

FATE BROUGHT DAM BIDDERS TOGETHER IN BLACK CANYON

Companies Outgrowth of Meeting on at Colorado River—At First Were "Scared Stiff" at Magnitude of Job

By W. A. WELLS
FRANCISCO, March 6. (AP)—Companies, Inc., low bidder for Hoover dam, was born of evidence. Its baptism took place on the Colorado when eight representatives of the committee looked up along the 1,000 feet of sheer rock dam site and were "scared stiff" at the magnitude and difficulty of the task.

The names of those of the Colorado River Co. Inc., one of the party representatives that spent in all about two weeks inspecting the dam site and cruising the surrounding territory to reach an estimate of the cost of the project.

Member of MacDonald-Kahn Co. got the idea that a number of representative companies could pool their resources so that it wouldn't be necessary for any one concern to "put all their eggs in one basket." He put in a telephone call for Henry J. Kaiser Co. and as his central was putting it through a cross-call came from Kaiser's. The same idea had struck them at almost the same instant.

On the day that inspection party got its first glimpse of the canyon at the actual site, from the water, they had traveled 80 miles by automobile, walked five miles and went several miles by motorboat. In all this trip the only signs of life they saw were two owls on a rock on the Nevada side and five jackasses on the Arizona side.

When they reached the Hoover location by boat and looked up, "It hit us all the same," declared Mod-

MOTHER AND 3 CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Family Suffocated by Smoke While Asleep

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 6. (AP)—A mother and her three children were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire here today.

The dead: Mrs. Henry Groat, 24; Billy Groat, 5; Jack Groat, 4; Dorothy Groat, 2 months.

All died of suffocation and only a screen prevented their escape from the flaming dwelling.

When the fire was discovered by neighbors, Mrs. Groat was frantically trying to break a window glass. Mrs. Ellard, a neighbor, reached the outside of the window first but was unable to get the screen off. The low bidder expected that to establish their camp at Boulder City, then begin construction of the railroad to the rim, beginning preliminary construction work perhaps as early as May.

They conceive the greatest engineering problem to be that of transportation of materials and men.

They contemplate if awarded the bid having to transport 5,000 men daily from Boulder City to the rim and many of them to the river bed. Buses may be used for part of the trip but it will probably be necessary to lower hundreds of them across the face of the cliff in "skips" or buckets, 1800 feet each way.

Almost before newspapers had announced the result of the bidding, telegrams in the offices of the six firms had begun to ring with applications for jobs and salesmen wanting to get orders for material.

Senior Comedy Plays Two Nites To Big Houses

The senior class presented their annual class play Thursday and Friday evenings at the high school auditorium, playing both nights to crowded houses, and appreciative audiences.

The comedy, "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy?" which deals with the doings in a sanitarium, was well presented, and proved splendid entertainment.

Marilyn Martin and Jack Pembroke played the leads, portraying their parts most successfully, the latter especially displaying considerable histrionic talent.

Ruby J. Newton, as the negro porter, and Miss Joan Watson, as the negro maid, furnished the comedy interest.

It is difficult to mention each performer individually, but every portrayal was most creditable, and each character added to the excellence of the production.

Other parts were taken by Anna Flynn, Rachel Masterson, Barbara Austin, Florence Sanford, Marianne St. John, Virginia Bartlett, Frank Mildren, George Francis, Lloyd Hauger, Jack Quaid and Joseph Holden.

At last evening's performance the members of the cast were presented with a beautiful bouquet by the members of the junior class.

CAESARIAN OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

Mrs. C. S. Wengert and Baby Daughter Doing Nicely

Mrs. Cyril S. Wengert was resting easily last night at a late hour after having given birth to a daughter yesterday through a Caesarian operation. The operation was performed at the Ferguson-Balcom hospital.

The babe weighed nine pounds at birth and she also was reported to be doing well shortly before midnight last night.

Sisters Ask For Probate of Brother's Estate

A petition asking for the probate of the estate of Henry Neal, deceased, was filed in the county clerk's office yesterday.

Henry Neal died in San Diego City September 18, 1928, leaving an estate in Clark county valued at nearly \$2,000. This consisted of cash in the First State bank in the amount of \$248.20, and four lots in South Addition valued at approximately \$1,000.

Mrs. Nellie Mitchell, sister of the deceased, asks for appointment as administratrix. C. D. Beeze is attorney for the petitioner.

Tong War Feared in S. F. Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6. (AP)—Police guarded San Francisco's Chinatown against the outbreak of a "tong" war today after the killing of Wong Shee Dow, 49, in what was described as a family feud.

Wong Sing Chang, 24, a cousin of the dead man, was held on a charge of murder after he assertedly confessed the slaying. Chang was held at first to await a motive for the shooting on later and he had had a "business quarrel" with the victim.

Police said they learned the two had no business dealings and regarded Chinatown patrons as potential possible reprisals from the victim's branch of the Wong family.

Clemency For Keaton, Flint Slayer, Fades

LOS ANGELES, March 6. (AP)—Unless the governor grants clemency, Frank D. Keaton, court-appointed slayer of Motley Flint, Los Angeles banker, must hang at San Quentin, according to a state supreme court decision here today.

