

LEAD

L.S. - P. & G. Monday, Feb. 21, 1949.

I am broadcasting from Sun Valley tonight and getting the news <sup>by way of</sup> from Boise. ~~Which means that these dispatches come across the intermountain wire. In the news sense this is the west - plus~~

The United Press has a whole system of regional wires. Each one filtering the news to a certain area. That is, there is a selection of dispatches based on the ideas and preferences of each section. Each gets the kind of news that the daily papers, the radio and the people of the region are interested in the most. Each gets its own kind of news emphasis.

~~There is a New England regional wire and a New York wire. The same for the south. Sections of the middle west and south west. Out here there is a Pacific Coast wire and a Rocky Mountain wire. Also~~  
~~this~~ Intermountain wire, ~~which~~ covers Idaho, Utah, and Montana -- some of the remotest population areas in the country. So what do the people out here prefer in the way of news of the world?

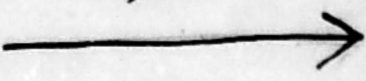
~~This regional wire gives a picture of that.~~

~~And I am going to use it during this week.~~ I left  
New York determined to review a close acquaintance  
with the west, and this is one way of doing so -  
looking at world events the way the people of Idaho,  
Utah, and Montana look at them. Something of a news  
adventure - working with the Intermountain wire.

## PALESTINE

There is unofficial denial that an Armistice agreement between Israel and Egypt has been signed - but it looks as if one will be soon. From the conference on the Island of Rhodes comes the news that a compromise has been reached, with the representatives of Israel and Egypt hurrying home to obtain the formal acquiescence of their governments. From the Jewish side the word is that Israel will accept the compromise if Egypt will okay it. All so optimistic that a rumor got out: - peace agreement signed!

The compromise was proposed in a last minute move by a U N mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche. And is said to concern the famous Biblical town <sup>on the edge of</sup> the southern desert -- Beersheba. - <sup>ancient home of Abraham and Lot.</sup>

In the recent war ~~into~~ the Negeb, Israel captured Beersheba from the Egyptians - and during the peace talks on the island of Rhodes, Egypt was insistent on getting ~~it back.~~ 



Later they saw Governor Robins who is also opposed to the bill, and gave a pledge to back his stand.

Then came a sudden move in the legislature, a representative made a quick move to table the gambling bill. The adverse <sup>arise</sup> of the measure, with all powerful influences behind them, were supposed to be exceedingly strong. But the resolution to table was promptly carried - on a tide of anti-gambling feeling. The vote thirty-three to twenty-five. To take the bill off the table would require a vote of two-thirds, meaning - the bill to legalize gambling in Idaho was almost dead.

FLORIDA GAMBLING

The Governor of Florida made a threat, today, to send the State militia into the city of Tampa to surpress - the numbers racket. Governor Fuller Warren states that this particular form of gangster has dominated <sup>the</sup> fraud called gambling, has brought about what he calls "the danger of actual civil disorder".

The numbers racket is held responsible for thirteen unsolved murders. The Mayor of Tampa points out that the city has been drawing a revenue of from two to five thousand dollars ~~x~~ a year from the crooks in the numbers game, who forfeit their bonds - of two hundred dollars each. That is, they are arrested, then skip two hundred dollar bonds.

~~revenue for their duty.~~ The numbers racket down there is called "bolita", <sup>The revenue from it</sup> sounds like a mighty good thing for the racketeers - that "bolita".

ESCAPE

There was a scene of wild pursuit near San Luis Obispo, California -- the result being the capture of two convicts who escaped from the Monterey County jail last week. The two, a kidnapper and a robber serving life sentences, stirred up a huge manhunt.

They ~~then~~ began by terrorizing a family in Solinas, binding and gagging four persons and stealing the family automobile -- which they ~~then~~ drove in a madcap flight - and finally wrecked. That was over the weekend. And today they walked up to a parked car, pressed a knife against the side of the motorist and took the car.

But by now they were in the toils, the manhunt closing in on them. They tried to break. At San <sup>make a</sup> Home of the newspaper patriarch Wm. Ran Hearst, Simeon they came upon a road block, manned by the Sheriff of Monterey County. He tried to stop them, but the car came charging straight at him and he had to jump clear -- the ~~two~~ fugitives whizzing along.

The Sheriff leaped into his squad car, and gave chase. That was a blood and thunder pursuit, the sheriff firing shots at the escapers. The sheriff won. His shooting finally persuaded the kidnapper and the robber to give up. They stopped, crawled out of the car, and surrendered.



The recent weeks of blizzard and cold in the West have produced many brave stories of rescue. And I wish I had one today with a fine triumph of life saving. But this one, comes to an ending, ignominious and absurd.

There was a search by air for Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shine.—Missing for weeks. They went up into the wild country ~~fr~~ of Boise Basin to look after their trap lines. Which means - fur trapping. Snares that are set for beaver and other fur bearing animals.

*recent* No word from them -- marooned, as they were during ~~the~~ fearful period of great blizzard and cold. So this weekend planes flew to look for them. They went winging to the cabin, ~~the~~ the fur-trapping-couple were known to have occupied. No sign of life. The cabin a dead place, ~~W~~hich looked ominous. The search was continued, and today comes word how a pilot spotted another cabin in the frozen wild - and down he swooped buzzing the place. And out of the cabin came Mr. and Mrs. Shine. Were they overjoyed? Were they wildly grateful at the arrival of rescue. Not at all.



They signalled to the pilot that they were okay. In fine shape. They Virtually told the pilot to get *the-*

*to go* away and leave them alone. He was just butting in.

The blizzard story of the Shine family is that they got tired of their original cabin, <sup>and</sup> ~~it~~ moved to another. This one was on a stream called - Whoop-it-up-Creek.

The fur trapping Shines were snugly settled, - and who would want to be rescued from Whoop-It-Up-Creek?

*here's*  
And now, Nelson Case to whoop-  
-it-up for Ivory!