

BONES OF TEN SUPPOSED PREHISTORIC MEN FOUND

LONDON, Dec. 16. (AP)—British scientific circles were stirred today by the reported discovery, 30 miles from Peiping, China, of the fossilized bones of ten headless men, believed to have lived 1,000,000 years ago.

In the burial place, which was uncovered by scientists working under direction of the Rockefeller Foundation and the geological survey of China, was only one complete human skull, but this is reported to have been in splendid condition, with facial bones and perfect cranium.

It may be the most remarkable and most important contribution yet made to the story of human development," anthropologists are agreed, "and this discovery may go down in history as more important than that of this Pittdown, Neanderthal or Java apeman."

Whether or not the skeletons will prove to be the so-called "missing link" between man and his alleged Anthropoidal ancestors can only be determined after long study, they say.

Bar Association To Meet Tonight

The Las Vegas Bar association will meet tonight at the Rainbow Buffet. It has been announced. This will be the regular monthly meeting, and it will start at 6 p. m.

REVIEW OF 1929 EVENTS IN U. S.

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The 19 outstanding international events of 1929 conclusively show the world's movement away from pre-war diplomacy and toward a new concept of mutual responsibility for peace and happiness is gaining impetus.

Neither the millennium nor Utopia is being forecast in that statement for arrival soon or even late. But there is evidence of a stumbling progress toward an international state of mind which, some day, may guarantee nations as great a degree of protection as the householder obtains from the policeman, on the beat outside his door.

The United Press selects the following as the 10 outstanding developments in international affairs from an American viewpoint during the year ending Dec. 31, 1929.

1. The coming into effect of the Treaty for Renunciation of War.
2. The inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President of the United States.
3. James Ramsay MacDonald's return as Prime Minister of Great Britain.
4. Substitution of the Young Plan for the Dawes Plan as the basis upon which Germany shall pay war reparations.
5. Great Britain's invitation to Japan, France, Italy and the United States to participate in a naval conference in London next year.

6. Secretary of State Stinson's summons to 53 nations to remonstrate with Soviet Russia and China against conflict in Manchuria.

7. Joint action by Cuba, Columbia, Uruguay, Mexico and the United States to prevent war between Paraguay and Bolivia.

8. Argentina's continued failure to appoint an Ambassador to the United States.

9. Sharp decrease in the aggregate of American investments in foreign countries.

10. Signature by the United States of documents which, subject to the Senate's approval, will make the United States a member of the World Court.

Case of Kellogg Pact

Neither of the men who made the so-called Kellogg pact nor President Hoover and Secretary of State Stinson who attempted to put it in practical use in Manchuria, can say today what its importance in world affairs will be. Stinson believes it has made world opinion sufficiently articulate to prevent many wars. Like prohibition, the Kellogg pact is a "no-win experiment" which remains to be proven or disproven in tests with facts.

President Hoover's inauguration and Prime Minister MacDonald's election eased Anglo-American relations which had been troubled since the Washington Arms conference and the funding of the British war debt which took place soon afterward. Hoover and MacDonald made possible a new attempt to end competitive naval building. Representatives of five nations will meet in London January 21 to discuss this naval problem. Hoover and MacDonald hope it will be discussed from the standpoint of considering competitive naval building as among the most likely causes of war.

Owen D. Young's device for a substitute for the Dawes Plan has placed German reparations on a basis which fixes their aggregate amount and the sum and method of payments. In place of Agent General S. Parker Gilbert, the Allies have set up an international bank through which payments will be made. The Young Plan is important not only as an improvement on the Dawes Plan but because it represents the latest amendment of the Versailles treaty, French policy and the policy of the so-called successor states is found.

ed on the contention the Versailles treaty cannot be amended to which Germany some day, is likely to reply that amendment began soon after the war in the financial provisions.

