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EASTERN CAPITALISTS BUY RIO RICO

Brownsville Gets New Year's Day Game

GRID CLASSIC SPONSORED BY VALLEY C.-C.'S

Secretaries Endorse Advertising Program and Will Help In Immigration.

(Special to The Herald)

HARLINGEN, Nov. 9.—Valley Chamber of Commerce secretaries decided at their meeting here last night to sponsor a New Year's day football classic between a Valley all-star team and the state champions, and Brownsville won the draw on the location.

The matter of selecting the all-star team, and picking the opposition was left to the coaches of the Valley, who initiated the move.

The secretaries will guarantee the actual expenses of the visiting team. The draw was between McAllen, Brownsville and Harlingen, the three cities considered as having facilities to seat a crowd for the game. Brownsville won the first year, Harlingen the second, and McAllen the third. Brownsville is to stand three-fifths of the expense, McAllen and Harlingen one-fifth each. The ratio is to be reversed each year with the home town paying three-fifths.

Secretaries endorsed the move to help in immigration problems of the Valley, and will do all possible to aid it.

A Valley Chamber of Commerce was discussed, and opinion expressed that it can be formed, but no definite action was taken.

A radio advertising program for the Valley was endorsed, the funds to be raised by Radio Station KWVG of Brownsville and held by the secretaries until a certain amount is on hand. A committee consisting of G. C. Richardson of Brownsville, Whit Rogers of McAllen, R. H. Fackelman of Raymondville and Myron F. Ward of Harlingen was named.

Large attendance at the South Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in Corpus Christi was urged. McAllen is to send a band, Rogers said.

G. C. Richardson, chamber of commerce secretary here, said today that Brownsville will make a festive occasion out of the first Valley Grapefruit Classic, to be staged between a Valley all-star team and the state school champions here New Year's Day.

Several bands will be on hand, pep squads from Valley schools will parade, decorations will be arranged, and elaborate preparations carried out to make it a big event.

S. P.-Cotton Belt Merger Rumored

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 9.—(P)—The Dallas News said today "negotiations for merging the Cotton Belt railway with the Southern Pacific Lines are now under way, it said here Friday."

The paper offered no further authority for the statement.

HOUSTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—H. M. Lull, executive vice president of the Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana, today said he knew "nothing about" reported negotiations for merging the Cotton Belt with the Southern Pacific. He added he had heard nothing of such negotiations and that as far as he knew there were none.

Farm Board to Hear Texas Plan Monday

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 9.—(P)—Texas cotton growers' request for an initial loan of \$500,000 will be presented to the federal farm board in Washington Monday, according to Harry Williams, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Texas Farm Board Cotton association.

Heflin Seeks Probe of Cotton Exchanges

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—An attempt by Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, to obtain authority for an investigation by the Federal Farm board, of speculative transactions on the New York, Chicago, and New Orleans cotton exchanges, was blocked in the Senate today by Senator Jones of Washington, acting republican leader.

The Alabamian asserted that transactions on the New York stock exchange had an adverse effect on the prices on cotton exchanges.

FORMS CABINET



PARIS, Nov. 9.—(P)—The French cabinet of deputies today twice voted confidence in the new government of Andre Tardieu by a greater majority than its fondlest friends had hoped.

The poll was 327 to 256, a majority of 71, on the first ballot, when the socialists sought to amend the government's motion of confidence; the majority was increased to 79 by a vote of 332 to 253 when the confidence motion for itself was put before the chamber.

GOVERNMENT DRAWS BUDGET

Figure Is \$111,000,000 Less Than Last Appropriation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—The Hoover administration has drawn up its first budget and plans an expenditure of \$3,830,000,000 in the fiscal year of 1931, a total \$111,000,000 less than that appropriated by congress for disbursement in the corresponding fiscal period ending next June.

