

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 20—Maximum, 61; minimum, 34.
January 21—Maximum, 62; minimum, 31.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—Lead, 4.75 New York and 4.55 St. Louis. Zinc, 4.00 to 4.05, East St. Louis.

DEATH CLAIMS NOTED AGGRESS

WICKERSHAM COMMISSION REPORT IS CENTER ABOUT WHICH CONTROVERSY RAGES

Says Reports That President Attempted To Influence Commission Promptly Denied Senator Makes Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (A.P.)—A two paragraph statement issued from the offices of the Wickersham law enforcement commission calling wholly without foundation statements that President Hoover had caused the commission at the last moment to abandon some of its recommendations in its report on prohibition.

House of Commons Defeats MacDonald

LONDON, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—The labor government of Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald was defeated in the house of commons today on a vote which the prime minister described as not involving any question of principles.

SPONSORS BOULDER CITY BILL

Sen. Oddie Introduces Boulder Township Measure

The Age has received the following message from Senator Tasker L. Oddie.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (A.P.)—I have today introduced a bill authorizing the establishment of Boulder canyon township and the necessary expenditures in connection therewith.

MRS. SHULER TESTIFIES IN RADIO QUIZ

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—Mrs. Nell Shuler, wife of Rev. R. P. (Bob) Shuler, was called as a rebuttal witness for her husband today as the defense held in its hands before Examiner Ellis Yost, who is in charge of the Federal Radio commission hearings on the renewal of the license KGEF.

Mrs. Shuler read into the records three editorials which she said appeared in the Hollywood Citizen and were written by Harlan G. Palmer, publisher of the newspaper. The testimony, it was said, was designed to show that persons other than Rev. Shuler, had criticized the Los Angeles Bar Association.

The editorials introduced by Mrs. Shuler were written in criticism of the Bar Association and asked: "Where during the prosecution of the Julian Petroleum mess was the Bar Association?"

Rev. Shuler also was called to the witness stand by his attorney, Thomas Bunn, to repudiate statements of complaining witnesses that he had charged that Deputy Sheriff "Casey" Jones was connected with a plot to plant a revolver on a prisoner as an excuse to shoot the prisoner.

Regarding the first broadcast relative to the Casey Jones matter, I said the bill was abuzz with rumor; that the gun was planted so officers escorting prisoners from the grand jury room could kill them when the prisoners attempted to escape," Rev. Shuler said.

"I said in my broadcast that the report was that the officers wanted to prevent the two prisoners from giving damaging testimony before the grand jury," Shuler continued.

"I said I didn't think that the officers in question had anything to do with the planting of the gun," Shuler declared.

BANDITS FLEE BANK IN HAIL OF BULLETS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—Two bandits who attempted a hold-up at a branch of the Bank of America at 10th and Broadway today escaped after Ed Smith, the bank manager, fired a number of shots in an effort to capture them.

The bandits were found in the bank when it opened for business today, having tunneled through the wall of a building next door.

Millon Jenkins, cashier, and Frank Crawford, teller, were covered by the bandits and bound when they appeared for work.

Smith was covered when he opened the door but he turned and ran across the street to a drug store. After calling police, he secured a gun and started firing at the bandits, who ran from the bank.

One bandit fled on foot and the other, his revolver in hand, stopped an automobile in which James Miller, 19, was starting to school from his home near the bank.

ANESTHETIC EXPLODES IN LUNGS

Static Ignites Cone of Nitrous Oxide, Killing Patient

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—An explosion of anesthetics in the lungs of Mrs. Maude Branton, 45, took her life today as she was undergoing a major abdominal operation in Hollywood Hospital.

A spark, apparently caused by atmospheric static, ignited the saturated cone of nitrous oxide which Dr. G. T. Skout was holding over the patient's nose. Mrs. Branton, inhaling deeply of the anesthetic, drew the flames into her lungs. Her face was slightly burned and her lungs ruptured, according to Dr. V. A. Wilkes, superintendent of the hospital.

DAISY DEVOE CASE GOES BEFORE JURY

Women Jurors Weep As Defense Attorney Appeals for Mercy

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—After six and a half hours of deliberation, a jury of seven men and five women attempting to decide whether Daisy De Voie stole \$16,000 while acting as private secretary to Clara Bow, had failed to reach a verdict, and was taken to a hotel for the night.

