

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## AROUND THE WORLD BY AIR

The Graf-Zeppelin is just undertaking a task which seems beyond the power of human effort to accomplish.

The great, unwieldy ship, starting from Lakehurst on its attempted flight eastward around the world, will be beset by fogs and storms which would tax the strength and endurance even of ships of oak or steel.

The flight will be watched with interest by the whole world which will send up prayers for its safe and successful conclusion.

The enterprise is a titanic one, requiring preparations in many countries and the skill and courage to meet unknown and unforeseen emergencies. Should it be successful it will mark a signal victory by man over the forces of nature, and in future years will be the event from which the development of navigation by lighter-than-air ships is reckoned.

## ACTIVITY AT HAND

The fall activity to which we have been looking forward is close at hand. In fact it seems already to have begun.

We observe numerous strangers on the streets the past few days. Real estate dealers are receiving inquiries about home sites and places for rent. New buildings just being completed are practically all rented.

It seems that there are many who wish to settle themselves in Las Vegas this month in anticipation of the greater activity to come later in the year.

We might as well admit that the summer is about over and act accordingly. We cannot be too well prepared, and the sooner the better.

## LOCAL STORMS

Storms such as those experienced here and there in Clark County and over the whole desert country, are very local in character. A heavy downpour approaching the proportions of a cloudburst may occur in one spot while half a mile away there is but a gentle trickle of rain.

Wherever such torrential rains occur there is generally some damage if there happens to be anything to suffer damage. Highways cutting across the country, especially those not improved, are pretty sure to be cut in places.

Clark county, with its large mileage of oil-bound gravel surfaced highways, is very fortunate. So far as the Age can ascertain these improved highways, except for some undercutting along the sides in a few places, suffered very little damage and, except during the time the water was running through the dips where the road drops into gullies, there was no interruption of travel.

The storms of the past few days have given added recommendation to the oil-bound gravel type of highways.

## AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL

Automobile tourists need have no hesitation in starting their projected trips over the Arrowhead Highway. In California and, perhaps in Southern Utah, they may be obliged to slow down a little because of storm damage. But the highways in all directions from Las Vegas are readily traversed and there are no difficulties which should discourage the vacation trip just as planned.

## COMPARE CONDITIONS

It would be well for those living on unimproved portions of Las Vegas streets, to compare those streets with the streets that have been improved.

Assume, if you please, that the former paving job was not carried through in a wholly satisfactory way. The fact remains that the improvement in appearance of the streets, the absence of dust, the smooth and noiseless traffic, and the resulting increase in property values, more than justifies the cost.

Spread over ten years in small annual payments, the annual burden is light. It will cost for most homes less than some of the luxuries in which they commonly invest.

Just the comfort of a dustless street is sufficient compensation for the cost of the oil-bound gravel improvement.

It stands to reason that, with the unhappy experience of the first job in mind, the next one will have proper engineering and inspection.

# AN INCONSIDERATE SLAP

Las Vegas has become to a certain extent immune to misrepresentation and abuse. We have taken the doses handed to us by the California real estate boomers and swallowed it down as if we liked it. We have reached the point where we feel rather independent and not inclined to indulge in petty bickerings with those whose purpose suits to give Las Vegas a slap whenever opportunity offers.

But we are really peeved, disgruntled, annoyed and, perhaps, a little bit angered at the damaging publicity sent out from Las Vegas by some irresponsible source and printed in the Examiner and other papers Tuesday. It is noticeable that the California papers always give plenty of space to the untruthful and slanderous things written about Las Vegas. But when we try to get some of the facts or information as to our resources and advantages printed by one of those papers there is nothing doing. For example, in a recent edition of the Examiner called the Boulder Dam number, Las Vegas received but the slightest and purely incidental mention although Las Vegas merchants through their advertisements helped finance the number.

For pure, inexcusable and damaging misrepresentation, the article in Tuesday's Examiner headed, "Train Takes Plunge Near Las Vegas, 100 Miles of Transcontinental Highway Between Here and Salt Lake Reported Out," is about the worst we have yet suffered.

The article first tells of the deaths of the engineer and fireman of a train on the Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad who "rode to their deaths near here today when the train plunged from a bridge, part of which had been torn away by a cloudburst." In view of the fact that the alleged accident occurred in California more than 100 miles from Las Vegas on a railroad which nowhere is closer than approximately 100 miles to this city, why is it necessary to attribute this disaster to Las Vegas?

