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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Down toward the lower end of Highway 95, after hundreds of miles of flat, barren desert and equally barren mountains, after Tonopah and Goldfield, booming, roaring gold camps a couple of generations ago but now semi-ghost towns, you top a rise and there before you in the purpling dusk is a glittering cluster of lights on a flat.

It is Las Vegas. From the air, in the daylight, it looks as if someone had dropped an old hat on a dusty floor. For all its fame, it is just that insignificant in its vast expanse of treeless plain, rimmed by treeless mountains.

I think, probably, the less said about Las Vegas the better. Its principal industry, practically its sole support, has its origins in one of the baser fundamentals of human nature—the desire to get rich quick, without much work.

Still, Las Vegas (along with Reno) is a vital item in Nevada's highly peculiar economy. Immense wealth, you must remember, has come out of Nevada. There was the fabulous Comstock lode. There was Tonopah. There was Goldfield. There was Rhollite. There were all the minor camps that in the aggregate produced vast quantities of gold and silver. For two or three generations—critical generations, because they came at the end of the costly and debilitating Civil War—Nevada was pouring into the nation's economy a constant stream of new gold and silver whose effect upon the nation's wealth was much the same as a blood transfusion on an anaemic individual.

The point is that Nevada in those days was one of the BIG states of the Union. But, as always happens, there came a time when these vast mineral treasuries began to fizzle out. That is the trouble with mineral wealth. It doesn't renew itself as crops do. When it is gone, it is gone. There isn't any more

That, in a measure, is what has happened in Nevada. It is still a great mineral state, but its gambler's wealth of gold and silver has been heavily depleted.

There remains, of course, the land, and Nevada has vast areas of land. But in the arid West—and Nevada is ARID—land alone has little value. In the West, water is the priceless ingredient. Without water, land is useless. And Nevada has VERY little water. If it had any less water, it would have none at all.

There are cattle, in large numbers, and a few sheep, and wherever there is a trickle of water there are crops. But the total is comparatively small.

There was a time when Nevada was BIG rich. When you've been big rich, it's hard to drop down and be dog poor. That Nevada just couldn't stand. It had to find another source of quick wealth.

It found it in LEGAL GAMBLING.

This, I think, is true:

Where EVERYBODY gambles, there is no economic gain. At best, where everybody gambles, such wealth as exists merely passes around from hand to hand with the changing fortunes of gambler's luck. No NEW wealth is created by gambling. Wealth, you know, is created by the application of labor to natural resources.

But if you can get a semi-monopoly of gambling within a limited area saps will pour in from the outside AND LEAVE THEIR MONEY WITH YOU. That actually adds to the MONEY wealth of your area.

That is what has happened in Nevada.

That is why it can be said that Las Vegas and Reno are essential elements in Nevada's economy. They are gittering. They are bawdy. In their way, they are FABULOUS.

But they DO BRING IN MONEY FROM THE OUTSIDE. In gobs and wads. And a lot of it does STAY in Nevada, thus providing a continuing transfusion for the state's economic life.

That's the story of Las Vegas and Reno. It's the reason for their being.

Halloween Fun Offered Kids

It's "trick or treat" night tonight, when traditional goblins wend their ways from doorbell to clothesline to doorbell; but a lot of goblins are going to be busy enough without running the streets this Halloween.

Seven parties are being sponsored for grade schoolers in town, as well as the second annual Halloween dance for teenagers at the armory tonight, sponsored by the Moose.

Postmaster Chet Langslet warned today that parents should let the youngsters know it is a federal offense to tamper with mailboxes and mail. He said that there have been many cases involving such incidents.

Grade school parties and sponsors follow: Conger, Tokatee Lions, 6 p.m.; Fairview, Rotary, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fremont, Exchange club and junior chamber of commerce—with first to third graders at 7 to 8:30 p.m., fourth through seventh graders from 7 to 8:45 p.m., and junior high students from 7 to 9:15 p.m.; Pelican, VFW, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Roosevelt, Kiwanis, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Sacred Heart, Knights of Columbus, 7 to 9:30 p.m.; Fairhaven, American Legion, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Programs include traditional Halloween games, carnivals and movies.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Fair through tomorrow. Continued cool. Low tonight 23, high tomorrow 55.

