

Aqueduct War Abandoned by Ranch Owners

Water Again Flowing Into Los Angeles Following Closing of Alabama Waste Gates.

Los Angeles, Nov. 20.—The waters of the Los Angeles aqueduct, diverted into Owens lake last Sunday by a raiding party of Owens valley ranchers who seized and opened the Alabama waste gates north of Lone Pine, Inyo county, were turned back into their course by the raiding party at 2:40 a. m. today, says a dispatch to the Los Angeles Times.

The ranchers' decision to abandon their announced determination "to hold the gates open until state troops are sent or Los Angeles comes to our terms," was reached at a conference of leaders held at Keeler, on the shores of Owens lake, during the night. It was reached, says the Times dispatch, as a direct result of the resolution adopted last Tuesday by the Los Angeles Clearing House association, promising its co-operation in promoting a settlement of the water rights feud providing the "gates" are closed.

This resolution, accompanied by a telegram from W. W. Waterson, an Owens valley banker, who Tuesday laid the case of the ranchers before the Clearing House association, was forwarded to Carl Keough, president of the Owens River Canal company, and Harry Glascock, publisher of the Owens Valley Herald.

Text of Resolution. The resolution was as follows: "Resolved, That the Los Angeles Clearing House association is in favor of law and order and against mob rule; that with regard to the controversy between the people of Owens valley and the city of Los Angeles the Los Angeles Clearing House association will not take any action in the matter as long as a mob holds control of city property and diverts water which should come to the city of Los Angeles from the city aqueduct.

Resolved Further, That if the mob will retire, close the gates which they control, and allow the water which was flowing through the same to flow into the city reservoir, the Los Angeles Clearing House association will use its best efforts with the business interests of the city to bring about some kind of an equitable settlement between the people of Owens valley and the city of Los Angeles.

Waterston's telegram urging acceptance of the Clearing House association's offer read: "If the object of the crowd at the spillway was to bring their wrongs to the attention of the citizens of Los Angeles, then they have done so 100 per cent, and further defiance of the law would injure the valley's cause beyond all possibility of remedy.

Public Mind Open. The press and the minds of the people here will be open from now on, and I feel sure that the wrongs done will be remedied.

"The hands of the businessmen here are tied as far as helping us while the matter is in this phase of an unlawful situation.

"I therefore earnestly plead for everyone having influence with the people here to get them to return to their homes today. I have the assurance that strong influence here will be brought to bear on the situation to see that justice is done."

Waterston's proposal to close the control gates did not meet the unanimous consent of the ranchers on guard and it was not until Keough, leader of an influential group in the valley, had exerted every effort on behalf of the recommendation that it was finally adopted.

Glascock, recognized spokesman of the ranchers, backed Keough and the conservatives during the discussion. The debate took place in the hut in which the control of the Alabama gates is located.

Battle at End. Even after the closing of the gates the ranchers did not leave the aqueduct, seemingly unable to comprehend that the battle which they had begun a few days ago was at an end. Only the empty styren of the spillway, down which the city's water supply no longer rushed to lose itself in the river bed below, betrayed to the casual observer that the aqueduct deadlock had been broken, that the ranchers had surrendered their stronghold.

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British Court Shields Indian Prince in Amazing \$750,000 Blackmail Suit

"Reasons of State" Forbid Name of Rich Potentate to Be Bared in Court; Bookmaker, Who Was "Double-crossed," Seeks to Recover.

By DAVID M. CHURCH, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

London, Nov. 20.—Court officials and attaches of the Indian office continued today to blanket with all possible secrecy the identity of "Mr. A," young, eastern potentate, known to be the son of a noble native ruler in India, who paid \$750,000 hush money to keep his name from being carried from the boudoir of Mrs. Charles Robinson into the British divorce courts.

Judge Darling, the famous magistrate officiating at the trial of Great Britain's most amazing blackmail case, intimated today that ordinarily he would not permit the omission of the potentate's name simply because he is a person of high rank, but for "reasons of state, that no scandal should be caused where the potentate lives," he was allowing the case to proceed with the victim known merely as "Mr. A."

In the court action, Charles Ernest Robinson, former successful bookmaker and husband of a beautiful woman nearly 15 years his junior, seeks recovery of \$625,000 from the Midland bank, one of England's most powerful banking institutions. The money, Robinson charges, was paid by the Indian potentate as hush money, but he received only his share of \$125,000, which he was informed was what "Mr. A." paid.

Plaintiff on Stand. Mr. Robinson took the stand today before a packed courtroom. He was cross-examined by Sir John Simons, one of England's foremost advocates. Robinson testified that his wife confessed to him in June, 1923, that she had miscondacted herself with "Mr. A."

Prior to that, Robinson had no direct evidence, although Montague Noel Newton, accused of leadership of the blackmail band, had promised he could give Robinson all the evidence necessary for him to procure a divorce, the witness said.

Robinson added that he had discussed the matter with William Cooper Hobbs, a solicitor's clerk, whom the bank charges was one of the blackmailers.

"I wonder whether my wife's guilty," Robinson said he remarked to Hobbs.

The clerk is quoted as answering: "Don't be a fool. I've had word from 'Mr. A's' solicitor admitting they had knowledge of 'Mr. A.' and Mrs. Robinson having had an affair. They want no proceedings and wish to quit the matter."

The former bookmaker then testified that not until then did he discover the identity of "Mr. A," whose true name is in three parts. He said he wanted the money from "Mr. A." to give to his wife.

Seeks Exoneration. "Do you think," demanded Sir John, "that \$750,000 was worth the price of advertising your wife's dishonor?" "I am entitled," Robinson retorted, "to exonerate myself of any complicity in a conspiracy to blackmail."

