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ROOSEVELT PRESSES THE ELECTRIC BUTTON, AND HUNGRY LAND DRINKS DEEP

Huge Iron Gates Obey the Electric Current and the Big Reservoir begins its Work for Humanity in Salt River Valley



Photographs from left to right:— LOUIS C. HILL, Supervising Engineer; F. H. NEWELL, Director, U. S. Reclamation Service; A. P. DAVIS, Chief Engineer, U. S. Reclamation Service; THEODORE ROOSEVELT, who signed the Reclamation Law and in whose honor the great structure was named.

ROOSEVELT, Mar. 18.—Standing on top of the great storage dam, which bears his name, former President Theodore Roosevelt, pressed an electric button, which set in motion a mass of grinding machinery which in turn raised three of the six massive iron gates weighing 6,000 pounds apiece. By this act he officially opened the Roosevelt storage dam, a part of the Salt River irrigation project. The motors, which raise the gates, had hardly begun to turn before three raging torrents of water came rushing through the three openings at different levels and ran madly down the valley, where, after racing fully sixty miles, it will be used in the irrigation of about 250,000 acres of land. The dam has been about five years in building. The foundation was surveyed in 1904 and the first stone was laid September 20, 1906, and the last stone as placed in position in parapet walls February 6, 1911. The structure is declared to be the largest storage dam of its kind in the United States, and with one exception, the largest in the world. It is exceeded in size only by the Assuan dam on the River Nile. There are 45,000 cubic yards of masonry in the dam, according to the records of the Reclamation service, and 240,000 barrels of cement, manufactured from material found in the vicinity, were used in its building. The structure is of sandstone and cement and rises 284 feet above the river. It is 1,080 feet long on top and 170 feet thick at its base. An acre of ground is covered by the foundation alone. Running along the top, which is the length of about two city blocks, is a roadway 20 feet wide. The dam forms a reservoir 25 miles long, and more than 200 feet deep. Its capacity is approximately 56,628,000,000 cubic feet, or, according to the officers of the Reclamation service, enough water to submerge the state of Delaware in water one foot deep. The waters from the dam will be used to irrigate about 250,000 acres of land in the Salt River valley. At

David Moffat, Empire Builder, Friend of Man, Dies in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—David H. Moffat, of Denver, died suddenly today in his apartments at Hotel Belmont. Mr. Moffat just recovered from an attack of grippe and pneumonia, and was about his room yesterday in seemingly good health. He was seized with a sudden chill today, and died within an hour and a half. Mr. Moffat came here from the west on a business trip early in December. About ten days ago, during the inclement weather, he was seized with grippe which developed into pneumonia. For many years David H. Moffat was recognized as Colorado's leading citizen. His connection with the development of the state gained him the name of "empire builder." Perhaps the greatest of his recent work of development was the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific railroad, known as the Moffat road, in honor of its builder. This road, extending from Denver to Salt Lake City, through a rich and undeveloped section of northern and northwestern Colorado, was started in 1903 and completed beyond Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Since traffic started over the line several years ago, it has been a money maker. Moffat's connection with mining, the industry of the state, dated to the early days of Leadville and other older camps. He was interested in more than one hundred mining com-

MONEY IS EASY, CONFIDENCE IS FELT BY BANKS

NEW YORK, The list sagged sharply on opening of the stock market today, but later made cogent recovery and in many instances material gains. There was special weakness in Missouri Pacific, the stock selling at the lowest point since it became known that other influential interests were desirous of acquiring the property. The labor situation came in for increased attention because of the acute situation in the local express strike. The course of steel shares is in keeping with the general market. Stocks recovered from the early weakness in the last hour, when an extensive covering movement worked a complete change throughout the list. Steel, Union Pacific and some industrial making substantial net gains, while Missouri Pacific made up all its early declines. The market made a strong and impressive closing. The bank statement was in all respects better than the forecasts indicated, banks gained over \$2,000,000 in cash, while the annual loan increase is less than \$2,000,000, and actual cash reserves of banks 27.5 per cent against 27.25 per cent in the previous week.

Halt Collector at the Cemetery, Says Governor

SACRAMENTO, March 18.—Let's halt the bill collector at the cemetery gate! With this sentiment as the concluding sentence of his message Governor Johnson today vetoed two bills of Senator Wolfe, providing a mechanics lien on tombstones. The reason for the bill set forth in discussion is that in the stress of grief monuments are frequently ordered which cannot be paid for.

DID NOT KNOW STAMPS WERE THIEF'S LOOT

WICHITA, March 18.—The case of L. S. Nafziger, formerly president of the Fourth National bank, charged with selling stolen postage stamps, went to the jury late this afternoon. Nafziger took the stand in his own behalf today and admitted purchasing the stamps, but denied he even suspected they had been stolen. It was his understanding, said Nafziger, that Burr received the stamps from the government as rewards for capturing criminals. Presented by attorneys of the prosecution, Nafziger admitted he never made an attempt to learn whence came the stamps. So busy was he at the bank, testified the witness, that he seldom got time to read newspapers, hence was unaware there had been a series of post office robberies in Kansas shortly prior to coming into possession of the stamps. Nafziger estimated he is worth a quarter million dollars.

TUCSON MAYOR'S ORDERS OBEYED

TUCSON, Ariz. Mar. 18. (Special)—Having drawn a big crowd on the possibility of ignoring the order of the mayor not to protest "The China town Trunk Mystery," the same company acquiesced and presented "The Orphan," an entirely different production.

