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LAS VEGAS WEATHER
May 17—Maximum, 103; minimum, 60.
May 18—Maximum, 91; minimum, 60.
METAL MARKET
NEW YORK, May 18. (U.P.)—Copper, spot and future, 9.00. Lead, spot, New York 3.75, East St. Louis, 3.50. Zinc, spot and future, 3.35 to 3.40. Bar silver 27 1/2, a decline of 3/4 cents.

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.

HINMAN FOUND NOT GUILTY; JUDGE HITS TACTICS

Advised Verdict Is Brought in After Jury Instructed

Long Arguments Take Hours; Jury Asks To Hear More Law

A. A. Hinman, Las Vegas attorney, was found not guilty of charges of altering a municipal document after the jury in his case had been advised to bring in a verdict of acquittal late yesterday afternoon.

SCATHING DENUNCIATION

Almost of equal import with the verdict was a scathing denunciation of petty jealousies, factional feuds and underhandness, which was delivered by Judge H. W. Edwards presiding jurist, in his instructions to the jury.

The jurors, receiving Judge Edwards' remarks, went into deliberation at 5:30 p. m.; returned fifteen minutes later for information on the law governing the charges; were told that if they did not bring in an acquittal their verdict would be set aside; and again appeared within twenty minutes with their verdict of not guilty. The verdict brought to a close the bitter case which has been one of the most bitter affairs ever held in the district court here.

STARTLES COURTROOM

In instructing the jurors, Judge Edwards said that it would be a pleasure if the case were over. He said law was a profession to which at one time a man could be proud to belong, but that it would seem to have been degraded. He mentioned his opinion of "snysters and grafters" as connected with the legal profession and said that the record in this case had been filled with dirt.

The jurist's remarks were firmly addressed to both sides of the case and left many spectators in the courtroom gaping.

DENY DISCUSSION

Earl W. Nungesser, James Cashman Wm. L. Scott and W. E. Ferron were the first witnesses called in the Hinman defenses yesterday morning in a continued effort to establish his theory of conspiracy. The testimony of each of these members of the now famous committee which attempted to have the disbarment proceedings against the district attorney dropped, denied any discussion of the Hinman prosecution on that occasion.

DESIRED TO HELP

Mr. Nungesser, Mr. Scott and Mr. Ferron testified that they were actuated principally by their desire to help Mr. Harmon.

Mr. Cashman stated that his main motive was his belief that the community's good could best be secured by the dropping of the charges.

He testified that he had knowledge of at least one of the charges against Harmon, which he knew to be groundless, and believed the other charges to be also without merit.

EXPENSE GUARANTEE

County Commissioners Albert L. Jones and Earl E. Davison were questioned as to the occasion on which the board adopted a resolution guaranteeing the expenses incident to the prosecution.

Both witnesses testified that Harmon had expressed his doubt in his ability to give the defendant a fair deal on account of this personal prejudice and consequently the board passed the resolution.

DEFENSE RESTS

E. G. McGriff, the third member of the board and chairman, had not been subpoenaed, but had not appeared when called, and the defense rested its case.

After a short recess the state recalled A. E. Cahlan in rebuttal. Mr. Cahlan testified as to the purpose of a Carson City trip made by himself, Dr. R. W. Martin, C. P. Wither early in February.

This trip had been mentioned by defense counsel Horsey a number of times with the inference that the trip was for the purpose of discussing with Attorney General Mashburn, Mr. Cahlan stated, however, that the party was a committee from the chamber of commerce sent to Carson City in connection with proposed legislation regarding Boulder dam power.

He testified that as far as he knew none of the party discussed the Hinman or Harmon cases, or any other matters with the attorney general.

With the completion of the taking of testimony, Mr. Horsey requested the exclusion of the jury and when this had been complied with moved the court for an order advising the jury to return a verdict of acquittal.

PRESENT LAW

Following completion of the arguments of the defense attorneys, Julian Thruston, deputy attorney general, and George E. Marsnall,

HERE TO LEARN



This bewhiskered gentleman, Rene Battaglin, equally famous as a chef in both Europe and Asia, arrived recently in San Francisco on the liner Shinyo Maru. He has taken leave of absence from his kitchen in the Raffles hotel in Singapore to make a study of the cooking art in America.