Following immediately is a sub-head "Las Vegas Cut Off". Then in succeeding paragraphs we find the following false and damaging statements, which, it appears, could have been actuated by but one motive, the desire to damage Las Vegas.

"A check today showed Las Vegas was marooned as far as automobile traffic was concerned by wash-outs on three highways." (The truth is automobiles reached Las Vegas Monday over every highway with but slight delay.)

"One hundred miles of the transcontinental highway which runs between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City was impassible, and will have to be rebuilt." (An absolute falsehood so far as Nevada is concerned. The State Highway Department estimates the entire cost of repairing the storm damage to highways in Clark County at about \$1,000.)

"The road to Tonopah was cut to pieces and bridges were washed away. It will be necessary to reconstruct it." (Another studied falsehood. Cars came from Tonopah after the storms, experiencing only about half an hour's delay between Beatty and Las Vegas.)

"Four miles north of here a section of 500 yards of oiled surface highway was swept away." (Another falsehood apparently based on imagination only. This highway was nowhere swept away, though in some places the edges of the surface were undercut. But cars were not even obliged to slow up after the water running in the dips had subsided. Stages from Los Angeles and Salt Lake arrived on delayed schedules, but the delays were due to troubles in other states and not in Las Vegas or Clark county Nevada.)

Just why it seems desirable to kill travel through Las Vegas for the next month or two is a mystery. It would be excusable, perhaps, to emphasize our misfortunes if the things stated in the article referred to above were true. But the desire to injure Las Vegas must be powerful to induce such coldblooded falsehoods as those mentioned.



## HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By GEORGE H. BEALE

United Press Staff Correspondent  
HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 8.—(U.P.)—The talkies, bringing increased numbers of musical comedy productions, have caused the entire reorganization of the chorus so far as that institution was known in Hollywood.

Practically every large studio in the screen colony now has a chorus of between 40 and 100 girls under contract and working continuously.

They pass quickly from one picture to another, on the same lot, and spend the in-between time rehearsing for coming movies.

Except in the cases where some scenes are shot at night, the girls go to work at approximately the same time daily, depart at the same time nightly, and the profession generally has reached closer to a work-day basis.

In the days gone by, chorus girls were chosen as they were needed and they usually worked about one out of four days the year round.

Mary Eaton, who really ought to know since she hoofed her way from the bottom to the top, has some interesting ideas on chorus girls and their work.

wood but of the chorus girls all over the country.

"Until just recently," she says "every dancing girl aimed for Ziegfeld Follies. That was the ultimate in a chorus."

"But now Hollywood offers more opportunity than Ziegfeld's chorus ever did. Dancing and singing girls are at greater premium than ever and any girl with looks, personality and ability has a chance."

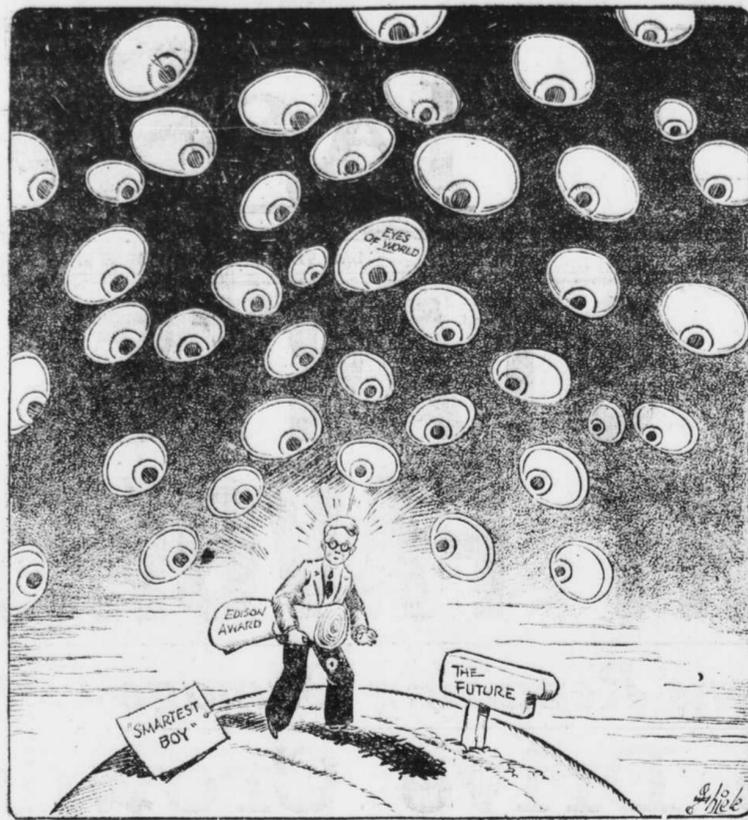
Miss Eaton, who originally came to the screen to be the glorified girl in Paramount's "Glorifying the American Girl" is only one of a great number of Ziegfeld's players who have clicked in pictures.