Bolivia-Paraguay Dispute

The threat of war between Bolivia and Paraguay put the United States in the role of mediator, along with Cuba, Mexico, Uruguay and Columbia, in a dispute whose center was thousands of miles distant in the interior of South America. The delicacy of American action of this kind is emphasized by the existence of considerable anti-American sentiment in Argentina which generally is rated the most powerful of the South American republics. The most vicious condemnation of the United States Nicaraguan policy in 1925-26 came from Buenos Aires. Argentinians apparently are suspicious of American intentions toward South America. There is active dislike of the American protective tariff policy because products of the United States and Argentina are similar. While Argentina imports huge quantities of American manufactured products she feels her agricultural produce should not encounter high barriers here. In this connection it is notable Argentina held aloof from the Kellogg pact and that she has not been represented in Washington by an Ambassador for a year.

Informed persons consider the rapid increase of foreign investment holdings in the United States as rapidly becoming a major factor in international affairs. By 1928 the United States had loaned to foreign issuers of stock and bonds since the war more than the United States Government loaned the Allies while hostilities continued. It was objected that much of this money was needed at home. Influential Senators warned purchasers they need not expect the United States to assist them if the bonds were defaulted. This gigantic movement of capital was part of the change, beginning in 1914, which transformed the United States from a debtor to a creditor nation.

American entry into the World Court will mean we have subscribed to the jurisdiction of an international tribunal generally recognized among nations as competent to pass upon juridical questions in dispute between nations. Only experience of the future will show to what extent this apparatus is important step really is important. Last September France and Great Britain accepted the optional clause of the Court's statutes, which means those countries bind themselves to accept the court's compulsory arbitration. Germany and Italy had previously accepted it. The United States, if the Senate approves, American membership must decide whether it will accept compulsory arbitration.

Same Sniff

The Bystander recalls with some distaste having foregathered with a group of service aviators just after Byrd's North Pole experience and heard them sniff at him as a pilot. Just what kind of a flier he may be, the Bystander does not know. Nor does it seem important. The real accomplishment of Byrd in any one of his ventures was the promotion of the plan and the organization of the expedition.

He has a genius for that—and apparently for finding able pilots to steer the ships where he wants to, and a sense of judgment. It is Byrd's leadership and judgment.

If his relations with these fellow adventurers remain now as they were back in the North Pole flight days, there is real affection between them, a feeling that makes nothing of differences of military rank or social position. And that alone is a highly valuable asset for the success of any Byrd enterprise.

A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

WASHINGTON—Now that he has hopped to both poles and also spanned the Atlantic by air, what new fields of aviation pioneer work remain for Dick Byrd to conquer?

There is the Pacific, of course. It still offers inducements to adventurous spirits like Byrd.

And having talked much with the commander back in the days when he was at the navy department working up details of his North Pole flight, the Bystander is satisfied that Dick Byrd, between times, is thinking over that very question of what to do next.

The restless spirit of energy is in his blood and bones. In his case, however, it is controlled by an urge to do the job right, to organize against every possibility of the projected dash; and to seek for scientific advancement as well as aviation fame.

And it is an odd commentary on the way things go that all of these Byrd flights were projected, organized and put through by a man who had been found physically unfit to continue as an officer of the regular naval service!

If Byrd, suffering under any sort of physical handicap, can do all this, what would a physically perfect Byrd have done? Imagination staggers at the prospect. He might have reached the moon.

Chief Justice Taft Presents Cases

Chief Justice Taft presents each case, usually stating the facts briefly, together with the points of law involved, and any suggestions he believes appropriate. No cases have been assigned to particular justices in advance, and all must be ready to discuss each one. The senior justice, Holmes, is given first opportunity to speak, and the judges are then canvassed, in order of seniority, down to Harlan Fiske Stone.

The discussion is of the freest character, and at the end a vote is taken, the youngest members voting first. These ballots are understood to be secret, each judge keeping a record of his votes under lock and key. On the death of a justice, these records are usually burned.

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The court's opinions have been printed with unusual secrecy by a private printing house here, which has had the contract for this work almost "since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

Secrecy Marks Conference Of Supreme Court

Justices Decide Cases In A Locked and Guarded Basement Room In the Capitol Building.

By HERBERT LITTLE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Most secret of all governmental proceedings are the sessions in which the nine black-robed supreme court justices decide their cases in conference, down in a locked and guarded basement room of the capitol.

