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### Boulder Dam Project

The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than A Quarter Of A Century.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 28—Maximum, 74; minimum, 48.  
March 29—Maximum, 74; minimum, 48.  
March 30—Maximum, 75; minimum, 48.

### METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, March 30. (U.P.)—Zinc 3.95 immediate delivery and 4.00 for distant month unchanged at 4.50 New York and 4.25 St. Louis.

# CITY ACTS TO LICENSE GAMES

## New Vegas Hotel To Spur Building Activity

### LEIGH HUNT ANNOUNCES NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL ESTIMATED COST \$750,000

#### Fremont and Seventh Street Corner Selected As Site—Hotel To Open Not Later Than December First Next

**AN ANNOUNCEMENT**  
By Leigh Hunt

"After a long struggle and many disappointments, due largely to wasted time and energy on promoters of big claims and little substance, I am finally in a position to tell my Las Vegas friends that we shall have a first class hotel, the one thing most essential to our success, and it will be ready to receive guests December first, next.

"Heretofore my effort has been to secure a tourist hotel, located on the ridge south of town and near the Country Club, but I finally decided that the quickest way to accomplish that would be the building of a town house good enough to serve all purposes, which I am confident will soon impress the group backing the town house the necessity of both.

"In quality there will be none better on the Pacific Coast; as to size, not so pretentious; only two hundred rooms, but planned to enlarge as needed.

"While this is not to be in any sense a Biltmore Hotel, yet Mr. Charles Baad and Mr. Robert Fohel, in all probability his nephew, Mr. Robert Fohel, who is now Assistant Manager of the Los Angeles Biltmore, will be the General Manager.

"The hotel will be located on the Northeast corner of Seventh and Fremont, on a plot of ground 140 feet frontage in Fremont, by 250 feet on Seventh street."

### Fitts To Keep L. A. "White Spot Of The Nation"

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (U.P.)—District Attorney Burton Fitts said today after his return from Chicago where he attended a conference of prosecutors from all parts of the United States, that he intended to keep Los Angeles the "white spot of the nation" as far as criminals are concerned.

Fitts disclosed that he brought with him pictures, fingerprints and data on "500 of the leading gangsters of the east."

The district attorney admitted that the city had suffered from "a great deal of crime" and attributed the fact partially to the economic depression.

Fitts said he also returned with a new "manpower man," presumably from Chicago.

### NEW BLIZZARD TAKES HEAVY DAMAGE TOLL

#### Loss Estimated To Reach Many Millions

KANSAS CITY, March 30. (U.P.)—Additional stories tonight added misery and suffering to the states of the southwest just recovering from last week's blizzard which took a heavy toll of damage.

Snowstorms once again whipped sections of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Damage in Oklahoma was set at \$1,000,000. Practically all of the state's \$2,000,000 peach crop was destroyed. Livestock throughout the area suffered heavy losses, the extent of which will not be known until deep drifts have been melted later this week.

More than 2,000 head of cattle were believed frozen to death on the plains of western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Livestock worth approximately \$50,000 was known to have perished in the storm which harassed Nebraska.

A blinding snowstorm raged over the Texas Panhandle tonight, burying the countryside under a foot of snow and threatened herds of stock.

### PRISONERS IN JOLIET JEER PAROLE BOARD

#### Unrest in Both Prisons Still Continues

JOLIET, Ill., March 30. (U.P.)—Hundreds of convicts in old Joliet prison hammered on the bars of their cells and yelled imprecations today as the state parole board, which they had condemned as the cause of the recent riots in Joliet and Stateville prison, met to consider parole applications.

The parole board broke tense as four members of the board opened their two-day sessions.

Guards managed finally to silence the prisoners, many of whom had made derogatory statements about the board to the legislative committee investigating conditions responsible for the riots.

The board planned to hear today relatives and friends of prisoners making application for parole. The applications will be heard tomorrow. Representative Michael Igoe, member of the investigating committee, expected to attend the hearings.

### RESCUERS SEEK ENTOMBED MEN

SANFORD, N. C., March 30. (U.P.)—Forty volunteer workers sought to reach the 3,800 foot level in the Carolina coal mine at Coal Glen, N. C., today where Lawrence Huncutt, 38, foreman, and his son, Elbert, 16, were trapped Saturday night.

