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Gambling Bill Passage By Senate Is Assured

Senate To Add Amendment To Assembly Bill

Greek Flag to Be Accepted by Gov. Balzar

The gambling bill, reprinted with the amendments adopted by the assembly, is now in the hands of the senate morals committee and will be reported on favorably. No date has been given as to the time the bill will be reported out, but it is expected that it will be sometime Thursday or Friday.

The senate will give an amendment to the bill adding the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson to the list of cities to be controlled by the gambling license. Another amendment may also be added forbidding gambling in places where liquor is sold.

That the senate will pass the bill, and by a safe margin, is a foregone conclusion according to the information given out by those who are in a position to know. It is also stated that the assembly will accept and pass the bill as amended by the senate.

Resolution Adopted

(Special to the Age)
CARSON CITY, Nev., March 11—Assemblyman Alvar's resolution authorizing the governor to accept the flag presented by the Greek government was passed yesterday. Presentation ceremonies will be carried out at the American Legion convention next August.

Senator Henderson is giving study to the changes proposed to the Las Vegas city charter as introduced by him in senate bill 109. He also introduced senate bill 137 pertaining to salaries of Clark county deputies and clerks.

The senate is devoting most of its time these days to hearings on the train length limit bill. The bill already has been passed by the assembly and is being vigorously fought by the Southern Pacific officials. A committee report on the measure is expected soon in the senate.

Senator Henderson's resolution to amend the constitution to permit the state to enter into contracts to dispose of Boulder dam power has passed the assembly.

The assembly committee on ways and means introduced a bill fixing automobile mileage to be paid state employees at ten cents instead of fifteen as at present.

Pittman Active On Silver Problem

WASHINGTON, March 11 (U.P.)—The American government is slowly and cautiously investigating means of bringing silver back to the point where production will be profitable. A senate resolution by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada asking President Hoover to open negotiations for an international conference to discuss the silver problem has been referred to the state department and treasury for study.

The administration is concerned over the low price of silver but on account of international complexities has asked the state department to make a thorough study before any action is taken.

Meanwhile in New York bar silver continued to recover, rising three-eighths of a cent to thirty and one-eighths cents an ounce.

Griffith Wins Large Judgment

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (U.P.)—David Wark Griffith, veteran producer and film director, won a judgement of \$67,445 against the B. and H. Circuit Inc., in Superior Judge Frank C. Collier's court today.

The suit emanated from the exhibition of the motion picture play "America" at the forum Theater in 1924. Griffith alleged that when his film was booked at the theater payment of \$75,000 had been guaranteed him but that he received only \$21,237. He asked for the balance of \$53,762 with interest.

Opposing payment, the B. and H. concern maintained the play had been a financial failure.

Mystery Veils Gastly Murder In San Diego

Skull Found With Torso May Not Be Brooks Girl's

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11 (U.P.)—A degenerate with a mania to perpetrate a "perfect crime" was blamed yesterday for the murder of little Virginia Brooks and the similar slaying of a four-year-old girl, N. Charles Esparza.

Under Sheriff Oliver Eason's expressed opinion in drawing a parallel between the disappearance of the two children and the subsequent discovery of their bodies at spots only a mile separated.

Both disappeared from the same neighborhood, bodies of both were found in the hills near Camp Kearney. Eason recalled, and both heads had been removed from the bodies.

The body of Esparza had been exposed to winter rains and summer sun before it was found six months after the child disappeared. It was thus impossible to determine whether a skilled surgeon's knife had operated on the child in a manner similar to that in which little Virginia was mutilated.

Dr. Paul Brust, police surgeon, admitted that not only had Virginia's body been mutilated by the hand of a person apparently skilled in surgery, but that the windpipe also had been removed from the body, a highly technical operation. It previously had been found that portion of the girl's internal organs had been removed.

Meanwhile, police continued a widespread search for suspects after two men questioned in the death had been released. The first to be taken into custody last night was Harry Wahlstrom, poultry raiser, but after 24 hours of questioning, detectives admitted he could throw no light on the matter and permitted him to go.

The second man, a feeble-minded character, previously identified by a detective in a burst of enthusiasm as "Nicholas Esparza," later was identified as T. J. Bryan, 18, a Lemon Grove boy, who had a previous police record, police said. Bryan was released after cursory questioning.

Six other men were under suspicion, but police admitted they had not sufficient information as yet to bring any of them in for questioning.

Skull May Not Be Girl's

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11 (U.P.)—Belief that the skull found near the body of Virginia Brooks, murdered school girl, was that of an adult rather than of a child, brought a new turn to the search for her murderer today.

