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ANNUAL VISIT

THE ENGINEER'S CLUB of Los Angeles is interested in watching the progress of the Hoover Dam project as it shall grow to completion during the next seven or eight years—so much interested that some forty or fifty of its members are here today to take their first view of the operations.

It is proposed that the members of the club keep watch of the work as it progresses by making a visit to the site at least once a year. It is a thing which will be of absorbing interest to them as engineers or as businessmen. They will, by having seen the work at its present stage, view the various shifting scenes of one of the greatest dramas of all times.

The harnessing of a river so great and unruly as the Colorado is a thing heretofore unheard of. And the structures necessary to hold it will eclipse in magnitude anything ever before achieved by man.

So the Age is glad to welcome these members of the Engineer's Club to Las Vegas at this time so that they may see the very first settings of the stage as the curtain rises for the opening act.

SIGNING THE CONTRACT

TODAY shortly before noon at the office of Walker R. Young, engineer in charge of construction of Hoover Dam, the \$48,890,995.50 contract of the government with Six Companies, Inc., will be signed by Chief Engineer R. F. Walter of the United States Bureau of Reclamation, in behalf of the government.

Although Six Companies is already on the job in vigorous action, the contract itself has been in the process of formation ever since the bids were opened, March 4.

And today, with the placing of the signature of Chief Engineer Walter to the great document, the beginning of the end of the contract formalities is seen. Monday, Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of the bureau of reclamation will be here and will also sign for the bureau, after which nothing will remain except the final approval of the secretary.

We have reason to be proud that these signatures for the government are affixed in Las Vegas to what is one of the largest contracts in terms of money ever entered into by the government for peaceful development.

A SAD LOSS

THE death of Nicholas Longworth brings a pang of sadness to many a heart. It was a high privilege to have known him and to have associated with him in even a casual way.

To small as well as great, Nick Longworth was the soul of kindness and his happy spirit was the source of untold pleasure. His was a greatness built upon consideration for the other fellow and his fairness in carrying out the sometimes distressing duties of his high position as Speaker of the House of Representatives gained the respect of both sides.

The Editor of the Age, with many thousand others, feels a deep sense of personal loss in the death of this lovable man.

CHOOSING WELL

SOMEBODY, Secretary Wilbur, Dr. Mead, or whoever it was, made a wise choice when they picked former congressman, Louis C. Chamton, to handle business concessions at Boulder City, Nevada.

It is, as Mr. Cramton himself says, the irony of fate that he now should be helping to spend the money appropriated by congress for the Hoover Dam project. For years he, as chairman of the house sub-committee on appropriations for the Interior Department, sat across the table from Dr. Mead and Mr. Walter and other officials of the bureau of reclamation trying to convince them that they could get along with less money.

Finally, entirely convinced of the desirability and feasibility of the proposed dam, he exerted his power to secure the necessary appropriations for its construction.

We may be sure, knowing the characteristics of Mr. Cramton—his unswerving efforts to get full value out of every government dollar—that Boulder City as a place of residence during the construction period for those who work on the dam, will be wisely administered. In the entire roster of public men there appear none better fitted for the task than Mr. Cramton.

HOTEL REQUIREMENTS

LAS VEGAS is crying aloud in the wilderness for more hotel accommodations for the constantly increasing swarms of visitors coming to observe the progress of work on Hoover Dam.

which is about to start and which will be ready for occupancy next December. And the MacDonald and Nevada

Leave Your Address With Western Union

CAMPBELL, WORLD SPEED KING, TO HUNT INCAS' BURIED GOLD



Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of the world's land speed record, now plans to find his thrills in hunting for the buried treasure of the Incas, estimated as high as \$100,000,000, on Cocos Island. Map shows location of the island.

LONDON, (AP)—After setting a new world land speed record, Sir Malcolm Campbell plans to dig for treasure!
The Cocos Island, off the western coast of South America almost due west of the Panama canal, is to be the scene of this summer's search. Sir Malcolm returning to carry on a work he started a year or so ago.
According to Sir Malcolm's notion, there is upwards of \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 worth of treasure buried on Cocos in three separate

Tom-Tom Beat As Young Bucks Try Old Dances
Chief Howeattle of the Quetzels, are the dancing masters. And it is all because the whites in August will celebrate completion of a highway looping the wild Olympic peninsula of Washington. Held only on the fringes, and limited of its unexplored, the peninsula is the last frontier in the United States, and the last great area where Indians live as they did in past centuries.
The Quetzels and Quillayutes de-

Western Indians To Celebrate Road Completion with Whites
By DAN BOWERMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
TAHOOLA, Wash., April 10 (AP)—While tom-toms beat and campfires flicker, young bucks of the Quetzels and Quillayutes tribes practise the ritualistic dances of their fathers in this Indian village.

