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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1929.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LAS VEGAS, on this last day of 1929, is taking stock of her assets as compared with a year ago.

We find, in spite of the little trials and tribulations which beset us at times, that we are doing mighty well.

It is unnecessary for us to point out our substantial growth in population and the many important improvements carried out during the past year in our work of laying the foundations for a new and greater Las Vegas.

In business Las Vegas has reason to be well satisfied. According to statements of our business men, 1929 exceeded 1928 very materially in the amount of business done. The short delay experienced in the beginning of construction on Boulder Dam has been annoying and has slowed up the march of business to some extent. But on the whole 1929 has been the best year Las Vegas ever had.

And we have every reason to be happy because of the great things that are coming to us in the near future. The uncertainties, such as there were, concerning Boulder Dam have gradually been eliminated. The clouds of doubt have vanished from the skies. Public confidence in the prompt construction of the project has in large measure been restored.

Therefore, this for Las Vegas should be a time of general rejoicing and congratulation.

And the Age, on this its 25th New Year's, wishes for its readers a very happy and prosperous Nineteen Thirty.

THE PHOENIX CONFERENCE.

IT IS GRATIFYING to know that Arizona has at last definitely committed herself to joining in another tri-state conference.

Whether or not an agreement shall be reached we cannot predict. Arizona's position in the past has seemed to those in the other states of the Colorado River basin to be based on illogical premises. It may be that those in the present Arizona state administration may think best for their state to follow the views and policies of their predecessors.

But the important thing is that Arizona has consented to join in this last effort to bring understanding between the states on the problems of developing the Colorado river. Should an agreement be reached, all well and good. We would have occasion to celebrate such a happy ending to a long drawn controversy.

But should Arizona still maintain her former position of opposition to the Boulder Dam project on which the future prosperity of the whole southwest depends she will alienate from herself to a large degree the good will of her sister states on which much of her own welfare depends.

AND, this is the important point, the government will proceed with the building of the Boulder Dam project just as swiftly and surely without Arizona's cooperation as with it. A little annoyance and possibly, though not probably, a little delay might result from her opposition. But the clouds of uncertainty would be cleared from the sky and public confidence in the construction of Boulder Dam project would be restored.

Had Arizona during the years she has opposed Boulder Dam had any means to defeat it she would have used them. She placed every possible obstacle in the way of the project during the years in which the legislation was in its formative stages.

In spite of that opposition, the administration at Washington was won over, Congress passed the bill by an overwhelming majority. The country as a whole adopted the project as its own.

Arizona, having been unable to wreck the project in its formative stages, notwithstanding that she used every possible means to do so, it is impossible to believe that she can defeat or delay it now after it has become a fixed policy of the government duly enacted into law.

STATE SUPREME COURT.

A COMMITTEE of the Las Vegas Bar Association will today recommend in its report to the Chamber of Commerce that an effort be made to amend the constitution of the state as to permit of holding sessions of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada in Las Vegas.

The same arguments in general which apply to a federal court for Las Vegas apply with equal force to the Supreme Court. The chief and compelling argument in the opinion of the Age is that the means to secure justice should be brought to the people. Other states have recognized this principle by providing for sittings of their Supreme Court in two or more cities. In California supreme court sittings are held in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, thus giving to citizens of all parts of the state reasonably easy access to the court.

Las Vegas, nearly 450 miles by the nearest and most direct route of travel from Carson City and with no direct line of railroad connecting the two places, is in an unusually difficult position when it has business with either the supreme court or the federal court.

Since an amendment to the constitution will be necessary to provide for sittings of the supreme court in Las Vegas, and since that will at the best take about three years, the movement should be launched in earnest now.

CHRONOLOGY--- JANUARY TO JUNE

BY UNITED PRESS

Following is a chronology of the outstanding news events during the last six months of 1929:

January 1—Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated governor of New York, succeeding Alfred E. Smith.

S. Parker Gilbert, agent general for reparations payments, reports Germany on stable basis, pays reparations easily.

Jan. 6—Aristo monoplane, "Question Mark," lands after setting record endurance record of 150 hours, 40 minutes, 15 seconds.

