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LAS VEGAS WEATHER
March 12—Maximum 75; Minimum 38.
March 13—Maximum 79; Minimum 46.

METAL MARKET
NEW YORK, March 13 (U.P.)—Zinc 4 to 4.65 a pound. East St. Louis; Lead 1.50 New York and 1.35 St. Louis.

WILBUR WILL RUSH DAM WORK Shake-Up In Management of Union Pacific

UNION PACIFIC MANAGEMENT CHANGES MADE

E. E. Cunningham, superintendent of the Los Angeles division of the Union Pacific railroad, will be transferred to the offices of the company in Los Angeles as trainmaster, it was announced in Los Angeles yesterday by F. H. Knickerbocker, general manager of the road. W. H. Smith, superintendent of the Salt Lake division of the company, will become superintendent of the Los Angeles division. A. L. Coe of Salt Lake City will succeed Smith as superintendent of the Salt Lake division. The office of general superintendent, now held by W. R. Armstrong, is to be abolished. It is also stated that Mr. Armstrong will go to the Western Pacific railroad as vice president and general manager. E. W. Mason, present vice president and general manager of the Western Pacific, is slated to go to the Rio Grande railroad as its president. Rumors are also abroad that other changes in the management of the Union Pacific are contemplated. Whether any changes will be made that will affect local railroad circles was not known.

Defunct Loan Directors Are Sued For Loss

Federal Court Action Started By Received Kemp

LOS ANGELES, March 13 (U.P.)—A suit for accounting and release involving \$5,000,000 specifically and other implied millions was filed in federal court against six directors and two former directors of the Guaranty Building and Loan Association today by A. N. Kemp, receiver in equity. The loan association was wrecked by the defalcations of Gilbert H. Beesmyer, former secretary and manager, now in San Quentin. Named in the suit were Frederick G. Leonard, A. J. Taft, Jr., Orville R. Routh, Charles R. Stewart, Harry E. Jones, and G. R. Dexter, all directors at the time of the crash and C. C. Dowerman and Clarence S. Beesmyer, brother of the wrecker. The latter two men were directors until 1923, according to the suit. All are prominent in Hollywood business. The suit listed 19 reasons why the directors should be held accountable for losses suffered by the associations. "Notwithstanding their duties and obligations as directors of the association," the complaint read, "the defendants herein during their respective tenures of office negligently and carelessly and in violation of the trust and confidence reposed in them by creditors, depositors and stockholders, failed to administer the affairs of the association diligently or with ordinary care." The men named were charged with responsibility for the loss of property valued in the millions because they assertedly failed to examine books of the association at reasonable or frequent intervals up to \$8,000,000. Kemp asked in the suit that each defendant be required to answer the complaint and that losses and damages to the association, creditors, investors, stockholders and depositors, be determined and such losses and damages assessed against the defendants in the amount that each of them is liable for. After filing of the suit, Kemp made the following statement: "This action, which has been sanctioned by the federal court and our advisory board, has been instituted after careful study of the entire situation in the belief that if our former directors had exercised the proper supervision over Beesmyer, the loss of millions of dollars would not have been sustained. "If judgment is obtained against the defendants named, it will be my entire duty to proceed to collect all possible monies for the certificate holders."

Recently Kemp announced that certificate holders in the association would recover approximately 25 percent. He gave assets of the company at \$5,130,637 and liabilities at \$20,288,833.

Woman Who Wrote Famous "Curfew" Poem Still Living

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 13 (U.P.)—Mrs. Rose Hartwick Therpe, 41, recalled vividly today the afternoon 64 years ago when she wrote on her slate the immortal poem, "Curfew must not ring tonight." Mrs. Thorpe listened last night to a radio broadcast of the poem from New York by Peter de Cordoba, actor, and was pleased. For years many have thought that the then Rose Hartwick wrote of a lover of her own, but it was from a magazine story that the 17 year old girl got her idea, she explained today. The fact that "at the ringing of the curfew Basil Underwood must die," impressed her and she wrote: "I've a lover in that prison, doomed this very night to die. At the ringing of the curfew, and no earthly help is in sight." Her poem, however, had a happy ending. The girl, Bessie, mounted the gloomy tower while the deaf sexton pulled at the rope. Then Oliver Cromwell, who had sentenced Basil to die at the ringing of the curfew, appeared and added the last words: "Go, your lover lives; curfew shall not ring tonight."