HOOVER TALKS MAY LOWER EXPENSE

WASHINGTON, May 18. (U.P.)—Expenditures of the three largest government departments, the treasury, post office and agriculture, came under scrutiny today with a view to falling in line with President Hoover's economy program. Officials of one of the departments will be summoned to the Rapidan camp next week-end to discuss with President Hoover ways and means of effecting savings. War and interior department officials have already held conferences with the President.

RENO RESORT IS HELD UP

RENO, May 18. (U.P.)—The Capitol club, a downtown resort, was held up and robbed early today by two unmasked men who escaped with \$3,200. The robbery was the second here in less than thirty-six hours, the robbers having looted the Calavada Auto company of \$2,000 in cash and numbers of checks here Saturday night.

PRIEST VISITS YORK MASONS

Grand High Priest J. D. Wallace of Ely, head of the York Rite of Masonry in Nevada, arrived in Las Vegas yesterday afternoon and paid his official visitation to Keystone Chapter No. 6 last evening. He was accompanied by E. H. Beamer, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nevada. The visiting officers were entertained at dinner at the Union Pacific dining room by H. P. Marble, high priest; Thomas C. Washburn, and Dewitt Tracht, scribe, of Keystone Chapter.

The chapter has made a very substantial growth the past year and is in a very flourishing condition. Mr. Marble expresses the hope that a Commandry may be established here in the near future.

Reno Judges Make New Record On Divorces And Grant New Favors

RENO, May 18. (U.P.)—Judges granted a new favor to divorce seekers today and a new record for speed was established here as fifty-five decrees were granted, most of them in the afternoon session. A new ruling by Judges Benjamin F. Currier and Thomas Moran provides that complaints filed before noon Monday may be heard Monday afternoon.

Heretofore only complaints filed

PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS MEN AT BOULDER GIVEN WARNING BY CRAMPTON

Rules Governing New Permits Released By Department

That speculation may be prevented in supposed opportunities in Boulder City, Nevada, the new town soon to come into being in connection with the building of Hoover dam, and that conditions there during the construction period may be conducive to its successful completion, the Bureau of Reclamation announces that the grant of permits and leases in Boulder City will be limited and controlled.

SHOULD INVESTIGATE
Over 3,000 persons in all parts of the United States have already expressed desire to engage in business in this new town. Many of them are so influenced by the old pioneering spirit, by interest in the building of the world's greatest dam, and by lack of satisfactory business opportunities in Boulder City that they are prepared to sell out at home and take their all to the new project. If this movement is not restrained, speedy bankruptcy of hundreds is inevitable.

The Bureau of Reclamation today has made public its circular of information concerning the issuance of permits to engage in business there and the blank to be used in making application for such a permit. In the usual lines of wholesale and retail business, at least two competing permits will be granted, the number at first being limited to the available business needs of the town, further permits being granted later if the public interest requires. When the town has been built and business conditions there have become stabilized so that any one desirous of entering business can visit the town and study the actual business conditions, it is expected to remove this limitation upon permits and allow customary freedom of competition to prevail.

The applications are to be graded, the factors being personal fitness (including character, personality, age, physical condition, financial and service fitness (including type of proposed establishment as compared with the needs of the town and sufficiency of capital and equipment to meet the needs of the proposed business), and training and experience.

PERMITS TO CITIZENS
Permits will be granted only to citizens of the United States and for the period ending June 30, 1941, covering the approximate period of dam construction and the necessary adjustment period thereafter. To receive consideration they must be filed in the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Since the laying of water mains and sewers and the paving of streets will be in progress, it is not expected that permittees will be able to begin business or erect necessary buildings before September. The land in the townsite is owned by the United States and will be leased for business and residence purposes. Every permit and lease will be revocable upon violation of the laws and regulations, including those against gambling, manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors and narcotics, prostitution, etc.

The circular gives this definite warning to all interested persons: That the probable population of Boulder City is more limited than is popularly imagined, that as the surrounding country is undeveloped desert, there is no outside population from which patronage may be expected, that the contractor will, through its commissary and other facilities furnish goods and services in competition with permittees, that the amount of business to be derived from tourists, or other visitors to the town, following the usual practice in large construction operations, will operate a commissary or general store carrying most lines of merchandise and catering generally to the wants of their employees and families, as well as to the general public. The company will also operate the necessary dormitories, mess houses, etc. It may supply credit books to its employees and it may be presumed that it will supply a very considerable share of the local demand in various lines.