High Tuesday	58
Low last night	23
Precip Oct. 29	0
Precip since Oct. 1	2.09
Normal for period	1.02
Period last year	4.07

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Tension Hot In SF Dock Labor Snarl

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Hair trigger tension prevailed along the San Francisco water front today. The CIO marine engineers called a "stop work" meeting which could temporarily halt all operations.

The meeting was called to study a superior court ruling that the marine engineers' three-month strike against Isthmian Steamship Co. is an illegal, jurisdictional dispute.

STYMIE

The engineers operate the equipment which powers loading gear on ships. When they don't work, the waterfront goes dead.

Backing the engineers was Harry Bridges' international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union—outspokenly determined that no other union is going to handle dock work here.

Tensely alert, ILWU members said they would fight any effort by the newly-activated AFL unit of Joe Ryan's International Longshoremen's Assoc. to work tied up Isthmian ships.

Superior Judge William T. Sweigert ruled yesterday that Bridges' union still has a contract with Isthmian, which withdrew from the Pacific Maritime Assoc. and signed independently with the ILA. PMA has a master contract with the ILWU.

JURISDICTIONAL

Judge Sweigert also said that should Superior Judge Clarence Morris rule, in another case, that the inter-union dispute was jurisdictional, then Bridges' men would have to honor their contract and unload Isthmian ships.

Judge Morris did decide that way, declaring the dispute jurisdictional.

Circus Lion Kills Child

BULLETIN

MT. IDA, Ark., (AP)—Five or six ferocious circus animals were reported on the loose in a wooded mountainous area near here today after a circus truck overturned. Mrs. Wilbur Tidwell wife of the Montgomery county sheriff, said drivers of the truck told her two tigers, two polar bears and one black bear escaped in the wreck.

MENA, Ark., (AP) — The granddaughter of an animal trainer was clawed fatally here last night by an enraged lion.

Maria de la Luez was attacked by the animal when she entered its cage, apparently through an unlocked door, Sheriff Hobart Hensley of Polk county reported.

The nine-year-old child was traveling with her grandmother, Mrs. Louisa de Campa, an animal trainer for the Campa brothers' circus. The circus was here for a one-night stand.

Mrs. De Campa remained behind with the body of Maria pending word from the child's mother, Mrs. Natale Louisa Luez. Mrs. Luez recently left the show to return to her home in Naco, Sonora, Mexico.

Sheriff Hensley said Maria apparently had been, on familiar terms with the animals.

Korean Fight Action Slows

U.S. 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, (AP)—Marauding patrols took over the quiet, rain-swept Korean battle front today.

Fighting almost vanished as hopes for an end to the shooting were lifted by a new Communist truce zone proposal.

The largest fight reported by the U.S. eighth army in a communique involved only a company of Chinese. The Reds attacked at 4 a.m. southeast of Kumsong in the center of the front behind a heavy mortar barrage.

They forced Allied outposts to retreat to their main lines, but the Reds in turn were beaten back in an hour-long fight.

Otherwise, the eighth army said, there was "no significant action."

McINTYRE RETIRING

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A former Salem, Ore., man, Dr. Ross F. McIntire, will retire tomorrow as chairman of the committee on medical policies of the Red Cross national blood program. He said he plans to live in Coronado, Calif.

Demo Brass Gather; HST Holds Reins

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Democratic party organization, with Truman administration forces firmly in control, gathered here today to elect a new chairman and get some "new ideas" in campaigning.

As talk of another Truman-Barkley ticket continued, despite rumblings of Southern revolt, the party's national committee gathered to ratify Pres. Truman's choice of Frank E. McKinney, an Indianapolis banker, as chairman to succeed the resigning William M. Boyle Jr. The job pays $35,000 a year.