The figure, however, is \$158,000,000 greater than the budget submitted by the Coolidge administration for the present fiscal year. This called for an expenditure of \$3,672,000,000 and to this was added nearly \$300,000,000 in deficiency appropriations.

Neither the amounts appropriated for this year nor that planned for the year ending in 1931 have been given \$150,000,000 by congress to finance its activities. Its needs for the year ending in 1931 have not yet been ascertained.

The new budget contemplates an additional appropriation of \$10,000,000 for inland waterway development, a subject of great interest to President Hoover, and full continuation of the five-year program for the development of the Army Air Corps.

The treasury is still at work upon the budget and complete and detailed figures are expected to be ready for publication within a week.

The general budget figures were announced last yesterday by President Hoover.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY CAPTURED BY BANDITS

SHANGHAI, Nov. 9.—(P)—The Rev. Ulrich Kreutzen of Calumet, Mich., a Franciscan missionary stationed at Wuchang, Hupeh Province, today was taken captive by bandits at Wuyuenkow, 75 miles southeast of Wuchang, and held for a ransom of \$10,000 Mexican, which his mission was asked to pay.

States Settle Fuss About Toll Bridge Prices; Build Free Ones

AUSTIN, Nov. 9.—(P)—Soon it may not cost Texans to motor across the Red river for a visit with their Oklahoma friends, and vice versa.

Acting jointly, the Texas and Oklahoma highway commissions, have advertised for bids on the construction of three bridges to span the stream, the proposals to be opened on November 25, according to announcement of Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer.

The structures would replace toll bridges between Denison, Texas, and Durant, Okla.; Ringgold, Texas, and Terral, Okla.; and Gainesville, Texas, and Marietta, Okla.

It is planned to spend about \$225,000 for each bridge, the cost to be borne equally by the states, according to G. G. Wickline, state bridge engineer. The two states have offered \$100,000 for the Preston toll bridge between Sherman, Texas, and Madill, Okla.

The states have been in controversy with owners of the bridges over the amount of tolls to be charged for a number of months.

Assistant Attorney General Rice M. Tilley will leave next week for Washington, where he will represent Texas at the hearing of an application for injunction in the District of Columbia supreme court filed by the Red river bridge company seeking to restrain Secretary of War Good from enforcing an order that it reduce tolls charged from \$1 to 50 cents.

BANKS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR HIGHER PRICES

Cash Buyers Hurt Citrus Market, Share Tolls Meeting At Harlingen.

(Special to The Herald)

HARLINGEN, Nov. 9.—Bankers of the Lower Rio Grande Valley at their meeting here last night pledged backing to Valley citrus growers and co-operatives in a concerted effort to raise the price of citrus fruit.

A committee of three bankers is to be named by Tyre H. Brown of this city, president of the association, to go to all other bankers in the Valley, and confer with them.

The bankers were asked to confer with as many growers as possible, to urge them to market through the co-operative associations, and to hold their fruit for a good price.

Cash Buyers Hurt John H. Shary of Mission, president of the Texas Citrus Fruit Growers Exchange, explained to the bankers how the price of fruit is pushed down by cash buyers, and how the co-operatives can hold it for a better price, unless there is too much price cutting by cash buyers.

He expressed the belief that with the support of bankers, the growers will be better able to market through the co-operatives, and hence raise the price of fruit.

D. U. Garner, head of the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., of the Valley, talked along similar lines. He told of experiences in California and Florida in fruit marketing, and showed how the prices can be held up to reasonable figures by co-operation.

Hood Welcomes Group W. E. Baker, of the Security State Bank at Weslaco, and Clinton Frasier, of the First National Bank at Edinburg, expressed the belief that the bankers should co-operate, Frasier stating his bank has already started work toward this end.

Col. Walton Hood of Harlingen welcomed the bankers as guests of the McLeod-Hood company, which gave the banquet.

Switzerland Gets International Bank

BADEN-BADEN, Germany, Nov. 9.—(P)—The Bank of International Settlements provided for in the Young plan reparations agreements will be located at some city in Switzerland, probably Zurich.