A heavy storm yesterday cut off power in the mine and automatic fans that kept the lower levels free from gas were stopped. Little hope remained that the two miners were alive.

Fifty-two miners were killed in an explosion at the mine in 1925.

### TRAGEDY



Sorrow was the lot of Mrs. David Pinkes, shown above with a child by a former marriage to that which ended when Pinkes shot her last Tuesday, then committed suicide in a Reno hotel Wednesday. Pinkes left a note telling police that his wife had been untrue to him, and had taken him to the murder. She had been married twice before her last marriage.

### Last Minute News Flashes

#### Babe Born In Plane

WINNEPEG, Man., March 30. (U.P.)—Lindbergh Wright Cook Miller, the first baby born in an airplane of the Royal Canadian Air Force, was reported doing nicely tonight.

The baby was born yesterday while the plane was 400 feet up enroute from Mile 214 on Hudson Bay Railway to Pas. His mother was speeding for medical treatment when Lindbergh Wright was born.

#### Explosion Kills Eight

OVIEDO, Spain, March 30. (U.P.)—A terrific explosion occurred today in the shaft of a coal mine near here. The death toll reached 8. Six were badly injured. Six others escaped through a gallery not damaged in the accident.

#### Gandhi Given Vote

KARACHI, India, March 30. (U.P.)—The Mahatmas M. K. Gandhi, independent leader, won a decisive personal victory tonight in his passive resistance campaign when the All-India congress, in national convention here adopted a resolution endorsing the terms of the Gandhi-Irwin accord.

The six thousand delegates also voted authorization to Gandhi to lead the congress delegation at the second India roundtable conference to be held later this year, according to the present plans.

#### \$200,000 Oregon Fire

EUGENE, Ore., March 30. (U.P.)—Damage of more than \$200,000 was done by fire here today when flames swept the Graham block, modern downtown building and wiped out several business establishments.

Five women in apartments above business houses, were carried to safety ca ladders. The entire business section was under a pall of smoke for several hours after the flames reached a quantity of lard which had been stored in the basement of the building.

### FORMER VEGAS BANKER COMES BACK TO CITY

Milton E. Powers, who in 1905 was president of a Las Vegas bank, came back yesterday after an absence of nearly 26 years.

Soon after the sale of town lots in Clark's Las Vegas Township, May, 1905, Mr. Powers started his bank. It was in a small wooden building perhaps 10 x 16 in size,

### DUFFILL WINS FIRST ROUND IN COURT TILT

#### Divorce Action To Be Shifted to Las Vegas Court

Albert Duffill, prominent Las Vegas attorney, won the first round in the court battle his wife is staging for a divorce.

Mrs. Duffill established residence in Reno and started divorce proceedings there. When the suit was brought up in Judge Bartlett's court in Reno, counsel for Duffill asked for a change of venue. Judge Bartlett ruled that the plaintiff, Mrs. Duffill, was within her rights in bringing action in the Reno court and denied Duffill's request for a change of venue.

Counsel for Duffill appealed Judge Bartlett's decision to the state supreme court. Yesterday the supreme court ruled that Judge Bartlett's decision was in error and granted Duffill's request for a change of venue.

The case will now be heard in the district court at Las Vegas. Attorneys for Duffill are Mr. Speciale of San Jose, Sam Platt and Leo A. McNamee of Las Vegas. Attorney Lester Summerfield of Reno is representing Mrs. Duffill.

In Mrs. Duffill's complaint she requested \$1,000 a month for herself and infant daughter.

### POLICE HUNT FOR DRIVER OF DEATH CAR

#### Five Run Over While Asleep Near Road

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (U.P.)—Socorro Gonzales, 45, one of five Mexicans run over by an unidentified motorist while sleeping on the San Dimas road early today, died at the Pomona Valley health center.

Two other victims are not expected to recover from their injuries.

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (U.P.)—Three of five Mexicans, run over by a sleeping driver while sleeping on the San Dimas road early today, were perhaps fatally injured, according to deputy sheriffs who started search for the driver of the car.

The injured were John Blanco, 17, Tomasa Blanco, 38, Mrs. Frances Gonzales, 38, Manuel Gonzales, 21, and Socorro Gonzales, 45. Lupe Gonzales, 6, escaped unhurt because she was clinging to her mother when the car hurtled over the sleeping men and women.

