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LAS VEGAS WEATHER
April 23—Maximum, 79; minimum, 59
April 24—Maximum, 72; minimum, 54

METAL MARKET
NEW YORK, April 4. (U.P.)—Zinc, prime western, unchanged E. St. Louis. Lead, 4.75 New York.

MACHINE SHOP BEING PUT UP NEAR DAM

Gale Hardly Hinders Work on Project at Edge of Colorado

Federal Warehouses Underway; Line in For Power Carrier

Work in conection with the Hoover-Boulder dam construction is progressing rapidly in spite of the hell of gusty, windy weather which ripped several of the tents of Six Companies at Black canyon camp.

NO HESITATION

The destruction of the tents caused some inconvenience, but the work went on almost without hesitating.

Six Companies, Inc., is building a new mess house and dormitories at the site of the future Boulder City. A railroad spur has been completed to the mess house so that perishable products can be unloaded directly from the cars into the cold storage plant.

Six Companies is also building a large machine shop next to the government survey camp on the edge of Boulder City.

POWER LINE UP

The transmission line of Southern Sierras Power company has been built across hundreds of miles of intervening desert from Southern California to the Colorado river near the dam site.

The towers all are completed and the wires strung, but power will not be available until the sub-station which is in course of construction, is completed.

The government is building a large warehouse in Boulder City for use in its operations there.

ROTARY HEARS TAX TALK AT MEETING

Ernie Cragin program chairman of the day at the Rotary club Thursday noon, introduced as the speaker F. N. Fletcher, secretary of the Nevada Tax Association.

Mr. Fletcher gave a resume of the tax situation in the state starting with the declaration that Nevada is the smallest state in the Union both in population and taxable property, but that it supports a state government with about as many officials as any other state, seventeen counties each with a quota of officials and a fine school system including the state university.

He estimated the 1931 assessed valuation of the state at about $205,000,000 and showed that because of the decline in mining of silver, copper, lead and zinc because of the low prices, that there is pressing need to watch expenditures closely.

Agricultural lands and stock declined in valuation 27 per cent since 1920, he said, and the railroads with declining revenues, are being taxed to build highways for their competitors to use in still further taking business from them.

The only remedy Mr. Fletcher suggested was to cut down on expenses just as we have to do in private business.

President Charlie Dimock announced that the Rotary club is invited to send a representatives to a get-together meeting of the Volunteer Fire department next Tuesday evening.

An invitation asking the club to sponsor the next Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts next Monday evening, was also read and accepted with thanks. The court will be held at the old high school auditorium at 7:30 in the evening.

The American Legion extended an invitation to the club to participate in the parade and exercises for Memorial Day.

INSURANCE FAKE HINTED IN QUIZ

An investigation of the North American Auto association, by the office of the district attorney, following the activities of two agents representing the company in the Ely district, disclosed that the association is not qualified to do business in this state, according to a wire from Secretary of State Greathouse.

When Deputy District Attorney Annand commenced a search for the two agents, to instruct them that they were illegally writing this insurance, he found that they had already left for other fields.

PIONEER IS HERE

George Ward, one of the pioneers of Las Vegas and more recently a member of the Long Beach, Cal., city council, was in Vegas yesterday. He was accompanied by L. B. March, wholesale dealer in electrical supplies.

"Dirt Moving Fools" at Dam Impresses Official

Mead Likes Manner Of Men on Dam Project

WASHINGTON, April 24. (AP) — Back at his desk from an inspection of Hoover dam site at Las Vegas, Nevada, Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, was enthusiastic as he compared the manner and the mode of construction work today with the methods used when he himself as a young man operated a transit and jotted figures in a field book.

His bronzed face, heavily tanned by the desert sun, beamed enthusiasm as he reported activites at the government's huge project on the Colorado river.

"Those western dirt moving fools are building highways, starting tunnels and laying railroads, all at once but without any mix-ups.

"Things are different than when I was on the grade. Every conceivable sort of gigantic labor saving equipment is being pressed into fast, sure service.