Jan. 11—Prof. Albert Einstein announces extension of famous theory of relativity.

Seven die, one hurt in crash of Army transport plane C-2, near Harrisburg, Pa.

Jan. 13—Emil Fuchs, painter, sculptor, kills self in New York apartment.

Jan. 14—King Amanullah advocates Afghanistan throne, flees by plane, leaving brother to rule.

Jan. 15—Byrd lands plane for flight over Antarctica.

Senate ratifies anti-war pact, 85 to 1.

Jan. 18—Lieutenant Commissioner William Haines, vice-president of the Salvation Army high council, dies in London.

Jan. 19—Owen D. Young and J. P. Morgan accept invitations to serve on committee to deal with German reparations.

Jan. 20—S. S. President Garfield visits Bahama Reef. Ninety passengers taken off.

Jan. 21—Senate votes \$24,000,000 additional dry fund to be used at President Hoover's discretion.

Jan. 23—Captain George Fries saves entire crew of 32 on S. S. Florida, sinking in gale.

Jan. 25—Oscar Underwood, Alabama ex-senator, died, age 67.

Elinor Smith, 17, sets women's duration mark, 13 hours, 17 minutes, in air.

February 3—Henry Stimson accepts portfolio as secretary of state.

Feb. 5—Senate passes 15 cruiser bill, 98 to 12, with "Freedom of S. S." amendment.

Captain Frank Hawks flies continent in 13 1/2 hours, beats record 37 minutes.

Feb. 8—Mrs. A. H. G. Fokker, wife of the airplane designer, falls fifteen stories to death, New York.

Feb. 10—Potter Gill's train bombed, but Mexican president unhurt.

Feb. 11—Miss Evelyn "Bobbie" Trout sets endurance flight record of 17 hours.

Vatican and Italy sign pact recreating papal state, 60 years of enmity ended.

Feb. 13—Colonel Lindbergh's betrothal to Miss Anne M. Morrow announced in Mexico City.

Lily Langtry, actress, once called world's greatest beauty, dies, age 74.

Feb. 14—Seven Chicago gangsters slain by gang firing squad.

Feb. 15—Melville E. Stone, counselor of Associated Press, died in 81st year.

Feb. 25—Twenty-three dead, 47 injured as winds ravage Southern towns.

Feb. 27—Col. Lindbergh hurt, fiancée safe in crash landing plane in Mexico City; shoulder dislocated.

Feb. 28—Dry penalties bill with 5-year term passed by house.

March 3—Revolt breaks out in Mexico.

Mar. 4—President Hoover inaugurated before throng of 50,000.

Mar. 5—President Coolidge and wife retire to Northampton, Mass.

Mar. 7—President Hoover calls extra session of congress for April 15 for farm relief and tariff.

Mar. 14—George W. Olvany, leader of Tammany Hall, tenders resignation.

Mar. 17—Fourteen killed, one wounded in crash of Ford transport plane at Newark, N. J.

Mar. 16—John W. Snook resigns as warden of Atlanta federal prison.

Mar. 17—Louise McPhetridge, holder of altitude record for women, sets endurance flight record of 22 hours, 3 minutes, 12 seconds, at Oakland, Calif.

Mar. 20—Marshal Ferdinand Foch dies in Paris, age 77.

Nineteen killed, many injured in railroad collision at Docourt, Ontario, Canada.

Mar. 21—Gen. J. M. Aguirre, revolutionary leader, executed at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Princess Martha, niece of King Gustaf of Sweden, married at Oslo, Norway.

Mar. 23—General Maurice Sarrail, who recaptured Verdun at first battle of Marne, died in Paris at 72.

Mar. 24—Graf Zeppelin, under command of Dr. Hugo Eckener, carrying 25 passengers and crew of 40, starts from Friedrichshafen on round trip to Palestine.

Twenty-eight persons killed by storms and freshets in the South, among them seven Boy Scouts drowned in overflow of creek near Rockwood, Tenn.

Mar. 26—Liner Europa ruined in \$3,000,000 fire at Hamburg.

Mar. 27—George A. McManus released in \$50,000 bail awaiting trial in Rosten murder case.

Mar. 31—Ambassador Herrick dies suddenly in Paris at 74.

