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The pacifists, professional and otherwise tell us that naval armament and war are synonymous. They aver apparently in all sincerity that if we have a navy we must expect to have war. But recent events seem to bear out the assertion that it is easy to have war without any navy. Take the example of Paraguay and Bolivia for instance. Which navy started the hostilities that broke out between these two countries a short time ago? As a matter of fact nations can go to war with sickles and cutlasses if nothing better is available. This has happened a great many times in the past, before gunpowder was invented, and war was even crueller than it is now.

The unreasonableness of the arguments of the pacifists is well illustrated in the trouble between the two South American republics mentioned above. The pacifists or at least the socialist wing of the group, claims that wars are always fomented by private interests which seek some advantage through military conflict. But it is quite evident that in the case of Bolivia at least, the heads of the government were driven into hostilities by the demands of an aroused and enthused populace, just as our own nation was forced into the Spanish-American war by popular sentiment, at a time when President McKinley was doing everything possible honorably to avoid the call to arms, and exhausting every means of diplomacy to prevent war.

Of course the trouble between Bolivia and Paraguay was not started by navies which do not exist. Neither did it originate in the maintenance of large military establishments for neither country boasts of an army of any consequence. Certainly it was not a fifteen cruiser program which started the trouble in Bolivia for that country was not even provided by nature with a seaport.

War, like all crimes of violence, is caused by a state of mind which has not been educated to the point where it fully comprehends the brutality and futility of war. It will end when the spirit which causes physical combat has been exercised and not before. Now if Bolivia would attack Paraguay without sufficient cause, or vice versa, it is evident that some nation without sufficient provocation might attack the United States. And it might be unwilling after taking that course, to arbitrate knowing itself to be without a good case. This danger is increased by the wealth and territorial extent of this republic and would be multiplied a hundred fold by the belief that we had no sufficient means of defense.

The only guarantee we have against such attack is to have the world know that we are prepared and disposed to defend ourselves. The pretense of the pacifists that such defense would be provocative rather than preventive is born either of ignorance or of hypocrisy. For instance, it is possible for any pacifist in this day of gunmen and racketeers, to give evidence of the sincerity of his belief without attempting to enforce, his philosophy on the national government and perhaps ruining or destroying the nation. Let him hang upon his door this sign: "I will not resist any effort to rob my house or kill my family. I have no weapons and am opposed on principle to calling upon the police to use violence against any intruder. I ask intruders to keep out as a matter of ethics."

This would be equivalent to an invitation to any ruffian to enter the house and kill and rob at will. It is doubtful whether even the most ardent pacifist would want to adopt this policy. But many of them seem perfectly willing to apply it to the nation as a whole. Surely this cannot be for the reason that pacifists devote all their love and affection to their private interests and have none left for their country.

KING'S CONDITION SHOWS GAIN

LONDON, Jan. 3, (AP)—With King George, entering upon his seventh week of illness word came from the Royal bedside which was encouraging in its general tone although it continues to indicate that the recovery of the stricken monarch will be a long and steady fight.

This morning's bulletin said that the King's condition showed no change but that he had spent a restless night. The bulletin added, however, that there was no reason to view the situation in any way different from yesterday's optimistic view.

BLAZE DESTROYS U. C. CHEMICAL LABORATORY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3, (AP)—A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the chemical laboratory of the University of California at Los Angeles this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

State Library, Reno

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7000 MAY BE EMPLOYED AT DAM SITE

Northcott In Second Victory As Sanity Test Is Granted

NORTHCOTT IN SECOND WIN FOR FREEDOM

JUDGE APPOINTS BOARD TO TEST SUSPECT'S SANITY

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 3, (AP)—Judge Freeman appointed a commission today to examine Gordon Stewart Northcott, charged with the murders of several small boys on the Wineville "murder farm" near here. The court granted the motion of Norbert Savay, Northcott's counsel after a bitter clash between the court and Savay in which the judge threatened to place the lawyer under arrest for contempt of court.

The clash grew out of an attempt on the part of Savay to read an affidavit charging insanity against the defendant while the jury was in the room. The court ordered the jury to leave and Savay objected.

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 2, (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott who went to trial this morning for the murder of three small boys whom he is accused of first mistreating, won a victory when Judge Morton, before whom the trial was to have been heard disqualified himself for prejudice and named Judge George Freeman to try the sensational case. From San Quentin penitentiary, where she is serving a life sentence for the murder of little Walter Collins, Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott, Gordon's mother, sent a telegram to the court confessing all the crimes for which her son must answer.