Billie Dove, Joan Crawford, Dorothy Sebastian, Lina Basquette and Katherine Perry also are now active on the screen.

Mae Murray, once glorified by Ziegfeld, went to the top of the Hollywood pile after she left the New York stage.

Miss Eaton thinks that when a girl graduates to stardom, she has just started her hard work.

"I starred in a Broadway show and came here to be on a vacation," she said. "Every day since I reached Hollywood I've either been before the camera or else studying dancing or singing."




## NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By DEMING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK—David Belasco recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday and at that time some good stories were told about him.

There were aplenty, for he has been producing and directing plays in New York for almost 50 years, and scores of famous players of this and other days have been his pupils—Mrs. Leslie Carter, Lillian Gish, David Warfield, Milton Sills, Blanche Bates, Ina Claire and Jeanne Eagles among them.

It was David Belasco who changed Mary Pickford's name from Gladys Smith. She had been playing in a small stock company and Blanche Bates had given her a note to Belasco. She came to see him and recited some verses. He said "I don't like Gladys, either," she said.

"What name do you like best?" "Mary."

"All right," said Belasco; "Mary it is. Now, what are the names of some of your relatives?"

She went over them and none seemed quite to fit. Presently she remembered an uncle named John Pickford.

"That's the name," exclaimed Belasco. "Mary Pickford."

And so Mary Pickford became an actress in "The Warrens of Virginia." That was in 1908.

A Cold Stimulant  
Belasco, mild-mannered and genial, rules his colleagues by affection, but he can be something of a strategist on occasion.

"He couldn't get Jessie Millward, in 'Called Back,' to make the emotional entrance her part called for. She couldn't get worked up to it off stage. So on the opening night, as time came for her entrance cue, Belasco slipped up behind her, and dropping a piece of ice down the back of her gown shoved her on the stage. Furious at him, she got plenty of emotion into her part. Belasco stood in the wings and chuckled.

One of his actresses, in rehearsal, had to remark that something was exquisite, only she called it exquisite.

Belasco wrote a note and sent it to her. It contained the one word: EX-quisite.

She thought he was complimenting her on the way she played the part and cherished the note. It was a day or two later that she noticed the capitalized EX. She didn't mispronounce the word again.

Belasco's Violet Book  
In his studio at the Belasco theater, D. B. has many relics which he delights to show his guests, but he has one token nobody but himself has ever seen.

One of his earliest recollections is of the wood violets his mother used to gather when he was a child in California. When he was courting Cecelia Loverish whom he married at 19 and who died several years ago, he used to pick wild violets for her.

In after years, whenever things were going badly, his wife or his mother used to send a bunch of violets to his New York studio. He saved a flower from every bouquet.

Now, with his mother and his wife both gone, he takes out his "violet book" when he is lonely and downhearted and goes through the pages between which the flowers are pressed. The first flower is a violet from his wife's bridal corsage.

## Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations  
LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1929

	Bid	Ask
Calif. Bank	135	130
Mer. Nat'l. Bk.	205	210
Nat'l. Bank Com.	40 1/2	42
Sec. First Nat'l.	131 1/2	133
L. A. Investment	210	215
Pac. Fin. Com.	132	133 1/2
Barnsdall "A"	33 1/2	34
"Bolsa Chica "A"	200	205
"Buckeye Un. pt."	36	38 1/2
McMillan Pet.	35	38 1/2
Oceanic	90	98
Credit. Pt. Com.	290	300
Gilmore	11	13
Richfield	39 1/2	42
Rio Grande	28	29 1/2
Std Oil Cal.	71	73 1/2
Union Oil	46 1/2	48 1/2
Douglas Air.	39	41 1/2
Emco. Dr. Cm.	32	36 1/2
So. Cal. Ed. Com.	75	77 1/2
Av. Corp. Del.	16 1/2	17 1/2
Bach Air	170	175 1/2
By. Am. Cal.	137	139 1/2
Baudini Pet.	67 1/2	71 1/2
Continental	17	17 1/2
Exeter	130	133 1/2
Italo Pet. Com.	375	400
Mex. Seabrd.	37 1/2	39 1/2
Sinclair	33 1/2	36 1/2
Fokker Air	42 1/2	43 1/2
Lockheed	11 1/2	13
Maddux Line	10 1/2	13 1/2
Trns. Am. Corp.	138 1/2	139 1/2
Gold Ace	34	40
Republic Pete	325	375

