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## GEORGE GRAHAM RICE ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

George Graham Rice, who took over the old company operating the copper mines at Mineral Park and organized the Arizona Copperfields company with intention of developing the mines, has been arrested under federal warrant in New York City on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Rice is said to have operated a brokerage house in New York, his expenses being more than \$200,000 per month and his receipts mounting up into the millions. It was reported that men who did business through his house and who sent him cash with order failed to get their stock. A complaint was made by R. W. Hartman, of Mansfield, Ohio, who charged that Rice had received \$721 from him for stock, but failed and refused to deliver the goods.

George Graham Rice is one of the greatest advertisers in the country, his matter being of the business type and with the right ring to it. Among the many thousands of men in the United States sending out mining and stock propaganda his was far in the lead as to superiority of superlatives and catchy phrases. Any mining section could well pay Rice to put on a campaign of publicity, as his matter would be read throughout the investment world. He had a wonderful vocabulary and visualizing insight into big financial problems.

He was released on \$15,000 bail. This is the third or fourth time that Mr. Rice has been under the ban. He was a member of the Sheffels company and with Nat Goodwin, when Goodwin was trying to boost the Greenwater, Nevada, deal. The firm of Sheffels went bad and Rice had to bear the brunt of their bad dealings. Rice pleaded guilty to the charge against him to clear up the other fellows, possibly on some promise of relief or reward, but the other fellows got out from under and Rice got a penitentiary sentence. After his release he began a new career in the brokerage business and finally butted into the Sheffels outfit and put them out of business. Sheffels disappeared and was probably broke trying to maintain their stocks. Rice's brokerage house covers one whole floor of a big New York business block.

## BELGIUM BABY RELIEF GETS KINGMAN APPROVAL

The committee for the relief of the babies in occupied France and Belgium, Mrs. Charles H. Granger, chairman, and Mrs. Lucy Bulkley, assistant, have made report of their first two weeks' work in Kingman. The collections amounted to \$18, and came through the placing of milk bottles in public places in town. The public took kindly to the proposition and many pennies and nickels went into the bottles. The following is the collections at the various places:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Watkins Drug Store     | \$ 4.05 |
| Beal Hotel             | .55     |
| Brunswick Hotel        | .85     |
| Harvey House           | 3.50    |
| Cherry Drug Store      | 1.05    |
| Kingman Meat Market    | 1.70    |
| Arizona Stores Co.     | .80     |
| Central Commercial Co. | 1.25    |
| Citizens Bank          | 2.10    |
| Lang's Theater         | 2.15    |
| Total                  | \$18.00 |

Besides these collections Mesdames Bulkley and Granger sold 250 buttons from which \$25 was realized. All of this money has been sent to headquarters at San Francisco.

The relief of the babies in the occupied territory is occasioned by the fact that the Red Cross cannot operate in that section of France or Belgium and the poor babies and children have to be reached in some other way. The present organization, having its headquarters for the Pacific coast at 337 Mill building, San Francisco, has been active in speeding relief to the little ones and getting good results. Your mite may save a life and you will never miss it.

**BALL GAME BRINGS CASH**  
The ball game last Sunday between the Wallapai nine and the Kingman boys was rather mixed, but the results was what was looked after and not the quality of the playing. The game brought \$16 to the coffers of the Red Cross and the good women in charge of that organization will see that these dollars go where they will do the most good.

### TAKES BIG CHANCE IN JUMPING OFF TRAIN

Jack Beach, who was arrested last week by Deputy Sheriff Charles Imus on a charge of cattle rustling, and who was being taken to New Mexico by a New Mexican sheriff, escaped from that officer by jumping from the train, when about 16 miles from Flagstaff, last Monday. A reward of \$50 was posted by the sheriff, but at last reports the man had not been captured. Beach, when arrested, agreed to go back to New Mexico and face the charge without extradition.

The fugitive leaves a wife and children in this county, but we suppose they will be cared for by friends.

### SPEED VISITS KINGMAN

James B. Speed, secretary of the Middle Golconda Mines company, arrived by automobile from Verde last Tuesday. He was accompanied by two friends and was on his way to the coast, where he will remain a week or two. It is his intention to return to Kingman and take a look at the new ore in the Middle Golconda mine and in the near future make some arrangements for financing future operations.

### ON A VACANT TOWN LOT

In a little town in Illinois, George N. Wolcott conducted an investigation to find out how many animals—or, rather, forms of animal life—inhabited an acre of city land, says the Popular Science Monthly. The count in a city lot, obtained by multiplying the contents of a bucketful by the figures required for an acre, disclosed the fact that there were about 2,500,000 of grasshoppers, locusts, crickets, cockroaches, earwigs, lantern flies, plant lice, aphids and other "bugs" in one acre of land.

