### LAS VEGAS AGE

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THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1929.

#### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS.

THE COMMUNITY TREE and open air exercises in the "Question Mark," Aleft over Los Anpark Christmas Eve. were well worth while. The longer in the air than any man be towering pine was wonderful in its blaze of colored lights fore them. When, on January 7, monopiane, "Pathander," for the and the enthusiasu of the children (old folks, too) knew they had been up 150 hours, 40 min- path across the Atlantic, they land no bounds.

Then, to, the little gifts to the children, between one their plane, powered by three Remarked Yancey on his return: "I thousand and fifteen hundren of them, brought happiness Wright Whirlwinds, was refueled 36 and the Christmas spirit to some, at least, who otherwise their feat as a proof that refueling have had only the poor satisfaction of seeing the other was feasible. children with their gifts.

Sometimes we older folks are inclined to chafe at the spectacular phases, was fairly quiet took off from the west coast to open exactions of the Christmas season, but it would be a sad spring day, Lieut. Apollo Soucek, continental Air Transport, Atchison day for the world should Christmas ever become an obso-

The Age wishes to express the thanks of the community to those who made the Community Christmas tree high above the Potomac. When: one Two "hard-boiled hombres possible again this year.

#### ARIZONA'S CONCESSION.

WHILE IT IS nothing to become excited about, the fact attitude record. that Arizona has agreed to meet in conference again , with California and Nevada in an effort to reach an agree- banks of the Potomac as an even their ship was a Curtiss Challenger. ment on Colorado River questions, is encouraging.

Just what Arizona means by the exaction that the ming low over the river, Lieut. W. the equator, they completed 48 con- taking off from his Little America matter revert to the status of last June, is a little bit uncertain. If it means that all the steps taken by the gov- ous, His average speed was 162.52 money. Their record still stands. ernment toward allocating the power, making contracts miles per hour. therefor, and the general advancement made in the pre- the Yellow Bird, a Bernard mono- Friedrichshafen hangar in July on South Pale by airplane. liminary details including notices to the states by the Secretary of the Interior, must be set aside and done over chard. Me., for Le Bourget field, and recrossed the Atlantic, but had again, it would be a fair assumption that Arizona is seek-, Europeans - Jean Assolant, Rene carlier this year. ing only another excuse for delay.

But, since the Boulder Dam bill places the allocation away, and contracting for power directly in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior, it is a foregone conclusion that hausted. it could not be delegated to the commissioners of the three United States crossed and recross- tour. With a crew of 41 and 20 passtates. However, it is probable that the secretary would ed in 44 hours, 3 minutes and 2 sengers aboard, she traveled fleetly consider any recommendation so made as advisory.

The Age believes that public sentiment in Arizona is Roosevelt field. New York, to Los On August 12 she left Friedrich- pilots. becoming more and more favorable to the Boulder Dam two suns set. project and that a large portion of the state would be pleased to have Arizona enter a compact on a fair basis.

There is ample basis for an agreement if the parties to the negotiation desire to treat the matter fairly. The benefits to be derived by all the states through construction of the project are great enough to justify the ignoring of small details of disagreement.

The Age again expresses the belief that Secretary Wilbur acted wisely when he brought the three states; h again into conference.

### NEED FOR RAIN.

MIEVADA as well as California would welcome some winter rains. To date this season southern Nevada has been as dry as a bone. Rain is needed to keep our water supply intact and to provide feed for stock. And just now it looks encouraging for rain in spite of the old sayings Secre that all signs fail in dry weather.

### BUSINESS WAS GOOD.

AS THE ACE expected, the last day or two of Christmas a reply from Moscow of just about the tart character of that he received. up the averabe materially.

Stores were crowded with "last minute" shoppers and bling again and that the situation were in shape and that there was palsy

things brightened up considerably.

Somebody well said, "Most of the trouble of the world rather alarmingly precarious thru comes through worrying about things that never happen." renewed civil warfare before the who was one of the all-American chiefly affected in such a way that Judging by the statements of business men published to China and Russia was well en for 1929, has been kept from in the last issue of the Age, 1929 was a good year for bus- dry. iness in Las Vegas.