At the Pomona Valley health center, physicians reported that Socorro Gonzales and Frances, his wife, and John Blanco suffered injuries which may be fatal.

The Mexicans had parked their automobile off the pavement and had retired on the ground beside it. Evidence shows, according to deputies, that the hit-and-run driver left the highway and passed to the right of the Mexicans' machine driving over his victims.

One of the victims, Socorro Gonzales, was dragged 95 feet by the speeding automobile. Another was dragged 50 feet while two others were dragged 35 feet beneath the car.

### 'SCARFACE AL' IS SOUGHT AS TALKIE STAR

#### Gangster Tempted By Million Dollar Contract

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (U.P.)—An offer of \$1,000,000 to appear in a talking film was made to "Scarface Al" Capone, Chicago gang leader, by a Hollywood motion picture producer, District Attorney Burton Pitts said today.

The district attorney, who returned to Los Angeles after attending a meeting of prosecutors in Chicago, declared he was approached by asserted representative of Capone, who asked what Fitts' attitude would be if Capone came west to make the picture.

Fitts said he sent back word to Capone that he would be immediately jailed if he set foot in Los Angeles county and harassed until he left.

"I will not tolerate the presence of 'Scarface' Al Capone here," the prosecutor said. "I sent such word to him in emphatic terms when I was in Chicago."

### Bag Of "Gold" Sends Would Be Actor To Doctor

MANHATTAN, Kas., March 30. (U.P.)—A little less realism will go into future stage appearances of Fred Seaton, a student at the Kansas Agricultural college.

Cast for the tenderfoot in the melodrama, "Chip, the Miner's Daughter," presented at the college, Seaton roughed it up a bit too much when the villain appeared and stole the miner's gold.

In the excitement the bag of gold, impersonated by a sack of nails, struck the struggling tenderfoot on the head.

After the play, Seaton complained of a headache. It was found he was suffering from a slight concussion of the brain.

### RENO MAYOR WOULD MAKE GOOD WHISKEY

#### Brands Attack on Reno By Dr. Wilson as All Wrong

RENO, March 30. (U.P.)—Mayor E. E. Roberts' two opponents in his race for re-election indicated today that as far as they are concerned, he would be alone in the role of defender of the fair name of Reno against attacks by alleged long-haired reformers.

Howard S. Doyle, prominent business man, said he intends to make no public statement of any character, except that he will give the city a business administration if elected. Milburn R. Gregory said he was paying no attention to the mayor's statements, but devoting his campaign to pointing out the necessity for Reno to capitalize on her scenic attractions to make the city a great tourist center.

Mayor Roberts opened his campaign last week in public speeches replying to a statement given to the press by Dr. Clarence True Wilson, national director of the Methodist board of temperance and public morals, in which the Methodist minister said Nevada is a combination of Sodom, Gomorah and perdition. Speaking at the Methodist church last night, Mayor Roberts, who once served congress and is a lawyer, declared Dr. Wilson's views were all wrong and based on misconception of the aims of Reno to alleviate suffering of many kinds by dealing in the open with social problems and evils. He advocated the placing of a barrel of corn whiskey on every corner in the city with a dipper attached and a sign directing all favorably inclined to drink as much as they pleased, but not to carry any away. Liquor, according to the mayor's plan, would come from a municipal still, operated at public expense and would be good corn whiskey.

### FIVE MILLION DOLLAR DAM BOND SIGNED

#### 24 Companies Guarantee Hoover Dam Completion

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30. (U.P.)—What probably was the largest surety bond ever drawn, was signed at the chamber of commerce here today, when signatures were affixed to the five million dollar pledge that Six Companies, Inc., will fulfill their contract with the government to construct Hoover dam.

Representatives of 24 national surety companies were called together by Leland Cutler, president of the chamber of commerce and vice president of the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, one of those on the bond.

W. H. Wattis, president of Six Companies, left the hospital where he was undergoing treatment, to attend the ceremony and affix his signature.

### OREGON PAIR FREED, FACE NEW CHARGE

#### Jury Finds Couple Not Guilty Of Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30. (U.P.)—Nelson C. Bowles and Irma G. Loucks, found not guilty at Hillsboro Saturday afternoon of charges of first degree murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Leone C. Bowles, must stand trial on moral charges.

District Attorney Lotus Langley of Multnomah county announced here today that he intends to press the charges, seeking the maximum penalty of six months in jail and a fine of \$500.