"The contractors out there picked their workers so they don't have to tell 'em a thing, and they let 'em go ahead and use their own methods," the commissioner said.

THREE KILLED IN R. R. CRASH

LANCASTER, Cal., April 24. (U.P.) —Three persons were killed tonight when a San Francisco bound Southern Pacific train struck a produce truck at a rail and highway crossing near here. The dead are:

Guy Barrier, 33, Petaluma.

Jack Shoute, 7, and Tom Shoute, 10, his nephews.

According to the story told authorities by Barriers nephews before they died, the engine whistled for the crossing, but their uncle apparently did not hear the train. Barrier was hurled more than one hundred feet and died instantly. The boys died while en route to a hospital here.

SCHOOL OPERA IS COMMENDED

Highly commending the students of the seventh and eighth grades who took part in the production, those who heard "The Isle of Chance" last night in the grammar school auditorium were well pleased with the operetta.

The piece is known as one of the best composed by Ottis M. Carrington, and the work of both the principals and the chorus received due praise from the audience.

Those singing in the operetta included: Lewis Luppens, Gail Kay, Thresa Barlow, Barbara Ferron, Monroe Gregory, Donald Baugh, Harold Kramer, Ella Verela, Mary Kelly, Robert Brown, John Potthoff, Lee Rand Ore, Helen Fitzgerald, Phyllis Hinrichsen, Sybil Ronnow, Helen Blanding.

BUTLER TO BUILD UP POLICE FORCE

SALEM, Ore., April 24 (AP)—Major Smedley D. Butler, of the U. S. Marine Corp is coming to Oregon to organize a new state police force designed to suppress crime.

The noted Marine officer was granted leave of absence today and is expected here next month to direct the consolidation under one superintendent, of all law enforcing agencies of the state.

Governor Meier said the new police law will give Oregon a force which does not have to stop at city limits and be concerned with only one division of crime, but a force which extends over the entire state and over all types of crime.

ARMIES IN MINIATURE

LEIPZIG, April 24. (U.P.) — More than 7,500 varieties of toy soldiers with the uniforms worn all over the world for 2,000 years were exhibited at the Leipzig fair. The mobilization included hundreds of types of American soldiers reproducing the regiments of every American war.

SETS RECORD

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., April 24. (U.P.)—James Miles is 100, goes to work every day, has been married twice, had 17 children, was the youngest of 21 children, drinks beer but doesn't smoke.

SON JAILED

JOHN BOWMAN

Sixteen-year-old son of Mayor Bowman of Salt Lake City, who was arested and held without bail on charge of assaulting a 16-year-old girl. Young Bowman and a companion, Roy Swartsfiguer, 18, police say, held the girl prisoner 14 hours in an apartment house.

L. A. OFFICERS PROBE DEATH OF TURK

LOS ANGELES, April 24 (AP)—The death of Dr. Luigi Bari Sabunci, ninety-eight year old Assyrian philosopher and one-time secretary and political advisor to the late Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey, was the subject of a police investigation tonight.

Although a murder theory was said weak, police stated the body was found in a hotel apartment by a maid and death apparently had been caused by a solitary impact on Sabiungi's right cheek.

Police first declared it was a clear case of murder, probably by theives in searching for a rare and heroic painting which was entitled the "Universal History of Religion" but the canvas and a purse were both found undisturbed.

Detectives then expressed the opinion that death was caused by heart disease, or by a heavy but accidental fall.

OFFICIALS MAKE RIVERS SURVEY

Carrying on an investigation of conditions on several Nevada rivers, including the Truckee, Carson and Humboldt, E. B. Debler, chief hydrographic engineer of the federal reclamation service, and George Sanford, reclamation economist, are in Reno from Washington.

They have completed a trip along the Humboldt during which they conferred with water association officials in the various districts.

EX-MAYOR HURT BY TEXAS MOBS

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., April 24 (U.P.)—J. E. Marlow, former mayor, was injured severely today when he refused to surrender keys to a storeroom holding food for 3,700 of the city's unemployed. Marlow was struck on the neck and forehead and one of his eyes was blackened.