AGREEMENT

There was no evidence of opposition to McKinney. And should any develop, his supporters predicted it would not get anywhere. They said, too, that the 47 year old businessman and sportsman would have some "new ideas" to impart for the 1952 campaign if his past successes in business are any criterion.

Resolutions praising the Truman administration were anticipated from the meeting.

CRITICISM

At least one committee member, however, believes it is time the party takes note of criticism too. He is M. P. Hogan, new member from Iowa. He issued a statement saying:

Although the people of Iowa still retain their high regard for Pres. Truman, they are seriously disturbed about recent disclosures of questionable practices in the administration of our national government.

Dixiecrats

SELMA, Ala., (AP)—Anti-Truman Southern Democrats will devise strategy here tomorrow afternoon in a caucus somewhat similar to the one at which the 1948 States Rights ticket was nominated.

No indication was apparent today that an outright attempt would be made to draw up an opposition slate in the event Truman is renominated.

But a sponsor said the purpose of the meeting is to "consider a proposed plan of action on the part of those interested in constitutional government."

Ancient Cry

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft revived the Democrats' own ancient states' rights battlecry last night as he opened a campaign to widen the breach in the Solid South and gain conservative Democratic support.

"We must put on an all-out campaign in all Southern states in behalf of the Republican nominee," he said in his first Dixie invasion as an avowed candidate for the GOP nomination.

He spoke at a Republican rally in the center of strongly Republican east Tennessee, but he drew some Democrats to a $25-a-plate GOP dinner.

6 Air Force Men Killed

RIVERSIDE, Calif., (AP)—An air force transport from Truax field, Madison, Wis., crashed on Box Springs mountain last night, killing six servicemen.

There were no known survivors.

Flames spurted skyward and were spotted by a forest ranger in a lookout station atop the mountain.

Identification of the victims was withheld pending notification of relatives.

Agents Try Rescue Horn-Locked Moose From Wolves, Bear

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, (AP) — Two huge bull moose locked in mortal combat before an audience of hungry wolves were the object of an intensive air-rescue operation by agents of the U.S. fish and wildlife service today.

The two bull moose were locked horn-to-horn in a remote area near the banks of the Tenana river 20 miles south of here. Agents said they apparently engaged in a battle for supremacy over a herd of cow moose, their horns locked and they were unable to pull free.

Wildlife agent Charles Gray discovered the animals Monday while flying game patrol.

TRAPPED

He swooped low in his plane and found the moose trapped head-to-head. One was lying on the ground and appeared to be either seriously injured or dead; the other was standing and making desperate efforts to pull free.

Gray said a wolf was lurking in the brush nearby and the area around the two animals was covered with wolf tracks. The wolves apparently were waiting until both animals were nearly dead before attacking.

Ray Woolford, chief fish and wild life agent here, flew over the animals in a light observation plane yesterday. One moose was still struggling to get free.

RAVENS

Woolford said the death battle had attracted not only a pack of wolves, but large flights of black ravens which were waiting in trees for the animals to die, and one huge grizzly bear which he saw approaching from three miles away.

The fish and wildlife agents, determined to save both moose if possible, loaded a cross-cut saw in the plane and were to attempt a landing near the animals.

The agents planned to saw off the horns of one of the moose if possible.

GUARDS

Meanwhile, fish and wildlife planes with armed hunters aboard patrolled the area to shoot wolves that approached too close.

"We may even have to shoot that grizzly when he gets to those moose, he won't wait like the wolves and ravens."

Agents said the two bulls apparently were fighting for the herd of cows which now has wandered several miles away.

"The bulls were fighting for those ladies but when they got in trouble the fickle women walked right off and left them," Gray said.

BEWITCHIN' — Haunting is the word for Nicki Norris, ready for the Halloween witching hour at Miami Beach, Fla.

Tito Refuses Atlantic Pact

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia declared today he is willing to cooperate with—but not to join—the Atlantic pact, and said the west could count on him as a friend in the event of world war three.