The decision, reached by the committee which is drawing up statutes for the institution, was made at the expense of further collaboration of the Belgian delegation, which left for Brussels after that city had been rejected as the bank site.

RAYMONDVILLE STORE STOCK CHANGES HANDS

RAYMONDVILLE, Nov. 9.—The stock of F. L. Hudspeth Dry Goods store has been sold to G. Fishman of Dallas, who plans to add a quantity of new stock and reopen the Hudspeth Dry Goods and Clothing store in the 1930s; future on South Seventh St.

MAKING PROGRESS HILLSBORO, TEX., Nov. 9.—Despite adverse financial conditions generally in the district, the Central Texas Methodist conference areas are all making progress, reports to the conference here indicated.

Smoot Urges Coalition Work Out Tariff Bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—A proposal that the Senate recess until November 20 and that the coalition of democrats and western republicans in control of tariff revision in the meantime agree upon a complete program made in the senate today by chairman Smoot of the finance committee.

Senators Simmons of North Carolina and Borah of Idaho, leaders of the democratic-republican independent coalition which has a majority in the tariff contest, immediately voiced protest against the proposal.

"We owe it to the country," shouted Simmons, "to discuss this bill publicly. If the Senators who proposed this legislation are not willing to enter upon that discussion then we will enter upon it by ourselves for the enlightenment of the public."

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, said the coalition had taken over responsibility for the tariff legislation in the Senate and asserted the group accepted that responsibility.

"In my judgment," he added, "it is incumbent upon us to dispose of the bill as rapidly as possible. What the country wants is speed."

The Smoot recess proposal was unexpected and apparently a surprise to the coalition leadership.

Mrs. Pantages Gains Freedom on Probation

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9.—(P)—With his wife at liberty under probation for her manslaughter conviction in connection with the death after an automobile collision of Juro Rokumoto, Japanese gardener, Alexander Pantages is to appear before Superior Judge Charles Frick today to be sentenced for an attack upon Eunice Pringle, co-ed dancer.

The wealthy showman will ask for a new trial on grounds of irregularities in deliberations of the jury.

Mrs. Pantages yesterday was released from the custody of the sheriff by Superior Judge Carlos Hardy, who ordered her \$50,000 bond exonerated and demanded that she reappear each month for ten years to the county probation department.

During that time she must refrain from drinking intoxicating liquors and must obey all laws. Violation of any of the probationary orders would result in her being ordered to serve a manslaughter term of from one to ten years in prison.

In addition, the theatre man's wife was deprived of her automobile license for the period of her probation, and was ordered to satisfy immediately a judgment of \$78,500 awarded the survivors of Rokumoto. She endorsed a certified check for that amount and presented it to William G. Bonelli, attorney for Mrs. Rokumoto, the gardener's widow.

Mrs. Pantages, brought into the court room in a wheel chair by two white-clad nurses, broke into tears when Judge Hardy read the ruling.

Judge Hardy declared the probationary order of evidence indicated she had not been drinking before the accident last June. Judge Hardy said he also was influenced in granting probation by the fact that the woman previous to her conviction had "led a Christian life and devoted her time and money to welfare work."

The condition of health also was a deciding factor. District attorney Burton Pitts, who participated in the questioning of witnesses at the probation hearing, said it was the policy of his office neither to approve nor oppose probation for any defendant.

"I would like to inquire, however," Pitts said, "if the court would have reached the same decision had the defendant in this case been Juro Rokumoto instead of Mrs. Pantages."

German Dramatist Held As Murderer

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—(P)—Peter Martin Lampel, German dramatist, was en-route to a Silesian prison to face charges with murder and himself the center of a situation matching in interest any his pen has produced.

Police believed they had solved the eight-year mystery of the death of Fritz Koerber, soldier of the "Black Army," or Oberland free corps, nationalist organization, who disappeared mysteriously while stationed at the estate of Baron Von Richtofen in Silesia in 1921.