Only once or twice in the court's 140 years has any member told even the methods of these conferences, which have been continued practically without change since the birth of the republic. Arguments are heard by the court during the week, and the conferences are held on Saturdays, beginning at noon, just when the call for golf is most alluring, according to one justice.

In the mornings the justices examine the cases, the briefs and the records.

On the day before a conference each justice receives a list of the cases to be taken up, so that he can "prepare his lesson," and be ready, as Justice Holmes once put it, to "recite" on the cases.

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'KEEP CASH IN VEGAS; BUY HERE'

Chamber Commerce Urges Citizens To Shop Locally, Thus Helping Community

By FLORENCE DONELY, Sec'y
The Chamber of Commerce hopes to impress upon the citizens of Las Vegas and vicinity the real importance attached to the three words, "The home merchant is the chap who helps support the home churches, the home charities, the home Chamber of Commerce, talks for the home town, and boosts it in every way and on every day."

The home merchant gives you back your money or makes exchanges when you are not satisfied with your purchases.

The home merchant extends credit to you, and carries your account until you are able to pay.

By trading with your home merchants you are helping to build a bigger and better Las Vegas, and you are being a better citizen.

Tuesday noon at 12:10 the Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held at the Union Pacific dining room.

The committee to nominate the new directors will be appointed. The annual election of directors is to be held on January 22nd.

Mr. Martin Eason, attorney, has become a new member of the Chamber of Commerce, and sees a very bright future for Las Vegas.

Messrs. Ryberg and Sorenson, contractors of the new high school building, have assured the Chamber of Commerce that local labor will be used as far as possible and that preference will be given to Las Vegas in every instance.

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, Judge Breeze, chairman, A. C. Grant and J. E. Lewis, together with committees from the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, have held several meetings and are working out a splendid program for the annual Christmas tree.

Tourists, mostly Americans, left \$35,000,000 in France last year. This ought to enable the French to pay something on the American war debt.

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Cartoon of Chas. R. Topping and Ben Arid, noted newspaper man, drawn by Cartoonist Dix, Inglewood, Calif., when they were visiting at EL DORADO MINING DISTRICT. Ben Arid prepared a sketch map at the time showing a 25-mile radius on the Arizona and Nevada sides of the Colorado River, which is being mailed free to all parts of the U. S. Through HAMPTON & COMPANY of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Marshall Is Deputy District Attorney

George Marshall, recently admitted to practice law in Nevada, Friday was appointed deputy district attorney by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon. Marshall is a member of the law firm Harmon and Salter.

4-H to Celebrate Achievement Day

Clark County 4-H club members will celebrate achievement day Saturday in Las Vegas, with an evening of business and fun.

Farm children from the Moapa and Virgin valleys and from all other agricultural districts of the county will be present. It is expected that prizes will be awarded those who have completed their required work.

The first part of the evening will be occupied with a theatre party, which will be followed by the business meeting at the L. D. S. church house.

No Argument

Incidentally, the Bystander was amused by London news report saying that while Downing street had taken necessary precautions toward reasserting claims to territorial discoveries at the South Pole founded on the work of British tourists in that region, no popular agitation over possible conflicts on that score was to be expected.

Of course not. What man-in-the-street is going to worry about territorial boundaries in either the North or South Pole regions? Who wants to go there to settle, anyhow?

There was some gossip in diplomatic quarters that a Japanese ex-army officer of considerable personal wealth might have set up discovery claims in the South Pole area.

Inquiry at the state department failed to disclose that any word of this had reached American authorities, however. In fact, available official records failed to show actual Japanese penetration of the polar zone.

But territorial claims at either the top or bottom of the world ought to be about the easiest thing imaginable to arbitrate. Who can get "het up" over 'em?

They killed a 325 pound black bear at the foot of the Adirondacks in New York state the other day. We don't know anything more about it but we hope he was the one who caused all the trouble on the stock market.

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EARL F. DAVISON, W. M.
W. N. Schuyler, Secretary.

Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468
Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Club room open from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome.

WM. E. ORR, Exalted Ruler,
Wm. L. SCOTT, Secretary

Artesia Lodge No. 43 I. O. O. F.
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SOUTHGATE CHAPTER NO. 13
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MRS. EARL DAVISON, W. M.
MABEL R. ULLOM, Secretary