

# ARIZONA BILL SEEKS BOULDER DAM CONTROL

## Would Enlarge Authority of Industrial Commission—Dam Bills to Be Opened in Denver Tomorrow

PHOENIX, March 2. (AP)—Senator Fred Sutter introduced a bill in the legislature today which he said is designed to place construction of Boulder dam under control of the Arizona Industrial commission in case contracts are let for the project and the supreme court decides against Arizona in the suit.

The project bill would enlarge the authority of the industrial commission so it would have authority to stop work on any structure within or partly within Arizona, which is being constructed in an unsafe manner or where, in its opinion, the life and safety of the general public is in any way endangered. The rules were suspended and the bill placed immediately on the calendar of the senate committee of the whole.

Bills will be opened in the Denver office of the federal reclamation service next Wednesday for the general contract on Hoover dam and power project. Actual work is to begin April 15 and be finished in less than 2,965 days.

Revenue from the water and power is expected to pay for the project in 34 years, according to a dispatch from Denver.

Witnesses at the preliminary hearing of Harold E. Ferguson, president, and Clayton Luckey, vice president of the Harold G. Ferguson corporation, testified today that profits of four to one were promised investors by salesmen in the Malibu La Cosa syndicate.

Ferguson and Luckey are charged with 48 counts of violating the state corporation securities act.

Mrs. Minnie M. Horner, one of the witnesses, declared that Sherman A. Curry, a salesman, told her an investment of \$1,000 in the Malibu syndicate would be "a sure thing" because it was real estate and would grow to about \$5,000.

One witness declared that salesmen cited Clara Bow, John Gilbert, John Boles and Greta Garbo, prominent film stars, as purchasers of homes in the Malibu district.

# Plea of 'Not Guilty' In 'Torch Murder'

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2. (AP)—Charles Simpson, 18, today pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity" to the charge that he murdered the aged Mrs. Albina Voorhies.

Simpson confessed he robbed and beat Mrs. Voorhies, soaked her clothing with oil and fired it, causing her death.

His attorney, Walker Peddicord, said he might enter a second plea of "not guilty" when Simpson appears Thursday to have the date set for his trial.

Today's hearing was before Superior Judge Louis Ward.

# Los Angeles Leads With 3,290 Crimes

WASHINGTON, March 2. (AP)—Substantial decreases in crime throughout the country in the first month of the year, as compared with December, 1930, are reported in the monthly bulletin on the justice department's bureau of investigation.

The average number of crimes committed daily in 1,000 cities was 8.1 in December and 7.1 in January.

Los Angeles headed the list of the 1,000 reporting cities, with a total of 3,290 crimes in January, including eight murders. There was no report for New York, and only a partial one for Chicago. The Illinois city's partial report, however, gave it 28 murders and 17 cases of manslaughter by negligence, the most of any city listed.

# 8 Are Dead in Theater Fire

MEXICO CITY, March 2. (AP)—Eight persons were burned to death today when fire destroyed the theater Principal, one of the amusement places in the center of the capital.

The bodies of two women and six men were recovered from the ruins of the theater, from which the actors and actresses had fled after a narrow escape from the burning back stage section.

The victims of the fire were not discovered until late this morning when the ruins were searched. Previously police had announced that everyone escaped.

About 14 other persons were injured, three of them seriously. The cause of the fire was not certain.

# Truck Line Bought

The sale of the trucking business and franchise of the Tower Market is reported to have been made last week to the Las Vegas Motor Express company. The Motor Express will transport the produce of the Tower Market from Los Angeles to this city in the future.

# ACCORD HOPED FOR IN LONDON NAVAL TREATY

## United States and Japan Must Approve Modifications

PARIS, March 2. (AP)—Reaction of the United States to the new naval limitations accord reached by France, Great Britain and Italy was awaited today with obvious anxiety in official circles.

The accord, announced yesterday after successful negotiations by France and Italy under terms of the London naval treaty and to end threats of a naval race in Europe, involves "certain modifications" of the London treaty which limited naval forces of the United States, Japan and Great Britain. The United States and Japan now must approve the "modifications."