Charges of lewd cohabitation were preferred against Bowles and his former stenographer November 15, three days after Mrs. Bowles died in an apartment occupied by Miss Loucks. They admitted their relations had existed over several months.

RENO, March 30. (U.P.)—Secret divorce proceedings started here today immediately after Governor Fred B. Balzar signed a legislative bill authorizing them.

Adopted by the state legislature at the same time it approved the granting of divorces to any person who had resided in Nevada for six weeks, the new law was designed to protect divorcees from undesired publicity on details of their complaints.

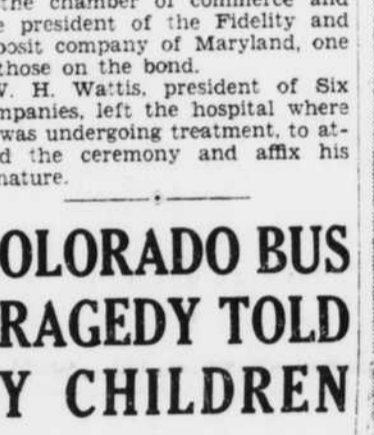
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Two men, H. A. Untiedt and Dave Stonebraker, found the bus. Inside were the children, and among the dead were Untiedt's son and Stonebraker's daughter.

The surviving children were taken to a farm house and then brought here by airplane and automobile for medical treatment.

### AGAIN IN TOILS



Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, and his stenographer, Irma Loucks, were acquitted of murdering Bowles' wife. Both, however, will be tried on a morals charge.

### CITY PASSES ORDINANCE ON GAMBLING

#### Licenses To Be Issued Early Next Week

The new city gambling ordinance was passed and adopted as an emergency measure at a regular adjourned meeting of the board of city commissioners yesterday afternoon. The ordinance is printed in full in another column of this publication, and provides for a city license tax upon all gambling games in addition to the state and county tax collected, of which the city gets half.

Although the license fees provided for under the new ordinance are much lower than the rates formerly collected by the city, it was pointed out yesterday that the city will receive approximately three times as much as heretofore from each house. With the present number of houses operating it is estimated the city revenue will be increased between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per quarter. Of the remaining portion of the county license fee half goes to the county and half to the state.

At present there are six applications for gaming licenses on file with the city clerk. It will not be possible to grant these until next Tuesday, when the ordinance will become effective. The county licenses have already been collected from the houses operating.

Those asking for permits are the Northern club, by J. H. Morgan, J. D. Butler, 110 So. First, Theodore Petersen, 22 Fremont; St. Woo Wegener, 202 No. Fifth, Las Vegas club, 21-23 Fremont, Boulder club, 118 Fremont, D. J. McCauley, Roy Grimes, and R. H. Davenport, Lorenz resort.

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### JOCELYN LEE, LUTHER REED AIR TROUBLES

#### Film Actress Charged With Using Profane Language

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (U.P.)—Jocelyn Lee, film actress, flew into a rage during her honeymoon in Agua Caliente and threw a handful of silver dollars into the face of her husband, Luther Reed, director, according to Reed's testimony today at their contested divorce hearing.

Reed said he was playing a card game in the Agua Caliente casino with Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, film actors, when Miss Lee asked him for money.

The director said he gave Miss Lee half of \$20 winnings and that she threw the silver dollars on the floor. Other players returned the money to Miss Lee. It was testified, and she then threw the silver at Reed.

Reed testified that Mexican officials suggested he and Miss Lee return to their bungalow. Once at the bungalow, he declared, Miss Lee addressed him in profane language and hurled an ash tray at him. The tray, he said, struck him on the head and he bled profusely.

"I grabbed her," Reed testified, "and held her as tightly as possible. This scuffle continued for some time."

Reed testified that Caliente officials then came to the bungalow and ordered them to leave. They were warned, he said, not to stop at Tijuana as officials there were not as tolerant of the sort of language Miss Lee used.

Reed said he was forced to drive around for some time before the border opened and he and Miss Lee could return to the United States.

Miss Lee, in her counter complaint, alleged cruelty. She declared Reed carried a pistol in order to intimidate her.

The couple married June 14, 1930 and separated on September 7. Both Reed and his wife are seeking custody of two children, Celeste, 3, and Dana, 2.

Fred and Kingerly Whitens Long Beach spent the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Goodwin.