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TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1931.

A NICE GIFT

LAST summer when word reached Las Vegas that President Hoover had signed the bill providing for the initial appropriation of \$10,000,000.00 for Boulder Dam construction, Las Vegas went wild.

Saturday evening word came that the President had just signed another appropriation providing an additional \$15,000,000.00 for the big project, and we remarked "That's nice, isn't it?"

Which would indicate that we are becoming accustomed to money in large amounts, at least to hearing about it.

Nevertheless there is no doubt much real rejoicing throughout the southwest that the work on Boulder Dam can be pushed with all speed, thus furnishing employment for thousands and bringing back prosperity.

THE UP-GRADE

THE country in general, ought to feel pretty good after reading the news that the President has signed the Interior Department bill, which contains, among other important items, the \$20,000,000.00 drought relief and \$15,000,000.00 more for Boulder Dam.

The farmers can begin to get ready to eat again, and to plant some seed in preparation for this year's crops. Secretary Wilbur can go right ahead with his Boulder Dam construction plans, which will mean relief to the southwest.

The country in general can be thankful that the legislative log jam has been broken, and danger of an extra session is evaporating rapidly. If there is one thing, more than any other, which this country does not need at this time, it is an extra session of congress.

Reply to a certain contemporary: "If you think miniature bridge has not yet been invented, you ought to see our scores."—Buffalo Evening News.

Ninety economists have indorsed a \$1,000,000,000 federal loan to finance public work. What's a mere billion dollars to an economist?—Indianapolis News.

Well, the bathing beauty photographs are coming in again from the winter resorts in case you are at all interested in what the smart young women are not wearing this season.—Boston Herald.

There isn't much to inspire the formation of a third party when one observes how the two veterans are living from hand to mouth.—Ohio State Journal.

HUMANS RESPONSIBLE FOR GREAT MAJORITY OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Nearly Eighty-Nine Per Cent of Cars in Mishaps Found to Be Apparently In Good Condition

The record of motor vehicle accidents in this country last year discloses a triumvirate of increases covering the number of accidents, fatalities, and injuries. With the registration of cars showing a gain of less than one per cent and the consumption of gasoline a decrease of around ten per cent, carelessness and overconfidence are found as the result of a study of state reports to be the principal causes of the greater number of mishaps, deaths and injuries.

Nearly 89 per cent of the 32,500 persons killed in automobile accidents last year were the victims of motor vehicles that were apparently in good mechanical condition at the time of the mishap. It is shown by an analysis of state accident statistics extended through mathematical calculation by actuaries of the Travelers Insurance company to cover the entire country. This means that in the death of more than 28,000 persons, the cars involved had nothing wrong with them which contributed to the cause of the accident.

By far the largest percentage of persons injured in automobile accidents during the year were either the occupants of cars or hit by cars that also had no apparent mechanical defects. The analysis indicates that nearly 95 per cent of the injured toll of more than 960,000 were the injured victims of automobiles in good condition.

In only about one-fifth of the total number of fatal cases did weather conditions play any part, as the study of the records as based upon state reports reveals that fully 80 per cent of the fatal accidents happened under clear weather. Nearly 83 per cent of the non-fatal accidents occurred under clear weather conditions.

Road conditions in both fatal and non-fatal accidents were also ideal for the most part, the figures revealing that in practically 80 per cent of the mishaps causing fatalities road surfaces were dry, and that in more than 80 per cent of the non-fatal accidents, the same thing was true.

That night driving is becoming more prevalent and therefore may be taken as one reason for the increase in accidents is indicated by the record of mishaps as to the time of day. Nearly 53 out of every 100 persons killed during the year were involved in accidents during the presence of daylight. Five persons out of every 100 were killed in accidents which happened in the twilight zone between the passing of daylight and the fall of night, while 42 out of every 100 fatalities occurred during night time. The statistics are only slightly different when it comes to an analysis of the non-fatal accident victims, slightly more than three-fifths of the injured toll of more than 960,000 being hurt in daytime accidents, four per cent during the falling of dusk, and 35 per cent at night.

For every two so-called minor injuries suffered by the victims of accidents during the year, it is found that one severe injury was sustained. Out of the total of more than 960,000 persons hurt, more than 12,000 suffered fractured skulls, while nearly a thousand suffered fractures of the spine. Nearly 78,000 fractures of other parts of the body were sustained, while concussion of the brain numbered more than 6,000. The number of persons suffering from severe general shock, contusions and lacerations was around 240,000. Internal injuries totalled more than 10,000 cases. Among the so-called minor injuries there were more than 210,000 victims of dislocations and sprains.

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CARL COAN, U. OF PA., WINS MILE EVENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—Carl Coan, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, won the "Baxter Mile" feature event of the New York Athletic club annual indoor games here tonight and in doing so gave to Ray Conger, veteran Illinois Athletic club runner, his first defeat in 13 starts over a period of three years.

Coan's time was 4 minutes and 13 seconds, just one second slower than the world's record held jointly by Paavo Nurmi, Finnish runner and Joey Ray of the Illinois A. C. Conger, the heavy favorite who had been looked to for a possible new world's indoor mark, was third, half a step behind Gene Venzke of the Swedish American Athletic club. Venzke was one stride behind Coan.

George Bullwinkle of the College of the City of New York who had been counted on to give Conger his most stern opposition was fourth, far behind the others.

Frank Sturdy, formerly of Yale, now running under the colors of the Los Angeles A. C., won the pole vault with a leap of 13 feet 10 inches. Barney Berlinger, U. of Pa., was second with 13 feet 7 inches.