Undersheriff Oliver Eason expressed this startling opinion after examining the skull and teeth, which had been so mutilated by acids and corrosives that the features were unrecognizable. Indications were that portions of the girls' clothing also had been used to choke the life from her small body, Eason added. Dental work in the mouth was to be checked today.

The undersheriff declined to surmise if another murder might be indicated by the presence of an adult skull.

Blond Hair Clue

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11 (U.P.)—A single blonde hair, clasped in the hand of little Virginia Brooks, gave police today a tangible clue with which to continue the search for her murderer.

Autopsy surgeons found the hair while making further examination of the body today. The hair was not that of Virginia, they reported, and did not resemble that of Harry L. Wahlstrom, 27, a suspect in the case, who was held for questioning while police investigated his record.

Meanwhile, search for her killer continued in the Escondido district, where several weeks ago two men reported seeing a girl bearing a striking resemblance to little Virginia in company with an elderly man in a green coupe.

Search For Old Auto
Tire tracks found at the scene of the gruesome find yesterday lead from the Escondido road, and deputy sheriffs expressed the belief that the Escondido trip might bear fruit.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Gompert of Los Angeles, expert on tire tracks, was to be brought here today to aid local authorities in identifying the automobile which carried the (Continued on Page Three)

"Artificial" Lung Brings Back Speech

EVANSTON, Ill., March 11 (U.P.)—Charles Caughey, 7, was able to speak today for the first time since he was placed in the "Artificial Lung" at St. Francis Hospital last Friday after he suffered paralysis of the throat.

The boy whispered to his nurse: "I want chocolate ice cream and mashed potatoes for dinner."

His request indicated he was improving, physicians said, and increased their hope that the machine which has been forcing him to breathe for five days may save his life.

CITY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED ON MAY FIFTH

Mayor and Two Commissioners to be Chosen

The regular bi-annual city election has been definitely set by the board of city commissioners for May 5. The session was taken by the board yesterday afternoon when they adopted a resolution declaring dates for the election and registration.

Registration of voters will be open until April 14 at the office of the county clerk. According to County Clerk William L. Scott, all persons who failed to vote at the general election last November, or who voted at such election by absentee ballot, must register again if they wish to vote at the city election.

Mr. Scott also requests that his office be notified of any changes in residence so that electors may be placed in the proper precincts.

Candidates for office may file between March 16 and April 4, according to City Clerk Viola Burns. Those whose offices will expire are Mayor J. F. Herman and Commissioners W. C. German and O. J. Smith.

Rumor already suggests at least possible candidates for the office of mayor. It is said that Mayor Hesse will be a candidate to succeed himself, and the names of Commissioner L. B. Hansell and E. W. Cragin are prominently mentioned.

L. B. Hansell's term does not expire, but it has been stated upon good authority that Hansell will be a candidate for mayor, but that he does not plan to resign from his office of commissioner. If elected he would then have the privilege of helping choose the man to fill the vacancy in the commissioner's chair.

Whether the contest between Hesse and Hansell would be on a friendly basis, or in a spirit of "out to win" is not known.

E. W. Cragin is said to have definitely made up his mind to be a candidate for office at the solicitation of a number of friends.

So far the only candidates prominently mentioned for commissioner are A. C. Grant, local Ford dealer, and O. J. Smith, who will probably file for reelection.

L. A. Prosecutor In Auto Crash

SOUTH PASADENA, Cal., March 11 (U.P.)—District Attorney Byron Pitts of Los Angeles escaped injury today in an automobile crash here which seriously injured Lazzaro Ruelas, 22, of Pasadena.

An automobile driven by the Los Angeles prosecutor and carrying R. T. Smith of Los Angeles as a passenger struck Ruelas' machine at the intersection of Mission street and Fremont Avenue.

Pitts made a report of the crash to Pasadena police at emergency hospital. He claimed young Ruelas was driving between 40 and 45 miles an hour and that the youth's car darted directly in front of his machine. Pitts said he swerved his car in a vain effort to escape the crash.

At the time of the accident Pitts had left his beach home at Malibu and had planned to drive to San Diego.

Leonard Marshall of MOAPA GETS \$50 PRIZE

Leonard Marshall, a vocational agricultural student at the Moapa Valley high school has won the \$50 live stock prize award offered by the Union Pacific System. This award is offered annually to the boy in Clark county having the highest ranking in both class instruction and supervised practical agricultural work.

La Rue Barnum and Roney Tobler, both from Moapa valley, succeeded in winning second and third places respectively. La Rue has been selected as the alternate who is chosen to succeed to the award in the event the first or principal selection is unable to accept it.

