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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.

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. F. S.

BOULDER CITY NIGHT

We drove the Boulder City highway last night from Las Vegas. It only takes a few minutes to make the 22 miles, the highway is so smooth and fine.

A person coming into Boulder City is astonished at the brilliant lighting of houses, business houses and streets. Slim Ely tells us that the whole cost of lighting the city streets is less than \$100 per month. And housewives revel in electric ranges, water heaters, fans, refrigerators, washers and everything which electricity can do, at very small cost.

Which came about because of the Nevada-California power line bringing in power from California to build Hoover dam.

And Sims tells us that when the dam is completed and the cheap power is available in this region Las Vegas will have current for domestic use even cheaper than that now at Boulder City.

FINE THEATRE

Having a little party to entertain we of course went to the Boulder theatre.

It is a handsome show house, nicely decorated and finely furnished. The motion picture and sound equipment are as good as can be found in any city. The picture, "Ladies of the Jury," is a great comedy, and was enjoyed by a large audience of Boulder City folks.

Which reminds us that we were informed by Manager Brothers that the Boulder theatre has a larger seating capacity than any other in the state.

MARVEL OF CREATION

Boulder City is a marvel of human creation which seems more wonderful each time we see it.

But a few months ago we stood on the site where we were told Boulder City would be built. And we tried to visualize what might be, but with no success.

Then the months passed with a kaleidoscope of changing action. Water systems, railroads, highways, streets, sewer systems, paving, sidewalks, street lights, handsome government buildings, miles of dormitories, hundreds of cottages, dozens of handsome homes with lawns and shrubbery, all created out of the mind of men in the course of a few months.

So that now we wake up in the morning to find a full fledged city, with handsome shops and restaurants and all the things needed to meet the needs of men. Not an unpopulated, wide town like a new mining camp, but a fully completed, self contained sophisticated city, with a character of its own as distinctive as Washington or New York.

GARNER RELIEF MEASURE IS HIT

WASHINGTON, June 1. (U.P.)—A college economist, two railroad officials and a cotton shipper severely criticized the two billion dollar Garner relief plan today after the powerful support of the American Federation of Labor had been thrown behind the proposal by W. C. Hushing, the federation's legislative representative.

Hushing estimated that 25,000,000 Americans are suffering from unemployment phases of the economic situation, inasmuch as "3,000,000 workers outside the white collar class are without jobs and 15,000,000 individuals as a result are in dire need of government aid."

He recommended the \$1,300,000,000 public works section of the bill provide that all labor be paid "the prevailing wage" of the locality of the individual project. Otherwise, said Hushing, "the contractors are going to benefit from this bill at the expense of labor." He also suggested that the \$100,000,000 "mercy money" fund set aside in the bill for President Hoover's use in critical distress situations, should be raised to \$600,000,000.

ELKS INITIATION SET FOR TONIGHT

All Las Vegas Elks and visiting members of B. P. O. Elks are cordially invited to attend the regular weekly meeting of the local lodge, to be held in Elks' hall on Fremont street the night of June 2.

There will be an initiation of several new members and a rousing good time is promised all those who attend, by the Exalted Ruler, Fred M. Stoller. The new members are: W. J. Doyle, W. R. Deneu, E. M. Peterson and C. C. Hinchberger. A large delegation of visiting Elks from Needles, California, is expected to be present, as they wired that they expected to be in Las Vegas for the initiation.

FROM JOHNNIE

Mrs. Charles Labbe and daughter, accompanied by Frank Morrison, from the Johnnie mining district, spent Tuesday shopping and visiting friends in Las Vegas.

INSTRUMENT LOST

Olaf Kaleune reported the theft of a 5-note accordion from a Las Vegas auto camp yesterday. He valued the instrument at \$300.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
June 1—Maximum, 89; minimum, 52.
METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, June 1. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 3/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.85 cents a pound. Bar silver, 28 1/2 cents an ounce.

DECIMO DEATH QUIZ URGED

ECONOMY BILL IS DISCUSSED BY TIRED SENATE

WASHINGTON, June 1. (U.P.)—The billion dollar tax measure was sent hurtling through congress toward final passage today as weary senators began considering the \$238,605,000 economy bill.