Despite this gesture on the part of the mother, District Attorney Redwine declared that he will proceed with the prosecution of Gordon Northcott. The removal of Judge Morton followed the motion of Northcott's counsel supported by affidavits citing the tilt between the Judge and Northcott when the youth was arraigned. Judge Morton was debarred in the affidavits to have used language toward the defendant indicating that he had formed an opinion and was prejudiced ab initio.

LOCAL PASTOR HOLDS MEETING IN PIOCHE

Rev. F. C. Moreno of Westside Mission arrived from Pioche where he held a special gospel meeting last Sunday night.

Great interest was evidenced by the people, every seat in the little community church was occupied. An orchestra furnished an interesting musical program. A song fest was a feature of the program.

Mr. Moreno has been requested to hold similar services in Caliente and Ely.

"It is remarkable to find so many opportunities to broadcast the gospel right near our neighboring cities and towns in Nevada," said Mr. Moreno. "Very little revival work is being carried on in our state and this seems to be principally due to lack of appropriation of funds for the evangelist and his campaign.

"We are commencing a special evangelistic fund to be spent in the state of Nevada, especially in the southern part of the state, wherewith we may reach the needy towns and introduce campaigns of the gospel and contribute to the general welfare of our whole state.

"The Boulder Dam is bound to bring all kinds of characters into this part of the country. There is bound to be evil with the good. If there was ever needed a mission it is now."

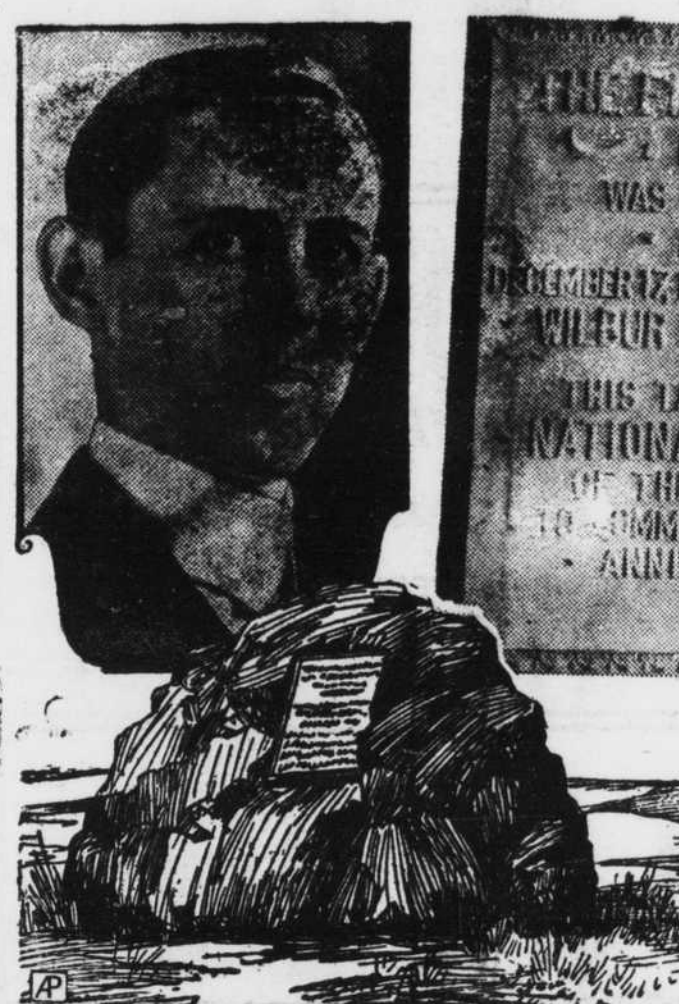
SAVE THE BUTTONS MR. WOODARD!

J. Warren Woodard, local Chevrolet dealer came to his office this morning without his vest.

The reason for his unusual departure from sartorial etiquette is well grounded, however, for the size of his chest has been greatly expanded since the arrival of the new Chevrolet Six which is on display in the Woodard showroom on Fremont street.

Mr. Woodard invites everyone to inspect this car, promising them something astounding in automobile construction.

VISION!



Twenty-five years ago two now famous brothers were obscure mechanics in a little town. They had an idea. Everybody laughed. Some poked fun at the two hard-working boys. But they possessed what most of us lack. And what's more they fought it to a finish. And the result is the appreciation and homage of 300,000,000 people in every corner of the earth. Vision is indeed a powerful faculty!

Vegas Civic Clubs Give Boy New Feet

It was a sunshiny day—one of those wonderful desert days when a swift breeze sends all hands to the fields to harvest the crop. Children love to play on days like these. Unprisoned by the heat of the summer sun most any ranch will reveal a crowd of laughing dancing youngsters playing hide and seek among the tall grass of an oasis spot.

