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METAL MARKET			
NEW YORK, March 16. (U.P.)—Lead unchanged at 4.50 New York and 4.25 St. Louis. Zinc, prime western, 4.00 E. St. Louis.			

100 FEARED LOST IN SHIP BLAST

Dam Contractors To Build New Railroad

SIX COMPANIES ANNOUNCES NEW RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

Third Railroad, 21 Miles Long, for Boulder Dam Project Will Be Begun in Twenty Days, Say Officials

Six Companies Pays \$825,000 as Premium On Largest Surety Bond Ever Issued

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 (U.P.)—The third of three railroads in connection with the Hoover dam project will be under construction within three weeks, officials of Six Companies, Inc., builders of the dam, said on their return from Las Vegas.

Construction has been completed on a Union Pacific branch line 23 miles in length from Las Vegas to Boulder City. The United States Reclamation Service railroad from Boulder City to the rim of Black Canyon is now under construction by Lewis Construction company, contractors.

Six Companies is to lay approximately 21 miles of new railroad from a junction with the Boulder City-Black Canyon government line, up the river and across the river to gravel deposits on the Arizona side, including also a branch down to the river at the present boat landing thence around down the river near water level to the dam site.

The next year, officials of the company said, will be devoted to preparations for the actual construction of the dam, including the laying of water mains, erection of power and telephone lines and the building of camps in addition to road construction.

Six Companies announced payment of the largest surety bond premium on record, \$825,000 for the \$5,000,000 performance bond, which is to be signed as soon as the bond and contract are received here from the government.

Twenty-one American companies acted as underwriters on the bond, which guarantees that the contractors will start and finish the work on time, provides a penalty of \$3,000 for each day's delay, and guarantees that all labor and materials bills will be paid.

Officials of Six Companies, Inc., in Las Vegas last night confirmed the report from San Francisco that new railroad construction for transporting materials to the dam site will be begun shortly. The contemplated lines will be approximately 21 miles in length.

Connecting with the government railroad at a point between Boulder City and the rim of Black Canyon, the Six Companies line will run up the river to a point near old Fort Calville opposite the gravel deposits which are on the Arizona side. Whether the railroad will cross the river to the gravel deposits, or whether the gravel will be brought across the river by aerial tramway has not yet been decided. But according to present plans the gravel for the greater portion of the dam construction must be brought to the Nevada side of the river and stored in great stock piles in Hemenway Wash, because the gravel deposits will be under water as soon as the coffer dams are completed.

Another line of railway will go to the river near the present boat landings and thence down through the canyon to the dam site, the entire mileage of both lines which must be built by the Six Companies being approximately 21 miles.

MAIL PILOT JUMPS FROM SHIP IN FOG

Second Time in Year Forced to Abandon Plane

WASHINGTON, March 16. (U.P.)—Lost in a swirling snow storm and his plane coated with ice, Verns Treat, veteran pilot of the night air mail, jumped for his life late last night.

He landed unharmed in an orchard about five miles from Laurel, Md. The demolished plane was found today a mile away. The mail was intact and was brought here.

It was the second time within a year Treat had saved his life by jumping. Last March 25 he was trapped in a fog, flew until his fuel gave out, and then descended in a parachute 11,000 feet near Antietam, Md.

Treat left Camden, N. J., at 10 p. m. yesterday on his regular run to Richmond, Va. The weather reports were fairly good.

Soon, however, he plunged into a heavy snowstorm. Near Baltimore the snow clogged some of his instruments. Treat lost his directions. Desperately, he tried to climb above the storm, but could not.

At 1,500 feet Treat shut off the gasoline, and stepped out. In one hand he carried a flashlight and the other a rubber cushion—his sole hope in case he should be over water.

Luck was with him, however, and he landed 100 yards from a farmhouse.

The bill provides that suits for divorce may be filed in Nevada after either party to the action has resided in the state six weeks.

A bill fixing the maximum fee which may be charged by attorneys in uncontested divorce cases at \$35 for each party, was introduced in the assembly by D. H. Tandy of Lander county, house speaker and newspaper publisher.

The measure carries a long preamble, reciting the benefit of Nevada divorce laws to the marital bliss of the nation and declares that passage of the three months' divorce law by Arkansas threatens to wipe out the Nevada industry unless Nevada attorneys reduce their fees to a point where divorces will not only be easy to get but very cheap. The bill is now before the judiciary committee of the assembly.

By a vote of nine to seven, with one absent, the senate indefinitely postponed action on the bill to limit freight trains to 70 cars and passenger trains to 14 cars in Nevada. The bill was passed by the assembly several weeks ago.