Hoover Dam is to be constructed in the Black Canyon of the Colorado river upon the boundary line of Arizona and Nevada. It will raise the water surface of the river 582 feet and will be about 730 feet in height above bed rock. The contract for building the dam was awarded to Six Companies (Inc.) and requires completion in 1938. Installation of power machinery will follow as required. The dam abuts against great natural walls of solid rock on either side of the Colorado. It will create a reservoir about 115 miles in length, with an area of 145,000 acres and with a capacity of about 30,500,000 acre-feet. It will impound the surplus flood waters of the Colorado, protecting the valleys far below and making these waters available for beneficial use in irrigation, water supply for various cities, and for the generation of 663,000 horsepower. None of the irrigation districts (Continued on Page Five)

ing will be of semi-fireproof construction with brick, concrete, hollow tile or adobe walls with stucco finish and with an arcade over the sidewalks for protection against severe sunlight. The town will be zoned as to business, residential and industrial districts. Six Companies, Inc., the general contractor for the dam, following the usual practice in large construction operations, will not only operate dormitories, mess houses, club houses, etc., for its employees, but will also operate a commissary carrying various lines of merchandise to meet the wants of their employees and families, as well as the general public.

All requests for information, necessary blanks, etc., are to be addressed to Louis C. Crampton, Bureau of Reclamation, Las Vegas, Nevada.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Boulder City is established as an adjunct to the construction of Hoover dam, the power plant, and the appurtenant works under the Boulder Canyon project act. It is in effect a construction camp, although, owing to the long construction period, men employed will be encouraged to bring their families and establish homes, and the necessary facilities are provided to make that possible. The town site, heretofore a desert waste, arid and treeless, is 7 miles by highway from the dam site, the mountainous character of the region about the dam site making impracticable any extensive camp development. The town site is 2,500 feet above sea level and about 1,850 feet higher than the river. It is about 470 feet higher than Las Vegas, Nev., the nearest town, 25 miles distant across the desert. Although the town site is sufficiently exposed to get the benefit of any air currents, the maximum summer temperature will be about 120 degrees in the shade. Those accustomed to milder climates should give consideration to the possible effect of extreme heat upon the health of themselves and their families.

Water of Hoover Dam use must be piped 6 miles from the Colorado river, raised about 2,000 feet, desalted, purified, and softened, and will be furnished to users at cost, expected to be approximately 50 cents per thousand gallons. During the early period of construction of Hoover Dam electricity will be furnished to the government by the Southern Sierras and Nevada-California Power co., and will be resold to consumers at rates permitting its use for cooking and refrigeration. The government will later furnish power from the Hoover Dam power plant.

The government will not erect any buildings for commercial use or for residence for any but its own employees. Permittees engaging in business in Boulder City will be obliged to arrange for their own business and residence quarters. Plans for all such buildings to be subject to the approval of the government, as to construction, height, architectural design, and location on the lots. All buildings will be of Spanish design. In the principal business district buildings must be of brick, concrete, hollow tile, or adobe walls and stucco finish. Arcades over the sidewalks must be provided for protection against severe sunlight. Industries which spread dust, create noise, or carry unusual fire hazard, or are otherwise objectionable, will not be permitted in the central business district or in the residential districts.

Buildings in the residential districts can not be used for commercial or industrial purposes. Six Companies (Inc.), the general contractor for the dam, following the usual practice in large construction operations, will operate a commissary or general store carrying most lines of merchandise and catering generally to the wants of their employees and families, as well as to the general public. The company will also operate the necessary dormitories, mess houses, etc. It may supply credit books to its employees and it may be presumed that it will supply a very considerable share of the local demand in various lines.

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CONSCRIPTION OF MEN IS HIT AT MEET

Thinks Property Too Should Be Taken in Time of Conflict

Says Payment of \$1.00 Per Day to Soldiers For U. S. Unjust

WASHINGTON, May 18. (U.P.)—The conscription of wealth and property in future wars if manpower is to be drafted, was demanded before the war policies commission today by Representative Frear, formerly chairman of the house committee which investigated World war profiteering.