Police stopped the mob and held twenty-five for qestioning. No charges were filed against them and distribution of food will be continued, officers said.

A crowd milled about the courthouse for hours, bent on holding an unemployed meeting despite the warnings of the police that they must not enter the grounds.

When the crowd had swollen to almost 500 men, they held an outdoor meeting and then sent a delegation to The Times asking that newspaper to demand the use of the county building for the meeting.

WOUNDS FATAL TO VICTIM OF CAMP BLAZE

Mrs. Nelson Dies at Hospital Last Eve From Severe Burns

Vegas Folk Give Aid To Those Who Lose Homes in Big Fire

Mrs. Olaf Nelson, 42, died at a local hospital at 9:15 last night, the victim of third degree burns received when the White Spot auto camp on South Fifth street was totally destroyed Monday afternoon.

HUSBAND PRESENT

Friends and acqaintences of the woman felt up to a late hour that she would recover, but despite the battle put up by doctors and hospital attendants, the wounds proved fatal.

Mrs. Nelson was resting on the bed in her cabin at the camp when the fire broke out. Her husband and G. L. French, another guest at the camp, were badly burned when they extinguished her flaming clothing while their own lives were being menaced. Mrs. Nelson's husband was with her last night when the end came.

OGLE WILL RECOVER

Ray Ogle, also painfully burned in the conflagration, left yesterday evening for his home in Monrovia, Cal., with his parents who were summoned following the blaze. Ogle wil recover, physicians declared.

ARE THANKFUL

Expressing their appreciation for aid given their guests who were rendered homeless by the White Spot auto camp fire, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blick, the proprietors, yesterday reported that most of the families suffering from the wreck caused by the blaze were now cared for.

An aditional list of donations made in response to an appeal by The Age include:

$10 by D. Roschi; $10 by Tom Fanatia; $11 by John Ullom; $5 by Joe Graglia; groceries by Mrs. McNamee; sack of potatoes and twenty pounds of onions by the Tower fruit stand; ten pounds of assorted meats by the Tower meat market; ten pounds of coffe, eight dozen eggs; cookies, beans flour and pancake flour by the Tower grocery stand; ten loaves of bread by Las Vegas bakery and ten loaves by Bob's bakery.

MANY DONORS

The Rancho Grande creamery gave one case of milk. Women victims of the fire were given a dress, a bar of soap and a towel each by Mr. Lipkin of the Metro store; cots and bedding were furnished by Phil Bettelheim and Leo Roth; shoes by Laskey shoe store; clothing, cash, bedding or food was given by Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. Will Beckley, Mrs. C. P. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates, Mrs. A. W. Ham, Mrs. R. A. Ashtenhagen, Gene Ward, Happy Day Shop, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Rutherford. Many of the donors preferred to remain anonymous so their names were not secured.

The Las Vegas Volunteer Fire department, beside making a valiant fight to save the camp, is planning to donate $5.00 worth of food to the six families who were fire victims. The total of $30 in groceries will aid in swelling the fund.

Distribution of the money, food, clothing, furniture and bedding was made under the direction of Mrs. Nellie Lake, chairman of the relief committee of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion and Mrs. Dan Jondahl, president of the Mesquite club.

DESIGNS SOUGHT FOR NEW QUARTER

WASHINGTON, April 24. (U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury Mellon soon will invite artists throughout the country to submit designs for a new 25-cent piece which will be issued next year in connection with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The coin will be the first to bear the image of Washington. It is authorized by legislation passed in the closing days of the last session of congress.

On the front of the 25-cent piece now in use is a full-length figure of a woman, while the back is engraved with an eagle in flight.

L. A. MAN HELD HERE FOR POLICE

Jerry Hicks was arrested by the city police on word received from Los Angeles where he is wanted for the theft of an expensive adding machine.

It is expected that officers from Los Angeles will arrive here in the next day or two to return Hicks.

CLEARS CONSCIENCE

PAISLEY, Scotland, April 24. (U.P.) —A United States resident has sent $2 to a railroad station master here to pay for rides taken 22 years ago.