Leonard carried two home projects during the last year. One was a swine project, and the other a dairy project. He has chosen pure bred registered Durco Jersey pigs to the value of \$50. He expects to use these pigs for breeding stock to improve his herd.

go with Smith, an investigator in his office, to offer assistance to San Diego authorities in the Virginia Brooks murder case, he declared. He said that the accident interfered with his plans and that he offered his cooperation by telephone to District Attorney Thomas Whalen of San Diego county.

Mrs. Edith Rose Pennington has returned from Los Angeles. While at the coast she visited with her son Trevor who is a student at the Golden State Military Academy at

Mrs. George Hagenson had her tonsils removed at the Las Vegas hospital yesterday morning.

COOKING AND HEATING RATES CUT IN NEW SCHEDULES OF SOUTHERN NEV. POWER CO.

Power Schedules Are Also Reduced By Company

A new and attractive rate designed by the Southern Nevada Power Company for the express purpose of making electric power the most appetizing fuel obtainable, was today announced by the company in Las Vegas at her auditorium.

Schedule "B" which supercedes and cancels Schedule "C" issued in February of 1930, institutes a basic rate of five cents per kilowatt hour a combination residential rate for lighting and refrigeration; lighting, cooking and refrigeration; lighting, cooking, refrigeration and water heating.

The new schedule eliminates the secondary block of 40 kilowatt hours at 8 1/2 cents, the primary block of 40 kilowatt hours remaining at 9 1/2 cents.

Various other of the company's schedules have undergone substantial reductions which will materially effect heavy power users in every line of business as well as in homes.

These new schedules are designed to make electricity more attractive for cooking in the homes of the community and to encourage the use of this type of energy in every phase of the business world," said Mr. Lawson yesterday.

For those using three phase power, the demand charge will remain at \$2.25 per horsepower rating of the motors used, but the energy charge per horsepower mark drops from six to five cents.

An entirely new rate schedule for commercial heating and cooking or water heating is proposed which would place all such service on a flat rate of five cents per kilowatt hour with a minimum charge of \$10 per month. This rate is available only when the service is on a separate meter and is used at a voltage of 220.

Full details of the new rate schedules together with a more complete discussion of the possibilities of the users thereunder, will be announced later, according to Lawson.

5 CENT GAS IS OFFERED IN CAL. GAS WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (U.P.)—The gasoline price war that started here two weeks ago became general in Oregon, Washington and California tonight when Standard Stations, Inc. announced that a reduction of 1 cent a gallon in its retail price would be effective in all these states Thursday morning.

Until this time reductions have been made without uniformity. Tomorrow Standard Stations, Inc. will sell gasoline in Los Angeles for 11 1/2 cents while asking 14 cents a gallon here.

The new price in Portland will be 17 1/2 cents. Since the war started prices have tumbled 9 cents a gallon in Los Angeles and 7 cents here.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (U.P.)—Following the lead of Shell and other major companies, Standard Oil company today cut its wholesale price in San Francisco from 13 cents to 11 cents a gallon.

The cut was expected to result in a drop at retail station from 15 to 13 cents, in which case, "independents" were expected to drop from 13 to 11 cents. Eleven-cent gasoline would be the cheapest here since last summer's war.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (U.P.)—Major oil companies and independent refiners of the Pacific coast were locked today in a bitter price-cutting race that began with a conservative two-cent reduction and has reached the five-cents-a-gallon stage.

The new "gas war" starting only a few months after the disastrous break in prices last summer, brought contentment to the motoring public but oil men agreed it added materially to already chaotic conditions in the west's petroleum industry.

The underlying reasons for these conditions will be the subject of a joint inquiry by the state senate and assembly starting one week from today at the capitol in Sacramento, at which representatives of 75 companies will be asked to attend.

Senator W. R. Sharkey of Martinez, chairman of the oil industries committee in the upper house, ordered the inquiry after Governor James Rolph, Jr., had declared that "something must be done." The committee also will investigate an alleged shortage of \$1,250,000 in gas taxes due the state from various companies, Sharkey said.

A bill requiring oil companies to pay gas taxes monthly in now before the legislature as one means of curing existing tax collection ills.

Although starting in San Francisco, the gas war, as was the case in the past, gained greatest leadership at other points. In Los Angeles some independent stations posted prices as low as five cents a gallon, and there were no indications that the end was in sight.

Most Los Angeles stations of the "big six" major companies maintained a 12 1/2 cent rate while well established independents continued about two cents lower.