The supreme court affirmed the judgment of conviction and death sentence in the case.

The opinion affirming the superior court verdict received the concurrence of all the court members with the conclusion that the record "discloses no ground on which we might interfere."

Keaton entered a plea of not guilty and no guilty by reason of insanity, but later based his entire defense upon the insanity plea alone.

According to Chief Justice William H. Waste, the sole issue before the court was whether Keaton was legally sane at the time he shot Flint as the banker left the witness chair after testifying in a minor civil suit last July.

The superior court held that the defendant was presumed to be sane; that the burden of proof was on him to show that he was so deranged or diseased mentally that he was not conscious of the wrongful nature of the act at the time of his commission; that he did not know the nature of the act, and that he did not know the act was wrong.

Keaton, a middle-aged real estate dealer and the father of two small children, lost his small savings in stock trading and in some manner held Flint accountable for the loss. He also incoherently talked of Flint's power to have stopped the crash of the Julian Petroleum corporation of the financier had desired.

Investigation showed that Keaton had lost no money in Flint's enterprises or upon advice of the banker in investments.

Flint was a brother of the late United States Senator Frank Flint.

Empress Gives Birth To Her Fourth Daughter

By MILES W. VAUGHN
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TOKIO, March 7 (Saturday 12:30 p.m.)—(AP)—A girl was born to the Empress at the imperial Maternity villa today.

The girl is the fourth to be born to the Empress and leaves the emperor without a male heir apparent. For weeks the nation had been praying that the child might be a boy.

The Empress Nagako, consort of Emperor Hirohito, was taken to the maternity home at 9:50 a.m. Elaborate ceremonies had been conducted for weeks past in anticipation of the arrival of the child and in the hope that it would be a boy. The child was born at 12:02 p.m. The baby and the mother were reported by the royal physicians to be doing well.

Because the child is a girl, Prince Chichibu, the emperor's brother and heir presumptive to the throne still is unable to raise a family. Royal etiquette forbids that the heir presumptive shall have a second wife. The tradition is typical of the colorful ceremony of Japanese royal life such as the prohibition against anyone looking down at the emperor. When he goes abroad none may look at him from windows above the level of his head.

Kelly Gets Bond For Release Reduced

G. F. Kelly, accused of embezzling funds from Las Vegas firms, was successful yesterday in having his bail reduced. Kelly, with his attorney, Louis Cohen, appeared in the justice court and requested that the bail set when arraigned be reduced. District Attorney Harmon did not oppose the request. Judge Ryan then ordered bond reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000 on each count, making a total of \$2,000.

Farm Board Head Gives Resignation

WASHINGTON, March 6. (AP)—Resignation of Alexander Legge of Chicago as chairman of the federal farm board was formally announced by President Hoover late today.

James C. Stone of Kentucky, now vice chairman, was appointed chairman in Legge's place.

C. C. Teague of California was moved up to the post of vice chairman.

Police Guard Picture Star

HOLLYWOOD, March 6. (AP)—A special detail of deputy sheriffs today guarded the person of Lewis Milestone, prominent motion picture director, who yesterday complained to authorities that he had been threatened with "Russian justice" by a Russian whom he once befriended.

Milestone, accompanied by the special guard while postal authorities sought the sender of the threat letter, said the former friend recently demanded large sums of money.

He had known the man in Hollywood in Russia, Milestone said, but had not seen him until recently for 14 years.

Paris Discovers "Chiffon Tweed"

PARIS, March 4. (AP)—A new tweed, so lacy and light that it is called chiffon-tweed, is a favorite for resort and early spring wear. Frocks of the new fabric, in blue and white, red and white or green and white combinations, are often trimmed with collar, cuffs and buttons of white linen.

To Keep Title 'Flying Governor'

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6. (AP)—If the title, "Flying Governor," was a technical misnomer, Governor James Rolph, Jr., plans to rectify the error.

The governor took his first flying lesson yesterday at San Francisco by airplane under direction of Ray Crawford of Overland Airways, Ltd.

"Whoo, governor," Crawford said once, "don't handle your stick like a shovel, you'll never get anywhere," proving that a governor is just another green pilot to Crawford.

The governor smiled meekly and followed instructions.

After flying 44,000 miles with other pilots, the governor said he was in earnest about getting his own license. He has a student pilot's license, making him eligible to take lessons.

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Los Angeles Oks Big Bond Issue

LOS ANGELES, March 6. (AP)—A \$5,000,000 bond issue, to be expended in improvements as a measure of relief for the city's unemployed, passed by a narrow margin yesterday on the basis of returns from the city's 1,855 precincts.

The vote was: Yes, \$2,391, and No, 36,093.

Of the amount voted, \$3,000,000 was for street improvement, and \$1,000,000 each for park and playground improvement.

At the same time, it was announced that voters will pass on two school bond issues totaling \$12,750,000 on March 27, and afford additional employment in the building trades.

The motorship Zoyev, covering the 90 mile in five hours and five minutes, has broken a record for the trip from the Mississippi's mouth to New Orleans.

A pecan tree in Ascension Parish, Louisiana, is 107 feet high and has blossoms recently awarded road contracts amounting to \$1,656,600.

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