The jury received the case at 3:20 p.m. and was escorted from the Hall of Justice for the night at 10 p.m.

Miss De Voie was in the courtroom when Judge William C. Doran ordered the jury locked up. There has been no indication when a verdict may be expected. The jury must ballot separately on each of the 35 counts in the indictment charging the 26-year-old blonde with grand theft. She faces a sentence of from one to ten years on each count. Should she be found guilty on all 35 and the court order that sentences run consecutively she might be sentenced to serve from 35 to 350 years in prison.

Miss De Voie, who had maintained her calm throughout the trial, dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief as her attorney, Nathan O. Freedman, brought his address to the jury to a close. Two women jurors used their handkerchiefs, too.

A picture of a madcap Clara Bow who dashed about Hollywood on spending expeditions and parties and of a secretary who could not keep accounts straight no matter how hard she tried was painted by Freedman.

"Come on, Daisy, let's go. Never mind the checks or the stubs, but let's go," he pictured Clara Bow as saying. "And Daisy, who was her employer, went along."

"For that, for doing these things as Clara Bow wanted, are you going to send this girl to prison?" he shouted.

He climaxed his address with the plea: "In Justice there is Mercy and to you this defendant cries out: 'Show me mercy.'"

Freedman took direct issue with District Attorney Dave Clark who had painted Daisy as a "friend who betrayed a sacred trust."

"It was Daisy De Voie," Freedman declared, "who caused Clara Bow to build up an irrevocable bank balance which now totals \$277,000."

Gunman Robs Berkeley Bank

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 21. (U.P.)—The Bank of America branch at Claremont was robbed of \$1,300 today by a gunman who came in drawing a revolver and gave the cashier a note on which was written: "This is a stickup; turn over everything in the till." After obtaining the money, the bandit bolted from the bank and escaped in an automobile.

SENATE PASSES A BILL

Interior Appropriation Bill Muddled By Amendments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—The senate tonight passed the \$95,000,000 interior department appropriation bill, ending a part time filibuster which held up the bill for four days. This action puts the question of a \$25,000,000 federal contribution to the Red Cross for relief, added by the senate to this bill, up to the house and the administration.

President Hoover and the Red Cross oppose the federal relief fund proposal, which was made by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and Black and Alabama. It was voted by the senate Monday.

Other senate relief actions today included submission of the favorable committee report on the resolution of Senator Capper of Kansas for a contribution of 20,000,000 bushels of the farm board's wheat for feeding the hungry and passage of the comprehensive long range public works planning bill of Senator Wagner of New York.

The Indian filibuster of western senators interested in Indian welfare ended this evening only after Senator Smoot of Utah who was directing the bill's progress for the appropriation committee threw up his hands and permitted a dozen or more amendments to be adopted.

The speeches increased the possibility of an extra session of the new and almost evenly divided 72nd Congress. Only six weeks remain until congress must adjourn and not one of the eleven vital supply bills has been finally enacted.

HUNTER GOES PROFESSIONAL WITH TILDEN

Tennis Loses Another Ranking Player from Amateur Ranks

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—American amateur tennis lost another of its ranking players tonight when Francis T. Hunter of New Rochelle, New York, announced he would join William T. "Big Bill" Tilden in the latter's professional tennis enterprise.

Hunter will perform on the court in Madison Square Garden February 18 when Tilden makes his professional debut in a match with Karel Kozeluh, famous Czechoslovakian professional.

NEAR PANIC CREATED IN L. A. COURT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—A near panic was created on the sixth and seventh floors of the Hall of Justice today when Merle Jennings, 23, a prisoner, attempted to escape and dashed through various corridors until three shots persuaded him to stop and surrender.

GOVERNOR BALZAR'S MESSAGE GIVEN TO THE LEGISLATURE

Described Nevada as a Fortunate State Basically Sound—Proposes State Publicity Bureau to Disseminate Facts

CARSON CITY, Jan. 20. (A.P.)—Describing Nevada as a fortunate state with basically sound conditions Governor Fred B. Balzar outlined the history of the last two years and made recommendations for future improvement in his biennial message to the state legislature here today.

Although Nevada shared the evil effects of the economic depression along with the rest of the world and her important mining industry received a staggering blow, due, primarily, to the decline in the price of silver, this was offset materially by inauguration of work on the Boulder dam, establishment of a naval ammunition depot in Mineral county and payment by the government of a half million dollar Civil war debt to Nevada.