It was a day like that when Martin Eaton and his playmates discovered a funny looking little frog sitting on the edge of an irrigation canal. Martin was four years old. He was the youngest of the bunch and so it was he who was chosen to get a long stick to hit the frog with. And so he scampered off obedient to the command of the "leader."

But Martin didn't come back that day. No—a huge tank-like mower had borne down upon him and mercilessly cut down upon him and body both of his feet. But Martin didn't cry. He was somewhat of a philosopher. When they took him to the hospital he whispered to the nurse, "Never mind, I'll get a new pair pretty soon."

But the Eatons, after investigating the cost of artificial feet, found that the cost was far too great. And so it looked as if little Martin would be helpless for many years to come. UNTIL the boy's plight was brought to the attention of Bert Henderson, Las Vegas Kiwanian, who thought "There ought to be some way for that little fellow to have feet."

And there was.

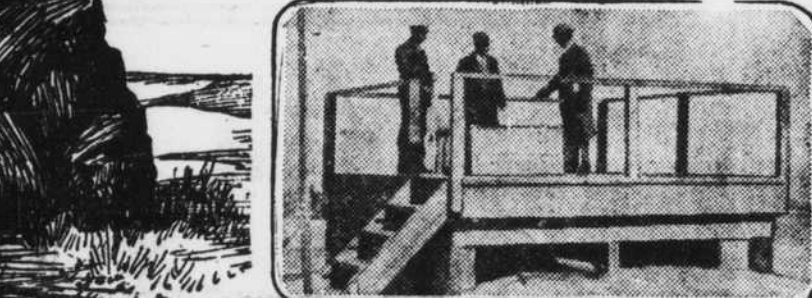
20-30 CLUB HOLDS MEET

The 20-30 club held their regular weekly meeting at the U. P. eating house yesterday.

Fast-president Ted Rea turned the gavel over to the new President, Berkeley Bunker with appropriate ceremony and the new year of activity was begun.

The meeting was marked with enthusiasm. Dr. Bulette, representing the Kiwanis Club made an inspiring talk which was met with enthusiastic response from the large gathering.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2, (AP)—Governor Young reappointed Clyde L. Seavey as a member of the California Railroad Commission for a full term of six years.



QUESTION MARK REPORTED SAFE AT SAN DIEGO

HEAVY FOG DELUDES REFUELLING PLANE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3, (AP)—Officials report that the Army plane "Question Mark" is at Rockwell Field, San Diego. This allays fears that the ship was lost in the fog or had gone to Imperial Valley. Weather conditions are good at Rockwell Field but visibility poor.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3, (AP)—The battle of the "Question Mark" with the fog covering this section came to a temporary halt at least when the big ship beat a retreat towards San Diego following the request for gasoline in a note in which it also revealed that it was flying south where weather was reported to be good.

Major Spatz, anticipating a possible fog earlier in the day, had a message sent to the field to prepare sending a refueling plane to Imperial Valley.

At nine o'clock the plane messaged that it would fire a pistol if it decided to go to Imperial Valley.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3, (AP)—The Army plane "Question Mark" passed the 48-hour mark at 7:26 this morning with her motors apparently running as smoothly as when she began her flight.

The visibility of the plane around Los Angeles was a bit hazy. Plane number 2, piloted by Lieut. Moon refueled the "Question Mark" over the Metropolitan Field with 150 gallons of gasoline in a six-minute contact shortly after 7 this morning at an altitude of 2500 feet.

NEW REALTY FIRM OPENS

A new realty firm is opening business here at 124 Fremont street. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, proprietors, are western Nevada people, having been located formerly in Ely.

TONSIL OPERATION MAY BE FATAL TO NOTED RUNNER

GLENDALE, Calif., Jan. 3, (AP)—Frank Wycoff, 19-year-old sprinting sensation, is fighting against death in a local hospital today after an operation for tonsillitis on the young athlete two weeks ago. Wycoff has been unable to eat ever since the operation and hospital nurses have had to inject two teaspoons full of blood into his body daily.

MILLS MUST STAND TRIAL

Charles Mills, local barber and beauty parlor operator who is charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor and inflicting bodily injury thereby, was held to answer to a term of the District Court by Justice of the Peace C. D. Breeze today.

Mills is alleged to have driven his car at an excessive rate of speed while drunk and to have crashed into the automobile owned by Mrs. George Ullom severely injuring Mrs. Ullom's 1-year-old son, Norman.