14 INJURED IN LOS ANGELES CAR COLLISION

Failure of Air Brakes Said Cause Of Accident

LOS ANGELES, March 13 (U.P.)—Fourteen persons were injured when a rear-end collision occurred today between two street cars near Tenth and Broadway. Cause of the crash was blamed by police on defective air brakes. The sound of the crash could be heard for blocks. Passengers in both cars were thrown to the floor and panic reigned. Windows were shattered by the impact. Many were cut by flying glass, while others suffered bad bruises and dislocations. There was a jam for the exits as excited women fought toward the doors. Rescue work by ambulance drivers was hindered by hundreds of people who rushed to the scene of the crash. Police cars, rushed to the scene, quickly brought order out of chaos and the dispatching of injured to the Georgia Receiving hospital was facilitated. After the injured had been removed, wrecking cars from the railway yards arrived and removed the damaged trams and traffic was back to normal again 30 minutes after the collision occurred. The injured were taken to the Georgia Receiving station. They are: Harold Erickson, 46, bruised; Mildred Wilson, 40, cuts about the legs; Imogene Smith, 18, South Pasadena, cuts on the arms; Paul Conyers, 48, cuts about the face; Amy Frakel, 19, bruises; Nora Allan, 19, bruises; Ida Youdkawitz, 21, cuts on the head; Mayme Gelvin, 41, cuts about the jaw; Katherine Foley, 21, dislocation of the left shoulder; Mildred Blackwell, 26, cuts on the jaw; Florence Morris, 30, bruises; Lena Pobi, 41, bruises; Herlinda Flores, 25, and Pansy Corp, both bruised. Motorman T. L. Stephenson and Conductor P. L. Laurene manned the rear car. Stephenson said the airbrakes on his car failed to work. Both cars were northbound at the time of the crash. Oklahoma City Is Rocked by Explosion. TULSA, Okla., March 13 (U.P.)—Downtown Tulsa was rocked early today by an explosion of nitroglycerin in a torpedo company's warehouse two miles west of Redford, about seven miles southwest of here. An 86 year old man named Bridges, living near the warehouse, was cut about the face by flying glass when the concussion shattered his home. Several plate glass windows were shattered in the city by the explosion.

'Auction Block' Case Promises More Charges

LOS ANGELES, March 13 (U.P.)—Investigation of five charges which already have involved Alexander Pantages and other wealthy men shifted today from San Diego to Los Angeles with district attorneys of both cities hinting that new counts involving a girl not yet named would be filed. Harry Baugh, deputy district attorney of San Diego county, was working on the new development. District Attorney Buron Pitts of Los Angeles said all his information had been placed at the disposal of Baugh. Pantages, multi-millionaire theater magnate; John P. Mills, Los Angeles and San Diego oil and real estate man, and Jesse Shreve, wealthy San Diego business man, already have been arrested on charges involving two minor girls. Although new developments appeared likely, the whereabouts of Mrs. Olive Clark Day, former actress, charged with having arranged meetings between girls and wealthy men, remained a mystery. Mrs. Day disappeared last Friday after she was released from the Los Angeles jail on \$1,500 bail on a charge involving 16-year-old Clarence Tauber and Mills. William Jobelmann, Pantages' former press agent who was charged with being an associate of Mrs. Day, showed no inclination to secure bail and remained in jail awaiting his preliminary hearing. It was said that Blayne Matthews, investigator for Pitts, was in possession of evidence linking an unnamed girl with two trips to San Diego with Jobelmann and Mrs. Day. On each occasion, it was said, she met a prominent and wealthy man. Pantages, showing the effects of an illness he suffered last June before he was released on \$10,000 bail pending his appeal on a conviction of one to 50 years in prison in the Eunice Pringle attack case, was said not to be involved in the new development. Matthews posted \$15,000 bail on Wednesday when he was arraigned on a charge involving Alice Blake, 16, whom it was said he met at a party in a San Diego hotel. Mills and Shreve, also charged with having attended the party, which was said to have been arranged through Mrs. Day and Helen Livingston, 17, furnished heavy bail and were freed temporarily. Their preliminary hearings were set for April 13. Jobelmann and Mrs. Day were named in the San Diego case, but no warrants have been served on them.