By making a thorough survey of oil and mining potentialities in the vicinity of the Boulder dam where eastern capital may be interested, by increasing expenditure on highways and thus finishing needed roads and giving employment and by a scientific effort to find markets for state agricultural products the governor sees ways of overcoming depression effects. He also envisions an eventual return to the prosperous days in the mining industry as well.

As a means of letting the world know what Nevada's resources are, financial and climatic, Governor Balzar proposes creation of a state publicity bureau to gather and disseminate facts.

"Today opportunity is knocking at the door of Nevada," said the governor in his message, "and we stand on the threshold of a great development and increasing prosperity for we are most advantageously located."

The chief executive pointed out that the state's bonded indebtedness on Jan. 1, last, amounted to only \$980,000 which included \$300,000 in highway bonds. The par value of state owned bonds is \$3,232,711. The income to the state from interest on bonds alone during the last two years was \$277,310, or approximately a fourth of its bonded indebtedness.

Turkey production, an item Nevadans had never especially counted on to swell their revenues, has reached such an amount that it has attracted attention. Nevada potatoes, also, have become an important product and are finding a ready and profitable market on the Pacific coast.

The mining industry, Gov. Balzar showed, long the leading business of the state, has been hard hit, not only in silver, but in gold, copper, lead and zinc. In 1919 the total value of these five minerals produced in Nevada was more than \$33,000,000. In 1930 it dropped to \$17,500,000. Every silver mine in the state has suspended operations, but, the governor said, "The future for the rarer metallics as well as the non-metals is good."

The message outlined expenditures for highways that had brought profit to state and interstate commerce and recommended appropriations for five important roads as follows: The L. O. N. cutoff from the present improvement; north of Winnemucca to the Nevada-Oregon state line; certain sections of the north-south highway between Goldfield and Beatty; the Fallon-Schurz highway; the Leteville-Carson highway and the north and south highway from the Idaho line south via Contact, Wells, McGill, Ely, Pioche, Caliente and Moapa to Las Vegas. The governor asks authorization of a \$600,000 bond issue to this end.

Protection of labor, shorter freight trains, if found feasible, are urged to aid working men.

Better utilization of use of the public range to enable livestock owners to borrow from the federal land bank is urged for agriculture together with other steps to improve the general lot of ranchers.

The reference to Boulder dam is largely historical except that an enormous development is predicted for the country around the dam site. The governor expressed the view the Boulder dam act is fair and equitable to all.

Other problems such as usually face commonwealths are not treated exhaustively as they are referred to as problems "always with us" but recommendation is made they be studied carefully.

The suggestion for a state publicity bureau to advertise Nevada to the world is a renewal of a proposal made two years ago.

Lynching Averted In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—A threatened lynching was averted today by the arrival of police after a mob had thrown a rope about the neck of Hilliard Denton, 28, who had allegedly stolen a small cheese.

Workmen at a cheese factory in North Beach overtook Denton after a chase in which he was struck with several cobblestones and hit over the head with a scuffling.

Members of the crowd told police, who arrived as a rope around Hilliard's neck was being thrown over the arm of a telephone pole, that the "lynching" was to be a joke.

FRENCHMAN'S SHOULDER FRACTURED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—Henry DeGlane, French wrestler, was defeated here tonight by Don George, claimant to the heavyweight title, when he fractured his shoulder and could not continue the bout after losing one fall in 21 minutes and 7 seconds. Each weighed 212 pounds.

Policy on Life of Coach Butcher Is Paid Double

The five thousand dollar life insurance policy taken out by Coach F. H. Butcher shortly before his untimely death, has just been settled for double indemnity through Cragin & Pike, local agents for the Kansas City Life Insurance company of Kansas City, Mo.

W. G. Hunter, superintendent of the intermountain agencies, in the states of Utah, Idaho and Nevada, has been in Las Vegas for the past few days.

Coach Butcher took out the policy for \$5,000 at a time when there seemed small likelihood of its being paid for many years. Due to the fact that his death was accidental, his father, who was the beneficiary, was paid \$10,000.