### KEEP GOING.

AS VEGAS must continue her efforts to go really for the Before Russia's caustic rejoiner big things to come with Boulder Dam. We have was received officially in Washing-Russia is now conducting a first of the patient repeated, ton. Mr. Stimson had been com-class invasion of China but for some described, the patient repeated, ton. Mr. Stimson had been comalready accomplished many things that a few months ago pelled to recommend and Presi-strange reason that section of our turned his head and eyes as if seemed impossible.

We remember the story of the two frogs who fell into Also, is became necessary to memberment of China is now con-minutes the spasm relaxed and head to memberment of China is now con-minutes the spasm relaxed and head to memberment of China is now con-minutes the spasm relaxed and head a churn of fresh cream one night. One frog, after making juggle war boats about in Chinese spicuously silent. Maybe it is not spicuously silent. Maybe it is not because they love China less but the Most surprising is the observation an effort or two to climb the steep, slippery wall of the steep. an effort or two to climb the steep, slippery wall of the grave dangers to American naen churn only to fall back each time, said, "It's no use try-tionals there ing." So he quit paddling and sank to ignominious death. Missed A Chance The other frog was of a different temperament. He realized the almost hopeless situation he found himself in but their temperament. He realized a little, they could have made destroyed family life. ed the almost hopeless situation he found himself in, but their answer even more pointed by he would not give up. He kept paddling and struggling, direct reference to these new move- much against the letter and spirit our necktie is straight or whether and presently to his delight and astonishment found that and presently to his delight and astonishment, found that other countries. he had churned a nice solid pat of butter which served as a footing from which he hopped graily to safety.

Defending Stimson's course in an in the judgment of some of Mr. an address in the house, Represent-Stimson's advisers. a footing from which he hopped gaily to safety.

#### Valley Schools Start Earlier

School will start two days earlier in the Virgin and Moapa valleys than in Las Vegas, it was announced Tuesday by Miss Amy Hanson, deputy state superintendent.

Students will return to their chools in Educational district Number one-on January 2.

In Las Vegas, however, school will start January 6, allowing two full weeks of vacation.

vice to walk also in the terror of the flivver .- Boston Transcript.

#### Work Progresses On Miller Building

Work on the new John Miller his departmental advisers feel the Russian note. building on South Main street, the quite that way about it. For what If Russia felt it necessary to sheet metal roof having been put on they were aiming at in again defend herself with very sharp last week and the pouring of con- calling attention to both govern- words against public opinion the crette for the floor is well along.

SON IS BORN

An eight and a half pound son either was to be expected was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock of West Side.

Columbia university has a phonographic record that contains more Added to the admonition to walk than 200 dialects, but on an avering the fear of the Lord is the air age night it's possible to hear that age night it's possible to hear that many on the radio. - Philadelphia

### Year End Reviews of World Events-Aviation

(United Press Aviation Editor)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Although extremely busy exchanging its pangled circus wardrobe for the frock-coat of big business, aviation Gund time during 1929 for a few hair-raising stunts. While bankers hauled out their gold bags to build airplanc factories and Urcle Sam spent millions lighting and mapping the nation's sky-

roads, aviation's stellar performers were devising new exploits, Two planes spanned the Atlantic . from west to east during the year. The Graf Zeppelin, setting a new mark for lighter-thap-air ships, eneircled Mother Earth's ample waist. And a young Navy flyer went higher in an airplane than anyone ever

Early January found two Arms pilots, Majar Carl Spatz and Capt. Ira C. Esker, in the monoplane geles, they were trying to remain they alighted at Los Angeles, airport ries, and 15 seconds. During its so- ed at Santander. Spain, and, re-

Soucek's Record

station to rise high from the earth. again touched earth, his barograph earth at Lambert field, St. Louis.

two dozen planes rose to contend for | During their flight of 25,200 miles.

Eefevre and Armento Lotti, Jr. There was also an American stowering 3.128 miles they arrived at here four days. On August 8 her

seconds. Capt Frank Hawks, fly- across the Atlantic in the record ing a Lockheed Vega, flew from time of 55 hours and 24 minutes.

By KIRK SIMPSON

He was, no doubt, prepared for

that the Haitian pot would be bub-

of the central government in China

the Haitian situation.

ative Hull of Illinois said:

not been without effect.

settlement negotiations.