S. F. BANKER IS SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—E. R. Gundelfinger, investment banker, shot himself to death in his quarters at the exclusive Huntington apartments on Nob Hill some time early today, police reported at noon.

The body was discovered by a maid when she went late in the forenoon to straighten his apartment.

Gundelfinger was president of the Investment Securities company and of E. R. Gundelfinger, San Francisco stock and banking houses.

He was about 38 years old and unmarried. He had been in business about five years. Prior to that time he was in the bond department of the Anglo & London Paris National bank.

He was born in Fresno, where his father was a banker, and was a graduate of the University of California.

Nevada Rabbits Help Bread Line

ELKO, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—Nevada's jackrabbits, so numerous that they eat thousands of pounds of hay each night in this district, are helping the unemployment problem in San Francisco bay region and other parts of California.

Nevada has tried for many years to reduce the numbers of these animals, but the cost of their destruction was immense. They are the frequent cause of automobile accidents and death because of their habit of jumping through the windshields of moving automobiles. They destroy crops by the carload.

Their only virtue thus far has been to provide an evening meal for some lonely prospector on the desert hunched over his cook fire, or as targets for small boys with new rifles.

At last a use has been found for them. Local men are paid four cents for each rabbit. They are shipped to a firm in San Francisco where they are skinned and the meat is prepared for the bread lines.

The skins furnish the company with its profit and the meat is prepared as food.

Boards Meet, Hope To Settle Budget Problems

There will be a joint meeting of the boards of county and city commissioners and the board of education tomorrow morning at the court house to discuss the problems entering into the preparations of their 1931 budgets.

By discussion of the matters it is hoped to iron out some of the difficulties facing the various governing boards, in making plans for next year's finances.

Red Favorite Hue Of Mrs. Akerson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—Red is a favorite color of Mrs. George Akerson, wife of the former secretary to President Hoover. One of her new evening dresses is of eggshell satin. With it she wears red slippers and an evening wrap of red lined with eggshell satin to match the dress.

While the Akersons will spend some time in California, they will also keep their home here.

Checks Pattern Smart New Frocks

PARIS, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—Checks are slated for great popularity this spring. Some of the smartest frocks and ensembles are made of checks ranging in size from pinchecks to those of half-inch size. Both silks and wools are patterned in the checks with beige and brown and dark blue and white favorite color combinations.

Wets and Drys Of Illinois To Discuss Views

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16 (U.P.)—That ample opportunity is to be afforded wets and drys in the Illinois state legislature to air their views on prohibition is indicated in the various bills introduced in the barely more than a month old session.

In addition to bills offered in both houses providing for the repeal of the state search and seizure law, proposals call for the imposing of heavy fines on officers making searches without warrants and would have congress submit the question of repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the legislatures of the 48 states.

Another measure is a joint resolution introduced by Senator Earl B. Searcy, Republican, Springfield. It calls on both houses to memorialize congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the federal constitution to provide that "the exclusive power to tax, license and regulate, or suppress the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation and importation of intoxicating liquors shall be vested in congress."

The resolution has been referred to the Judiciary committee of which Senator James Barbour, Chicago, is chairman, and will be given a hearing this month.

Carroll's Proposal
The proposal to fine officers making searches without warrants was introduced by Senator Patrick Carroll, Democrat, Chicago.

It provides that a law, approved in March, 1874, relating to criminal jurisprudence, be amended so that the following section will be added: "Any officer who makes a search without a warrant in any case where a search warrant is required, upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$500."

While there is nothing in the bill to show that it is a wet measure, Senator Carroll, its sponsor, is anti-dry, and it is believed the bill is aimed to prevent dry raids made without warrants.

Country Club Annual Meeting This Evening

The annual meeting of the Las Vegas Country club will be held this evening, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Wm. S. Park, president of the organization. Dinner will be served at the U. P. dining room at 6:30. This will be a Dutch treat affair for members and their ladies. Following the dinner, election of officers will be held, after which a financial report for the year will be given. Motion pictures will be shown by Dr. Park following the business meeting.

Straw Hats Herald The Spring



This hullo bandeau hat of small black and white crocheted straw, with roll upper brim and bow at side, was presented at the milliners' spring fashion promenade.

Bridesmaids' Hats Feather Trimmed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U.P.)—Bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Virginia Graham to Landra B. Platt wore pink meline hats with feathers of a deeper shade which fell over their shoulders. Their dresses were of apple blossom pink chiffon with long, full, pleated skirts.

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	\$204,300.78

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Richard McEvoy Dies Suddenly At St. Thomas

Richard F. McEvoy, father of R. V. McEvoy of Las Vegas, died suddenly Sunday, from a heart attack, while on a visit to St. Thomas.

The body was brought to Las Vegas to the Las Vegas Funeral Home, and was shipped last night to the old home at Decatur, Ill., for burial. Mr. and Mrs. McEvoy accompanied the body.

Mr. McEvoy, who had resided here with his son and daughter-in-law for the past few years, was 72 years of age. Besides his son, two sisters, residing in Decatur, survive him.

READ THE AGE!!

Larry Burgess, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at the Ferguson-Baleon hospital, is reported much improved.
Mrs. R. E. Pistole, who has been ill for the last few days, has been able to leave the Las Vegas hospital and return to her home.
Judge Wm. E. Orr is in Ploche holding court, and will return Wednesday evening.

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