The Wisconsin Republican said he was opposed to all conscription of men for military purposes except in defense of the nation, and proposed a constitutional amendment to prevent the drafting of an army for duty elsewhere than on the North American continent.

Frear said the conscription of men for military service at a dollar a day was unjust unless property was also drafted without profits. He characterized the conscription of an army except for home defense as "an extreme militaristic and autocratic policy."

Secretary Hurley, chairman of the commission, charged the witness with doing the army plan a grave injustice and said that economic chaos would result from the conscription of property.

FLAMES RAZE VEGAS HOME

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the eight room house at the stockyards shortly before midnight Sunday night.

J. A. Rex, stockyard employee, who resided in the house escaped to safety with his family. All clothing and other personal belongings were destroyed. Mrs. Rex escaped with only a quilt wrapped around her. John Stathis, of the Busy Bee, acted as host to the fire boys who responded to the alarm, thus bringing to a close the celebration of the first anniversary of the founding of the popular lunch room.

CLUB HOSTESS OFF FOR RENO

NEW YORK, May 18. (U.P.)—Belle Livingston, called the "Peggy Joyce of the Nineties," whose gay fifty-eight street country club was too wet for the dry agents, paid a fine of \$100 today in federal court and announced she was bound for Reno to "get rich and not divorced."

She said, "I'm going to Reno with the smart people. Now I'll partake of the windfall occasioned by the shortening of the stay required to obtain a divorce and run some sort of place for a couple months—then I may move to Paris."

REBELLION IN CHINA LOOMS

SHANGHAI, May 18. (U.P.)—Fighting has begun in a smoldering rebellion in south China against the central government at Nanking with two hundred nationalist soldiers dead in clashes with the insurgents during the past few days.

Both sides mobilized their forces today for the expected civil war.

DISPATCHER BACK FROM UTAH TRIP

J. C. Haymond, who is employed by the Union Pacific railroad as train dispatcher, returned from Salt Lake, where he has been on a vacation, Thursday night. Mrs. J. C. Haymond accompanied her husband from Salt Lake to visit with Mrs. C. E. Moore of this city. Mrs. Haymond returned to Salt Lake Sunday night.

The Rev. Arthur S. Kean, vicar of the local Episcopal church, and family went to Moapa Sunday to hold afternoon service at the Mission of St. Mathew on the Indian reservation.

Injunction Against Boulder Dam Building Is Refused By Supreme Court Ruling

BOTH IN MOVIES



Frances Dee, film star, needs no introduction, of course, but the queer-looking pet she is holding does. It is a baby monkey-faced owl, the first ever to be hatched in captivity, it is declared. As if falling into high favor with pretty Frances wasn't enough good luck for one baby owl, said owl is also scheduled for a part in a forthcoming picture, we are told.

U. S. COMMISSIONER IS KEPT OVERTIME AFTER DRY RAIDS

Working late last night, United States commissioner, set bonds and entered pleas for many of the thirty-six persons held following some twenty-seven raids conducted by a flying battalion of federal prohibition enforcement officers here yesterday.

Striking at various places for miles around Las Vegas, the dry agents struck simultaneously at 11 a. m. yesterday and in a short time the back yard of the Brown Derby in north First street had been converted into a stockade in which all men prisoners were held. Women prisoners were taken direct to the U. S. Commissioner's office.

The bar in the Brown Derby was converted into a finger printing bureau, and three agents were kept at work for hours in taking part of the Bertillon measurements of those caught in the net.

Many odd incidents injected themselves into the wholesale sweep. At one house where beer was allegedly sold, two undercover men had supposedly been dickered for a purchase of the property. Parting last night from the woman proprietor who was anxious to sell the place, they told her they would be in in the morning to "take the place over." They were, but as federal officers.

While some of the agents were guarding the Brown Derby "stockade," hangers-on electrified by underground news, rushed to the rear yard of a place near by and armed with tomato cans and containers of varied description, helped themselves to a barrel and a half of beer that had been neglected. While two men lifted and tilted the kegs, others filled the cans and passed them around. More than seventy-five street idlers were thus served under the noses of the agents.