"The vehement protest of Rus- A Benefit Seen

sia would seem to indicate that At least one of these advisers.

what he (Stimson) has done has whom the Bystander chances to

And there is very little doubt there was clear evidence of guilty

that both Secretary Stimson and conscience in the phraseology of

They were convinced instead, already have bee nserved in part.

that Russian military maneuvering "You cannot measure the results

upon China in the now pending ally accepted two or three months

e addressed would have become

What record was set by Lieut.

Apollo Soucek? How many planes successfully flew the Atlantic from west to east during the year?

Who made the first demonstration of "blind flying?" These and other questions are answered in this review of trends and developments in aviation during 1939.

"Eternal City." Taking a straigh journ of nearly a week in the air, fueling there, proceeded to Rome was infernally dull.

Air-Rail Routes

Railroads and airplanes combined on July 8 to open a fast, steads travel route across the continent The aviation world, in its more Charles A. Lindbergh on that dat the route established by the Trans of the line the Pennsylvania's "Air-His little ship, equipped with a way Limited' started its westward

Two "hard-boiled hombres, hour and 24 minutes later. Soucek they described themselves, came to guns registered more than 40,000 feet, on July 30 after remaining in the Later, on May 26, thousands of minutes. Their names were Dale 15 months after the first ship. Washington officials stood along the Jackson and Forest O'Brine and

tiss Hawk, crossed the line, victori- them was divided \$31,225 in prize

plane powered by a 12-cylinder His- her second successful flight to Ampana-Suiza, took off from Old Or- erica. In October, 1928, she crosse-Paris. In her cock-pit were three been balked in a second attempt

Round-the-World Cruise

young Schrecher. After cov- August 4, the big ship remained pilots rest

Angeles, and returned while only shafen and, salling westward, rounded the world, arriving at Lakehurst On July 8, Rodger Q. Williams 21 days, 7 hours and 34 minutes year, June 30, there were 32 air and Louis A. Yancey took off from after she left there earlier in the lines carrying express, 47 carrying and told the police, then they drove

Start Westward

Eastern Team Off For Pasa-

dena; Will Practice Several

Times En Route For Rose

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25. (U.P.)

At midnight, while their fellow

ownsmen still are celebrating

Christmas, thirty-three University

of Pittsburgh grid players, with

Four days will be required for the

stop ence a day for brief workouts.

time for practice other than a work-

every reason to believe the team

Tom Parkinson, the big fullback.

rimmage to avoid possible injuries.

know well, felt at the outset that

the objectives of the Kellogg pact

would be at its best at Pasadena.

Pitt's Grid Men

Bowl Game.

ern California's Trojans.

out to limber up Friday.

WASHINGTON .- Luck was ag'in coaches, friends and rooters, start

On the very day the Stimson The impression is that the Pitt at-

ary Stimson, as far as time westward aboard an eight-car spe-

giant maintained an average speed of 50 miles per hour. Scientific research achieved anther victory at Mitchell field. New

York, on September 24, when Lieut James H. Doolittle, USA, sitting in completely covered cockpit, rose AND NOW, SPEAKING rom the field, circled around sev- OF THE XMAS RUSHral times, and landed again guided. We were trying to walk past the solely by instruments. It was the post office at about 10 or 11 or 12 first specessful demonstration of o'clock Christmas Eve

would lose their terror for pilots op- ing madly for the post office door rating by instruments alone. Doolirection finding radio and an un- "reminders" from those friends! smally sensitive altimeter. It is prected these instruments soon will SCOTCH standard equipment on high- JOKE

riced commercial planes. Largest Dirigible Work on the world's largest dirrible began at Akron, O., November when Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, USN, drove a golden rivet the master ring of the Navy's RS-4. With a gas capacity of 6 .-00,000 cubic feet and a length of 85 feet, she, and her sister ship, e ZRS-5, will far surpass the Graf teppelin, present queen of the air.