RASKOB DENIES DRY LAW TO BE MAIN ISSUE

Does Not Intend To Dictate Nominee Of Party, He States

Smith Joins in Denial Of Sponsoring Any Strength Survey

NEW YORK, April 24. (AP)—With the empatic assertion that he does not propose to make prohibition the single issue of the 1932 campaign, John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, sailed from this port tonight for a European cruise.

Interviewed at the pier, Raskob told reporters he did not intend to dictate a nominee for president to his party, contrary to repeated rumors that he was to try to force through his own hand picked man for the job.

Deny Survey Sanction

Both Mr. Raskob and Alfred E. Smith, the last Democratic presidential nominee, today denied that they had sanctioned an order to make a survey in order to determine the relative strength of both Republican and Democratic party potential candidates.

Raskob plans to spend six weeks or more abroad, resting for the concentrated drive his party plans to launch in the fall.

OLD N. Y. FIRM SENT TO WALL

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP)—The old Wall street firm of Pynchon & Co., an international banking house, doing extensive business in securities and commodities, was forced to suspend operations today.

The suspension was announced from the floor of the New York stock exchange in the last hour of trading, but found Wall street well prepared for the news.

The statement caused only a small selling flurry, with the price index of ninety leading issues unchanged.

The statement on behalf of the firm' twenty-two partners, attributed their difficulties to the sharp declines in securities in which the firm and its customers actively dealt.

RENO PARLEY SET IN DEMPSEY CASE

LOS ANGELES, April 24. (U.P.)—Attorneys for Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor will meet in Reno tomorrow in an attempt to reach an agreement on a property settlement, and as to which party shall bring suit for divorce.

Joseph Scott, attorney for the actress, left tonight to confer with Robert Burns, representing the former heavyweight champion, who has been in Reno for the last two weeks. Their first conference in San Francisco failed to bring any agreement.

KISS 'STEALER' FREED BY JURY

KANSAS CITY, Kans., April 24. (U.P.)—In the short space of thirty minutes, a jury of nine white men and three negroes decided late today that the portly Rev. James Fornish, christian minister, did not purloin a kiss from Mrs. Bertha Thomas, 37, a choir singer.

Mrs. Thomas had asked that the evangelist, who now has a pulpit at Great Bend, pay her $4,000 for ill health after he had assertedly lured her into his church and kissed her. Rev. Fornish denied the charge.

EX-RULER TAKES TEA WITH GEORGE

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—Alfonso, lately king of Spain and now Duke of Toledo, had tea with King George and Queen Mary of England at Windsor castle today and returned home in time to welcome his third son, Don Juan, who came from Paris.

The latter arrived today to enter Dartmouth Naval college, continuing his training which was interrupted when the Spanish monarchy fell and the royal family went into exile.

Alfonso was accompanied to the palace only by the Duke of Miranda, his constant companion.

WIFE RECOVERING

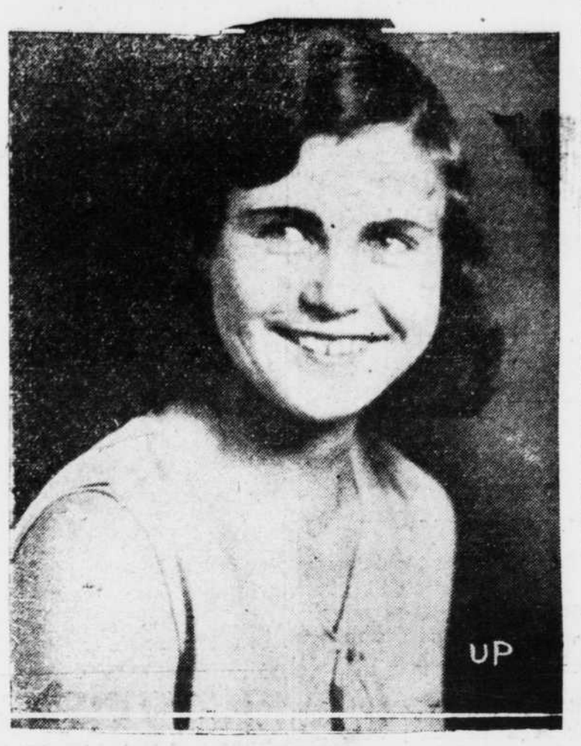
Rolin B. Graham of Beatty is in town for a few days visiting Mrs. Graham, who is just recovering from an illness.