Later last night, almost at the same spot, some of the federal men poured out some seemingly strong "evidence." A bystander tossed a lighted match into the moonshine and a beautiful blue alcoholic blaze was the result. An alarm brought the fire department rushing, and for a few moments the flaming pool of liquor menaced adjacent buildings.

Approximately one hundred persons were arrested, agents said, but many who were found to be innocent lookers-on, were released.

Conducting operations as fast as he could, Commissioner Hooper set bonds and entered the pleas of the following defendants:

Nancy L. Sweet, plead not guilty. Bail fixed at \$500 and hearing set for Thursday, May 21.

Jack Thomas and Paul McAttil, Hazel Wallace, Bungalow Inn, 4 miles east of Vegas, Not guilty. Bond \$500, Hearing June 8.

Jack Wright, Boulder Highway Service station, Plead guilty. Bond \$1,000. To appear before the federal court at Carson City, June 22.

C. Holmes, Bungalow Inn, Not guilty. Bond \$1,000. Elmer E. Jackson and Louis Buesche, The Brush Ranch, 4 miles south, Not guilty. Bond \$1,000. Hearing June 1.

W. W. Cantrell, Bungalow Inn, Not guilty. \$1,000, June 5. E. F. Noon, Arena Gardens, in rear of Arizona club, Not guilty. \$1,000, June 4.

ARIZONA FAILS IN SHOWING HURT SAYS JUSTICE

One Member of Bench Dissents; Thinks States Answerable

State Is Given Right To Come Before U.S. Court at Later Date

WASHINGTON, May 18. (U.P.)—Arizona's long contest against the construction of the Hoover dam met an emphatic reverse today in the supreme court when the nation's highest tribunal upheld the constitutionality of the law under which the gigantic project on the Colorado river is being built, and refused to issue an injunction sought by that state to restrain the interior department in proceeding with construction work.

At the same time the court granted the state the right to come before it again, if at some future time it can show its rights as being impaired by the building of the dam. In this event, the court said Arizona's cause would be unprejudiced by today's action if the state succeeded in showing it may suffer injury from the distribution of water to be impounded.

The court added, however, it could not issue an injunction based upon the assumption that the state's rights would be adversely affected. The opinion was delivered by Justice Brandeis. The justice in delivering his opinion, said that Arizona had claimed the right to take from the river as much as nine million acre feet of water, but that it had not appropriated that amount of water and had failed to show that construction of the dam and reservoir would deprive it of any water now being taken.

One member, Justice McReynolds, dissented. He took the view that the federal government and the states of the Colorado basin compact against which construction of the Hoover dam, despite the ruling of the United States Supreme court, is being directed, should be required to answer Arizona's charges.

STATE TO CONTINUE BOULDER FIGHT

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 18. (U.P.)—The state of Arizona, marshalled its legal forces tonight to continue its fight against construction of the Hoover dam, despite the ruling of the United States Supreme court in dismissing the suit which challenged the constitutionality of the Swing-Johnson Boulder dam act.

"Arizona has just started its fight," Governor George W. W. Hunt said in refusing to accept the high tribunal's decision as defeat. "We are in this fight to the bitter end."

The court decision was without prejudice, leaving the way open for Arizona to re-file its action when it can prove that its rights are being impaired in the distribution of water and power. Attorney K. Barry Peterson said a new plan of action would be mapped out as soon as the opinion is received from Washington.

PROHIB STRIKE ARIZONA TOWN

TUCSON, May 18. (U.P.)—Albert F. Franco, veteran Tucson detective, was charged with bribery late today in connection with a federal raid on a garage here Sunday in which eight hundred gallons of alleged whiskey were seized.

An investigation by federal city and border patrol authorities disclosed about fifty gallons of the whiskey which had been stored in the garage, was hidden on Franco's ranch.

Mrs. Ruth Jones, wife of a McNeil Island federal convict, was arrested and held on a charge of possession of the whiskey.

YUMA, May 18. (U.P.)—Federal prohibition authorities raided twelve establishments here tonight, arrested seven persons and seized nearly one hundred pints of alleged beer and whiskey.

LEAVE FOR L. A. Mrs. Leo A. McNamee and son, Mike, left last evening for Los Angeles, expecting to return tomorrow.