RICH CHICAGO WOMAN KILLS HER HUSBAND

CHICAGO, March 18.—After an all night party beginning with a midnight banquet and ending in a "seeing-the-sun-ave" gathering at daylight, Mrs. Jessie Schenk shot and killed her husband, Charles Schenk, at their home on Park Ridge, a fashionable suburb today. Mrs. Schenk declared she shot her husband, thinking him a burglar trying to enter the home. Later she made several attempts to end her own life. Schenk was superintendent of the Park Ridge branch of the Northwestern Gas & Coke company. He was dead when the first neighbor summoned by Mrs. Schenk reached their home.

DOROTHY'S BODY NOT IN THE PARK LAKES

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—The waters of Central Park's lakes failed to give up the body of Dorothy Arnold, the missing heiress, when searchers fished the last big pond tonight. The result was a disappointment to thousands who lined the shores. Failure to find Miss Arnold's body apparently disproves the theory of her father, Francis R. Arnold, that she met her fate while on her way home through the park, and that her body was thrown into the lake.

LAND AND PRODUCTS SHOW.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 18.—The management anticipates an attendance of 200,000 visitors at the Pacific Land and Products Exposition, which opened in Los Angeles today and will continue until the end of March. The show is made up of a large variety of attractive exhibits illustrating the resources of all the vast territory west of the Rocky Mountains, including the western coast of Mexico.

TAFT ENDS VACATION

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 18.—President Taft's spring vacation ended today and tomorrow afternoon, he will return to Washington. He is due to arrive there shortly after 5 o'clock Monday morning. He has had seven mornings of golf in his eight days' stay and he enjoyed every minute of the time.

BIG GUNS O. K.

HONOLULU, Mar. 18.—The big 12-inch guns which have been placed in the fortifications of Pearl Harbor were fired today for the first time. The test was most satisfactory.

HOPES OF MEXICANS REST IN LIMANTOUR, SPEEDING SOUTHWARD TO SEE DIAZ

Tone of the Mexican Embassy in Washington Suddenly Changes to one of Respect in Speaking of the Insurrectos and Their Purpose

LAREDO, Texas, March 18.—Minister Limantour passed through here today, going to Mexico City, where he may be a leading factor in bringing about peace. Leonardo Aguilar, J. Madero Aguilar, and Gonzales Trelo, members of the Madero family of Monterey, came this morning to interview Senator Limantour. They were unsuccessful, but not a promise of one as soon as the train reached Mexico. The only visitors received here were Mexican Consul Diebold, Collector of Customs Haynes, while audience granted on the Mexican side of the river was confined to a few army and federal officers. A peculiar coincidence attaches to the return of Limantour at this time. He is due in Mexico City tomorrow night, March 19. That Sunday is known as St. Joseph's Day in Mexico, St. Joseph being the patron saint of Mexico, and in view of the importance attaching to the coming of Limantour, who is credited with a mission of conciliation, his arrival is looked forward to as an omen of peace by thousands of Mexicans. Warm Welcome Ready. MEXICO CITY, March 18.—A spectacular welcome will be accorded Mexico's finance minister, Senator Limantour, on his arrival tomorrow night. It will not be confined to officialdom but will be shared in by nearly every class of society at the capital. Besides an official reception that will be in keeping with the high office of Limantour, there will be present railway station delegations, bankers, lawyers, students, employees of railway and commercial houses, workmen's organizations and the press. Notwithstanding the news received within the last two days of a recent encounter with rebels close to Saltillo, through which city Limantour will pass, it was said at the war department today that no fears were entertained of any attempt to intercept him. The train carrying the Limantour party should arrive here at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. Uses Milder Tone. NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—The Mexican vice consul here, Manuel Esteve, made a long statement to the press today, in which he confirmed the understanding that Limantour, Mexican finance minister, is a bearer of proposals from the insurgents to the administration. Heretofore all government pronouncements have referred to the insurgents as "disturbers of peace," some as "anarchists," or more slightly, merely "disorderly persons." The Mexican vice consul today takes a different tone. He argues against publications of sensational articles in both newspapers and magazines, and then analyzing their effect, he explains that in the first place the Mexicans engaged in insurrection are mostly above the poor class and are men who can read and write. "They not only have been able to read the newspapers, but have given the substance of the contents to the ignorant."

Center at Campo.

TIA JUANA, Mex., March 18.—Sub-Precto La Roque received word this afternoon that seventy-five insurgents are encamped three miles south of Campo, U. S. A., and that ninety insurgents in Picoacho pass are marching westward to join the Campo forces. The Campo band, it is reported, is under the leadership of Germano Salinas, and the rebels at Picoacho pass are reported to have marched to Laguna Salada with part of the Berthold forces from Mexicali. Junction of these two bodies is to be effected Saturday night opposite Campo. Mexican troops of the Eighth battalion under Captain Justino Mendizola have been reinforced at Tecate and the combined force left Saturday afternoon, destination unknown. They numbered 120 men when they left Tecate, and are to pick up baggage on Ensenada road and march toward Mexicali. Collision of federal and insurgent forces is expected some time Sunday near Campo. A trench was dug at Tecate this morning and eight bodies of those killed in the fight there Friday were thrown into it and covered up. The family of Rodriguez dared not ask for his body after two members had gone as far as the border line for the purpose.

Rebels Arrest Reporter.

MEXICALI, Mar. 18.—E. T. Jorgenson, a newspaper correspondent, was taken into custody as a spy by the insurgents today as a result of a complaint by Lewis James, a rebel recruit. James was arrested while trying to cross the line with his pocket full of ammunition but was released after an examination by Capt. Babcock. Jorgenson was in Babcock's tent during James' examination and later when the reported crossed the line to the Mexican side in search of