By a strange coincidence, Mr. Hunter was agent of the company at the time policies were written on the lives of George Fayle, Harry Riddall and Fred Hale, prominent Goodspring men, who died during the influenza epidemic in 1918. The policies, totaling some \$60,000, which had been written but a comparatively short time, were all paid within a few weeks of each other.

Another policy on which the company lost in Clark county, was that issued to Joe Conway some seven or eight years ago. Conway took a policy for \$5,000 and gave his note for the first year's premium. The local agent was never able to collect on the note, and the first year had passed. The thirty-day period of grace was almost at an end when Mr. Hunter came to Las Vegas and placed the note in the hands of a local attorney for collection. The following morning Hunter was informed that Conway had been killed in a mine accident near Ely. The company promptly paid double indemnity, after deducting the first year's premium.

Mr. Hunter is accompanied by his wife, and they plan to leave this evening for Salt Lake City, having just come from the coast.

Mining Man Visits Vegas On Way to Japan

Nelson Dickerman, mining engineer, with headquarters in London, Eng., arrived in Las Vegas Monday evening for a short visit with his brothers-in-law, W. E. and E. A. Ferron.

While here he enjoyed a trip to the dam site, and through the surrounding country, and expressed himself as amazed at the growth Las Vegas has made since his last visit several years ago.

ALMA RUBENS LOSES FIGHT WITH DEATH

Narcotics Victim Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 21. (U.P.)—Alma Rubens, whose rapid ascent to fame on the screen ended so tragically in a battle against narcotics, died tonight of pneumonia.

The end came in the home of a friend with only a few relatives present. She died peacefully, losing a fight she had made for 72 hours. Miss Rubens death occurred in the home of Dr. Charles F. Tleuger. He said that Christian Science services will be held in Hollywood Funeral Chapel later in the week. Burial will occur in Fresno, California, home of the dead woman's mother.

From time to time Miss Rubens rallied but she had not sufficient strength to ward off for long the increasing grip of the illness.

With the once famous star when the end came at 7:25 p.m. were her mother, Mrs. Theresa Rubens, a sister, Mrs. Hazel Large, and a brother-in-law, Stanley Cortez. The actress' husband, Ricardo Cortez, film actor, from whom she was estranged, was not present.

Miss Rubens had been living in a local apartment house but when she was stricken three days ago she was removed to the home of a friend. Later her condition became so grave that it was decided to move her to a hospital but she was in attendance feared to do so.

In the 48 hours before her death Miss Rubens had been unconscious the greater part of the time. When the crisis was reached tonight she could not rally.

In the last years of her life—years in which she fought against the narcotics habit that had trapped her—Alma Rubens' career was a checkered one. Only a few weeks ago, a year after she had been released from a state hospital as cured of the drug habit, she was arrested in San Diego for possession of narcotics.

Action by federal officials was awaiting grand jury action. Miss Rubens had a legion of friends in Hollywood, important personages, who encouraged her and aided her in her fight against drug addiction.

Miss Rubens was born in San Francisco and educated there in Sacred Heart convent. The stage held a strange fascination for her. Because she happened to be present, she got her first opportunity by substituting for a chorus girl who was ill.

Miss Rubens played several minor roles in films and then became leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks in "The Half Breed." Other pictures that followed predated her work in the Fairbanks picture was not an accident.

Miss Rubens' addiction to narcotics began in 1926 and her misfortunes followed in rapid order thereafter.

Well Contract For City Park Let to Deskin

At a meeting of the board of city commissioners held yesterday afternoon, City Attorney F. A. Stevens was directed to draw up a contract between the city and Terry Deskin for drilling a well on the city park premises. It is estimated that the contract will run in the neighborhood of \$1,000, but it was also pointed out that the expense of piping city water, and water rent for the first year would come to about the same amount. With a well of its own, the city will have only the expense of drilling and piping to meet, with comparatively no expense after the first year.

City Engineer A. R. Thompson had a survey crew on the park grounds yesterday laying out drives, plots for trees, lawns, etc.

There will be a meeting of the Las Vegas Realty board Friday evening, with W. H. Albire, Las Vegas nurseryman, for the consideration of tree planting.

There he will go to San Francisco where he will remain for a week, and then to Seattle to embark for Japan, which he expects to reach February 20th.

After spending some four or five months in the Orient, Mr. Dickerman expects to return to the United States, and then make a trip to Africa in his company's interest.