BALL TEAMS HEADED FOR THE NORTH
NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—The last of the major league baseball teams deserted the southland today and headed toward home for their final exhibition games before opening the championship campaign next Tuesday.
All but four of the sixteen teams will be home tomorrow. The Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs are rounding out their exhibition games on the road.

hotels are both putting up substantial additions. But there is urgent necessity for many more rooms than are available every night, and this condition is costing Las Vegas many thousands of dollars each month.

Those who are considering building anything in the nature of apartments, rooming houses, courts, cottages or hotels will find it doubly profitable to begin right now. The demand for rooms will increase much faster than the supply can be provided during the next few years.

HOOVER DAM PROGRESS
Resume of Present Activities and Those of the Near Future on Greatest Engineering Project of the Age

- MAIN CONTRACTS**
The principal contract was awarded March 10 at Denver to Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, a combination of Utah Construction Company of Ogden, Utah; Henry J. Keiser and W. A. Bechtel, McDonald & Kahn, Morrison-Knudson Company, J. F. Shea Company, and Pacific Bridge Company. Amount of bid \$48,890,995.50.
The contract covers tunnels, penstocks, outlet works, spillways, coffer dams, excavations for main dam, main dam construction, valves and gates, and power houses.
- UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**—Main line to Boulder City, 22 miles, completed. Cost estimated at \$800,000.
- GOVERNMENT RAILROAD**—Boulder City to dam site, 8.6 miles under construction by Lewis Construction Company. Contract price \$455,509.50.
- GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY**—Boulder City to dam site, 10 1/2 miles of 22-foot highway, under construction by E. G. LeTourneau, Inc., subcontractors. Contract price \$329,917.15.
- BOULDER CITY**—Excavation for water tanks—Contract let to Butterfield Co., Los Angeles.
Tanks for water system—Contract let to Lacy Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles.
Residences—Bids for first group of 12 three- and four-room cottages were opened at Las Vegas office of the Reclamation Service March 12.
Laying out of final plans for the city—As soon as these are approved, contracts will be let for the streets, sidewalks, curbs, paving, water system, sewer system, pole lines for electricity, etc. Administration buildings, dormitories, garages, etc., to follow as soon as possible.
- POWER SUPPLY**—Transmission line from Southern California under construction by Southern Sierras Power Company. Substation—Earl Roche, General Construction Company of Las Vegas, grading site near dam for Southern Sierras Power Company.
- COMMUNICATION LINES**—Telephone Lines—Line from Las Vegas to Boulder City was built by Southern Nevada Telephone Company and is now in operation.
Telegraph Lines—Joint Western Union and Union Pacific line to Boulder City now in operation.
- ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT**—To be installed by the government and includes turbines, alternators, switchboards and transformers.

A WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON—There is perhaps no more ambitious project of government than that entrusted to a commission of cabinet members and legislators as a result of American Legion motions about drafting everybody and everything into service in the next war, if one comes.
All that commission has to do is to recommend to congress next December plans for taking the profiting out of war. Simple, isn't it?
It never has been done, of course. But what of that? Surely this commission, presided over by Patrick N. Hurley in the odd moments when he is not busy being secretary of war, will have little trouble turning out a snappy little program for curbing human greed and reversing gear on all normal processes and incentives of commerce.
But if it is delayed, at least it has given congress a temporary parking place for about as large and troublesome an order as it is apt ever to be called upon to deal with.

The Public Yawns
The hearings got off to a good start as soon as congress adjourned. Barney Baruch's "price-freezing" proposals gave it something to chew on. On the day the Bystander dropped in to visit the show, however, two mild-mannered and very calm Clevelanders who between them have a lot of actual experience with the problem of war contracts, were pointing out a few random difficulties that might be encountered.
They were Newton Baker, wartime war secretary, and Dr. Leonard Ayres, Uncle Sam's leading human adding machine and statistician during and just after the war.
The thing that impressed the Bystander, aside from some rather startling statistical conclusions presented by Dr. Ayres as to what actually happened, was the fact that here was an open-house government inquiry that might just as well have been meeting behind locked doors. The public did not seem interested. There was no audience.
The Bystander was the only man present in pure outlook capacity. He had all the audience chairs of the minority conference room of the senate to choose from. Why should that be?

