

LAS VEGAS AGE

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WHAT IT MEANS

LAS VEGAS, through the persistent efforts of Leigh Hunt, is assured a splendid hotel to cost at least three-quarters of a million dollars.

It will be primarily a city hotel, but will have accommodations of the highest type to attract those who seek the comforts and luxuries of high class hotels.

Those are some of the obvious and direct benefits we may expect. The more important are those indirect benefits which will come to every line of enterprise in and about Las Vegas.

Other enterprises which have been awaiting a leadership will move promptly forward. Outside capital will quickly come in to take part in the development of the city.

The announcement of the hotel project comes at the best possible time for Las Vegas. Just now everything is working in harmony to assure for Las Vegas a great future.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

LEIGH HUNT has achieved a notable victory in bringing to Las Vegas the assurance that a first class hotel to cost approximately \$750,000 will be built here.

For nearly five years he has devoted much of his time and energy to the efforts to bring in the necessary men and money to provide Las Vegas with adequate hotel accommodations.

And now that the victory is won, Las Vegas can rejoice that, in spite of disappointment and discouragement, Mr. Hunt persisted in the efforts that finally resulted in this fine achievement.

Which is typical of the man who, during most of his life, has been visioning the greatness of the future and then going into the fray to make those visions into realities.

PRIMARY LAW

SENATOR MILLER in introducing the bill for repeal of the present primary law at the last session of the legislature, did a good work.

Under the delusion that the direct primary gives the people a larger voice in the choice of candidates, the primary law is still cherished by some.

The sooner we are able to dismiss the delusion that the primary law is a boon to the cause of democratic government, the better for the country.

PROPERTY VALUES

INVESTORS are again seeking Las Vegas real estate. The realty market, which for the past 18 months has been dormant, is now active.

The market, beginning slowly and cautiously, is gathering speed every day. By next fall it will be full speed ahead.

To reap the best results from the assured real estate activity prices should be kept within reason. The moment property is priced at a figure which is not justified from an investment basis, that minute we begin to bar out the enterprise which otherwise would bring capital and industries to enrich us.

If we decide to sell we should price the property at a figure which will justify the purchaser in improving it.

Have Your Address With Western Union

BURKE, NOTED GANGSTER, TO FIGHT CHARGE

Heavy Guard Placed Around Jail Cell

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 30. (AP)—Fred R. Burke, alleged professional trigger man, blamed by police for at least a score of murders, today demanded a preliminary examination when he was arraigned before a justice of the peace charged with the murder of Charles Skelly, a policeman.

Burke thus elected to fight against a sentence of life imprisonment, which would have resulted had he entered a plea of guilty. Preliminary examination was set for April 8 before Justice Joseph R. Collier, Jr. Burke was remanded to jail without bond.

Burke was not represented by counsel at the brief hearing held in a small room of the bullpen. Justice Collier came to the jail to conduct the hearing.

SAN DIEGO EXPLOSION INJURES 10

Force of Blast Knocks Scores of Pedestrians Down

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 30. (AP)—An explosion in a manhole at Fifth avenue and Broadway, the center of the downtown district of San Diego, injured ten persons, several of them seriously, at noon today.

The cause of the explosion was not determined. An iron cover on the manhole was blown 15 feet in the air and split in two. One of the pieces fell on Mrs. J. O. Rhyme.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 persons gathered at the scene, making it impossible for ambulances to reach the injured for several minutes.

In addition to the ten persons who needed hospital treatment, several score pedestrians were knocked down by the force of the explosion. The first explosion was followed almost immediately by a second blast which sent flames out of the manhole several feet in the air, burning a number of persons who had been knocked down.

Mills - Lewis Wedding Proves Big Surprise

Stealing a march on their friends, Charles E. Mills and Verrill Lewis were married Saturday evening.

HOOVER DAM PROGRESS

Resume of Present Activities and Those of the Near Future on Greatest Engineering Project of the Age

MAIN CONTRACTS The principal contract was awarded March 10 at Denver to Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, a combination of Utah Construction Company of Ogden, Utah; Henry J. Kelsor and W. A. Bechtel, McDonald & Kahn, Morrison-Knudson Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD—Main line to Boulder City, 22 miles, completed. Cost estimated at \$800,000.

GOVERNMENT RAILROAD—Boulder City to dam site, 8.6 miles under construction by Lewis Construction Company. Contract price \$455,509.50.

GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY—Boulder City to dam site, 10 1/2 miles of 22-foot highway, under construction by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., subcontractors. Contract price \$329,917.15.

BOULDER CITY—Excavation for water tanks—Contract let to Butterfield Co., Los Angeles.

Tanks for water system—Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles.

Residences—Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room cottages were opened at Las Vegas office of the Reclamation Service March 12.

Laying out of final plans for the city—As soon as these are approved, contracts will be let for the streets, sidewalks, curbs, paving, water system, sewer system, pole lines for electricity, etc. Administration buildings, dormitories, garages, etc., to follow as soon as possible.