Chicago Man Held for Operating 'Boulder Dam Syndicate'

CHICAGO, March 13 (U.P.)—Edward J. Brundidge is held for grand jury action on a larceny charge growing out of the operation of a "Boulder dam syndicate" dealing in California, Nevada and Colorado real estate. Evidence showed that of \$30,000 invested, \$28,000 was spent for expenses including charges for salaries and rent at San Bernardino and Las Vegas. Brundidge admitted that no staffs were employed but claimed office money was spent for options on 1,500 acres which later was lost. Brundidge now holds only 160 acres near Las Vegas. The state is seeking an indictment on the ground that the expense statements constituted a conspiracy of funds. The complaint was filed by Mrs. Nettie Van Pattie of Chicago who invested \$10,000. "Hot" Party Costs Wm. Boyd 500 Bucks. LOS ANGELES, March 13 (U.P.)—A party in the home of William Henry Boyd, 45, stage and screen actor resulted in a \$500 fine in municipal court today when the actor pleaded guilty to charges of violating the state dry law. Glenn D. Kennedy, representing Smith-Faus Drug Co. of Salt Lake City, was in Vegas visiting the trade yesterday. R. L. NorVelle returned yesterday from a business trip to Reno.

WOULD INCREASE GAS TAX AND REDUCE CAR LICENSES

Assembly Passes Companion Bills, Advancing Gas Tax to Five Cents and Reducing Automobile License Fees to Four Dollars

CARSON CITY, March 13 (U.P.)—The assembly today approved two companion measures, one of which would increase the state gasoline tax from four to five cents per gallon, and the other would fix automobile license fees on a flat rate of \$4.00 per year per car. The license bill would amount to a reduction in fees, the average cost of plates now being \$1.00. The vote on the gas bill was 19 to 16, one absent and one not voting. The bills now go to the senate.

PLANE MAKES FAST TRIP L. A. TO SALT LAKE

Lindbergh Has Similar Ship Under Construction

SALT LAKE CITY, March 13 (U.P.)—Flying a Lockheed Sirius low-wing monoplane with retractable landing gear and plywood covered wings, Vance Breece, chief test pilot for the Detroit Aircraft Corporation, flew from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City today in three hours and thirty-six minutes. The air line distance is six hundred sixty-four miles. A record of three hours thirty minutes has been made by a Fokker tri-motor passenger ship of the Western Air Express, with a tail wind. The flight today was made against headwinds between Las Vegas and Salt Lake, ranging from fifteen to twenty miles an hour. Peter Beasley, president of the company, who accompanied Breece, said an identical ship was being built for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. After an hour's stop here they flew to Butte, Montana, enroute to Detroit.

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MAN IS HELD FOR QUIZ IN BROOKS CASE

EL CENTRO, Cal., March 13 (U.P.)—Herbert Agelsby, 56, was arrested in a local auto camp at the request of San Diego authorities and held for questioning in the murder of Virginia Brooks, 19, in San Diego. A newspaper picture of the Brooks family and several detective magazines referring to love nest murders were found in his possession, police said. San Diego police asked that Ogelsby be arrested when they were informed that he owned a 1927 Buick automobile with a secret compartment. Ogelsby was said to have been away from San Diego most of February, during which the Brooks girl was missing, and to have made a short trip to San Diego about the time her body was found on the Camp Kearney mesa there. SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 13 (U.P.)—With clue after clue exploding like pricked bubbles, authorities today called upon expert police scientists for aid in explaining the manner in which little Virginia Brooks met her death at the hands of her abductor, and, through the same means, the identity of her killer. Augmenting the staff of surgeons, chemists, biologists and criminologists already working for a solution of the baffling case, Red Welch, Los Angeles police chemist, was here to cooperate with Walter Macy, identification expert of the San Diego police department. Welch was to check the known facts of the case with his own experience, and assist in answering the following questions: How did little Virginia die? Was she strangled or killed with a knife? What was done to her body after death? Was she buried and then exhumed a few hours before it was dumped on the wind-swept mesa near Camp Kearney, or was it kept hidden in a house? Why were the books, which could have been so easily destroyed, thrown out near the body, making identification positive? Can tell-fingerprints be found in the mouldy leaves? Who owned the automobile which left tire tracks in the mud near the body? Police were confident that answers to the first questions would bring a solution of the last, and most important question. Nearly a score of suspects have been questioned and released by police and sheriff's officers since Tuesday morning when Virginia's body was found, and it was confessed today that luck would play a large part in the discovery of the murderer. Still one of the most tangible leads in possession of authorities was the undergarment, torn, dirty and bloody, and the strip of canvas tied in a double loop, which were found in a house several miles from Virginia's home. The garment was submitted to chemical tests and later was to be exhibited to Virginia's mother in the hope that she could identify it as her daughter's.

