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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.

COMPANY AND CREW BOTH ABSOLVED IN QUIZ

Sixteen Hours Spent In Inquest After Tunnel Tragedy
Both Dead Men Expert Explosive Workers Testimony Shows

William Bryant and James P. Sweesey came to their death "as the result of wounds received in a premature blast in the south head of tunnel number two on the construction line at Boulder dam and neither the powder crew nor the Six Companies were at fault."

CORONER'S VERDICT
That was the verdict of the coroner's jury, composed of A. H. Kramer, Albert Schragle and George Hamilton, after a sixteen hour inquest Sunday and Monday following the disaster which took two lives and injured three men.

The inquest was conducted at the scene of the accident, at the Las Vegas hospitals, at the Las Vegas funeral home and the police station. Among those who testified before Coroner Ryan and Deputy Mining Inspector Caulfield, were Dr. Chas. Cristal, Six Companies physician; D. P. Brockman and D. P. Costello, Big Six insurance men and Frank Crowe, superintendent of construction.

The most definite testimony only brought out that the cause of the accident was either a faulty cap; faulty powder or tamping the powder too hard.
BOTH EXPERIENCED
Sweesey had spent a number of years with the Nevada Consolidated copper company in the big pit project at Ruth, Nevada, and Bryant had been associated with one of the component Six company concerns for fourteen years as a master powder man.

TO OPEN BIDS FOR 12 HOUSES

Bids will be opened at 10 a. m., July 15 for the furnishing of labor materials and performing all work for the construction of six four-room and six three-room residences at Boulder City.

The schedule provides for a lump sum bid on three houses of each of the four types to be constructed, and for unit prices on excavation and concrete work, which will involve approximately the following quantities: 650 cubic yards of common excavation, 90 cubic yards of rock excavation, and 210 cubic yards of concrete. The award will be made for the twelve residences complete. No bid for a part of the schedule will be considered.
This invitation for bids does not cover the purchase of materials which are to be furnished by the government.

120 DAYS GIVEN
Performance shall begin within ten calendar days after the date of receipt by the contractor of notice to proceed and all of the work shall be completed within one hundred and twenty calendar days.

ATTEMPT MADE FOR FREEDOM

LOS ANGELES, June 22 (U.P.)—A petition for a rehearing of the district court of appeal's recent decision, denying Daisy De Voe freedom from the county jail, was filed today by her attorney in another attempt to secure the liberty of the former secretary and companion of Clara Bow, screen actress.
The appellate court recently ruled that Miss DeVoe must serve the 18 months in the county jail imposed by Superior Judge William C. Doran as a condition of five year's probation.
Miss DeVoe was convicted of grand theft from Miss Bow.
The case will be carried to the state supreme court if today's petition is denied, Attorney William B. Biernie, representing Miss DeVoe, stated.

AMELIA ENDS HER GIRO ROUND TRIP

NEWARK, N. J., June 22 (U.P.)—Amelia Earhart landed her autogiro here this afternoon completing a transcontinental round trip.
She said her plane had functioned perfectly during her trip to the coast despite the high altitudes at which it was necessary to fly.

BLAME JEALOUSY FOR MURDER



This unusual photograph shows Edward Nolan, L. A. detective lieutenant, consoling the children of Mrs. Grace Duncan, Nolan's asserted sweetheart, for whose murder in a Los Angeles hotel he is held in jail. A coroner's jury accused Nolan of beating the woman to death with a pistol in a fit of jealous rage. Despite the tragedy, the Duncan children displayed warm affection for Nolan when the three met in jail.

RUM CHASERS WILL TRY BLOCK

TOLEDO, O., June 22 (U.P.)—A fleet of thirty of the government's fastest coast guard boats will gather on Lake Erie for a concentrated effort to block liquor smuggling into lake ports from Toledo to Lorain, coast guard officials announced today.
Activity of beer and whiskey runners out of Ontario was reported by officials to be greater at present than any time since passage of the Canadian export ban.

Coast guard officials have ordered radio equipment placed on all the boats taking part in the smuggling combat, and a number of the vessels are fitted out with sounding devices enabling guardsmen to detect approaching ships.

BLAST VICTIMS TO BE BURIED

Funeral services for William Bryant, 42, and John Sweesey, 30, who were both killed in a powder blast in the Nevada tunnel at Boulder dam Saturday night, will be held this afternoon at the Las Vegas funeral home.
Sweesey was a former employe of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. of Ruth, Nev., and he is survived by a wife and brother-in-law. Both came here from Ruth when the word reached that Sweesey was dead.
Bryant is survived by relatives in Montana. They had not arrived late last night.

