Sayer

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7. (AP)—Governor Rolph today issued a requisition for the return of Leonard Sayer from Las Vegas to San Francisco to face grand theft charges.

Sayer was arrested in Las Vegas a few days ago when San Francisco police wired asking that he be held there.

GENERAL RUCTION PREVAILS

Congress, Arguing Many Issues, Advances with None

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP)—The \$45,000,000 drought loan bill was the center of controversy today in both branches of congress.

In the house an effort to send the measure to conference on the senate's \$15,000,000 amendment for food loans was made, and blocked in the senate.

Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader, staunchly supported the food loan provision, asserting that President Hoover and the administration leaders had little knowledge of the extent of suffering attributable to the drought and calling attention to the uprising of hungry farmers at England, Ark., Saturday.

As a point of order house was secured the elimination of a \$10,000 fund in the emergency appropriation bill for prohibition propaganda, but were unable to stop the \$500,000 main fund for prohibition carried in the bill.

The senate campaign funds committee heard J. R. Nutt, treasurer of the Republican national committee, criticize the action of Robert Lucas, executive director, in pledging the committee bank account as security for a personal loan which he purchased and circulated literature opposing the re-election of Senator Norris, independent Republican of Nebraska.

Colonel Arthur Woods, chairman of President Hoover's employment committee, told the senate appropriations committee that four to five million men are out of work now and that the peak of unemployment might be expected this month or next, but depicted the \$2,500,000,000 national public works program as a partial remedy.

Thomas McDonald, chief of the public roads bureau, said the federal aid road program alone would give jobs to an additional 100,000 men this year.

Republican and Democratic chieftains called upon their forces of the next house to caucus in the last days of the session to lay plans for controlling that branch of the next congress.

The Republicans hold a bare majority of 218 out of 435 seats.

Leaders in the fight to reconsider the nominations of three members of the power commission claimed a victory after another day of heated debate in the senate over the commission's dismissal of two employees.

The Wickersham law enforcement commission recessed for the week without getting rid of its chief worry—the report of its 19 month prohibition investigation.

The house judiciary committee agreed to the senate amendments to the Stoops bill to modify the Jones law by creating a new class for minor offenders involving less than a gallon of liquor. The penalty for offenders of this class is not to exceed a fine of \$500 nor imprisonment of six months.

OKLAHOMA AVIATORS ARE DEAD

Two Young Men In Plane Crash Into Railroad Tracks

ADA, Okla., Jan. 7. (AP)—Walter Spencer and Lee Davis, both of Ada, were killed near here late today when their monoplane crashed 150 feet into the Santa Fe railroad tracks. The accident was caused when the plane's wing crumpled. Both victims were 22 years old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

S. B. Rorick, 35, and Hazel Hageman, 26, both residents of Santa Monica, Calif. Issued Jan. 6.

John B. Mackenzie, 39, and Laura Murray, 33, both residents of Glendale, Calif. Issued Jan. 7.

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Rumors that the unemployed were preparing to return to force their way into the governor's office were denied by officials. Nevertheless officers remained on guard at the capital at a late hour tonight.

ATTORNEYS OF STATES PREDICT ARIZONA DEFEAT IN BOULDER DAM SUIT

Two Motions To Be Agreed Upon By States And Solicitor General—Senator Pittman Acting For Nevada

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (Special)—Representatives of the six Colorado river basin states have been in conference with the solicitor general of the United States for three days in preparation of pleadings in the Arizona-Boulder dam suit. Senator Key Pittman has attended these conferences at the request of and as the representative of the attorney general of the state of Nevada.

They have about agreed upon two forms of pleadings, namely:

A motion to be joined in by the government and the states to dismiss the action on the grounds that the Arizona complaint shows on the face of it that congress had constitutional authority to pass the Boulder dam act, and that Arizona has shown no legal grounds of complaint; and,

A second motion by the states as to dismissal as to the states, on the grounds that the Arizona complaint shows no cause of action against the states.

If the second motion is carried then the suit will be dismissed because the supreme court will only take original jurisdiction where states are parties, or if first motion is granted then Arizona will be permanently out of court.

All the attorneys present at the conference concur in the opinion that the Arizona complaint will be dismissed for failure to state a legal cause of action.

Attorney General Mashburn of Nevada will be in Washington tomorrow.

OPEN BIDS ON RAILWAY ON TWELFTH

Court House Again to Be Scene of Dam Activity

Monday morning, January 12, according to the plans of Walker R. Young, engineer in charge of construction of the Boulder dam project, the court room of the Clark county court house will again be the scene of widespread interest.

At ten o'clock on that morning the opening board composed of Construction Engineer Walker R. Young, Office Engineer John C. Page and Field Engineer Ralph Lowry will open bids for the construction of 10 1/2 miles of railroad to connect the Union Pacific branch line, now nearing completion, with the site of Boulder dam.

The work is considered a rather difficult piece of construction, but it is believed that a considerable number of proposals will be received.

As on yesterday morning there will be many spectators present in addition to those who have direct interests in the proceedings.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT OPTIMISTIC

Great Northern President Predicts Prosperity Soon

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 7. (AP)—Return of prosperity to railroads will come with better times in other lines of business and that will be soon, Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railroad, predicted here tonight.

Budd predicted the ultimate interstate regulation of all public servants, but he expressed the opinion that the present difficulties of the railroads merely reflects poor business in general and were not entirely a result of increased competition on the part of buses, pipe lines and airplanes.

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EARTHQUAKE TREMORS HIT CANADIANS

Montreal and Adjacent Area Feel Slight Quakes

MONTREAL, Jan. 7. (AP)—Two distinct earth tremors were felt in Westmount and in the west end of this city at 7:15 tonight. They were slight and no damage was reported anywhere.

News soon was received that the quake had also been felt at Quebec and Victoriaville as well as at several points in the province.

Low-Back Grows New in Wedding Wear

LONDON, Jan. 7. (AP)—Frocks with low cut backs were worn by bridesmaids at the wedding of Patricia Barry and Capt. I. A. Ralston here, setting a precedent which may become popular. The frocks can thus be later worn for evenings.

They were of white velvet with small capes fixed over the shoulders so that only when these were slipped off did the backs show.