SAN DIEGANS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Schryock of San Diego are in Vegas visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. King.

Los Angeles Is Struck By Earthquake; Damage Small

MYSTERY HANGING VICTIM



LOUISE TEUBER

Rumors of a hidden romance and marriage have deepened the mystery attending the hanging near San Diego Sunday of pretty Miss Teuber, 17. Questioning of a young woman whose name appeared in a diary belonging to the dead girl, according to Sheriff Ed Cooper, brought to light the fact that Louise Teuber had recently been secretly married to a U. S. marine, who is now on board a ship stationed in southern Californian waters.

NEW PROPOSAL IS MADE TO MASONS

Vegas Lodge No. 32, F. & A. M., has a tentative proposition from a capitalist at Los Angeles to erect a five or six story building on its 100- by 140-foot property at Third and Fremont streets.

The deal would be on a 99-year lease basis, the lodge to have the exclusive use of the top floor with a private elevator, rent free.

The deal has been favorably considered by the building committee and at the meeting Thursday evening it was decided to recommend to the lodge that the proposition be accepted.

The previous plan of building has been hanging fire for the past three months because of the Beesmeyer defalcation and the consequent withdrawls of building and loan funds.

PIRATE CREW IS SOUGHT FOR SHIP

HARVE, April 24 (U.P.)—A wealthy South American sportsman, Dr. Carlos Noel, whose private yacht in the form of a 15th Century caravel is now nearing completion, has sent agents along the Brittany and Normandy coasts to recruit a crew which looks as much like a pirate crew as possible.

The Izarra will soon be tested off Harve. The caravel will have large, spreading sails and upper decks like the ships of Columbus' fleet, but a modern 120 h.p. engine will be concealed in her hull.

Her crew will be extremely picturesque, old Normandy and Breton sailors, who apear to have stepped out of picture books of buccaneer days, long bearded, peglegged, with gold hoops in their ears and worsted bonnets.

CALIFORNIAN HERE

Browse T. Bringier, banker of Manteca, Cal., was an arrival in Vegas yesterday, looking over investment opportunities.

ATTORNEY VISITS

Attorney A. L. Scott of Pioche arrived in Vegas on legal business yesterday. He expects to remain in town over today.

COPS BAFFLED BY LATEST SLAYING

SAN DIEGO, April 24. (U.P.) — Two baffling murders, one the hanging of the 17-year-old store clerk on Black Mountain, and the other the strangling of an older woman in her downtown apartment, left authorities grasping at vague clues tonight.

Hold Autopsy

It was determined in an autopsy today that Mrs. W. D. Bibbens, known in Agua Caliente gambling and racing circles as "Diamond Dolly," died of strangulation after suffering a severe blow on the head. Her abdomen, face and body were found to be scratched and bruised. It is believed that Mrs. Bibbens was killed a week ago, on Thursday, April 16.

The other puzzling crime was the hanging of Louise Teuber, Saturday night. Her body was found almost nude.

Sheriff Ed Cooper has made little progress in the case, other than to realize that a jealous woman might have surprised her husband with Miss Teuber.

Sailor Mentioned

The sheriff's office announced today that Miss Teuber was believed to have been with a sailor in the vicinity of Black Mountain a few hours before she was hanged. A sailor's knot was used on the rope with which she was suspended from a tree.

The murder of "Diamond Dolly" took on a sordid background today when Los Angeles police reported that they believed her to be the widow of a W. D. Bibbens, who committed suicide at San Pedro last September.

Bibbens had asked that Dolly Bibbens of San Diego be notified of his death, and the woman claimed his belongings, signing a receipt for them.