L. V. GAS PLAN GIVEN BACKING

Harry Keyes, who was granted the franchise by the city council for the laying of gas mains through the streets of Las Vegas, has succeeded in getting the necessary backing for the project, it was announced here yesterday.
The cost of the undertaking will probably be about \$200,000.

U. S. CONSULATE SAVES STUDENTS

HAVANA, Cuba, June 22 (U.P.)—A group of students who had engaged in a fight with police sought protection at the American consulate at Matanzas late today. The students fled to the consulate after the police, aided by soldiers, had broken up an anti-government demonstration.

Pantless Pirates Cast Adrift On Raft; Lusty Lungs Save Wild Crew

NEW YORK, June 22 (U.P.)—Seven little pantless pirates were home safely today after a cruise down the East river that might have ended tragically if a harbor patrol boat hadn't happened along.
The seven boys, ages ranging from 10 to 14 year old, discovered a raft tied to a dock in the river. They had shed all their clothing and were cooling themselves from the hot rays of the sun in the secluded spot.
"Let's play pirate, gang," yelled Petty Lersch, "I'm the captain."

MYSTERY GIRL DEATH TALE TOLD BY DRIVER

Picture of "Man Who Paid For Job" Is Said Identified

New York Beauty Slain Prior to Vice Graft Hearings

NEW YORK, June 22 (U.P.)—Harry Schlitten, who confessed he drove the murder car in which Vivian Gordon, vice inquiry witness, was strangled to death, testified on the witness stand today that she was killed "for a man named Radeloff."

His statement came at the close of the story he had told of the red-haired Broadway night life figure's sensational death; the story of her murder with which Harry Stein and Samuel Greenberg were charged.

Radeloff is the name of a man named in Vivian Gordon's now famous diary. In it she said she feared only two men, and those men were identified by police as John A. Radeloff and Sam "Chowderhead" Cohen. Radeloff was Vivian's attorney; Cohen an ex-convict.

After the murder, Schlitten testified, Stein called at his home, told him of selling \$1212, then picked up a newspaper in which were pictures of two men questioned in the Gordon murder mystery.
"There was a picture of Chowderhead and another in it," Schlitten pointed.

"I pointed to the picture of the other fellow and Stein said, 'Yeah, that's Radeloff.' That's the party, we done it for."

Picture identified
The picture was that of John A. Radeloff.

Schlitten further testified that Stein told him he owed Radeloff \$1,500. The lawyer paid him \$250 after the murder, Schlitten testified.

Schlitten then repeated on the stand the story read in newspaper after his confession. He was first arrested in the case, but was released after the luring of Vivian Gordon on the story that Greenberg had \$250,000 in uncut gems, the strangling, disposal of the body, and "pay off" of the participants.

Stein and Greenberg strangled the woman, Schlitten testified.
"There was an awful sound, a gasping for breath, and a cackle. Stein said 'she's finished now.'"
"I looked around. I saw Stein and Greenberg on their knees and Stein pulling the rope," Schlitten swore.

WAS TO TESTIFY
Vivian Gordon was killed the day before she was to have offered evidence of an alleged "frame up" on a vice charge to investigators in the New York lower court's inquiry before Referee Samuel Seabury. Her death started a chain of sensational events, including the suicide of her own daughter and climaxed by a city-wide investigation of New York government.

HUCKS PLEAD "NOT GUILTY"

Charles and August Huck, of the El Desierto Inn, near this city, were arraigned Monday morning and pleaded not guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to great bodily harm to T. A. Wells, Las Vegas attorney.

Their preliminary hearing will be on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, before Judge Frank M. Ryan.

"ROAD DEATH" CASE OPENED

With Harley A. Harmon district attorney, conducting the case, the preliminary hearing of Louis Potter and Thurmon Schmitto, charged with first degree murder in the death of J. A. Wilson, was opened Monday morning before Judge Ryan.

Paul Hoffman, companion of Wilson on the night of June 12, when Wilson was found dead beneath an overturned car, declared that he and Wilson were attacked by Potter and Schmitto after they had attempted to obtain a car from the service station to take them back to their work at the dam.
Orval Wilson, son of the dead man was a witness.