The lowest price quoted in San Francisco was 11 cents, with major companies holding to a 15 cent rate. Seattle prices ranged from 11 to 17 1/2 cents a gallon, with major companies quoting 15 1/2 cents. Portland motorists bought gasoline for 18 1/2 cents, or four cents below the regular winter price. This was the highest rate quoted in large Pacific coast centers.

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (U.P.)—While most independent operators were retailing gasoline at 8 and 9 cents a gallon today, with major companies maintaining the price at 12 1/2 cents, other independents joined the ranks of those who have dropped the price to 5 cents.

As a result several stations have received calls from rival operators warning them to "stay in line," it was reported.

One independent reported he had received a telephone call warning

Early Morning Fire Destroys Two Dwellings

Fire of undetermined origin early this morning destroyed two cabins on the Vegas Creek between North Main and First streets. The cabins were occupied by trainmen of the Union Pacific railroad.

A high wind for a time threatened a number of other buildings adjoining those that were destroyed. Both fire trucks were called to cope with the situation in case the flames got beyond control.

PANTAGES IS RELEASED ON \$15,000 BOND

Mills' Bond Raised To \$20,000 in 'Auction Block' Case

SAN DIEGO, CAL., March 11 (U.P.)—Alexander Pantages, who rose from ownership of an Alaskan dance hall to the rank of millionaire theatre owners, heard himself accused of conspiracy to violate the juvenile court laws and conspiracy of contributing to the delinquency of minors when he surrendered this morning before Judge Arthur Mundo.

Pantages was liberated on \$15,000 bond previously arranged by his attorney, Earle M. Daniels, after Judge Mundo set his preliminary hearing for April 13.

The theater man rushed into court through a side door, his coat collar turned up to conceal his face, and heard the complaint read. He left by the same route, climbed into a slowly moving automobile and disappeared. He was accompanied by Daniels. Pantages refused to discuss with reporters any details of the case.

Pantages specifically was charged with participating in a wild party at El Cortez hotel here October 30, with John P. Mills, Los Angeles real estate man, and Jesse Shreve, San Diego financier.

The girls involved were Lydia Nitro, also known as Alice Blake, and Helen Livingston, both of whom were declared to be only 16 years of age. The girls allegedly were brought to San Diego by Olive Clark Day and William Jobelmann, already under arrest in Los Angeles for investigation into their participation in an alleged "white slave" ring.

Named in the complaint with Pantages were Mills, Jobelmann and Mrs. Day. A second complaint charging conspiracy to attack the Livingston girl, with Shreve specifically charged with the attack, named Mills, Jobelmann and Mrs. Day but not Pantages.

Mills District Attorney Thomas Whalen said, apparently was set-between in bringing the Shreve-Pantages and Day-Jobelmann parties together.

Shreve surrendered yesterday and was released on \$25,000 bond provided by his brother, attorney George Shreve, Pantages and Mills, however, remaining across the border in Agua Caliente, Mexico, until this morning.

Mills posted \$20,000 bond shortly after 10 o'clock, and was released after his hearing also had been set for April 13. Judge Mundo also changed the date of Shreve's preliminary, previously fixed for April 13, to coincide with that of Mills and Pantages.

Although Pantages had posted bond through friends early in the day he did not appear in court until 10:45 a. m.

him to maintain the prevailing price or "your dump will be blown up."

Police viewed the threat with little concern, however. Other threats have been received by major oil companies that if their night work staff was not increased their plants would be blown up.

Police, however, traced the threatening letters and took the man into custody. So, nothing is feared from this quarter.

FRESNO, Calif., March 11 (U.P.)—Standard Oil stations here today dropped the price of gasoline two cents to 13 cents a gallon, meeting at least temporarily, the lowest posted prices of independents.

Although other major companies had not met the Standard price this morning, it was expected they would do so before the day ended.

Last Minute News Flashes

WASHINGTON, March 11 (U.P.)—Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, addressing the Progressive conference here today pleaded for a "political party or political voices" which would represent the 96 per cent of the population of the United States, which he said possessed only 20 per cent of the national wealth.

MADISON, Wis., March 11 (U.P.)—By a vote of 17 to 16, the Wisconsin senate refused today to consider a resolution requesting the Governor of California to pardon Tom Moon and Warren K. Billings, and consideration of the proposal was delayed until tomorrow.

RICHMOND, Cal., March 11 (U.P.)—Albert Sims and Vallier Stewart, both 16 year old school boys, were almost instantly killed today when a Southern Pacific passenger train struck the automobile in which they were riding at a grade crossing on the edge of town.