A conference committee of five ranking members of the senate finance and house ways and means committees tomorrow will start adjusting the few variations in the tax bills passed by the house and senate. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the week and the measure will be sent promptly to President Hoover.

NERVES ON EDGE

Their nerves raw after the 14 hour session yesterday which brought final passage of the tax bill early today, senators were in no mood for patient discussions. They became entangled in a controversy over the 10 per cent salary cut in the economy bill through which it is hoped to save \$121,000,000, and quit work at 4:30 p. m. without taking any important action. A saving of \$1,700,000 in the \$20,000,000 legislative establishment supply bill was approved.

The sudden and dramatic personal appearance of President Hoover yesterday when he urged the senate to act promptly on the tax bill after pointing out the grave economic state of the nation, brought bitter comment today from Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, the Democratic tax leader. He referred to the President's visit as "the Paul Revere ride of President Hoover to the senate."

"Certainly no one should find fault with the President if he wanted to come up here to confer with the senate to get his name on the front page," Harrison said, sarcastically.

HARRISON NORMAL

But Harrison did object, largely on the grounds of alleged misinterpretation of the visit by the newspapers. He said the press had given the impression that the senate would not have passed the bill last night had it not been "for President Hoover's historic ride to the senate."

In rebuttal, Harrison explained that Democrats, including himself, had assured President Hoover in a White House conference Monday night that a bill which would balance the budget would be passed the next day. Furthermore, he said, the finance committee had already agreed upon the additional taxes which the chief executive asked at a meeting before they had learned Mr. Hoover was going to make a personal appeal to the senate.

TWO ARE HELD IN CHECK CASE

Frank Stanley and John Brady, residents of a downtown hotel, were arrested by Officer Dan Potter yesterday morning and booked for investigation.

According to George P. Roy, private investigator, two local men have been passing numerous bad checks, forging them with the signatures of prominent Boulder City and Las Vegas business men and Six Company employees.

The suspects claim to have been in the city only a few days, coming here from the coast, although police are of the opinion that they have resided in Las Vegas for at least six weeks, living by their wits.

L. V. WOMAN MISSING

Las Vegas police were asked last night to endeavor to locate a Mrs. Meyers, described as being about 50 years of age, heavy set and white haired, missing from the Le-Renzi lake park resort, where she was employed. At a late hour last night no trace had been found of the missing woman.

Six Bandits And Killers Executed For Murder During Louisiana 'Jobs'

NEW ORLEANS, June 1. (U.P.)—Six bandits and killers died on Louisiana prison gallows today for murder during robbery.

Herman Taylor, Donald Rylch and Harold Stone, Chicagoans, and Ito Jacques, a negro, died in the Orleans parish prison here for murdering Raymond Rizzo during a

MAY BE ROUNDUP PRINCESS

When the annual Roundup and Gymkhana start at Gilroy, Calif., June 11, Jean Holbrook, above, will compete for the title of "princess" of the roundup. She is the "prosperity" girl of Watsonville, Calif., and the latter city's Roundup candidate.



SEABURY WILL DEMAND N. Y. OUST ITS MAYOR

(Copyright, 1932, by United Press) NEW YORK, June 1. (U.P.)—Samuel Seabury today concluded the most spectacular phase of his case against the city administration of New York, and indicated that he will demand the removal from office of Mayor James J. Walker.

MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

The vigorous counsel for the Hofstadter investigating committee which for 14 months has examined tons of documents, bank accounts, and brokerage dealings of city employees, announced that the holding of certain bonds by Mayor Walker in a company doing business with the city, should subject him to removal from office "and possible charges of committing a misdemeanor."

This open declaration, coming as a surprise in the midst of a session which had been devoted to analysis of the mayor's bank accounts, was the first statement from Seabury tantamount to a declaration that he will prefer charges against Walker with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In a late session today, at which the committee listened to what was described as "a cleanup of odds and ends in the investigation," Mayor Walker's brother, Dr. William H. Walker, was given an uncomfortable hour on the witness stand in relation to his alleged splitting of fees with Dr. Thomas J. O'Mara, employed as a physician by the compensation bureau of the city.

Dr. Walker admitted receiving from Dr. O'Mara exactly one-half the amounts paid to O'Mara by the city in such cases, but denied insistently that this was fee splitting.

"It was merely a coincidence," he said. "Dr. O'Mara paid me only for medical services I rendered him." He was unable to state exactly what these services comprised, he said, "because I never kept any records."