RUTH NICHOLS INJURED AS SHE LANDS PLANE

Society Girl Arrives At St. John on First Leg of Ocean Hop

Silk Hose, Sandwiches And Coffee Carried By Intrepid Girl

ST. JOHN, New Brunswick, June 22 (U.P.)—Ruth Nichols, Rye, N. Y., society girl flier was slightly injured here tonight when she landed on the first leg of her flight from Paris to New York.

She overshot the landing field, landing in the bushes adjacent, and received injuries which were reported to be slight.
The plane, which left New York at 3:22 eastern daylight time today, was damaged in the landing. She arrived at 8:10 p. m.

NEW YORK, June 22 (U.P.)—Ruth Nichols, holder of the world's altitude record for women fliers, took off this afternoon on the first leg of her proposed solo trans-Atlantic flight with a cargo that included three pairs of silk hose, chicken sandwiches, and a thermos bottle of coffee. St. John, New Brunswick was her destination.

After a run of 1000 feet, the Rye society girl's Lockheed-Vega monoplane took the air headed toward the south, then circled to the north and proceeded leisurely while her technical adviser, Colonel Clarence Chamberlin, followed in another plane.

Chamberlin was accompanied by newspapermen and photographers.
The girl flier arrived at the airport at 1:30 o'clock today with the announcement she intended to leave. Weather was reported fair in the north, she said, but would be within the next few days.

She planned to reach St. John late tonight, wait until a fog overhanging that territory lifted, probably tomorrow, then proceed to Harbor Grace. She will leave Harbor Grace, she said, just as soon as weather conditions are favorable for the proposed flight to Paris.

HAS 250 GALLONS
Miss Nichols' plane carried 250 gallons of gasoline, and some luggage stowed in the cabin, including one piece of real cargo, an eight ounce package containing three pair of silk hose addressed to (Continued on Page Three)

GARBO MAY WED, SAYS NEWSPAPER

COPENHAGEN, June 22 (U.P.)—The newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said today that Greta Garbo, star of the American pictures, would return to Europe to marry a Swedish merchant named Anderson.

HOLLYWOOD, June 22 (U.P.)—When informed of a report published in Denmark that she was to marry a Swedish merchant named Anderson, Greta Garbo said she did not know a man by that name.
Miss Garbo was working in a picture today. Ever since she came to Hollywood Miss Garbo has refused to discuss her personal affairs.

FIRE SWEEPS EASTERN DOCK

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 22 (U.P.)—A \$100,000 fire swept Saint John harbor waterfront tonight burning fiercely along the section known to shipping men the world over as Sand Point.

Docks for ocean liners, smaller wharves, grain conveyors, two grain elevators, freight, passenger and immigration sheds and the dwellings of longshoremen and laborers were in the path of the flames.

Some small craft, the United Fruit company liner Gunderson and government and city boats managed to pull away from the holocaust, but the Canadian Pacific passenger steamship Empress and the Saint John pilot boat Glooscap could not escape. Scows, lighter, motor boats and row boats also went up in smoke.

FALL TAKES HIS U. S. EXAMINATION

EL PASO, Tex., June 22 (U.P.)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of interior under sentence of a year in prison and a fine of \$100,000 on a charge of accepting a bribe from E. L. Dhoeny, completed the second day of his physical examinations intended to determine if he may serve the sentence.

Hoover Moratorium Plans Lauded and Condemned By Nations; Stocks Soaring

DEVOTED TO BUDDHA



Mrs. Margaret Ledson, 32-year-old Oakland woman, who recently became a Buddhist nun in an unprecedented ceremony in the San Francisco Buddhist temple. Mrs. Ledson, shown above with her son, Robert, is soon to spend two years in a Japanese nunnery. She is the first American woman ever to become a Buddhist nun. The son, during his mother's absence in Japan, may be placed in the Buddhist temple at San Francisco, friends of Mrs. Ledson declared.

MOVIE STARS SILVER PLANS SUFFER IN MISHAPS

HOLLYWOOD, June 22 (U.P.)—The movie colony had more than its share of invalids today—Evalyn Knapp, Marilyn Miller, Constance Bennett and Carl Laemmle jr.

Miss Knapp was suffering from injuries received when she stepped backwards over a 30-foot cliff Sunday while hiking with her brother. Her physician said the former New York stage beauty will remain in a cast for at least a month or six weeks.

Miss Miller underwent a major operation to relieve a serious abdominal disorder. Dr. Carl E. Conroy is attending both Miss Knapp and Miss Miller in Hollywood hospital, said that Miss Miller was resting "fairly easy" tonight.

An emergency operation for intestinal adhesions put Miss Bennett in Santa Monica hospital Saturday. After being reported in danger yesterday, she was said to be progressing nicely tonight.

