MEXICAN HEAD LIKES ROADS OVER VALLEY

Banquet Given in Matamoros For Governor Francisco Castellanos, Jr.

Greatly impressed with the improved highways on the American side of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Governor Francisco Castellanos, Jr., of the state of Tamaulipas, returned to Matamoros late Saturday afternoon to be the guest of the Matamoros Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Casa Grande club, Matamoros, Saturday night.

Governor Castellanos told his Matamoros constituents that as the servant of the people of the state of Tamaulipas, he hopes to do everything possible during his term of office to advance the interests of the state. Especially, he said, he is interested in providing the state with a road system such as that he had seen on the American side of the line.

The governor spent most of two days in seeing the development on the American side of the Rio Grande, being accompanied by Jesse Dennett of Brownsville, a director of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce. He observed completed roadways and roadways under construction.

President Cerda of the Matamoros Chamber of Commerce presided at the dinner at the Casa Grande club. Speakers included Lic Ernesto Urtusastegui, Dr. Rodriguez Brida, representing the Matamoros Rotary club, Francisco Morales, General Gabriel Cervera, commander of the Matamoros garrison, Mr. Dennett, and G. C. Richardson.

Guests from the American side included Mr. Dennett, G. C. Richardson, manager of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, and J. M. Stein, publisher of The Brownsville Herald.

Sunday Governor Castellanos will meet with the directors of the Matamoros Chamber of Commerce at his hotel, the Iturbide. It is proposed to discuss highways, municipal improvements in Matamoros, and other subjects, to all of which it is understood that Governor Castellanos will lend a sympathetic ear.

The governor, who was appointed to succeed Governor Portes Gil, recently made president, will be formally inaugurated on February 5 at Victoria, the state capital. Prominent residents of Matamoros expect to make the trip to Victoria by airplane, to be present for the inaugural. The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce will be represented on the trip.

U. S. PAIR ESCAPE IN CRASH

ATHENS, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Charles Holder, American banker of Paris, and his daughter escaped injury when an Italian hydroairplane of the Piraeus-Brindisi service hit rocks on the northwest coast of Corfu today. Two other persons in the plane were killed and two injured, the second pilot and the telegraph operator being the victims.

BOULDER DAM WILL PROTECT RICH VALLEY AGAINST THE NUISANCE OF HEAVY SILTS



Enough water to cover 26 million acres one foot deep will be stored behind the 550-foot wall of Boulder Dam. The map shows the projected area. Secondary canals of the type shown in the inset would carry water for lateral irrigation shown in the lettuce field above.

By FRANK I. WELLER
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Boulder Dam, still awaiting ratification by six states bordering on the Colorado river, will make it possible within eight years to overcome barriers the turbulent stream raised against agriculture over a vast expanse of California land long before America was known to the rest of the world.

In that distant day the Gulf of California extended to the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. On the east, the Colorado thundered to the sea with its mountainous burden of silt—sand and gravel cut from canyon walls hundreds of miles further north. Below Yuma and the Mexican border it started piling silt into the gulf, and a great ridge rose, more than 100 feet above sea level, across the wide waste of water.

During the ages that followed, the segregated water evaporated, leaving a huge bowl rimmed around with rugged hills and the Salton Sea at its bottom, 300 feet below the level of the ocean. This great hole in the earth's surface became the Imperial Valley of California, thousands of acres of sand-blown, arid land. The Colorado still flowed menacingly on the east, high above the valley.

Settlers trickled into the vallye, tapping the Colorado with canals to obtain water for their crops and livestock. In 1906, the river broke through its banks at flood stage and poured into the Salton Sea. To relieve the hazard, the government built Laguna dam north of Yuma and irrigated hundreds of acres in Arizona.

A private corporation contracted for water, and carried it around the rim of the valley, through Mexico and back into the valley by the Imperial canal, allowing Mexico half of the water for that government's concessions.

Within a few ears 450,000 acres of the valley's arid land had been irrigated and 60,000 people went to live there. Their first important crop was barley, then alfalfa—which still is grown extensively for feeding livestock—and later dates, citrus fruits and truck crops. The valley now ships 55,000 carloads of canteloupes and 35,000 carloads of lettuce to market every year before other regions are ready for harvest.

As the irrigated territory spread, the water supply, cut in half by agreement with Mexico, became inadequate. In 1918 the flow fell to 1,300 cubic feet a second, whereas from 5,000 to 6,000 is necessary, and the valley lost $6,000,000 worth of crops. Added to that is the constant battle to keep the Colorado within bounds and to cart away, at a cost of $1,000,000 a year, silt deposits that average 100,000 acre feet annually and often are piled 10 feet high on canal banks after dredging.