Hinman Gives \$10,000 Bond on Felony Charges

Case May Be Heard at Present Session of District Court

A. A. Hinman, local attorney, held to answer to the district court on two felony charges of altering and changing certain records of the city court after the same had been filed, furnished bond yesterday afternoon in the sum of \$10,000. In holding Hinman to answer to the district court, Judge Ryan, in his findings in the case, cited three instances as the basis for holding Hinman: 1. That the findings in the case proved to the satisfaction of the court that a crime had been committed. 2. That there were reasonable grounds to believe that A. A. Hinman committed the same. 3. That a crime had been committed by defendant A. A. Hinman voluntarily, wilfully and unlawfully. In all probability Hinman's case will come up before the present session of the district court. Julian Thurston, appointed assistant attorney general to prosecute Hinman, will leave for his home in Caliente today, expecting to return the first of next week when the case is called in the district court. Sureties on Hinman's new bonds were F. E. Matzdorf and L. H. Rockwell, Hinman also signing as a principal.

Utah to Receive Consideration in Dam Materials

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 13 (U.P.)—The firm conviction that her daughter was murdered by the 18-year-old son of a wealthy San Diego man, was expressed today by Mrs. John Brooks, in asking that police question the youth regarding the slaying of her daughter. The youth, Mrs. Brooks added, was a known degenerate with a "proud record" the library near the school Virginia attended, and "eyed" the young girls on their way to school. He also had been convicted of an attack against a young girl, and was now on probation, she said. The youth previously had not been among the score or more of characters questioned by police. Meanwhile, detectives and horticulturists were searching for plum trees in the east San Diego district which were infected with a certain fungus growth. Examination by R. R. McLean, county horticultural commissioner, of the leaves in the mound found on Virginia's body showed that bits of palm were infected with a growth peculiar to certain parts of the county. Detectives were convinced that discovery of the infected palms would show where the girl's body had been buried for a short time.

Last Minute News Flashes

CHICAGO, March 13 (U.P.)—Alexander H. Revell, millionaire furniture dealer and member of a Gold Coast society family, plunged to his death today from the ninth floor of the fashionable Drake hotel on the lake front. The body crashed on the top of the marine dining room on the lake side of the hotel where it was found by hotel attendants at 9 a. m. Revell was head of a large loop wholesale furniture firm of the same name.

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 13 (U.P.)—Leading racing drivers of the Pacific coast will open the 1931 season at the San Jose speedway Sunday. Ernie Triplett, winner of the 100-lap event at Oscar speedway, Los Angeles, is favored with "Babe" Stapp and Francis Quinn regarded as certain to finish near the front.

HONGKONG, March 14 (U.P.)—Two French aviators attempting to set a speed record in a flight from Paris to Tokio were long overdue here today. The fliers, Burtin and Moench, left Hanoi, French Indo-China, early Friday morning and were due here before dark.

PHOENIX, March 13 (U.P.)—George Kotsanos, 198, local Greek wrestler, koed Leo Pappano, 204, also a wrestler, in the fifth of a ten round boxing act here tonight.

HOLLYWOOD, March 13 (U.P.)—Frankie Kliek, 127, of San Francisco, won the decision over Bobby Pachó, 129, in the ten round main event at the Hollywood Legion stadium tonight. Kliek led the Mexican boxer all the way and won handily. In the semi-finals Martin Zuniga won a technical KO over Ralph Baquez in two rounds. Baquez suffered a bad cut over the left eye and then blood streamed to such an extent that Referee Freddy Kilmore stopped the bout. Both fighters weighed 128 pounds.