POWER SUPPLY—Transmission line from Southern California under construction by Southern Sierras Power Company.

COMMUNICATION LINES—Telephone Lines—Line from Las Vegas to Boulder City was built by Southern Nevada Telephone Company and is now in operation.

TELEGRAPH LINES—Joint Western Union and Union Pacific line to Boulder City now in operation.

ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT—To be installed by the government and includes turbines, alternators, switchboards and transformers.

CLAUD SPRECKLES SAID BANKRUPT

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (AP)—Claud Spreckles, San Diego financier, today was named in an involuntary petition of bankruptcy in federal court.

Plainiffs in the action were George L. Strobeck, who claimed to hold a judgment of \$41,320 against Spreckles; V. A. Adams, claiming \$20,000, and W. E. MacDonald, claiming \$12,000.

The petition alleged Spreckles was unable to meet obligations as they mature.

New Addition Opens With Big Success

The opening of the new Williams tract, which was put on the market for the first time Sunday, was greeted with enthusiasm, and the first day proved a big success, close to 50 lots being snatched by anxious buyers.

The new subdivision is the property of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Williams, and occupies a splendid site on the Salt Lake highway north of the city, just one mile from Fremont street.

The streets have been graded, artesian water is on the tract, and also lights and telephone. The new tract is close to the recently built up portion of Las Vegas. Property owners in this section claim that the weather is 8 to 10 degrees cooler in the summer and correspondingly warmer in winter. The soil is good, and the property offers many inducements to the would-be home owner or investor.

The title has been insured by the two title companies of Las Vegas, which is an advantage worth consideration in the purchase of property.

Williams owns 120 acres in this section, but is putting only a part of his property on the market at this time.

A site of 20 acres has been offered for the Veterans' Hospital, in case it should be decided to build it at Las Vegas.

Negro Lynched VICKSBURG, Miss., March 30. (AP)—Reports that a negro, Levi Johnson, 21, had been lynched by a mob a few miles outside Vicksburg last night were confirmed by police today.

Johnson, accused of attempting to assault a planter's wife, was shot to death by neighbors and friends of the planter.

L. A. Hotelman Better BOSTON, March 30. (AP)—Continued improvement was reported today in the condition of D. M. Linnard, Los Angeles hotelman, who underwent an operation for a brain tumor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron entertained at dinner Saturday evening, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. Boeggs, Mr. and Mrs. James Cashman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blending, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Walters, Mrs. Leo Rabin and Mr. E. A. Ferron.

While the wedding was not unexpected, it had been planned for a month later, as the bride and bridegroom succeeded in making the affair a complete surprise.

The bridegroom is well known in Las Vegas where he has been engaged in the beauty parlor business for the past five or six years. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Frank A. Wait, and has been residing here with Mr. and Mrs. Wait for the past few months.

Little Hoovers in Scooter Wagons Bring New Thrills to White House



The White House is a lively place these days as playrooms and nurseries ring with the laughter of Peggy Ann (upper right), Herbert III (upper left), and the baby, Jean (below), grandchildren of the President and Mrs. Hoover.

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House wails do not erode the childish activities nor freedom of the President's grandchildren.

Peggy Ann and Herbert III skip merrily beside the President when they accompany him to his office in the mornings, each holding tightly to a hand.

They seem as happy as they would be in their less formal California home. If weighty problems engross their grandfather, Peggy Ann and Herbert III do not know it. They chatter away on all kinds of subjects, and the President listens with a smile.

They ride their toy wagons unconcernedly around the White House yard, and on a few occasions have even scooted in their across the floor of the historic east room.

For outdoor rides Peggy Ann wears a one-piece play suit of red, and Herbert III had one of blue. Herbert has a small toy truck which he can work with foot pedals, and Peggy Ann has an imitation automobile.

Their playmates are children of the cabinet members and their little cousins, Charlotte Anne and Margaret Ellen Hoover, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoover who have moved here from Iowa.

Once when they were invited to the White House, Charlotte and Margaret wanted to take the President's grandchildren a present, but could think of nothing that Peggy Ann and Herbert III did not have already. So, with some misgivings, they took a box of stick candy.

The two little White House residents received the gift with delight, and ran to show it to their grandmother. In spite of her admonitions, little Herbert consumed two striped sticks before luncheon.

Radio Copies Dial 'Phone Device To Give Listener 'Remote Control'



A different remote control for tuning a radio received has been developed. It looks like the dial of an automatic telephone (inset). Dorothy Lore of Camden, N. J., is shown operating one of the new devices.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 30. (AP)—Dial one, two, three, four. A few clicks and there is station WJZ.

Some day the radio fan may tune in his programs just as he operates an automatic dial telephone.

Such is the forecast that comes with development of a new automatic tuner for radio receivers. It is almost an exact counterpart of the dial system of the phone that gets its number without manual assistance at the central exchange.

Not only will this device dial in the stations, but it can be employed also in connection with automatic phonograph combination receivers.