Seabury then forced from Dr. Walker an admission that he actually did split fees with Dr. Harris Feinberg, another physician employed in compensation cases, after he had proved that Walker and Feinberg both endorsed the city checks and deposited them in a joint bank account.

Walker said that within several years he had received "perhaps \$50,000" from Dr. O'Mara.

Parrott Is Barred As Witness In Bizarre Murder Trial Of Youth

CONROE, Texas, June 1. (U.P.)—A squawking, brilliant, hued parrot appeared in court here today as a witness in a murder trial, but was denied the right to testify. Special prosecutors aiding in the trial of young Durrell Kendall, Mississippi farm boy, had hoped to use the bird in a weird courtroom drama which probably has no parallel.

The parrot is believed to have been the only witness capable of speech at the murders of L. H. Brownlee, itinerant showman, and Martha Smith, Brownlee's cook, in a tent at New Caney last December. The parrot's cries led to discovery of the gruesome crime, several days after it occurred.

Kendall, an employe of Brownlee, was traced to Woodland, Miss., and charged with the murders. The state is asking that he be given the death penalty.

Prosecutors believed that if the parrot was confronted with the person who slew the man and woman, it would become so excited as to repeat some of the things that were said in the tent at the time. Hans Nagel, authority on tropical birds, and zookeeper at Houston, said the theory was plausible.

But the prosecution lost its unusual witness on a much simpler point than the expected battle over legal admissibility of its gibberish. It lost in an attempt to have the parrot "talk" for a man who had never seen or heard such a bird before today.

The state called Charlie Moore as a rebuttal witness. He had testified, earlier, to passing within 10 feet of the Brownlee show tent two days before the bodies were found and to hearing what he described as a "sort of muttering like a human voice." A defense objection stopped the testimony at that point.

When recalled, Moore reiterated that he heard the muttering, but he had never seen or heard a parrot until today. Special Prosecutor Jimmie Foreman sent a deputy sheriff after the parrot, which had been cawing and talking to himself and entertaining visitors outside. His intention apparently was to have the bird talk so Moore could say "whether it was the voice he heard in the tent."

But District Judge S. A. McCall sustained a defense objection.

FELAND CASE IS DROPPED BY RYAN

A charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm against Tom Feland was dismissed when he appeared in the justice court of Judge Frank M. Ryan yesterday morning for a preliminary hearing.

According to the complaint, signed by Mrs. Claude Williams, wife of Chief United States Ranger Williams from the reservation, Feland assaulted and badly injured Williams several weeks ago when he assertedly beat him over the head with a gun, inflicting wounds of such a serious nature that Williams was confined in the Las Vegas hospital for several days.

In the opinion of Judge Ryan, insufficient evidence was introduced in the hearing to warrant holding Feland for the district court. Feland was formerly employed as an officer in a Las Vegas casino, and was also a deputy sheriff.

PURSE SNATCHING SUSPECT NABBED

C. S. S. Sweet, alias H. S. Houston, 26, was arrested last night by Chief of Police Clay Williams and booked for investigation. It is the belief of Williams that Sweet is the man who slugged and robbed Beatrice Myoner, Union Pacific restaurant waitress, as she was on her way home Tuesday night.

The prisoner has been employed at the restaurant at a dish washer for several days, and it is possible that he learned that Miss Myoner had a large sum of money in her possession and followed her. He will be confronted by the victim this morning in an effort to identify him as the criminal.

WILL NOT AID BONUS ENVOYS

WASHINGTON, June 1. (U.P.)—The warning by Maryland authorities that reinforcements for the "bonus expeditionary force" will have to foot their way across the state today, disturbed the 300 men who are here to demand that congress cash the \$2,000,000,000 in bonus certificates World War veterans.

Gen. Pelham Glassford, chief of police here, had protested to Ritchie and other governors against transporting veterans to be "dumped" on Washington to be housed and fed.

Keyes Maintains Silence; Witnesses Tell of Threat Made by Murder Suspect

Dum-Dum Bullet Is Believed Used By Killer

Maurice Keyes, prisoner held in the county jail suspected of murdering Leighton Ferris, alleged convict, Tuesday night, maintained the stoical silence he has held since his arrest, throughout the day yesterday. When accused, he neither admits nor denies the killing.