Both Navy ships will carry five ghting planes to protect them rom attack. These planes will be tored in marsupial pouches, from which they may take off. Later. they may be retrieved by a special WHITE LIE hooking apparatus the Naxy has further protected by 16 machine would be disconcerting.

knots and a cruising range of 10,- mas Eve. He was born at 11:40 p Bureau of Standards test showed a air 420 hours, 21 minutes and 30 530 land miles. The ZRS-4 was to in. He needs must go through life true reading of 39,140 feet - a world's seconds, thus breaking the previous be completed within 13 months celebrating his birthday the day endurance record by 173 hours, 37 from November 7 and the ZRS-5 before Christmas each year!

mand Richard E. Byrd, on Novem- while Christmas Eve in the hos ber 29, sailed over the South Pole pital, that would have been a while the Curtiss Marine trophy. Skim- far enough to encircle the globe at in his Ford tri-motored plane after utes aloft over the cold barren The Graf Zeppelin, most famous wastes at the "bottom of the world." Summer came, and on June 13, of dirigibles, took off from her He was the first man to reach the

Year's Statistics Other accomplishments of the year included the completion of the first all-metal dirigible, the Navy's ZMC-2, and the successful testing of "Mechaviator," a device for keep-Arriving at Lakehurst, N. J., on ing planes on their true course while

Comillas, Spain, their fuel ex- commander, Dr. Hugo Eckener, lift- ines were performing their stunts, which he had parked outside while drills and brass-saws were whirring in the show, had disappeared. Late June saw the continental it eastward for a globe-encircling busily in a hundred airplane factories. Commercial pilots were wind- on the street and taken it home, ing their daily course across the but I doubt it!" he exclaimed. country, and thousands of young men were learning to be successful sleuthing," sez Nitwit to himself,

Commerce department statistics look after this matter," sez Nitwit showed at the end of the last fiscal to the youth. Old Orchard, Me., in their Bellanca month. During its trip the air mail, and 61 carrying passengers.

# YOUR BRAIN YOUR HEALTH

MENTAL SPASMS By DR. LELAND B. ALFORD Mind, the most interesting subject in the world, remains obscure so far as its true nature is con-

Progress in its understanding is slow, only now and then a morsel went, when he launched his second cial train, bound for Pasadena and of knowledge being added to the

Paris peace pact gesture at the the New Year's game with South. small store. One of the rare conditions which follows this disorder consists in a trip, since the Golden Panthers will general tenseness or stiffness of the muscles of all parts of the body. They will not reach the coast in Most muscular movements remain possible, but they are slow and shaky. In appearance the condition Coach Sutherland said his men is much like the familiar shaking

The spasms may be localized and complicated, producing bizarre effects. The mouth region may be ink of his signature on the notes nominees, on the U. P. second elev- periodically the mouth slowly opens and the tongue protrudes exactly as it does with an impertinent boy. But the sufferer is not consciously ex notes were published. President tack will be built around him, with pressing contempt, the action being Hoover expresed to congress in Uanza ready for the scoring dashes entirely involuntary. He can sup is annual message concern over if the Trojans yield to Parkinson's press it for a few minutes by effort of will, but as soon as his attention

drifts to other subjects it reappears Russia is now conducting a first | In another case which has been dent Hoover to order that addi- liberal statesmanship which usually look at an object at one side and rails and weeps against the dis- a little behind him. After a

> Most surprising is the observation that the patient may have a sort o spasm of ideas. Although his mind One of our cynical friends has may be perfectly clear and rational renamed his year-old daughter Bol- he tends to dwell on and recur t sheviki because he says she has one idea. This symptom is far from constantly concerned with whether it would be formally to declare sibility of a tornado occurring. But when we think of it we know we have drifted into a foolish habit But in encaphalitis, poison working on brain cells is producing exactly the same result

> > GOLD FOOTBALLS

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25. (U.P.) -Gold footballs as mementoes of heir New Year's game, will be pre ented to members of the University of Southern California and Pitts burgh university football teams, ments to their Kellogg pact obli- world over, once the Stimson was announced today by Hal Rey gations was not so much the fear notes had turned the spotlight on noids, president of the Tournamen that an open declaration of war by what was going on in Manchuria, of Roses association.

The awards will be retroactive and the golden footballs also will be given to players of Alabama, Stanon the border and within Chinese of Mr. Stimson's move now," said ford, Georgia Tech, Pitt, Washing territory, a hundred miles within the official friend of the Bystand- ton and California who appeared h it, was designed to exert pressure er. "I expect to see it quite gener- previous games.