Brander Matthews, educator, dies in New York at 77.

April 6—Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator, must serve three months in jail according to decision of supreme court for contempt of senate.

Apr. 9—Former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes accepts ambassadorship to Great Britain.

Apr. 21—Tornadoes kill 22 in southwest; floods take toll.

Air collision kills six in California.

Prince Henry of Prussia, only brother of former German kaiser and grand admiral under imperial regime, dies near Kiel at 66.

Apr. 23—John F. Curry elected leader of Tammany Hall.

Apr. 27—Mrs. Earl Peacock, Westchester county, New York, burned to death by husband.

May 1—Eight slain, 73 wounded, as police fight riots in Berlin riots.

May 2—Twenty-five killed, hundreds injured, by tornadoes in eight states. Nineteen die in Virginia school.

May 6—Harry F. Sinclair goes to jail.

May 8—Lieut. A. Soucek, U.S.N.,

breaks world altitude record by flying to height of 39,140 feet.

Senate votes, 47 to 44, to retain export debenture feature in farm relief bill.

May 9—Helen Wills presented to Queen Mary.

May 10—Walter Hagen of U. S. wins British golf crown second year in row.

Pulitzer novel prize goes to Julia Peterkin.

May 15—Poison gas kills 124 in Cleveland Clinic.

Graf Zeppelin starts second trip to Lakehurst by southern route. Later forced back.

May 16—Al Capone, Chicago's best known gang leader, enters Philadelphia jail to serve one year for carrying concealed weapon.

May 22—Senate floor closed to press service correspondents. Issue arises when Paul R. Mallon, United Press staff correspondent, discloses Lemroth confirmation vote.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt accepts Porto Rico governorship.

May 23—Prince of Sagan, son of Anna Gould, shoots himself as mother forbids marriage.

May 25—Evangeline Booth badly hurt in auto mishap.

May 26—Reginald Robbins and James Kelley, in "Fort Worth," forced down after 17 1/2 hours in the air. New refueling endurance record.

May 27—Col. Lindbergh and Anne Morrow married in her New Jersey home.

May 28—Germans agree to pay

\$27,000,000,000 total under Young plan.

May 30—Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt; resigns as assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition prosecution.

June 1—Harry F. Sinclair to serve six months more for jury shadowing.

June 3—Premier Baldwin resigns, Ramsay MacDonald succeeding him.

Lava stream buries homes on Vesuvius.

June 10—Margaret Lawrence slain by Louis Bennisson, actor, who ends life in her home.

June 13—French aviator, Jean Assolant, Rene Lefevre and Armando Lotfi, land in Spain, fuel exhausted on flight from Old Orchard to Paris, Snowaway on board plane.

June 14—Hoover signs farm relief bill.

June 15—General Booth of Salvation Army dies at 73.

June 17—Seven passengers killed when British plane falls into channel.

June 21—Mexico signs peace with the church modifying application of state laws.

June 24—Captain Frank Hawkes reaches Los Angeles, cutting five hours from record for East to West non-stop flight.

June 28—Spanish flyers rescued at sea after seven days adrift in plane.

June 30—William Stultz killed stunting in plane. Two passengers died.

YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH

PROJECTION

By DR. LELAND B. ALFORD

Some tendencies of the mind are so clean-cut, so natural that although it may be hard to see, they must serve some purpose. Such a tendency is the "projection" of the psychologists.

Projection is extremely common, every one of us daily exhibiting it in some form. Once you have learned to recognize it, you will see it at every turn.

Roughly, projection is the tendency to attribute to others one's own unacceptable mental traits or feelings.

An amusing and not uncommon example is the drunken man accusing others of being in like state.

Any strong accusation is likely to turn out to be projection at work.

Not long since an office holder became noted for his denunciations of the acts of other public officials. His enemies, becoming suspicious, investigated and were later able to announce that he had never fathered a constructive movement.

The inference was clear to everybody. He concealed his own lack of originality from others (and himself) by denouncing as worthless the original work of other legislators.

In short, he projected his defects on others and actually believed their minds to have the same one as his.