Bonds were set in the sum of \$2000. The defendant had not arranged for the new bonds up to noon today.

FEDERAL COURT SHOULD BE HERE

A wire was dispatched to our representatives in Congress by the local Chamber of Commerce this morning, protesting against the changing of the Federal Court sessions from Carson City to Reno, or against the establishment of a second Federal Court at the Washoe county seat.

This action was taken following the receipt of a letter by the Editor of the Age from the Carson City Chamber of Commerce urging that prominent citizens register an expression of opinion on the contemplated move.

Dr. Roy W. Martin, president, consulted with some of the prominent business men whom he was able to reach, and the opinion expressed generally, was that the Federal Court should remain at Carson City on account of the fact that quarters are already established at the capital city, there is a splendidly equipped library, and the State Supreme Court sits there.

It was pointed out that changing the location of the court would add 30 miles to the two days' trip already required for litigants from the southern part of the state.

In discussing the matter of establishment of a second Federal Court at Reno, unanimous comment was to the effect that if a second court is financially possible, it should be established in the southern or eastern part of the state as a relief to litigants who are forced to travel a long distance.

It was agreed that Reno should have a new postoffice building, sufficient to accommodate her steady and substantial growth, and that without delay, but the apparent maneuver to begin the removal of the capital from Carson City was not looked upon with favor.

As one man remarked "Let's keep the capital at Carson City, Reno, Las Vegas and other cities are well able to grow and progress without taking away the means of subsistence from the romantic city of Nevada's early history."

PAVING PROGRAM BEGINS FEBRUARY 15

A. P. Slocum, city engineer, announced yesterday that paving will be actually begun in Las Vegas February 15.

This is good news to the property owner, especially the housewife.

Bids for the project will be opened January 24 and work will commence as soon as the proper surveys are completed.

MEAD TELEGRAM SAYS NUMBER MAY BE LARGE

HAVE NOT CONSIDERED PROJECT AS A WHOLE

The publisher of The Age received a telegram from Dr. Elwood Mead this morning indicating that a much larger number of men than at first anticipated will be employed in the construction work of the Boulder Dam project.

The telegram was in response to a message sent the Commissioner of Reclamation yesterday by The Age to certify a report which has been circulated that a smaller number of men would be employed.

Figures Incomplete Dr. Mead, in his telegram, indicated that the figures quoted in a press dispatch were meant for a certain phase of the project—not the construction work as a whole.

It did not seem feasible to The Age that as few as 2000 men could possibly complete a project as large as the Boulder Dam. But it is now understood. The 2000 men will be the first contingent of employees. This number does not include the thousand or more who will precede the dam construction work in the surveying and laying out of the 30 miles of railroad line which will no doubt be triple trackage. There will also be needed much yardage at the dam site and in Las Vegas. To complete this project in time for the early construction of the dam it is estimated that no less than 1500 men will be employed.

Larger Force If all of the development at Boulder Dam is carried on at the same time, according to Dr. Mead's telegram, a much larger force will be needed. And it is a well known fact that Raymond F. Walter, newly appointed chief engineer in charge of the construction of the huge dam is in favor of throwing every phase of the construction into play at the same time. This he has done on every great project he has heretofore directed. In this case a conservative estimate, among engineering circles is that more than 7000 men, in all branches, will be needed.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 3, (AP)—Those in on the know predict an early ratification of the Boulder Dam compact on the part of Utah.

Every civic organization in the state is bringing pressure to bear upon the legislators to bring the matter up at the earliest moment and it is expected that the next six months will see Utah's signature on the important document.

This means that whether or not Arizona, who seems to be the stormy petrel of the seven interested states, comes into the agreement its ratification is certain.

The State Bar Association is cooperating with the various civic organizations by interpreting the meaning of the many provisions of the bill so that a clearer and more expeditious discussion may be enjoyed.

WELL DRILLERS ATTENTION!

Las Vegas sends out a call for rotary well rigs and drillers! Every owner of a rotary well drilling outfit can be contracts enough for two years work in and around Las Vegas, according to J. T. McWilliams, county surveyor and civil engineer.

"There are a number of home-owners and persons who have taken up government lands under the desert land acts who are anxious to begin proving up their claims," said Mr. McWilliams today.

"But there are not enough drilling concerns to do the work. I can safely say that there is room for 10 drilling outfits in this territory. And I will go a step further and estimate that these 10 outfits can be kept busy for the next year or two."

Judging from the number of entries that have been made during the past few weeks one would say, off-hand, that Mr. McWilliams' estimate was rather low.