There will be of course a large variation in the count according to the season in which it is made. For example, there is a one-third increase in the population in the spring over that in the autumn owing to the rapid multiplication of earthworms.

### VISITING IN KINGMAN

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Haan and Mrs. Riggs of Santa Ana, California, are visiting with their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Walker, in Kingman. They made the trip from Chicago in an automobile and will continue to their homes in a few days. Mr. Haan was at one time with the Harvey people and is well and favorably known throughout the coast division. He is now engaged in other pursuits and is doing nicely.

## STANDARD MINERAL TO INSTALL MACHINERY

The Standard Minerals company expect soon to receive its big invoice of engines, machine drills and compressor, which are to be installed at the mines, 20 miles east of Kingman. Mill machinery will soon be on the way and a new hoisting plant and electric pumps will arrive sometime after the 15th of this month. The mill will be erected as soon as possible, stopes being opened to provide an ore tonnage for the plant.

The company is now cutting a station at the 350 level and will crosscut to the big vein from that depth. This vein has shown exceptionally high values in the upper levels and there is reason to believe at the greater depth to obtain better and cleaner ore. Every foot of depth has brought better results to the property and it is the impression of the management that enough good ore will be opened on the levels above the 300 to maintain the mill in ore for a long time to come. In the meantime the work of exploiting the lower levels will be carried on.

### ENTERS MARINE CORPS SERVICE

Andy Alger, a Mohave county boy, has entered the aviation branch of the marine corps and is now located at Paris Island, S. C. Andy enlisted last month and was immediately transferred to the Atlantic coast.

## SILENCING THE CROAKER BY TAX ROLL INCREASE

People who have been groaning over the decrease of mining and other activities in Mohave county, will surely get a jar when they look over the tax roll of the county for the year and compare it with that of last year. A gain of fully \$5,000,000 in the roll will convince the most skeptical that Mohave county is moving right along and doing well, we thank you. The following is the listment of the larger items that go to make up the roll:

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mines and improvements              | \$ 9,860,369 |
| Railroads                           | 7,497,080    |
| Cattle and horses                   | 1,859,009    |
| Sheep                               | 390,232      |
| Goats                               | 16,050       |
| Swine                               | 2,582        |
| Railroad lands                      | 399,045      |
| Town lots and improvements          | 1,043,803    |
| Irrigated lands                     | 17,905       |
| Dry farms and improvements          | 316,392      |
| Power plants and transmission lines | 515,875      |
| Telephone and telegraph lines       | 176,488      |
| Merchandise and real estate         | 864,413      |
| Automobiles and trucks              | 206,725      |
| All other property                  | 281,522      |

Total of all property \$21,452,590  
Total assessment 1917 18,432,332

Increase 1918 over 1917 \$ 4,738,636

And this gain was made in the face of an abnormal condition in mining in the county. Hundreds of young fellows have gone into the war, older men have gone to work in the timber lands of the northwest and others into the ship yards, and yet mining shows

the healthy growth it has shown in the past five years. It will be noted that three big mining companies have dropped from the dividend class during the year, the Goldroad, the Golconda and the Tennessee, but nevertheless the mines have made the only real gain on the taxroll. At the same time there are many mines in the development stage that will be producing before the first of the year and this will increase next year's tax roll largely.

It will be noted that mining and the railroads pay over 70 per cent of the tax of the county, the other interests paying less than 30 per cent, mining paying on more than 40 per cent of that amount. Cattle owners pay less than 8 per cent of the total tax, and the farmers pay about 2 per cent. Therefore, without the mines Mohave county would make a sorry showing of taxable property. Mining is the backbone and mainstay of the county and will continue in that position throughout all time. At the present time not one of its mines has been scratched, and it will be so far into the dim and distant future before any of them are worked out that it will not interest future generations in the least.

But that Mohave county is progressing our taxroll will prove, and that it will continue in first rank its mining interests goes without saying. We have the mines and a gridiron territory of undiscovered wealth to work on for years and years to come, so no one should fear that there may come a time when old Mohave will have to depend on some other industry for support of government.

## COLLIDES WITH TRUCK AND BOTH DAMAGED

Last Monday evening the Chloride flyer collided with one of the Granger-Chappelle trucks on the Second street crossing, bunting up the truck and wrecking the pilot of the locomotive. Bob Maxwell, who was driving the truck, was thrown off, but suffered slight injury. The truck has a bent frame and broken axle, but will soon be in commission again. The locomotive had to be taken to the shop at Needles for repairs.