Attention to British, French and Italian officials centered on the receipt of the new accord in Washington, where, it was suggested, there may be opposition to proposals for limitation of battleships to 25,000 tons.

French sources expressed belief that President Hoover may have difficulty in explaining why the United States and Japan were not included in the negotiations, although both countries were kept closely informed of the developments.

The British embassy at Washington was charged with the task of explaining the accord, particularly why Britain agreed, according to the present understanding, to limit battleships to 25,000 tons until 1936, with the suggestion that the United States and Japan do likewise. The British, however, were said to be willing to adhere to such limitation even if America and Japan do not.

# Mystery Liner Ready By 1934

PARIS, March 2. (AP)—The new French super-liner for the North Atlantic race will be swifter than the Bremen and Europa, larger than the Leviathan and Majestic, now the largest ships afloat, and more luxurious than the Ile de France.

The mystery liner is rapidly taking form in the Penzance shipyards at Saint Nazaire and French Line officials confirm that the ship will be delivered by the Spring of 1934, to take its place in four and one-half day service from Havre to New York.

When that liner is in operation it will be possible to take midnight supper in New York after the show on a Friday night and eat your Tuesday luncheon in Paris. It is the rush season the liner can make the round trip from New York to France and back in ten days.

With three years left ahead for them, officials of the French Line have refused to name the liner for the time being and it is officially known as the super-Ile-de-France. The name "La Paix," meaning "Peace," was suggested, but it brought fear of ridicule as "The Ark."

The ship will have four propellers driven by electric motors, the current furnished by four generators driven by steam turbines, working with high-pressure superheated steam.

Simultaneously, the Cunard Line will be building one or two even larger liners. The French boat will be more than 1,000 feet in length.

# Slender Clues Lead To Noose

LONDON, March 2. (AP)—Scotland Yard needs only the slenderest clue to send a man to the gallows, or to prison.

Recently a fleeing burglar left the tip of one of his little fingers on an iron fence. A few hours later he was under arrest. This incident recalled other famous criminal investigations by the Yard.

A man who enticed a governess to a violent death at Bournemouth spent the week-end expense incoherently in a telegram. He died on the gallows.

William Podmore who killed Vivian Messiter, formerly of Denver, Colo., in a Southampton garage made a reckless statement while in jail on another crime and was executed later.

A cloakroom ticket brought the hangman's noose around the neck of Patrick Mahon, who killed a girl in a bungalow at Eastbourne.

# Druggist Identifies Poison Suspects

LOS ANGELES, March 2. (AP)—A Long Beach druggist today identified Mrs. Esther Carlson and Mrs. Anna Erickson, charged with the poison murder of Carl August Lindstrom, aged retired lumberman, as the women who attempted to purchase arsenic from him early last February, according to an announcement today by Deputy District Attorney George Stahlman.

The druggist, L. L. Willis, according to the deputy prosecutor, saw pictures of the women in newspapers and determined they were the ones who came to his store and told him they wanted to buy some arsenic to kill gophers.

Willis told Stahlman he refused to make the sale.

"I was suspicious," he was quoted as saying. "I told them there was a regular preparation for the extermination of rodents, much better than arsenic, and suggested they take it. They refused and said that they had used arsenic before and wanted to get it again."

Mrs. Carlson was Lindstrom's housekeeper in Lomita, a Los Angeles suburb. The aged man died February 8 and was buried in Wilhams, Ariz. The body was exhumed and found to contain arsenic after two sons of the lumberman said they suspected Mrs. Carlson and her neighbor, Mrs. Erickson. The women were arrested.

# SAWTELLE SOLDIERS STRICKEN

## 24 Paralyzed From Drinking Jamaica Ginger

LOS ANGELES, March 2. (AP)—Surgeons said 24 inmates of the national soldiers' home at Sawtelle were stricken with paralysis within the last 48 hours as the result of drinking Jamaica ginger extract which was found to contain an adulterant. Investigators have been sent to question nearby druggists.