Tito, wearing his marshal's uniform, met with 125 foreign and local newspapermen in a four hour news conference, his largest and longest since becoming chief of state and answered barrage of questions.

Speaking in Serbian through translators, Tito told the reporters the Atlantic pact was "a logical consequence of Soviet policy." As a result of that Russian policy, he added that there could be no neutrality on the part of a European country in the event of world war three.

CALIFORNIA
Shooting Hours
October 31
Open 6:12 Close 3:59

Three Dead, Slim Hope For Others

KAYFORD, W. Va., (AP)—An explosion trapped 12 men deep down in a coal mine today.

Ten hours later three bodies had been recovered the the other men were given little chance of being alive.

No official casualty list was compiled, but members of the grim crowd around the mine entrance said a father and his son were among the missing.

'LONG CHANCE'

W. R. Cuthbert, chief engineer for the Truax-Traer Coal Co., said they had only a "very long chance" They were three quarters of a mile back in the mountain.

Forty rescue workers toiled slowly through the mine tunnel, littered with rock and debris. The air was foul and they wore oxygen equipment.

When they still were 800 feet from the main explosion area, Cuthbert said he could not guess how quickly they could dig through.

The explosion ripped through the Truax-Traer mine, United No. 1, about 2 a.m.

The men inside were members of a maintenance crew, getting the mine ready for today's work.

Bookkeeper H.B. Glasscock of the company said the mishap occurred about three-quarters of a mile inside the operation.

ESCAPE

He said that there were 16 men in the mine at the time, but that "four walked out."

"We just don't know the facts yet," Glasscock explained. He added, however, that the four who made their way to safety "apparently were not in the vicinity of the blast."

Marion Davies Marries Flier

LAS VEGAS, (AP)—Former actress Marion Davies was married in a surprise ceremony early today to Horace G. Brown, skipper of a military transport ship.

The blonde, blue-eyed ex-star said it was her first marriage and gave her age as 45. The World Almanac, however, lists her birth year as 1897 without giving the month or the day.

DIVORCE

Brown, 46, of West Los Angeles, was divorced in 1947 from Mrs. Grace M. Brown, former wife of singer Lawrence Tibbett.

The ceremony was performed at the El Rancho Vegas hotel by Justice of the Peace James Down.

The couple arrived here by plane from Los Angeles at 3:15 a.m. and obtained a wedding license immediately.

The ceremony lasted only three minutes and was witnessed by Brown's son, Horace G. Brown III, Jimmie Stuart, an official of the hotel, and Ken Frogley, of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce.

At one point Justice Down halted the ceremony. Miss Davies, in reciting the marriage vows, had gotten ahead of him during the "love, honor and obey" portion.

"Just a minute," said Down. "We don't use the word 'obey' in the Nevada ceremony."

'CHERISH'

Miss Davies then repeated after him the words "love, honor and cherish."

After the ceremony the couple gave Down $30 for his services. His fee is $5.

Miss Davies was laughing and gay. After the ceremony the couple started to eat a wedding breakfast, but hurried to their bungalow when photographers' flash bulbs interrupted them.

Alturas Army Bid Lowest

The Alcal Lumber Corp. of Alturas, Calif., was the apparent low bidder for a West coast lumber center planned by the corps of engineers.

Bids were opened in Portland yesterday.

The Alturas firm offered to store and handle six million board feet of lumber and five million square feet of plywood for a year for $216,915.

A bid from Modoc Point to store the lumber in the old Fleishman warehouse, was a few thousand dollars higher than the Alcal bid, but Frank Tucker, manager of the local chamber of commerce, said an attempt would be made to get the Modoc Point bid accepted because of more favorable auxillary facilities.

A bid from Medford was reported to be $554,650.

The contract wil be awarded after the site is inspected.

Most of U.S. Chilly Today

By The Associated Press

It was overcoat and galoshes weather for residents over wide areas from the Rockies to the North-central states today.