Projection is a trick of the mind, enabling it both to forget its own peculiarity and to direct away the attention of others. It is a natural tendency. The one who projects does not know he is doing so, although his friends usually do not overlook the fact.

Although psychologists don't mention it, there is a more pleasant kind of projection. One who has been through sorrow, privation or suffering is able to project his feelings

Make Coyote's Life Miserable

HARLEM, Mont., Dec. 30. (U.P.)—Existence for the harassed coyote has developed into one long, ghastly nightmare in this district. There's a reason—four reasons, in fact.

Four ferocious, speedy hounds, owned by John Mahoney, have reduced the coyote population this fall by 40, to date. The speed and precision of the coyote killers is amazing. They work together efficiently and once the tracks of the range pest is detected, he is as good as dead.

If it is true, as the poet says, that man wants but little here below he ought now be disappointed as that is what he usually gets.

TO PACIFIC COAST

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30. (U.P.)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh took off from Ford airport at 10 a. m. for an unannounced destination, believed to be Columbus, O.

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Pungent Essay on New Year's Resolutions

I. Will Pungent, have had great difficulty keeping New Year's resolutions. Having great will power and healthy conscience I last year sought a method for avoiding embarrassing myself.

I solved the New Year resolutions problem last New Year by resolving not to make a New Year resolution this New Year's.

Now, in order to keep last year's New Year resolution, I should make no New Year resolution, this New Year's. If, however, I am deprived this New Year's of resolving not to make any resolutions next New Year, how am I to be protected next New Year's?

I wish now that I had resolved last New Year's not to make any resolutions this New Year's EXCEPT to repeat the same resolution in reference to NEXT New Year's.

And I've decided now to break last year's resolution this year to make this improved resolution in order that all future years may be cared for.

Then, however, by next New Year's I more than likely will have thought up an improvement on this resolution system, and I might change at that time.

I have resolved, however, not to break this year's New Year's resolution until next New Year's at the earliest! Get me?

"Have some hash!"

THIS DOESN'T BELONG IN NITWITENTIALS

W. E. Allen sold a lot last week in the Meadows Addition for the Boulder Dam Townsite company. Who did we hear say real estate had gone to sleep and wouldn't even turn over?

"No hash, thanks!"

Happy New Year, Says Pungent, Who Boasts of 'Essay'

"Happy New Year," said Will Pungent in an exclusive interview to The Age this morning.

"They say it pays to advertise," he continued, "and therefore I'm going to ask you to put a story on the front page calling attention to my essay on New Year's resolutions, on the editorial page, in the hope that it may help some poor seafish soul to solve his resolution problem before it's too late."

"Happy New Year," he reiterated, in closing the interview.

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District Judge Wm. E. Orr was unable to attend the funeral of his uncle, W. D. Price, in Caliente Sunday because of illness. He was recovering yesterday, however.

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LAS VEGAS, 1930 AND 1940 A SHORT STORY

It was a January evening, Nevada. It was a January evening. He liked her very much. After the show they discovered the moon was at its best. They drove out a subdivision "street" far beyond the farthest house. He stopped the car in the middle of the street and they sat and watched the moon, talking of love, striving to analyze it.

It was a January evening in 1940. The first show over, they piled into their car and drove to the selfsame spot. But this time they drove on into the garage and piled out with the kids and went into the house.

And some credited the real estate men, but they credited the moon, which had some of the qualities of a habit-forming drug.

"But it's TURKEY hash!"

THIS ONE BREATHES SPIRIT OF NEVADA

Stop us if you've heard this one; we first heard it during a brief visit at Wheaton Springs a short time ago.

"A prospector just in off the desert got talking about the same of sulfate. He said, 'you know what I'd do if I was lost on the desert alone and didn't have nothin' but a deck of cards an' a compass? I'd throw away the compass an' start playin' solitaire. An' soon there'd be a crowd around tryin' to tell me how to play!'"

"Well, I'll finish it if you insist!"

Attorneys Battle For Snook's Life

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30. (U.P.)—Attorneys for Dr. James Howard Snook, former university professor, who is condemned to die January 31 for the murder of his co-ed sweetheart, Theora Hix, filed motion in the state supreme court today, seeking a reversal of the court's decision refusing to review Snook's appeal.