STOCK EXCHANGE CLAIMS FORTUNE OF GIRL PIANIST

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(P)—Her \$800,000 inheritance wiped out by the stock market crash, Miss Margaret Shotwell, concert pianist, hopes to earn \$50,000 in her profession in order to pay what she owes a broker.

Miss Shotwell, who is 22 years old, was known as the cigarette heiress after she received \$1,000,000 from the estate of John Neal, a director manager for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company. He died in 1923. Part of the fortune was in stock of the Reynolds company.

"I was just one of the suckers," she said.

"I lost every cent I had in the world. That was \$800,000 and I owe \$50,000 to my broker besides."

MAYOR WRITES REASONS FOR CITY MANAGER

City Official Says In His Opinion Issue of Commissioners Was Not Legal.

(Special to The Herald)

MAYOR A. B. Cole of Brownsville today refused execution of 25 city of Brownsville warrants in the sum of \$1,000 each, voted at a city meeting earlier in the week.

Mayor Cole said that he refused execution of the warrants because in his opinion to do so would be illegal. He was preparing a statement to City Secretary A. E. Munday informing him of the action and explaining in detail his reasons, but would not comment further on the matter.

The warrants were issued at a city commission meeting earlier this week by a vote of 3 to 2, Commissioners John Starck, J. A. Coburn, and B. E. Hinkley voting for the issuance, and Mayor Cole and Commissioner Arthur Hipp voting against the issue.

The warrants were voted to care for obligations incurred by the city.

Seek Legislation On Land Titles

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Nov. 9.—(P)—The West Texas chamber of commerce has enlisted the aid of the Texas division of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association in its campaign for remedial legislation in regard to land titles.

Outlining the chamber's proposed legislation yesterday in an address before the Mid-continent members, W. B. Hamilton of Wichita Falls, president of the West Texas body, declared many portions of the west Texas oil fields were located on excess, or unappropriated lands. It would be in the interests of the entire state, he said, to remedy the situation at the next legislative session.

OFFENSIVE ORDERED AGAINST KUOMINCHUN

SHANGHAI, Nov. 9.—(P)—Dispatches from Hankow received by Rengo, Japanese news service, today stated the nationalists had ordered the launching of a general offensive against the Kuominchun, or "people's army," now in revolt in Honan province.

Austin Slayer Asks Arrest In Letter

AUSTIN, Nov. 9.—(P)—Arrested on the strength of an anonymous letter which he acknowledged later he had written to the officers, Orie Gattis was under indictment today for the murder of Jesse D. Canada, shot to death more than a year ago while working in a gravel pit near here.

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL SITE TO BE SELECTED

HOUSTON, Nov. 9.—(P)—Site for the new Texas Presbyterian university, to be formed by the consolidation of Austin college at Sherman, Daniel Baker at Brownwood and Texas Presbyterian college for women at Milford, probably will be selected at a meeting of the special synod committee at Austin Thursday, W. A. Vinson, Houston attorney, chairman of the committee, declared today.

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE FAILS TO THROW LIGHT ON KIDNAPING

TIENSIN, CHINA, Nov. 9.—(P)—A second letter received today from Aaron Brenner, kidnapped New York furrier, said "for God's sake pay out this ransom."

Shortly afterwards telephonic communication which Brenner's brother had been maintaining intermittently with those who purported to be his abductors ceased.

Manchuria. Brenner's first letter yesterday, addressed to his brother, said he had been warned he would be killed immediately if information of his plight was given to the police or newspapers.

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Border Town Will Be Made Into New Dog Racing Center

Cabaret and Other Properties Included In Deal and Other Projects Along Rio Grande Being Considered

(Special to The Herald)

MERCEDES, Nov. 9.—Purchase of Rio Rico, including the cabaret, dog race track, and other properties, by a group of Eastern capitalists was announced today.