Las Vegas Exchange—Open Board

*Associated Metals	50
*Golden Ace	50
*Italo-Amer	55
*Virginia Con.	01
*Gold Reef	01
*Rhyolite Con.	01
*Mohawk Ace	01
*Monarch Gold	45
*Price in cents.	50

## Trading Slow On L. A. Curb

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—(U.P.)—Trading on the Los Angeles stock and curb exchange was slow and off today, with leading stocks showing fractional losses on a light market.

In the industrials Douglas lost 1/4 on 300 while Taylor Milling sold 300 at 36 for no change.

Edison Common was off 1 point on 200. Southern California Gas preferred sold 415 at 24 with no change.

Security First National shared in the general slump to the extent of 1 1/2 down on 650.

Bolsa Chico sold 1,300 with no change, touching 2.05, but later easing to 2. Richfield preferred was up 1/4 on 300, Rio Grande up 1/4 on 100, and Union off 1/4 on 200.

International Re-insurance sold 400 for no change ending the early trading at 62. Trans-America was up 1/4 on 400.

## Western Divisional Meet Date Changed

The date of the Western Divisional meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which had been scheduled to be held at Ogden, Utah, October 7 and 8, will be advanced one week to September 30 and October 1.

Vice-President Paul Shoup has found that it is impossible for him to attend a meeting on the former dates because of important government business in the East. Because it is very desirable to have him preside at the Ogden meeting, at which highly important topics will be brought up for discussion, the change of date is made.

The most futile thing we know of is a girl driving an automobile with one hand and trying to keep her skirt pulled down to her knees with the other.



PAUL G. REDINGTON

Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey  
Three of the five divisions of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are engaged chiefly in research, one with control measures and one with the administration of reservations and laws for the conservation of wild life. Wild life in all its phases is an open book to members of this department and investigations are conducted regarding the biological surveys of major areas, the life histories, geographic distribution, classification, abundance, food habits and natural feeding grounds of native birds and animals, and native plant relationships. Through this department and state organizations, efforts are made to exterminate injurious creatures and propagate helpful ones.



Worth Sport Model  
Tub-silk Dress With  
Large Box Pleats and  
Yoke-Top Blouse  
Joan

# WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Washington is always aware of the fact when employment conditions are bad over the country. When work is scarce elsewhere the situation is reflected by the thousands who come here looking for federal jobs, more often than not depending on a congressman to help them out.

A good percentage of them wind up at the federal employment service station on Pennsylvania Avenue.

There one learns that although more applicants have been provided with jobs here this year than last year, there haven't been nearly as many persons calling around for jobs.

There were more than 61,000 persons who registered at the office during the year ended July 1, but last year there were nearly 80,000. And the greater percentage of placements is shown in the fact that this year jobs have been found for 32,650 persons, as compared with only 27,105 in the year before. This government agency, it appears, has lately been placing half the applicants instead of only a third as before.

Lately the attraction at the capital has been the government's big building program. Many workers appear to have come with too much confidence in an assumed demand for building help which doesn't exist. Some jobs have been open, of course, but the building is going on slowly and there is always a surplus of building labor here. The work is let out to private contractors who generally bring in their own crews.

CONFERRING on President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson of the Peruvian Order of the Sun reminds your correspondent of a story heard in Peru last year which dates back to early days of that illustrious and aristocratic order.

The Order of the Sun gave a large banquet to celebrate its gift to one of Lima's many cathedrals of a massive pair of solid silver candlesticks, which were displayed proudly on a table.

A strong gust of wind came along suddenly and blew out all the lights. When the windows had been closed and the lights restored it was found that one of the valuable candlesticks had disappeared.

A priest quieted the brethren and suggested that before anything drastic was done, the lights be extinguished again for two minutes, during which time the thief would be permitted to return the loot. So the lights were put out.

When they were lighted again the other candle stick had disappeared.

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