Boulder dam, to be erected hundreds of miles away in Black canyon, will catch the silt behind its 550-foot wall of concrete. Estimates say it will be 180 years before the deposits make the 70,000,000 structure—a gigantic wedge between two canyon walls—ineffective. In the meantime sufficient water will be stored to cover 26 million acres of land on efoot deep ,insuring plenty of water for valley farms now in operation and 300,000 additional acres that could be reclaimed.

Hoover Back In Miami After Luck On Fishing Trip

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 26.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover returned here at 10.50 p. m. from his fishing trip in the Florida Keys. With Mrs. Hoover and other members of his party he drove to the pre-inaugural vacation home at Belle Isle.

KEY LARGO, Fla., Jan. 26.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover concluded three days of fishing in the Florida Keys today, but there was no word as to whether he had landed a sail fish, a prize catch.

Word received here that the fishing had been good was the first from the party on the two yachts "Amitie" and "Saunterer," on which the expedition set out Thursday from Angelfish creek near here.

Plans for the next chief executive as communicated to shore called for a landing at Long Key, far south of here, after dusk and a return by rail to Belle Isle, the Florida vacation home near Miami Beach. This would put Mr. Hoover home just before midnight.

Limps In Port With Dramatic Tale of Rescue

ST. GEORGES, Bermuda, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The American tanker Dannedaike limped into port here today with a dramatic tale of an attempted sea rescue which almost turned into disaster for the rescuer. Buffeted, with half her bridge torn away and with makeshift steering apparatus, the vessel put in to send two of her crew of 32 to the hospital, and to make repairs before continuing her voyage from Beaumont, Texas, to Belgium.

While her captain remained on the ship, the story of how the Dannedaike started to the rescue of the foundering Italian freighter Florida, five days ago, only to be hit herself by mountainous seas and so badly damaged as to be forced to send an SOS, was related tonight by Quartermaster John Hagarty of Philadelphia.

Aimee's Auditor Says Hardy Check Was For 'Advice'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The state legislative's investigating committee learned today that a $2,500 check given Judge Carlos S. Hardy by Aimee Semple McPherson was for "lectures, radio talks," and advice offered in a church dispute.

The testimony came from a nervous little pastor who kept the books of Angelus Temple. The witness, the Rev. J. W. Arthur, while denying the money was given for "legal advice," admitted that it was drawn from the "legal and defense fund" of the evangelist.

As the committee, charged by the legislature to "disclose facts that will either vindicate Judge Hardy or find grounds for impeachment proceedings," adjourned until Monday, it told Mrs. McPherson that her proposed tour of Canada must be delayed.

The evangelist, appearing but a few moments before adjournment, was questioned only momentarily.

SENATE BACKS HOUSE ON CRUISER BILLS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The senate voted to stand by the house provision in the cruiser construction bill requiring that eight of the proposed 16 new warships be built in government yards.

This cleared the way for a showdown next week on the controversy raised by President Coolidge's desire to eliminate the clause requiring a start on the naval program by 1931.

PLUNGE FATAL



Terrified when confronted in a freight elevator of a New York Citl building by an armed bandit who demanded the payroll of the concern for which she was working, Shirley Bergman, 20-year-old bookkeeper, flung open plunged four stories to her the door of the moving life and

NEW RULE TO

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are shipped in a mixed carload by one shipper from one station on one day to one consignee and one destination, the carload rate on each article shall be applied, subject to a minimum weight of 20,000 pounds. When the aggregate weight of a mixed carload shipment does not amount to 20,000 pounds, add to the weight of the heaviest loaded articles in the shipment sufficient to make minimum weight 20,000 pounds, except that when the shipment consist of two or more articles of equal weight, the weight sufficient to make the minimum weight of 20,000 pounds shall be added to the weight of the lowest rated article.

"This rule will be used only when its application will make a less total charge than would the application of less than carload rates at actual weight.

Vegetables and Citrus Fruits

"(b) Where mixed carloads of vegetables and citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit, tangerines and kumquats), or both, are shipped, and the weight of the citrus fruits is not in excess of the percentage of the total weight of contents of car as shown in the table below, the carload rate applicable to each commodity will be applied to the actual quantity of that commodity in the car, subject to a carload minimum weight as shown in table below, arrived at by applying the tariff estimated package weights.

"Where the percentage of weight of citrus fruit is not in excess of 30 per cent, the minimum carload weight shall be 24,000 pounds; 30 per cent but not in excess of 60 per cent, 25,920 pounds; in excess of 60 per cent, 27,840 pounds.