The deal was handled by Earl Bacon, Harlingen real estate man, acting as broker. The consideration was not made public.

New owners of the properties announced plans for remodeling and improvement of the entire layout, with the intention of converting it into a first class amusement center, with dog racing as the big feature.

TELLS OF PARTY

E. J. O'Hara, operating in Chicago and other points, and who is president of the International Greyhound association, heads the group of men who purchased the properties across the Rio Grande from here.

D. A. O'Neill, representative of the International Greyhound association, has been here for several days investigating the properties for Mr. O'Hara and associates, to determine whether it will be operated under auspices of the Greyhound association. His report on his findings was favorable.

An indication of the class of dogs to be raced on the track under the new ownership and management is seen in the fact that a shipment of dogs valued at \$50,000 arrived in Harlingen early this week, to be raced on the track. They will winter quarter in the Valley. Included in the shipment is a dog named "Cash-U" valued at \$10,000.

Many Improvements The purchase was made from the Compania Urbana de Rio Rico, which included several persons on both sides of the Rio Grande as stockholders.

The new owners will start improvement work immediately, and will announce the formal opening of big time racing as soon as possible.

It is understood they still are considering other amusement projects along the border in the Valley.

Valley Man Makes Profit In Chickens

(Special to The Herald)

SAN BENITO, Nov. 9.—A return of \$340.94 net on a flock of approximately 200 hens was made in a period of nine months by H. A. Hagler of the Briggs-Coleman tract. A County Agent Henry Almsayer announced here.

The Hagler flock is one of the demonstration flocks in the county, others being owned by Mrs. A. M. Tandy, Brownsville; Frank Schmidt, Los Presnos; H. L. Ewen, Briggs-Coleman; W. S. Newport, Combes; Mrs. Lillian Halpenny, Stuart Place; and Edward Nordman, La Feria.

Police Drag River Searching For Body

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 9.—(P)—Working on the theory Ernest Vitzel, missing Cleveland chemist, was the victim of foul play, by robbery as the motive, authorities today planned to drag the Susquehanna river at the spot where his burned automobile was found Thursday in the belief his body was thrown into the water.

Bank Robber Gets 25-year Sentence

NEWKIRK, Okla., Nov. 9.—(P)—NEWKIRK, Okla., 42, recently released as a suspect in the Lamar, Colo., bank robbery and killings, was convicted by a jury in district court here today of robbery with fire arms in connection with a raid upon the Union State bank, near here, in 1924. Twenty-five years' imprisonment was fixed as the penalty.

RIVER FORECAST

There will be no material change in the river during the next 24 to 48 hours.

High and low tide at Point Isabel tomorrow, under normal meteorological conditions:

High 12:32 a. m.
Low 4:18 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA
Sunset today 5:41
Sunrise tomorrow 6:45



Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, tells senate of "Wall Street booze parties" in capital.

STATEMENT MAY CLEAR MOONEY

Woman Says Brother Confessed to Preparedness Day Bombing

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Nov. 9.—(P)—A statement by Mrs. George Monro, resident of the mining section near here, claiming her dead brother was responsible for the 1916 preparedness day bombing in San Francisco instead of Tom Mooney was before authorities today.

Mrs. Monro said Lewis Smith, her brother, in a deathbed statement in Cleveland seven years ago, confessed it was he who planted the bomb which took the lives of ten persons marching in the San Francisco parade. Her declaration corroborated a letter from Frank O. Stevens, inmate of the Dayton, Ohio, National military home, to Senator Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota.

Mooney, now 46, is serving a life sentence in a California prison.

WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Valley: Cloudy and unsettled with occasional rains tonight and probably Sunday; somewhat colder.

For East Texas: Cloudy and unsettled with rain tonight and probably in east portion Sunday.

Light to fresh southeast winds on the coast, possibly shifting to northerly on the west coast tonight.