Second street crossing is obscured by buildings and the rumbling of the truck easily drowned the sound of the approaching train. This crossing should only be used in an emergency by automobiles and trucks. There are several other railroad crossings in the town that are safe and these should be used whenever possible, thereby doing away with all possibility of accident.

## BIG LEACHING PLANT SOON IN COMMISSION

The big leaching plant of the Emerald Isle Copper company will soon be in commission, the concrete floors having been laid and the iron building being in process of construction. As soon as this plant is in operation the plant will be able to send out more than 30 tons of cathode per month, and a considerable tonnage of cement cepper. The operations on the big deposit conclusively show that the company has an immense deposit in the mines and that future explorations at depth may disclose a big body of sulphides. The fact that some sulphides show, although in meager quantity, in the big surface mass, carries conviction of the source whence came the deposit.

## ANCIENT BURIAL PLACE IN MARICOPA COUNTY

The finding of remains and all sorts of paraphernalia in a cave in the Sierra Estrella mountains, some distance from Phoenix, a few days ago, created a considerable excitement in the capital city. An investigation by the coroner disclosed, or it is believed so, the fact that the bodies and skeletons were the remains of Indians. The cave contained guns, bows and arrows, saddles and dishes with what appeared to be food. The impression was that the food was one of the old pagan theories of the life in the happy hunting ground after death, on this sphere and that the spirit of the departed had to be furnished with something substantial for the journey into the great beyond. This part of the theory is not quite true, the Indians of the southwest having usually burned the bodies of the dead and on the funeral pyre was placed all his or her belongings, including food, and the whole reduced to ashes. With the Mohaves and Wallapais those who died a violent death were buried in some remote place in

the mountains, but all others were incinerated. Even though the Pimas embraced the Catholic faith there was nothing to hinder them from continuing the superstition that nothing of a dead person must be touched, as it would bring disaster. This superstition was created by the dissemination of small-pox and other communicable diseases through distribution of the effects of the dead prior to the advent of the Catholic padres, from whom they learned that all personal effects should be destroyed when death resulted from these diseases. The same thing is apparent in the tribes that become infested with vermin and who burn their wickups and a large part of their personal effects before removing to a new home. But the finding of the skeletons and the large amount of personal effects in the cave in the Estrellas has given the Phoenicians subject for speculation during the hot spell of the past week.

### WILL MOTOR TO COLORADO

George W. Miller and family were in Kingman Monday last from their home at Lookout ranch laying in supplies. They departed to their home Tuesday and will leave that place today for Sunbeam, Colorado, where they will visit with the family of W. F. Grounds. The trip will be made by automobile.

### SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE HERE

A. M. MacDuffee, of Chloride, was in Kingman yesterday, having come over here to look after business of the Adama Oil and Land company. He also showed himself among the voters to impress his claim to the office of member of the board of supervisors. Mac is well liked in his home town, and is sure of a big vote there.

## RICO EXPLORATION CO. NEXT BIG MINE OF CERBATS

At a depth of 140 feet the Rico Exploration company this week entered the vein which had passed out of the shaft on its dip about 40 feet above. The vein at this point was found to be 4½ feet wide, 2½ feet of which gave average assay results of \$91.65 in gold and silver. The balance of the vein ran better than \$20. A five inch streak assays over 800 ounces silver to the ton. This was not reckoned in with the average. At the 100 level the average of an 18-inch vein of ore was \$80, which would indicate that the values are increasing with depth. The new ore is out of the oxidized zone and would appear to be what may be termed the permanent ore body.

The company is now being financed, a goodly treasury having already been provided for. The company is shaping matters up to continue the shaft to the 200 level, where a station will be cut and the vein exploited at that depth. The men in charge of operations believe they have one of the best properties in the Cerbat mountains, the Rico being the northwesterly extension of the C. O. D. mine, which has been one of the big producers of the district. The vein can readily be traced through the property and into the extensions near the summit of the range. The hoist and other machinery was but recently placed on the mine and has been working nicely. Other machinery is to be put in and everything possible done to produce results in the least possible time.

The Rico is situated about 1 mile north of Kingman, in the Wallapai mining district, and in one of the best mineralized sections of the Cerbat mountains. This belief is warranted by the opening of the ore bodies at the present depth, and especially the cutting of the rich ore at the 140 level. The management of the mine is in good hands and every possible advantage will be taken of conditions obtaining to get the best results from the expenditure of money.