MADE THREATS

At least six witnesses have been found, however, that claim Keyes told them during the last six months that he would kill Ferris; and Officer Dave Mackey stated last night that some time ago the prisoner, in discussing with District Attorney Harmon the dismissal of a statutory charge against Ferris, involving the eight-year-old daughter of Keyes, stated he would kill Ferris if it was the last thing he ever did.

Officers have not as yet been able to locate the gun used in the killing. It is their belief that the slayer carried the gun away and hid it in some remote section of the city.

Various members of the Las Vegas police department state that they have been called to the Ferris residence on several occasions to quell arguments between Mrs. Ferris and her husband. On at least one occasion, Ferris brutally beat the woman, but she did not want the attendant publicity that would follow prosecution, therefore no arrest was made.

While it has not been definitely established that Keyes was the killer, circumstantial evidence, substantiated by the threats he has made, point strongly at him. In the event he should confess and plead guilty, he faces a possible death penalty; while a plea of not guilty might result in a life sentence on a manslaughter charge.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Coroner Frank M. Ryan and his jury will complete their inquest into the death this morning. The jury, composed of George Ross, Frank Farnsworth and George Perdue, visited the scene of the murder Tuesday night and convened at the Las Vegas funeral home yesterday. However, they wanted to make another examination of the body before concluding the inquest. It is called for nine o'clock.

The possibility of the slayer having split the nose of the fatal bullet was brought forward yesterday after the mortician discovered three separate bits of lead in the wound. Mrs. Anna this morning. The jury, composed of George Ross, Frank Farnsworth and George Perdue, visited the scene of the murder Tuesday night and convened at the Las Vegas funeral home yesterday. However, they wanted to make another examination of the body before concluding the inquest. It is called for nine o'clock.

CONTINUE QUIZ OF N.Y. SHERIFF

ALBANY, N. Y., June 1. (U.P.)—Further investigation of the private and official affairs of Peter J. Curran, under sheriff of New York county, was ordered tonight by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The governor's request was in the form of a letter to Sheriff John E. Sheehy, who for some time has been investigating Curran's activities. Testimony brought out at a hearing before the Hofstadter committee, investigating New York City's affairs, tended to show that Curran had amassed large sums of money while in office, since 1928.

FUNERAL RITES

LOS ANGELES, June 1. (U.P.)—Funeral services will be held Friday for Harry C. Eller, 32, managing editor of the Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News and a widely known newspaperman, who died today after a brief illness which followed two emergency operations.

FRAMEUP FOR L. A. MAN SEEN

LOS ANGELES, June 1. (U.P.)—A threatened frameup against Deputy District Attorney U. A. Blalock brought warning to two suspected mine stock swindlers from District Attorney Burton Pitts today. Flora M. Carter and Harry A. Reese, awaiting retrial on charges grown out of a mining promotion at San Bernardino, were curtly informed by Pitts that they would be arrested if further attempts were made to injure or threaten his deputy.

Blalock reported his garage was broken into and five gallons of alcohol left. He poured it out.

TWO NETTED IN EXTORTION AND KIDNAPER PLOT

EVANSTON, Ill., June 1. (U.P.)—Police dressed as laborers tonight seized a Chicago salesman when he picked up a decoy package containing "\$5,000" demanded of Charles F. Grey, wealthy Evanston realtor, under a threat to kidnap and kill his two children.

The man, who said he was Charles Kimball, 29, signed a confession, the officials said, admitting the extortion plot but claimed he was to receive only \$100 of the money. On information he gave, William P. Brend, 21, Chicago, was arrested. Police said the latter admitted writing the extortion notes.

Grey received three letters demanding the \$5,000, each threatening death to the children, Charles, Jr., 4, and Carol, 6. He sent them with their mother to the home of relatives in Iowa. The third demand told Grey to deliver the money—in \$20 and \$10 bills—to an attendant at the Wilmette elevated station.

L. A. DOCTOR IS ACQUITTED

LOS ANGELES, June 1. (U.P.)—Dr. Jesse I. Citron, prominent Hollywood physician, was acquitted in federal court today on narcotic charges growing out of prescriptions for drugs which he wrote for the late Alma Rubens Cortez, screen actress.