Stock Market Is Irregular; Trading Slow

Most Issues Recover Early Losses As Market Closes

NEW YORK, March 13 (U.P.)—The stock market declined fractions to three points in the early trading today, held through the most of the afternoon around these figures and in the last half hour rallied to close irregular. Trading was quiet and almost entirely professional in character. Pool operations stood out in a few issues. Columbia Graphophone was turned over in large amounts in the late trading and rose to a new high for the year. Earlier in the session tremendous activity was noted in United Corporation on the downside. Considerable short selling came into Bethlehem Steel, Westinghouse Electric and Baltimore & Ohio in anticipation of dividend reductions. These stocks rallied with the others near the close. At one time United States Steel was at 142 1/2 against a previous close to 143 1/2. Near the close it was back to 144 and other industrials made corresponding recovering from the lows.

Million Request Veterans' Loans

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Nearly a million applications for government loans to veterans in the relief program were received within the first week of the operation of the new law. Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, today reported to President Hoover. The bureau mailed 105,766 checks totaling \$40,358,811.79 during this period up to the close of business March 7. Hines said. Four trees, they announced with a smile, were under suspicion.

FLOOD FEAR TO RUSH WORK ON HOOVER DAM

Sec'y. Wilbur Makes Known Dangers Facing Imperial Valley

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Flood control of the Colorado river was set forth today by Secretary of Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur as one of the major phases of the Boulder Canyon project. It was also said that it would be easy to supply skilled labor, since he is receiving fifteen to twenty applications daily from technical experts, most of whom primarily want jobs, and must have a hand in building one of the world's greatest engineering projects. In anticipation of flood threats in the Imperial valley, Wilbur said he wanted the dam up and holding back the water before the 1930s would damage Southern California and Southwestern Arizona. He asserted that there might be danger from the heavy snows in the Rocky Mountains which might melt in a sudden warm spell and pour water into the warm basin. Frank T. Crowe, construction engineer of Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, who will build the \$109,000,000 dam and power plant, is starting preliminary work at Las Vegas. The reclamation bureau here is being deluged with requests for information and applications for leasing store sites in Boulder City. The model town to be built 25 miles from Las Vegas. Among them are requests from all types of entertainment enterprises, including swimming pools, miniature golf courses and theaters. Mead said that the terms for leasing space would be under consideration, but that it would be some time before any definite plan was adopted. The dam builder, who is required to house eighty per cent of his workers in Boulder City, will supply some facilities. In the business zone of the city, however, it will be set aside for stores, shops, hotels, restaurants, gasoline station, laundries and other business houses for leasing for a maximum of twenty years. Buildings will be constructed by lease holders whose plans must be approved by the government.

WOMAN SETS NEW ALTITUDE PLANE RECORD

Instruments Froze As Ship Reaches 28,000 Feet

AKRON, O., March 13 (U.P.)—A new altitude record for women was believed established by Miss Frankie Renner tonight after she had landed at Akron airport with her altimeter showing a height of 28,000 feet. Although the instrument froze at that distance Miss Renner said she was confident that marks on her barograph would show she had climbed above 30,000 feet, the record claimed last week by Miss Ruth Nichols, New York society girl. The 30-year-old flyer, who is secretary of the Robinson Flying Service, was nearly frozen when she landed. Her lips were purple from the intense cold she encountered at the 5 miles level and her feet were frozen. She was not expected, however, to suffer any ill effects from the trip. Although she was clad in heavy fur-lined boots and electrically heated clothing, the intense cold at the high altitude penetrated to the bone, she said. She was able however to bring the ship down with little difficulty. The barograph which was sealed to make the flight official was taken from the plane and prepared for shipment to Washington where it will be examined by the United States Bureau of Aeronautics. MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED NELSEN—MORGAN; Melo, 41, and Ethel Price, 33, both of Los Angeles. MANHEIMER—EVANS; Hushes J., 35, of Cincinnati, and Annabelle, 34, of Denver. AITKEN—GILBERT; John Anderson, 35, of Pendleton, Ore., and Thelma M., 16, of Fairmont, Calif.