Strong winds whipped across much of the cold belt which covered the Northern Rockies, the plains states, the upper Great Lakes region and the upper Mississippi valley.

The coldest spots were in Montana and North Dakota, with temperatures of 10 above reported early today at Drummond, Mont., and Fargo, N.D. It was near freezing in Chicago.

The mercury climbed to 90 above in Fort Worth yesterday, a record for the date. It was 92 in Laredo.

RED VALOR

HONG KONG, (AP) — Fourteen-year-old Huang Shih, leader of the Swatow youth vanguard corps in Red China, has been given a five-foot red silk banner for bravery. The newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po said the award was for executing two captured guerrillas with an automatic pistol.

Surprise Red Offer Nears U.N. Demand

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP) — Red truce negotiators offered today to create a buffer zone along their version of the present battle line in Korea.

They called it their "last and best proposal."

The surprise Red offer approached demands of the United Nations command. It brought the two sides closer together than they ever have been on the question.

Hopes soared in this truce camp. But a U.N. command spokesman said there were two important differences between the new Red offer and the Allied proposal:

1. The Reds want to keep Kaesong, former truce talks site. The Allies want to take it over.

2. The Communist version of the battle line is two or three miles south of where the Allies place it.

These differences were pointed out by Col. Andrew J. Kinney, chief U.N. liaison officer.

OTHER HITCHES

Kinney said there were certain other things the U.N. negotiators could not accept immediately.

But, he added, the Communist offer brought the buffer zone question nearer to a solution than at any time since truce talks first started July 10.

Red negotiators submitted their plan unexpectedly near the close of Wednesday's meeting of truce subcommittees in a rain-soaked tent at Panmunjom. The plan was outlined on a map.

Three times, Kinney said, the Red delegates said this was "their last and best proposal."

"This makes us very suspicious," Kinney said.

BIG STEP

Nevertheless, Kinney said, the new Red proposal "is the biggest step I've seen" for solving the buffer zone question.

Youngster Gets The Hotseat

SEATTLE, (AP) — One-year-old Barbara Alton got the hotseat from a tube of toothpaste yesterday.

The child's mother, Mrs. Lavern Alton, explained why Barbara needed hospitalization this afternoon. Barbara climbed up in the bathroom to get at the toothpaste and fell stern first into the wash bowl. At the same time she struck the hot water faucet and hot water poured into the bowl.

Mrs. Alton rescued her before the burns were serious.

Washington Primps For Royal Visit

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Official Washington put on its best bib and tucker today to greet Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

And in spite of possible showers, thousands of men and women in the street planned to join in the capital's televised welcome for the British royal couple on their first visit to the United States.

Pres. and Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret headed the list of government officials. Foreign diplomats and other dignitaries meeting Elizabeth and her blond, handsome husband on their arrival by plane from Montreal at 4 p.m.

COVERAGE

Television and radio networks set up coast-to-coast coverage of the event.

Elizabeth and Philip are guests of the president at Blair House during their 45-hour visit.

Tonight at 8 p.m. there's a presidential dinner—very formal, limited to about 20 guests because of cramped dining space in the Truman family's temporary residence. The gold table service, and the blue-bordered china bought by Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be used.

Afterwards there's a reception for some 100 persons—supreme court justices, cabinet members, other high officials and their wives.

QUARTERS

Then Elizabeth and her consort will be free to retire to their adjacent two-rooms-and bath suits (one pale green, the other peach) and rest for a second round of official entertaining tomorrow.

This is the first visit of British royalty to Washington since the princess parents, King George and Queen Elizabeth, came here in the tense summer of 1939.

Early Halloween Prankster?

Halloween tricks apparently got an early start here today.

Mrs. D. R. Neal, 3310 Bristol, reported to state police this morning half of a steel gate had been swiped from her yard.

Pastors Eye Truman Turn

NEW YORK, (AP)—America's leading Protestant group said today that Pres. Truman twice gave assurances that the sending of a representative to the Vatican was a "temporary expedient" that would "certainly terminate with the signing of the peace treaties."