"If, under the tariff estimated package weights, the weight of the shipment is less than the carload minimum weight shown, the difference between such weight and the carload minimum weight shown will be charged at the rate applying on the highest rated commodity in the car."

Valley shippers estimate that the average saving will be around $50 per car. They point out that this liberal reduction and the lower minimum will permit mixed car shipments into many small markets, which heretofore have secured their supplies from the larger centers, with a consequent increase in the price to consumers. They assert that it will greatly stimulate the demand for Valley fruits and vegetables by the opening of these markets and will prove invaluable to the Valley producers and shippers providing better distribution.

Last year approximately 4,500 cars of mixed vegetables were shipped from the Valley, and it is expected that the number this year will run close to 6,000. Many Valley shippers are preparing to inaugurate campaigns in the smaller markets as soon as the new rule goes into effect, for the purpose of stimulating small market demand for mixed cars.

FEAR SHIP, CREW LOST

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Fear that the steam trawler Seiner had gone down with her crew of 20 was expressed by coast guard officers today after a three-day search had failed to reveal any trace of the missing craft. The Seiner has not been heard from since Jan. 13.

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Suit to Recover Stone Mountain Filed By Owners

DECATUR, Ga., Jan. 26.—(AP)—S. H. Venable and two other original owners entered suit here today for recovery of the Stone Mountain site they deeded for a memorial to the Confederacy, charging that the Stone Mountain Memorial association had violated a contract to complete the main carving within 12 years.

An allegation that the organization was insolvent was coupled with charges that it had been wasteful in use of funds, that it had lost public confidence, and that it could not complete the monument if allowed more time.

The suit added that it was the hope of petitioners to recover the property so as to re-dedicate it to its original purpose.

IN OUR VALLEY

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City and Tampico to the border at Brownsville.

The Mexican government has awarded its contract to the Mexican Aviation company, headed by George Ihl of Tampico.

The Air Transportation company, Minneapolis, was the low bidder on the American angle of the contract. Presumably it will receive the contract, since it is better than 15 cents a mile cheaper than the next lowest bidder.

Now, presumably, the Mexican contract holder and the successful bidder on the American side will get together. Certainly there will be no "dead-heading" of planes.

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FAIRLY COOL weather in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Friday night and Saturday.

With weather forecasts indicating warmer weather Sunday.

The Valley has enjoyed a rather unusual warmth during the present winter.

Which has entirely satisfied all those especially interested in tourist activity.

But has not entirely satisfied merchants who have expected to dispose of warm wearing apparel.

SON OF OIL MOGUL WEDS

CLEVELAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Henry Huddleston Rogers, Jr., youngest member of the family of Colonel Henry H. Rogers, oil multimillionaire, and Miss Virginia Lincoln, daughter of Dr. William R. Lincoln, wealthy Cleveland physician, were married here late today.

HALE IS GIVEN

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ing of the verdict, was not visibly affected.

The government charged Hale made a systematic attempt to assassinate an entire Indian family to gain control of a combined wealth estimated at $2,000,000. Anna Brown, whose sister was married to Ernest Burkhart, Hale's nephew, was shot to death. Rita Smith, another sister, was killed in an explosion that wrecked her home in Fairfax and also killed her white husband, W. E. Smith, and a white servant, Nettie Brookshire.

Byron Burkhart, nephew of Hale, said in a later repudiated confession that he was one of two slayers of Anna Brown and taht the crime was instigated by his uncle.

Ernest Burkhart confessed to complicity in the dynamiting of the Smith home and is under life sentence in the state penitentiary at McAlester. Ace Kirby, whom Burkhart named as the actual perpetrator, was killed by a storekeeper in a small Kansas town when he was caught in the act of robbing a store.

Hale, a ranchman of the old school, came to the Osage country from Texas many years ago and became wealthy through his cattle herds that roamed the grassy Osage hills. Although nearly 60, he has retained his health through the years he has spent in prison and jails. He has displayed a cheerful demeanor.

Question Mark Over Continent Completes Hop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The Question Mark, the army's endurance record breaking airplane, arrived at Bolling Field here at 5:03 p. m. today.

The tri-motored plane came from Greensboro, N. C., completing the last lap of its continental flight.

Major Carl Spatz, commander, flight on the Pacific coast, was accompanied by Captain Ira C. Eaker, chief pilot, and Hans J. Adamson, a member of the ground crew attending the plane at the time of its endurance test.

Second Lieutenant Elwood R. Quesada, one of the pilots, and Staff Sergeant Roy W. Hooe, a mechanic, arrived earlier in the plane used to transfer fuel and food to the Question Mark during its famous flight.

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