It was developed by RCA-Victor engineers.

It consists of a simple dial control mounted on an ornamental box, with a pilot light to indicate when the set is turned on. Control boxes may be installed in various parts of the home, with the receiver located in the attic or basement. The device gives full operating control of either receiver or phonograph.

Eighteen different settings for as many stations may be made. In tuning in, the dial is twirled to the code number of the desired station. A code number also is dialed for raising or lowering the volume, starting and stopping radio music, playing records or rejecting them at will.

TWENTY-FOUR AUTOS FROM GLENDALE

Southern California Party Visiting Points Of Interest Here

Under the leadership of Paul R. Smith, a member of the Sierra Club and a teacher in the Los Angeles schools, 24 automobiles are making a tour of southern Nevada carrying a large party of people from Glendale, Calif.

They arrived here Sunday, going that day to the Valley of Fire. Yesterday they visited the river and Hoover dam site, going from there to Eldorado canyon, where they camped last night. This morning they plan to visit Hob Hill; thence returning to Vegas.

Going from here to Beatty, the party will proceed to visit Death Valley Scotty's place and drive down Death Valley to Furnace Creek Inn and Dante's view on their way back to Los Angeles.

Members of the party who were in Vegas yesterday expressed amazement at the things they have seen, especially at the beautiful, green-bordered, fast-growing city they found at Las Vegas.

J. E. Farrow Death Is Shock To Friends

The sudden death of J. E. Farrow, well known Los Angeles business man, proved a severe shock to Mr. Farrow's many friends in Las Vegas. Only a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. Farrow were guests at the home of Senator and Mrs. A. S. Henderson, where they were greeted by a delightful evening of bridge.

Death was caused by heart failure, coming most unexpectedly.

Mrs. Wanda Henderson Farrow, accompanied by her father, Senator Henderson, left Sunday evening for Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held today.

Fire Damages L. A. Apartment

LOS ANGELES, March 30. (AP)—Fire, believed to have been caused by defective wiring, caused a near panic among guests of the palatial six-story Evanston apartments, 630 South Kenmore street, in the Wilshire district, shortly after noon today.

While flames shot high into the air from the burning roof, richly dressed women occupants of the apartments fled to the lobby, where Miss Eleanor Holt, the telephone operator, sat at a switchboard notifying other tenants.

The fire burned fiercely between the roof and top floor of the building. Streams of water, poured into the apartments on the top floor, drenched the interior of the building and ruined some of the furnishings.

Firemen had difficulty restraining several of the hysterical women, most of whom insisted on staying in the lobby in an effort to use the telephones.

Government To Sue Sugar Trust

NEW YORK, March 30. (AP)—The federal government has started suit to dissolve the Sugar Institute, charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by maintaining a comprehensive scheme to enforce oppressive and uniform prices.

Members of the institute, which includes leading sugar producers, manufacture 85 per cent of the product used in this country, obtaining raw material at "abnormally low prices," the government charges, from Porto Rico, Hawaii, Cuba and the Philippines.

The move was unexpected after a continuance of one week had been arranged for McAdoo, Jr., earlier in the day.

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STRIBLING IS SAFE AFTER PLANE CRASH

Sharkey Slated To Meet Carnera Next July

HUSTON, Tex., March 30. (AP)—Youn Stribling, heavyweight fighter and aviation enthusiast, saved himself and four other persons from probable death near here late today when he landed his airplane safely after it had crashed into a grove of trees in a blinding rain storm.

Stribling was flying to Huston from Matamoros, Mexico, when the crash occurred at Kendallton, Tex., east of here. One wing of the plane was smashed.

Porter Beats Riske NEW YORK, March 30. (AP)—Stanley Porter, scored a narrow decision over Johnny Riske of Cleveland in a ten round bout here tonight.

Rishe slugged with great enthusiasm throughout but failed by one vote to gain a victory. The two judges cast their vote for Porter while Referee Kid McFarland voted for Porter.

Sharkey vs. Carnera BOSTON, March 30. (AP)—Jack Sharkey, heavyweight contender, will meet Primo Carnera, the towering Italian in a ten round bout at Ebbetts Field, New York, sometime in July. Johnny Buckley, manager of the Boston fighter announced tonight.

Manley K.O.'s Christner DENVER, March 30. (AP)—George Manley, Denver light heavyweight, knocked out K. O. Christner, Akron, O., in the fourth of a scheduled ten round bout here tonight.

Christner claimed a foul but two judges and the referee held the blow was fair. It was a left to the stomach.

Texas Guinan Robbed NEW YORK, March 30. (AP)—While Texas Guinan, night club hostess, was busy furnishing her clientele with entertainment early today, burglars climbed the fire escape outside her Eighth street apartment and ransacked it.

Adolphe Roome of Los Angeles is only 14 years old, but he weighs 235 pounds, and is over six feet in height, which fact has caused his parents to wage a court battle over whether or not to attempt to curtail his further development.

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