Further Los Angeles police records show "Dolly Bibbens" arrested three times in June, 1926, for city rooming house ordinance violations, once being nabbed with a negro.

Was Thirty-Five

The record gave her age as 35.

A third murder which has rocked southern California in the last three months was the kidnaping and slaying of Virginia Brooks, 10, whose body was found on Camp Kearney mesa on March 11. Local officers and state experts have made practically no headway toward solution of the case.

WINDOWS ARE BROKEN BUT NOBODY HURT

Populace Rushes Out On Streets; Dishes Reported Smashed

Santa Monica Area Is Believed Center of Earth Disturbance

LOS ANGELES, April 24. (AP) — An earthquake, lasting but a short time, struck Los Angeles and its suburbs at 10:28 this morning, but with the exception of shattered windows and broken dishes, the only result was an excited populace.

Center Located

The epicenter of the tremor was apparently in the Santa Monica bay district, government officials and seismologists declared.

Disregarding the best advice of earthquake experts, people surged from homes and apartments, swept the streets in excited throngs.

The shock was also felt in Hollywood, in Alhambra and Pasadena. Lights and pictures in Los Angeles homes swayed from their hangings, and the twenty-eight story city hall rocked noticeably.

No great damage was reported from the shock. It was the first quake to strike southern California in nearly a year.

Warnings Issued

Immediately following the wild stampede into the city streets, warnings were issued by police in the event of another tremor. They said that it would be best to remain in the buildings because the walls usually fall out first when shaken by a quake, and the floors are the last to collapse.

FACE NO INDEX TO CRIMINALS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24. (U.P.) —You can't tell a criminal by his features, Dr. Leo L. Stanley, San Quentin prison physician, recently informed members of the Alturian club here.

Dr. Stanley produced photographs of 25 prisoners who had entered San Quentin consecutively, and pointed out that a majority in no way resembled so-called "criminal types." The pictures were made in an effort to check certain widely accepted theories concerning this matter through a "psychological study of physiognomy," Dr. Stanley said.

WOMEN JOIN IN CAMPAIGN DRIVE

Seventy-five persons were in attendance at a meeting of the Phil Bettelheim for Commissioner committee held in Bettelheim's store on North Main street Thursday night.

A ladies' committee was formed and will make a house to house canvass on behalf of Mr. Bettelheim's candidacy, it was understood. Another meeting has been called by the committee and will be held next Thursday night.

GARAGEMEN BATTLE BEES

ASHLAND, Ore., April 24. (U.P.) — Employes of the H. L. Claycomb garage battled for nearly four hours with a swarm of bees that attempted to make their home in a gasoline pump.

Baseball Results

COAST LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Hollywood	8	9	0
Portland	4	14	2

Batteries: Shellenback and Severeid; Malerals, Shouse and Woodall.

Missions	5	11	9
Seattle	7	8	0

Batteries: Caster, Walsh and Blundal; McQuillan, Lamansky and Bascom.

Oakland-Las Angeles, postponed, account rain.

Night game

Sacramento	5	5	2
San Francisco	4	9	6

Batteries: Gillick and Koehler; Stevens, Henderson and Baldic.

Budget For Running Government Hundred Million Over Estimate

WASHINGTON, April 24. (AP) — The cost of running the federal government for the next fiscal year is estimated at $4,119,230,649.00. This is an increase of $187,000,000 over the budget submitted to congress when appropriations were made for the year which ends June 30 of next year.

The estimate wipes out the budget bureau's estimate of a $30,000,000 surplus which was made before the sharp drop in income tax collections.

Dust Storm On Ocean Strikes Vessel En Route From Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24. (U.P.) —A "dust storm" in mid-Pacific was reported today by a ship traveling between this port and the Hawaiian Islands.

When the freighter Manukai slipped into dock at noon today, she was covered with a fine coating of yellowish dust. Particles of the dust were sent to the University of California for analysis. Major H. Bowie, government meteorologist, said the "dust" was probably voncanic ash from some disturbance on the ocean floor, or from an eruption on a south Pacific island.