He didn't have to wait long. He heard a splash. Looking out toward the pond, he saw the brown heads of Paddy and Mrs. Paddy as they swam toward the shore. A few minutes later they came out of the water, and after looking, listening and smelling started straight toward that tree.

"I'll wait until they are at work," thought Old Man Coyote. "It will be easier to surprise them when they are so busy that they forget to keep watch. I certainly am going to have that Beaver dinner tonight, sir; I certainly am going to have that Beaver dinner tonight." His mouth watered as he said this.

The next story: "Why Old Man Coyote Got No Beaver Dinner."

MAJ. GEN. REED ON RETIRED LIST Washington, Nov. 20.—The War department today announced the retirement of Maj. Gen. George W. Reed, commanding general of the Philippines. General Reed, who is now on route to the United States, has been succeeded by Maj. Gen. James H. McRae, who has been in command of the Philippine island division. General Reed was the sixth oldest ranking major general in the army.

New Mail Route Planned. Bloomfield, Nov. 20.—There will be another rural mail route out of Bloomfield if plans do not fail. Some of the routes now cover mileage greater than required and by taking part from these routes and adding a little new territory it will be possible to fill out a route. Some of the patrons now have to go from two to three miles for their mail.

York Octogenarian Dies. York, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Julia Dunn, an old-time resident of York county, who lived in the vicinity of Benedict, died at the home of a friend in Benedict Tuesday, following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Dunn was past 80 years of age. She was born in New York City and was a teacher in the schools there for a number of years.

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Prisoner Serves But 7 of 30 Years

Farmhand Who Shot Bluffs Police Chief Freed From Prison.

Seven years, four months and 20 days ago, Roland Barbee, a farmhand, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for assaulting Chief of Police Gillaspay of Council Bluffs.

Today he is a free man. He has been free, practically, since November 19, 1923, a year ago. He has been on parole since that time. Now he is entirely free, having received his final discharge from the state reformatory at Anamosa.

Council Bluffs authorities were notified Tuesday that Barbee had been finally released.

One Fifth of Sentence. Barbee has actually served less than one-fifth of his 30-year sentence, for he was paroled first after he had served two years and a half. He was free for several months, and was then returned to the reformatory.

Barbee shot Gillaspay when the latter was then serving as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Groneweg. With Groneweg and Deputy A. D. Gies, Gillaspay was lying in wait in a barn on the Oscar Lawson farm near Oakland, Ia. Lawson had received blackmail letters, and had agreed to leave a sum of money in the barn of his farm.

Leg Amputated. Lawson informed the officers, who hid in the barn to wait for the blackmailer. Barbee, a farm hand, employed by Lawson, walked into the barn and to the spot where the money was to have been left.

The officers left their hiding place Barbee turned and saw them. He at once opened fire and his first shot struck Gillaspay, injuring him seriously. Gillaspay returned the fire and one of his shots struck Gillaspay in the leg. The leg was later amputated. Barbee then surrendered.

HOOVER TO KEEP POST IN CABINET Washington, Nov. 20.—Secretary Hoover has definitely decided to remain in the cabinet, despite various efforts by commercial organizations to secure his services.

The secretary made his decision after President Coolidge had earnestly requested that he remain in the service of the government.

Fire Damages Shops. Middletown, Pa., 20.—Fire which broke out in the Middletown car shops this morning was reported beyond control. Fire companies from every surrounding town have been summoned. The company is one of the largest builders of railroad cars in the east.

PLANE LOCATES BANK ROBBERS

Madras, Ore., Nov. 20.—The Metolius State bank, near here, was robbed of \$2,000 yesterday afternoon by a hold-up man who escaped in an automobile with two accomplices.

The sheriff, without a speedy means of pursuit, saw Tex Rankin, an aviator, drop in at Madras for fuel, and enlisted his aid.

The aviator took off in his plane and from the air scoured the country side. He located the bandits' car, he told the sheriff, stalled on a road a few miles from here.

A posse was out last night attempting to locate the robbers.

SCHOOL BARS JAZZ MUSIC

Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 20.—Jazz music henceforth is to be prohibited in the Waukegan high school, according to a notice posted today over the signature of the dean of women.

Shaded lights at high school affairs also came under the ban.

Guard Adjutants Hear Gen. Duncan

Regular Army Great Training Camp, Commander Explains.

The annual conference of adjutants of the Seventh Corps area was convened Thursday morning in the city council chamber. Maj. Abbott Boone, acting national guard officer, being in charge.

Maj. Gen. George B. Duncan gave a brief opening talk, in which he referred to the regular army as a great training camp for the military organization which this country could quickly mobilize in time of need.

Col. L. C. Scheer, Washington, militia bureau representative, stated that the detail work of the national guard headquarters at Washington is increasing every year.

Among the subjects scheduled for discussion are: "Relations Between R. O. T. C. and National Guard," "Training Programs and Schedules," "Rela-

FORTUNE OFFERED FOR SUBWAY ADS

New York, Nov. 20.—The narrow rim of space in subway cars from which hundreds of advertising cards stare passengers in the face, has assumed an enormous value. Three advertising corporations have offered the Interborough Rapid Transit company sums ranging from \$43,000,000 to more than \$100,000,000 for a 20-year advertising concession.

BANDITS HOLD UP BANK IN INDIANA

Converse, Ind., Nov. 20.—Nine armed bandits, one a woman, held up the Farmers State bank today and escaped with \$8,000. The bandits knocked down the bank president and forced the cashier to open the safe.

63 CHINESE DEAD IN TWO BOXCARS

Tientsin, Nov. 20.—The badly decomposed bodies of 63 coolies were found in two box cars which had been standing on a siding here, it was learned today. The coolies apparently had been conscripted, thrown into the cars for shipment, forgotten and allowed to starve to death.

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