And to do that, to use armed tive in expediting peaceful solu- usually has left is his honor and a force for that purpose, is just as tion of that Sino-Russian muddle." | good sized deficit.

### Will Pungent's **Nitwititorials**

But we didn't have much luck Commercial air line operators. We were knocked down sixteen jubilant, foresaw the day when loss and a half times by persons rush-We were knocked down sixteen Some folks simply MUST forge ittle's feat, was accomplished with to send Christmas cards to a few he aid of an artificial horizon, a of their friends until they receive

Now I, Will Pungent, know to whom to send New Year's greeting cards.

A short time ago I set forth the Christmas gift policy of my brether and myself. My New Year policy is to send out no Christmas cards but to send New Year's cards to those from whom I receive

Christmas cards. Thus will I achieve wealth some day. A penny saved is a penny earned, it has been well

DEFINITION OF A

To miss by barely twenty minutes perfected. Each Zeppelin will be being bern on Christmas doubtless

Yet, that's just what one-day-old They will have a speed of 72.2 Henry Alexander Rice did Christ

Had one of the nurses turned to Conquerer of two poles, Com- clock ahead half an hour for

> HAVE A HEART, GRANNY, HAVE A HEART!

President Hoover has been working for some time on reorganization of his office. On Christmas Eve a fire partially wiped out the results of his labors. Someone ought to tell Ol' Granny Fate to use discretion!

HERE'S SCHEME TO GET FREE TAXI RIDE! NEXT!

An excited youth rushed into the Age office late in the evening with While aviation's heroes and hero- the information that his truck "Dad MAY have seen it standing

"Here's a chance to do some, "Pile into the press car and we'll

First they drove to headquarters

out, a mile and a half, more or less, to the ranch. And there was the truck, parked

in the yard. "Thank the Lord!" the youth ex-

"Thank Nitwit!" he should have

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### BRITONS WILL TRY TO REACH 'BLACK MOMENT' PLANE SPEED

### Parole Plot Is Broken by Police

asserted state-wide prison parole in a maximum speed hitherto-unsom by promising to obtain paroles pilots to lose control of their plane. for them was declared to have been The tests will be conducted by two broken up by local police and post- memebrs of England's victorious Phillip Valentine and Edna Carter, the trophy from Italy this year picion of burglary.

Two other alleged members of the ang now being sought are John C. of 337.7 miles an hour. He and Hurst and Brown Higman, said to Stainforth will deliberately strive to be ex-convicts. Albert D. Carter, reac hihe "black moment," making husband of the woman under arrest, observations before and after if pos also is wanted as the "key man" of sible the gang.

Albert E. Carter, representative in high speed planes. congress from the sixth California listrict, in the alleged scheme to declared by police to have paid large sums of money to the gang.

According to a National Geographic society bulletin the average complain because the President did Kurd over in Asia can trade his not try to lead them. If Mr. Hoover wife for a goat. In this country it generally happens that the wife is have complained because he was

FELIXTOW, England, Dec. 25 (U.P.) The British air ministry is planning high speed experiments in which two noted pilots will attempt to reach the "black moment" beyond which they might lose consciousness or become temporarily blind. The black moment" is not only a hypo-LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25. (U.P)-An thesis. Many experts have held that plot by ex-convicts who preyed on reached by flyers, the fush of blood prisoners in San Quentin and Fol- away from the eyes would cause

office inspectors with the arrest of Schneider cup team which wrester Both are held on charges of sus- Flight Lieut. G. H. Stainforth and Squadron Leader A. H. Orlebar. The latter has flown at a speed

If successful, the experiments are The ring is said to have used expected to have improtant effect

forged letterheads of Congressman on the design and development of

Sinclair Lewis repeats his charge release convicts from state prisons. that life in America is inescapably In the belief that the letters bear- dull. But we notice that he coning the false signature of the con- tinues to hang around a great deal gressman was genuine, convicts are And he probably will so long as th public is dull enough to put up real American money for his books,

> Opposition leaders in the senate had tried to lead them, they would trying to lead them.

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