### ADJUDGED INSANE

Manuel Pereira, who was arrested last week on a charge of making seditious statements and beating up a clerk at Gold Road, was taken before Judge Paul C. Thorne and two physicians last Monday and declared insane. He was committed to the state asylum for the insane and Deputy Sheriff J. W. Harris departed the same evening to Phoenix with him. Pereira had an operation some time ago and was also suffering from an incurable disease, which undoubtedly undermined his constitution and brought on brain aberration.

### VISITING IN CHLORIDE

This week Tom McGraw and daughter spent several days visiting friends and also looking after political affairs in Chloride. They report that Chloride is looking good and that the people of that camp feel that better things are in store for it in the near future.

### ODD FELLOWS BANQUET GRAND MASTER WATKINS

Last Wednesday the local lodge of Odd Fellows was visited by E. W. Watkins of Bisbee, grand master for Arizona, and a general good time was had. The grand master was banqueted right royally and appeared to enjoy the occasion immensely. His visit here was an annual inspection of the lodges in his jurisdiction and he was pleased with the condition financially and the progress the lodge had made in membership.

## WILL RAISE THE DRAFT AGE LIMIT

As soon as congress reassembles Secretary Baker will ask that the law be amended raising the age limit from the present limitations of from 21 to 31 years to that of from 19 to 36 years, or approximately these ages. Nothing definite has been decided upon, but it is the general belief of the army that few men who could make good could be had over the age of 36 years. While this may be so it would be better to raise the limit to at least 45, which would bring many non-workers into the fold where they could be made to perform some service for their country. And yet there are many men above 45 who could be depended upon to perform prodigious services on the firing line or in any other place that war exigencies might place them.

### PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE FROM MOUNTAIN ROAD CAMP

Charley Dan and Jim Brown, who were awaiting trial on bootlegging charges, made their escape from the road camp on Copperville hill, a few days ago. So far there has been no report of their capture, and we suppose no expense will be incurred in trailing them up. The county would be better off without these fellows and will hold their indictment over them for future use. Charley Dan had just served a term for bootlegging, but this was Brown's first time at bat.

### QUICK WITTED WOMAN EN- TRAINS BELATED OFFICER

A few days ago an officer and private went over to forage while the train was waiting at the depot, and when they returned the train was some distance up the track and gaining speed rapidly. The officer gazed blankly after the retreating train non-plussed, but Mrs. George Kayes solved the situation by inviting the men into her car and the race after the train began. It is said that she had Barney Oldfield beat a city block before she had gone a hundred yards and was fast overtaking the train when the absence of the officer was discovered and the train brought to a stop east of town. It was but a minute until the men were aboard and the train again under way.

## MIDDLE GOLCONDA SHIPPING RICH ORE

This week the Middle Golconda shipped to the smelter one of the richest cars of ore ever taken from that property. The ore shows masses of ruby and native silver and also carries some gold. John Mulligan, who looked through the property this week, reports that Supt. Bell has opened up six feet of splendid ore in the deep level and that it is from this level that the big body of ore has been shipped. The opening of this body of ore has brought the property into prominence what may be expected at still greater depth.

The work of driving on the ore body is progressing, as well as the raise to the level above through the ore. Samples brought to Kingman from the property look much like the old time ore taken from the Cupel and Nighthawk, being heavy masses of native and ruby silver.

## TREASURE VAULT OPENED LEASERS HAVE \$700,000

The striking of the great ore body in the Higgins lease at Bisbee has created some excitement in that great camp. The men have so much ore in sight that they expect to make a clean up of \$700,000 by the first of next February, the date of the recession of their lease. The Higgins company then expect to take up the work of further developing the property and expect to make it one of the big mines of Warren district.

### GOES TO PHOENIX

Attorney Charles W. Herndon has gone to Phoenix, where he will look after legal and other business.

### MEREDITHS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meredith, who have been visiting throughout Texas and other states, returned to Kingman yesterday evening and will go on to Chloride today. They report having had an excellent time and returned in the best of health.

### SMOOTH UP STREETS

The board of supervisors is bringing in the big tractor from the Signal country and will soon have it at work on the streets of Kingman and the roads leading out into the country. The roadbed will first be broken up with a scarifier, wet down and rolled. More sand will probably be added to take up the surplus oil that has caused the roadbed to roll and wrinkle like a choppy sea. Kingman should have good streets. The people paid for the oil and aided in every way to build up good roadways. No county moneys were used in the work and the property owners are deserving of something for their money.