Thrown clear of their auto, both boys were picked up by a passing truck driver and taken to a hospital. They were pronounced dead upon arrival.

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (U.P.)—Frank Mayo, Hollywood actor, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy in the United States district court today. His liabilities were listed at \$7,327 and assets at \$500.

FOLSOM PRISON, Calif., March 11 (U.P.)—Huge spotlights illuminated the Folsom rock quarry in the early morning hours today as 50 prison guards searched for Stanley Husar, 22 year old escaped convict.

Warden Court Smith said Husar either was in some crevice of the big quarry or was hiding inside of the walls. The young prisoner, serving from five years to life on conviction of a robbery charge in San Diego, was missing at the supper check up last night.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., March 11 (U.P.)—Sam Terrin, Arizona boxer, was killed tonight when he was knocked out in the fourth round of a ten round main event bout by John Henry, Phoenix negro fighter.

Henry was leading the battle all the way when he shot a left to the heart in the fourth round, then came back with a stiff right to the jaw. Terrin, in apparent pain, dropped to the floor of the ring and died a few minutes after the referee, George Baker of Prescott, had counted ten.

Wilbur Awards Contracts For Hoover Dam

Company Is Ready To Start Work In Few Days

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (U.P.)—Camp equipment to be used in the construction of Hoover Dam by Six Companies, Inc., is already enroute to the dam site and will arrive within the next thirty-six hours. William H. Watis, president of the corporation, announced today.

Frank T. Crowe, construction superintendent, was due at the scene tonight.

"There will be no delay whatever," Watis said, "we are going to make this project a mighty successful one."

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 11 (U.P.)—Frank T. Crowe, construction superintendent of the successful bidders for the main contract for building Hoover Dam, arrived here today.

Offices will be established in the Clark building Thursday morning. One of Mr. Crowe's first acts, arriving was to engage the services of Robert Clinie to act in the capacity of secretary.

The offices in the Clark building will be used as the company's main office until their quarters has been established at the dam site. Camp equipment is already on the way and is expected in Las Vegas sometime the latter part of the week. No time will be lost in getting construction on the great project started.

WASHINGTON, March 11 (U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Wilbur today signed an authorization awarding the construction of the giant Hoover Dam and power plant on the Black Canyon of the Colorado River to the Six Companies, Inc., a combination of many construction firms, made a low bid of \$48,890,999 for the contract to build the dam and power plant.

Wilbur said that authorization in his outer office in the Interior Building, under the eye of a group of Senators and Representatives from western states. A little knot of Interior Department officials, headed by reclamation commissioner Elwood Mead, to whom Hoover Dam will be the crowning achievement of a lifetime of public service, followed the final act with smiling faces.

Tunnels First
The first task which will face the construction company at the dam site will be that of driving four tunnels, 50 feet in diameter and about one mile long, through solid volcanic rock on each side of the canyon. These tunnels alone are expected to cost approximately \$15,000,000. A coffer dam, 80 feet high, will then be constructed above the site of the permanent dam, and a similar one below. When these temporary dams are constructed, it will insure the dryness of the river bed during the construction period.

When the preliminary work is accomplished a great concrete structure will be erected from the base of the canyon. This structure, the dam proper will be 650 feet long at the base, sloping to a width of 45 feet at the top and will be 727 feet high.

Miss Ethel Cory left last evening for Pocatello where she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bartell and Miss Marjorie Bartell.

Arizona Protests As Wilbur Signs

WASHINGTON D. C., March 11 (U.P.)—While Secretary Wilbur was formally awarding the contract for construction of Hoover Dam, the Supreme Court was studying the merits of Arizona's suit to halt the project on the grounds that it invades the State's rights. Arguments in the suit were completed yesterday.

The courts will devote much of its time to considering the merits of the Swing-Johnson bill and the Santa Fe compact, which Arizona refused to ratify to determine whether either of these instruments invades Arizona's rights.

A decision may be expected any Monday on which the Court sits. Because of the importance of the case, and the delicate questions involved, however, a ruling is not expected for several weeks.

Since neither side of the controversy questioned the facts involved in the litigation, the ruling is expected to settle the question of the Government's right to proceed with the enterprise. If the compact or the law are sustained as valid, Arizona will have little if any recourse. If they are declared invalid the project will have to be altered to satisfy Arizona's justifiable demands or else be abandoned.

April 12 will be "splash day" this year at Galveston, Tex., where a spring contest for the best looking bathing suit is an annual event.

Building permits issued in Memphis, Tenn., during 1930 totaled \$9,921,138, or \$1,504,841 more than the 1929 total.