# Europe Suffers Worst Storm; Ships Missing

PARIS, March 2. (AP)—March brought the winter's worst storm to Europe today. An area extending from Russia to central Italy was whipped by the wind and rain. Snow covered most of the British Isles and half of France. Many mountain villages were isolated. According to reports received here, two thirds of Italy was in the grip of the storm.

Railroads were blocked in Denmark and Russia and trains were delayed in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France.

Twenty fishing ships were reported missing in the North sea and the English channel.

# Your Answers

CHICAGO, March 2. (AP)—A psychological test of an individual's instinctive feeling toward prohibition has been inaugurated by the International Council of Religious Education as a new method of teaching temperance in Sunday schools.

The instinctive feeling toward prohibition is tested by crossing out as rapidly as possible the words which the youth finds disagreeable in the following list:

Anti-prohibition League, bootlegger, beer, alcoholism, law enforcement, saloon, Canadian plan, palooka, wine, cocktail, temperance, hootch, propaganda, prosperity, beer stain, Capone, coast guard, home brew, pledge signing, racketeer, Volstead, local opinion, machine gun, personal liberty, Hoover commission, law observance.

The word test should be followed, says the Council, by rapidly indicating the truth or falsity of the following statements:

Alcohol is a poison.  
A cocktail or a glass of champagne promotes sociability.  
Alcohol is a stimulant.  
Bootleg liquor is dangerous.  
Drinking is not a sin but alcoholism is a disease.  
Alcohol increases happiness.  
All moderate drinkers tend to become heavy drinkers.  
Alcohol is a narcotic according to its sponsors, representing 85 per cent of the Protestant church membership of the country.

The Carnegie commission has awarded nearly 2,500 medals and more than \$4,000,000 in money for deeds of valor since 1904.

# MELLON ACTS IN FINANCE OF VET LOANS

## Smaller Treasury Loan To Be Offered Than Was Expected

WASHINGTON, March 2. (AP)—Arrangements for partially financing the increased loans to World War veterans had been completed today by the treasury.

Secretary Mellon announced plans for issuance March 15 of a total offering of \$1,400,000,000, of which only \$291,000,000 is to be applied toward veterans' loans. The remaining \$1,109,000,000 is to refund outstanding securities called for redemption March 15.

The size of the treasury offering caused some surprise as Under Secretary Mills previously had advised he would issue an issue of \$1,600,000,000 would be required if the veterans' loan measure passed.

Included in the treasury borrowings is a \$300,000,000 bond issue dated March 15 and bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest for 12 years. There will also be a \$300,000,000 six month, 1 1/2 per cent certificate issue, and a \$300,000,000 12-month, two per cent certificate issue.

Refunding of the \$1,109,000,000 of outstanding 3 1/2 per cent treasury certificates called for redemption March 15 at the lower interest rates of the new bond and certificate issues will mean an annual savings of millions to the treasury.

# PERSONAL

Mrs. Dave White and daughter, Miss Evelyn, spent the week-end in Los Angeles.

Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Dimock, is suffering from an attack of measles.

Miss Shirley Ferron is ill with the measles at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron.

George Hanson entertained some of his friends at his mountain cabin Sunday.

Among Las Vegasans who motored to Charleston Sunday and enjoyed a few hours in the snow were Mr. and Mrs. Borax Smith, Elton Garret, George Hanson, Miss Helen Crancer, Miss Alice Doherty, James A. Fleming, Sr., James A. Fleming, Jr., and Charles Doherty.

George Wadsworth, district attorney of Lincoln county, was in Las Vegas yesterday. Mr. Wadsworth attended the opening session of the federal court, and also transacted some business in the district court.

A. L. Scott, prominent Lincoln county attorney, was present yesterday at the federal court session. Scott and Mr. Wadsworth argued a motion before Judge Orr in the district court yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Waite of Bunkerhill is here visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Waite.