SIX WEEKS' DIVORCE BILL IS PASSED

Tandy Would Limit Attorney's Fees To \$35 Each Party

CARSON CITY, March 16. (U.P.)—The senate today passed the six weeks' residence divorce bill by a vote of 13 to 1, with three absent. The bill was reported favorably by the public morals committee and adopted without debate after being amended to make it effective May 1st instead of immediately on ap-

SUSPECT HELD IN MURDER OF BROOKS GIRL

Is Held Incommunicado in San Diego Jail

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 16. (U.P.)—Possibility that another suspect in the Virginia Brooks slaying was seen here today when Captain William J. Wright of the Los Angeles sheriff's office, left the city hurriedly and refused to discuss his mission.

It was rumored that the officer was in search of a man previously convicted of molesting children.

Meanwhile, San Diego police continued to hold Ture Wallin, 28, a fisherman, arrested in Lower California, on a technical charge of violating the immigration laws and drunkenness.

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SAN DIEGO, March 16. (U.P.)—Indications that the search for the slayer of 10-year-old Virginia Brooks was nearing an end, were seen today in a police announcement that Ture Wallin, 28, fisherman, was held incommunicado, suspected of having knowledge of the crime.

Wallin was held on a technical charge of violation of the immigration laws for jumping bond on a drunk driving complaint. He was arrested in Tecate, Lower California, by Mexican officers yesterday when he was reported to have inadvertently made incriminating remarks about Virginia's death.

After questioning by Detective Lieutenant George Sears, he was ordered held incommunicado.

Wallin was to be brought face to face with Mrs. E. H. Ward, one of the last persons to see the Brooks girl alive.

Mrs. Ward told police soon after Virginia disappeared that she was driving near the girl's home on the morning of her kidnapping, and saw Virginia hurrying to school. A short distance ahead, was a small coupe parked with one wheel on the sidewalk.

On the steps of the car, less than three feet from where Virginia was to pass, a man, apparently about 28 years old, was seated. Police believe Wallin answers that description.

Virginia never was seen alive again. An automobile, answering the description given by Mrs. Ward, has been held by the sheriff's office for several days, and she was to view this car as well today.

Sears, who has been made head of the board of inquiry into Virginia's death, announced that a small truck had been found. On its bottom were bits of leaf mould, similar to that found on the girl's clothing, and bits of hair. Rex Welch, Los Angeles police chemist, was examining the hair to ascertain if it was Virginia's.

Of the four hairs found clutched in Virginia's hand, three definitely have been proven to be the slain girl's. The fourth is foreign, and from an adult head, but it so far has been impossible to determine the sex of the person from the hair, Welch said.

Plans for a coroner's inquest were still in abeyance today. Autopsy surgeons, after a three day examination, have reported:

"It is our opinion that, due to the absence of all vital organs and the extensive loss of skin, muscles and other tissues, the cause of death cannot be determined."

State, county and city officers were combined in the board of inquiry under Sears today. They included Captain William Bright and Chief Deputy Frank Dewar of the Los Angeles sheriff's office; Rex Welch and Frank Gompert, Los Angeles technical experts; Undersheriff Oliver Saxon and Deputy Sheriff Blake Mason of San Diego; Harry Hiseok and M. F. Nureberg of the state bureau of identification, and members of the San Diego detective bureau, with Police Chief Arthur Hill.

Love Letters To Married Woman Land Lovelorn Sender In Jail

Writing letters of love and affection to an already married woman of Las Vegas cost Fred Floyd his liberty for several days last week. Floyd had "one streak of luck, however, when he was given a "leat" out of town.

For the past few weeks, Mrs. Fisher, leader of the Church of the Nazarene, has been receiving endearing letters from an unknown source. The letters invariably started with "My Dear Wife."

When Mrs. Fisher had received some 15 of the letters she took the matter up with Bud Bodell, chief criminal deputy in the sheriff's office. Bodell addressed a letter to Mr. Floyd at the local post-office and then waited for him to call for his mail.

Floyd was happy when he received his long awaited answer to his many letters, but before he had time to read it his happiness had changed to gloom as Bodell took him into custody.

In his letters to Mrs. Fisher, Floyd stated that he had just received his bonus check and that "the spirit of God had told him to make her a present of \$500 and also a new automobile." "We were made for each other" and "my heart is with you always" were some of Floyd's pet phrases.

Mr. Fisher did not like the letters, especially as they always started with "My Darling Little Wife" and invariably ended with "Your Darling Little Husband."

When questioned by Bodell, Floyd admitted that he did not have any bonus check, nor anything in fact, except his love.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher did not wish to prosecute Floyd so the officers gave him a chance to make a quick exit from Las Vegas.

NEGRO BOY BEING GROOMED TO SUCCEED ONE-EYED CONNELLY

WASHINGTON, March 16. (U.P.)—A five-year-old negro boy is being groomed as the successor to One-Eyed Connelly, gate crasher extraordinary.