Junior Laemmle had hay fever, suffered while crossing the Mojave desert enroute from the east. His attack was so severe that a physician left Hollywood by airplane, met Laemmle's train in the desert and accompanied the young general manager of Universal studios home.

COPS WILL GO ON TRIAL SOON

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 22 (U.P.)—Plans for prosecution of two southwestern Oklahoma peace officers, charged with killing two Mexican students, were completed here today.

Cecil Crosby and William Guess, former deputy sheriffs, charged with shooting to death Emilio Cortes Rubio and Manuel Garcia Gomez, will go to trial at Ardmore, scene of the killings, Wednesday. Rubio was a nephew of President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico.

M. C. Gonzales, attorney for the Mexican consul at San Antonio, Tex., conferred with state officials regarding the case.

Birds Die By Score, Eating Scraps Left Over From Family Poison Picnic

LEBANON, Ind., June 22 (U.P.)—to chemists in Indianapolis for Blackbirds, feasting on the scraps remaining from a fatal "poison picnic" in Lebanon Memorial park, died by the score today, apparently suffering the same agonies as did two small girls who ate poisoned sandwiches at the picnic.

The sorrowing mother of Alice Jean and Virginia Simmons prepared for their burial, John Simmons, their father, Lester Carr and Horace Jackson, all of whom also had eaten the poisoned food, were violently ill, but were expected to recover.
Hancock county officials announced, after sending samples of the food and bodies of the dead birds she had prepared.

FRANCE WOULD OFFER HER OWN DEBT PLANS

Special Consideration Hinted by Belgium; England In Favor

Soviet Paper Hits At Idea; Italian Head Thinks It Great

By CHARLES M. McCANN
Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, June 22 (U.P.)—President Hoover's proposal for one year postponement of war debts and reparations was put up to the French government in plain dollars and cents form today, with the plain implication that it would be to France's own best interests to accept.

GIVEN FIGURES
Under Secretary Ogden L. Mills, at the Treasury department, handed to Emmanuel Monick, French commercial attaché, two sets of figures to forward to his government—one showing the apparent French contribution to the plan; the other, and more important, giving the American estimate of what the situation would be if France failed to agree to the postponement proposal.

The figures were held confidential until they have been examined in Paris. However, they showed plainly that in this government's view Germany would collapse unless given full relief for the year.

They showed that if France insisted on retention of this year's payment of the fixed German payments under the Young plan, she still would have to pay her own debt to the United States and Great Britain unless she wanted to ask a separate suspension of her own payments.

CREDIT IN BALANCE
In the opinion of some administration leaders, such a request, following a refusal to cooperate in President Hoover's plan, would send France's credit crashing along with Germany's.

A dramatic insight into the events that preceded President Hoover's announcement of his postponement plan was given today.

The government began to realize immediate action was necessary at the time Austrian credit began to fall rapidly. The Austrian nervousness crossed the frontier into Germany, already in straits.

On June 5 Secretary of Treasury Andrew Mellon and Secretary Stimson talked things over with the President, and Mr. Hoover outlined his plan to them. This was one day before the British-German conference at the country home, Chequers, of Ramsay MacDonald, British labor prime minister, and a day before the German tax manifesto, indicating the nearness of collapse.

READY TO SAH
Both Mellon and Stimson were ready to call for European vacation. It was decided Mellon, 76, white mustached, and a financier of world repute, should go at once; that Stimson should stay here and see things through. That put expert negotiators on both sides of the Atlantic.

President Hoover began a series of conferences here, while Mellon sailed and held conferences in England. By word of mouth and telephone, even on his mid-western speaking tour; and on his return Mr. Hoover was ready to act.

The plan was put up to foreign envoys here and was broadcast to the world.

PREPARES COUNTER PLAN
PARIS, June 22 (U.P.)—France is preparing to draft a counter proposition to the war debt proposals of President Hoover, well informed quarters said late tonight.

It was understood that France would suggest a compromise of the American viewpoint, extending a world-wide economic aid but maintaining the French demands of continuing unconditional reparations payments and preserving the integrity of the Young plan.

It was emphasized in official quarters that France would not reject the Hoover proposals completely, since naturally she approves of aiding Europe's financial condition, but at the same time she must protect her own national interests and consider the French tax payers.

APPROVES IDEA
LONDON, June 22 (U.P.)—The government and the leaders of British political parties announced today their hearty approval of President Hoover's debt suspension proposal.

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