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA made public a record of conferences and correspondence with Presidents Roosevelt and Truman on the question of Vatican relations.

An emergency session of the council's general board, an interim policy-making body, was scheduled here today. It was called by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the council.

In a statement, the council said that neither the late Pres. Roosevelt nor Truman had indicated American diplomatic relations with the Vatican would go beyond the previous appointment of Myron C. Taylor as personal presidential representative.

The council reported these assurances by Truman: On June 5, 1946, and again on November 14, 1947. Protestant delegations called on Pres. Truman, who told them that Taylor's appointment was temporary and would be terminated with a full peace.

TOURIST ADS

GEARHART, (AP)—Oregon spent $175,000 in national magazines to advertise its 1951 tourist attractions

LOVELY Mrs. William Crawford, 1421 Wall, must enjoy her work, judging by the smile she had for the Herald and News photographer this morning as she paused en route to work. Receptionist for Dr. E. Dietsche, Mrs. Crawford is the former Ann Zupan.

Federal Tax Closes Many Gambling Houses

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Times were never so tough in the house Lady Luck operates just beyond the law.

Tomorrow all her chancy sons have a rendezvous to keep with their Uncle Sam's tax collector. And the very thought of it was hurting, bad.

They had built their lives on a plush two-to-one proposition—of the two great certainties, death and taxes, only one bothered gamblers.

Effective tomorrow, the government has added taxes.

It almost looked like a plain tax law could do what the law of averages never did—turn the odds against the gamblers.

A bookie in New Orleans (who said he'd rather his name not be used) declared:

"This is going to put me under. The government don't bet it back."

Like many another furtive gent who said paying taxes would drive him out of business, the New Orleans horse parlor host did not say whether he was really quitting, or going underground.

A few numbers vendors in New Orleans applied for unemployment relief.

The gambler's tax is part of the new revenue bill going into effect tomorrow, with total annual returns estimated at $5,691,000,000 (B). House of representatives tax technicians guessed, after consulting with the treasury, that gamblers might be stuck for about $400,000,000 (M) of this. No enforcement plans have been disclosed.

The tax does not apply to legal pari-mutuel operations, "social" or "friendly" games of chance, church bingo games or office football pools.

The law makes two calls on all professional gamblers:

1. They must register and buy a $50 occupation stamp, which must be posted prominently in their place of business. Gamblers whose hat is their office can carry their stamp there.

2. They must pay a 10 percent tax on their gross take. That means 10 percent, win or lose, of all money bet with them.

Penalties range up to a year in prison, plus a $10,000 fine.

A Washington lawyer announced yesterday he had clients—he was not saying who—who want to test the first requirements against the constitution.

Attorney Myron Ehrlich told a reporter he would contend that the constitution does not permit a law that would require a taxpayer to disclose information which might incriminate him.

Registration as a gambler, and posting of a gambler's stamp, in most states, might do just that. The registration lists become public, so police need only get the list and go pick up confessed gamblers.

That second provision was almost as hurtful according to members of the gaming profession who would talk at all yesterday.

The gamblers said their profit on a bet was usually seven or eight percent of the amount wagered. As the tax is not on profit, but the total wager, that would mean a loss of two to three percent, if you take the gamesters' profit figures as solid truth.

Operators of horse race and other sports books at 16 major Las Vegas, Nev., gambling casinos and hotels voted unanimously last night to close up shop. Gambling is legal in Nevada.

But the Washington Times-Herald said numbers setters here were already operating on a new payoff scale. The paper said that where a winner used to get 700 times what he bet, now he gets 400 times. Whether the increased profits were for a tax reserve fund or were compensation for new and greater risks was not reported.

The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph said word traveled down the numbers racket grapevine that the top men were quitting. The allied lottery in San Francisco formally announced it was getting out of business.

But bookies in Miami, Fla., said they thought the law could not be enforced.