Connelly never crashed the White House—to the best of the attendants' knowledge—but yesterday Herbert Jefferson, small, dusky and a born explorer, did just that.

Herbert spent some little time inspecting the spacious grounds with the calm eye of a connoisseur, then strolled through the main entrance of the White House to see what was inside.

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HANSELL TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CITY HEAD

Rumors Say That Hesse May Not Enter Race

The political pot for the city election in May is getting up to the boiling point in Las Vegas.

Developments yesterday were that a ticket headed by E. W. Cragin would be announced definitely within the next few days. With Cragin it is reported will be W. B. Mundy, former city commissioner and Archie Grant, local Ford dealer.

Mundy, when interviewed last night, stated that he had made up his mind to be a candidate. Grant is still giving the matter consideration and will possibly file in the next few days.

W. C. German, present member of the city board, definitely announced last night that he would be a candidate to succeed himself. Otis Smith will also be a candidate for re-election.

The outstanding development of the day was the announcement last night that Lou Hansell would be a candidate for the office of Mayor. Hansell is at present a member of the board of city commissioners.

Hansell's announcement complicates the ticket for the office of mayor. Fred Hesse, present mayor, has not yet definitely announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Rumors have been abroad during the last few days that should Hansell file for the office of mayor, there was a possibility that Hesse might decide not to run.

From present indications there will be two tickets in the field. Cragin, Mundy and Grant opposing Hansell, Smith and German. Should Hesse decide to file with Hansell's hat already in the ring it is hard to tell just what might happen.

Roy Okley of Timberlake, N. C., reports growing 1,316 pounds of tobacco, which sold for 25 cents a pound, following a crop of lespedeza.

FERGUSON IS RETURNED BY SHERIFF KEATE

Will Stand Trial For Green Lantern Holdup

Sheriff Joe Keate arrived in Las Vegas early this morning with James Ferguson, arrested in Phoenix, Arizona.

The arrest of Ferguson brings to an end an investigation that has been underway since the night the Green Lantern club was held up Christmas. Shortly after the hold-up, Keate, then an officer on the city police force, arrested Ferguson as the ringleader of the gang. He was later turned loose for lack of sufficient evidence.

Keate however felt sure that Ferguson was the man wanted, and has kept up a constant search for evidence. Two weeks ago Keate had completed his case against Ferguson but found that he had left Las Vegas for some point in Arizona or New Mexico. He was finally located in Phoenix and arrested.

It is believed that one of the men already held in the county jail for participation in the Green Lantern holdup has furnished the sheriff with information that will make a complete case against Ferguson.

In all probability other arrests will follow the return of Ferguson. Sheriff Keate deserves a great deal of credit in bringing those responsible for the Green Lantern holdup to trial.

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Politics on Black List Until Vacation Over

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Despite the fact that Palm Springs at present boasts of 32 millionaire guests, the mayor of New York occupied the limelight.

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LOS ANGELES TO RUSH WORK ON AQUEDUCT

Output of Supply Exceeds Input in Reservoirs

LOS ANGELES, March 16. (U.P.)—In urging immediate construction of an aqueduct to the site of the Boulder dam, the Metropolitan Water district announced today that southern California's water supply was being rapidly depleted by the use of 170,000,000 gallons more water daily than is being replaced in the reservoirs.

The overdraft of 170,000,000 gallons is being taken from underground water reserves that have accumulated over a period of thousands of years. When this supply is exhausted salt water will flow into the gravel beds cutting off this source.

Of the 9,000,000,000 gallons of water which is daily running into the sea from the Colorado, creminth will be made available to southern California cities by the district's aqueduct when the dam at Boulder is completed, the statement said.

Owing to the fact that it will take nine or ten years to construct the aqueduct the Metropolitan Water district is urging immediate commencement of work.

In the meantime southern California cities were advised by the board of directors to develop local water sources to their fullest extent.

"By complete development of all remaining water in Owens valley and the Mono basin, Los Angeles is preparing to provide itself with an adequate supply until Colorado river water can be brought in," the statement concluded.

5 Inmates Of Sanitarium Are Burned to Death

JAMESTOWN, R. I., March 16. (U.P.)—Five persons, four of them undergoing treatment at the Bates Sanitarium here were burned to death tonight when fire destroyed a building known as Cottage No. 3 at the institution. The fifth victim was an attendant.

The dead:

Harry Easton, Newport; Edward E. Peckham, Middletown; Mrs. Catherine Gerhard, E. Providence; Edward Shea, Providence and Joseph Hardiman, orderly at the sanitarium.

Starting from an unknown cause in a boiler room adjoining the cottage the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered by an orderly. Firemen from Jamestown and Newport battled the flames for more than an hour before the fire was brought under control.

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