Bishop J. I. Earl of Oevron was in Las Vegas yesterday.

P. A. Simon, who spent a week in Los Angeles on business, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCoy and daughter, Tessie, and the Misses Eva Adams, Amy Earl and Lila Higbie returned Sunday evening from Los Angeles where they enjoyed the opera, "Rigoletto" Saturday evening.

A large number of parents, and others interested in children and their activities, witnessed the fine production of two theatricals in the old high school auditorium Friday evening. There were two short plays put on by the students of the upper grammar grades directed by their instructors. The parts were excellently taken, and the productions thoroughly enjoyed by all fortunate enough to attend.

Sheriff Joe Keate will leave this morning for St. Thomas where he has been called to investigate several reported cases of robbery.

Keate plans to return sometime tonight or early Wednesday morning.

Cullman county, Ala., led all other counties in the state in cotton ginned prior to December 1, with 48,277 bales.

# INVESTIGATIONS ORDERED BY CONGRESSIONAL BODIES

## Senate Committees Say Price of Bread Is Too High—Another Oil Inquiry Starts—Independents Call Non-Partisan Conference

WASHINGTON, March 2. (AP)—Affirmative action was taken on four proposed investigations and a fifth was initiated in congress today. The senate food inquiry committee reported an alarming tendency toward monopolistic control and recommended careful scrutiny by the federal trade commission, especially as to bread and milk.

The committee said that bread prices have not declined proportionately with the price of wheat and there should be a reduction of at least one cent a pound.

The house approved a resolution ordering an inquiry by the ways and means committee on economic conditions surrounding products such as oil, lumber, manganese and other raw products on which embargoes have been asked.

At the same time the senate placed a resolution on the calendar directing an oil inquiry after a two-hour filibuster in its behalf by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma.

Investigation of conditions in the farming industry was endorsed by the senate agriculture committee.

A special inquiry into the federal reserve and national banking systems, with stress on their administration, is sought in a resolution introduced by Chairman McFadden of the house banking committee.

A call for a non-partisan conference was issued today by five senators aligned with the independent factions of the two parties, to be held here next week to formulate a constructive legislative program.

Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, is chairman of the group.

# Fiji Islands Swept By Severe Hurricane

SUVA, Fiji Islands, March 2. (AP)—The north and east coasts of Viti Levu island, largest of the Fiji group, were swept today by the third hurricane within less than two weeks.

The hurricane, fully as severe as the two which preceded it, brought rainfall for the period to more than 100 inches and added to the devastation throughout the islands.

Except that the death toll of the hurricanes had mounted about 100, little was known of the extent of damage from the latest disaster.

Repeated floods resulted from the heavy rains, hampering relief work in the stricken districts. Vessels with food and medical supplies were sent from Suva to the interior, where thousands were made homeless by the destruction of their dwellings.

Destruction of crops, including American pineapple fields, was practically complete.

# NORCROSS IS HONORED

Federal Judge Frank Norcross was entertained last night at a dinner by members of the Las Vegas Bar, under the leadership of District Judge Wm. E. Orr.

# EDUCATION AMENDMENT ADOPTED

CARSON CITY, March 2. (AP)—The proposed amendment to the state constitution to allow an increase in the state education tax from two to four mills passed the assembly, 30 to 5.

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# JADWIN DIES IN PANAMA

PANAMA CITY, March 2. (AP)—Lieut. General Edgar Jadwin, former chief engineer of the United States army and widely known for his rivers and harbors flood control work, died here today.

# "Dick" Cunningham, Miss Richhart Marry

"Dick" George Jackson Cunningham was married yesterday to Mary Laurel Richhart.

The bride graduated from the Las Vegas high school with the class of 1928 in which she was an honor student. Since her graduation from the local school Mrs. Cunningham has been a student at the University of Nevada.

Mr. Cunningham has been employed by J. Warren Woodard for several years and has many friends throughout southern Nevada who extend their "best wishes."