Judge William P. James handed down the verdict after a four-day trial, which had been delayed two years. The government intended to try Dr. Citron last year but was compelled to revamp its case when Miss Rubens died suddenly of pneumonia.

Dr. Citron was accused of providing the actress with copious quantities of drugs which assertedly disrupted her career while at the height of screen fame. Her death was attributed to a weakened system by the narcotic habit.

The physician claimed Miss Rubens, who was married to Ricardo Cortez, film leading man, asked him for the drugs, claiming she was to become a mother.

FAMILY OF 5 ALL SUICIDE

NEW YORK, June 1. (U.P.)—Carlos Del Rio and his four attractive daughters lay down on their beds and took their own lives because they could not bear the sorrow that had been brought to them when the mother of the family died yesterday of pneumonia, it became known today.

Carlos, at 55, was a prosperous lingerie manufacturer and the family lived in good circumstances in a smartly furnished apartment overlooking Prospect park in Brooklyn. Two years ago the only son of the family died. Matilde Del Rio, the mother, grieved so much that she became an invalid. Pneumonia struck her down suddenly.

Clergyman Denounced From Bench For Using Church In Land Scheme

LOS ANGELES, June 1. (U.P.)—Rev. Isaac F. Hodge was denounced from the bench today when he and Edison J. Young were sentenced to terms of two to 20 years in San Quentin on charges of promoting a fraudulent nitrate land deal involving the name of Henry Ford. Denying pleas of probation, Judge

Prints On Death Gun Do Not Compare With Victim's

Identification Officer Louis Hord announced last night that the photographic enlargements made of the finger prints found on the gun that killed Vittorio Decimo, were not the prints of the dead man.

While the verdict by the coroner's jury holding the inquest into the death of Vittorio Decimo indicated that the Italian met his death by suicide, they strongly recommended that a complete investigation be made of the shooting.

Their verdict follows: "We find that the deceased, named Vittorio Decimo, a male, single, a native of Italy, aged about 50, came to his death on May 30 as a result of a gun shot wound through his head. While evidence before the jury shows the wound to have been self-inflicted with suicide intent, we strongly recommend that proper officers continue an investigation on the possibility that the deceased came to his death at the hands of another party."

Judge Frank M. Ryan conducted the inquest. The jury was composed of the following men: William Wiltshire, William C. La Croix and August Helwig. The verdict was returned at 9:00 o'clock last night.

Sheriff Joe Keate stated as early as Tuesday that he was positive that Decimo was murdered and stood ready to prove his statement. Keate stated that he would invoke scientific methods in proving that the deceased was murdered and that he had a strong clue as to the murderer.

LOANED GUN

A highlight of the investigation was the failure of Harry Bennett, supposed friend of Joseph Santini, whose murder Decimo had come to this city to investigate, to explain why, when told by Decimo that he was going to kill himself, as Bennett alleges, he failed to take the gun away from Decimo that he had loaned him upon his arrival here. Funeral services will be held for Decimo from the Las Vegas funeral home this morning at 9 o'clock. Friends from Pioche and Las Vegas will act as pallbearers.

WAR RUMORS ALARM RUSS

MOSCOW, June 1. (U.P.)—Official circles in Moscow showed increasing alarm today in comment on the influence of extreme military-istic factions in Japan.

This attitude was reflected in the official army organ, the Red Star, which emphasized the "increasingly aggressive" spirit of anti-soviet newspapers in Japan and the failure of the more moderate statesmen to restrain them, as suggested by the Russian press.

The Red Star reiterated the Soviet attitude that the motives of Japan in proclaiming peaceful intentions are open to doubt as long as the Russian proposal for a non-aggression treaty is not accepted.

Stressing the soviet peace policy, the Red Star promised "iron resistance" if Russian territory is invaded. "Sober Japanese circles understand the insanity of those who base their bloody plans upon senseless analogies of the Russo-Japanese war," the newspaper said.

RESERVE MEN TO GET PLANE RIDES

Major L. N. Keessing, chief of field operations at the army air field near Riverside, California, yesterday wired Capt. D. L. Harford, instructor of the local school for reserve officers, that arrangements have been made for flights by all Las Vegas and Boulder City army reserve officers during the stay of a squadron of planes in this city on June 10, 11 and 12, during the American Legion convention to be held here during the latter part of next week.