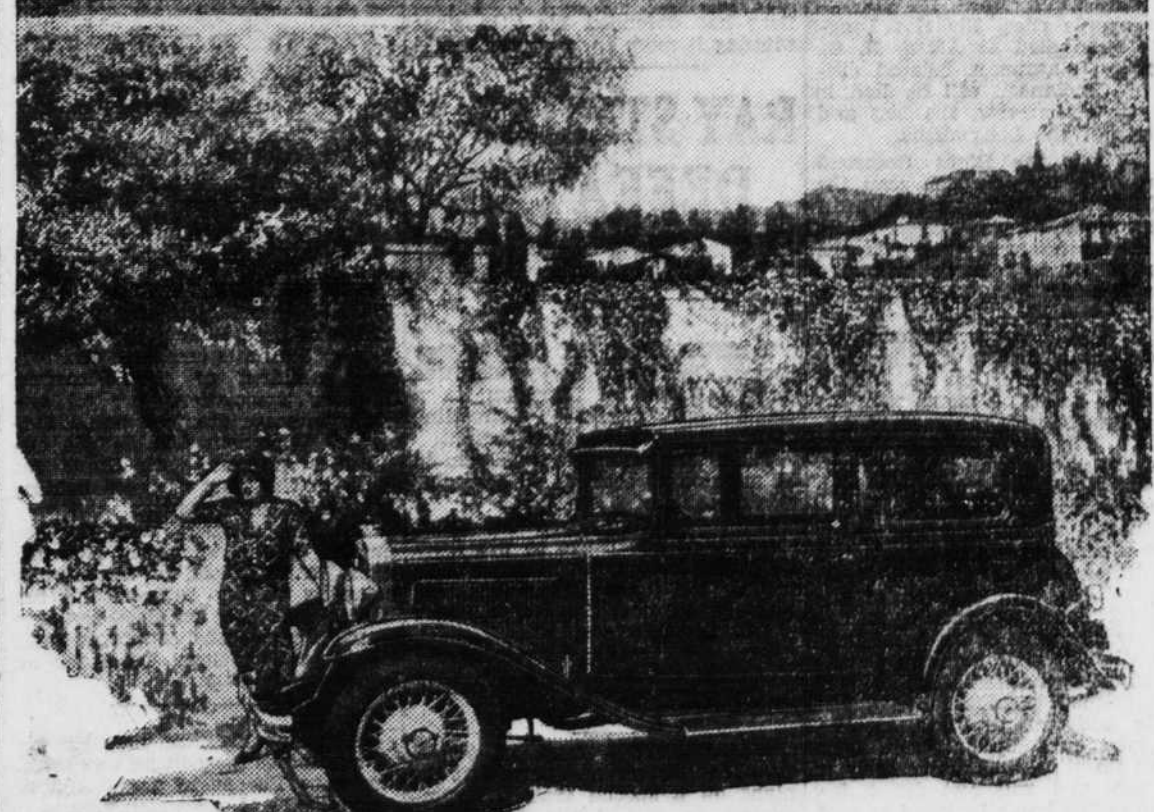
Human Adding Machine
Dr. Ayres is a marvelous man. He sat there for half an hour or so, reeling out dumfounding statistical lore in billions of dollars and all sorts of percentage relationships.
Yet never, so far as this observer noted, either during his testimony or in preparation for it, did he so much as glance at a note or look for a figure.
And some of those figures were stunning. After all the hub-bub over adjusted compensation for soldiers on the theory that folks at home enjoyed a war-time wage boom, can it be true that the wage boom actually came on after the boys got home?
Dr. Ayres said so. And nobody on the commission saw fit to challenge his mildly-stated deductions.

BROOKLYN LAD WINS OVER MEX

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 10 (AP)—Joe Gluck, 138, of Brooklyn won a ten round decision over Jos Licero, 137, Tucson, Ariz., Mexican, at the Madison Square Garden tonight.
The New York Jewish lightweight had little trouble in gaining the decision.

More than 1,000 miles of highways have been paved in South Carolina under the state's \$65,000,000 road building program.

It's an All-Year-Touring Country



Winter fails to tie up our cars here in the West. We use them all year 'round. This view shows the new 1931 Chevrolet coach in a scenic setting. Thousands of the new cars have been delivered to owners in the West since the car was announced last November.

"THE GOOD STORY"



Poland Winning In Fight Against Her Illiteracy

By MIECYSLAW WAJNRYB
United Press Staff Correspondent
WARSAW, April 10 (AP)—Poland's fight against illiteracy, which she was able to begin in earnest for the first time in centuries after the World War, has reached the point where primary-school enrollment numbers 92 per cent of the children of school age. This marks a growth from 68.2 per cent of school-age children (from 7 to 14 years of age) in 1921-22, when the educational program first began on a large scale. Elementary schools for pupils from 13 to 18, and special schools for adults are being extended.
But Poland has not always been "a land of illiteracy." The famous Kraukauer University, founded in 1364, proves that. It was one of the first institutions of higher education in Europe. As far back as 1773, immediately following the first partition of Poland, the first National Educational Ministry of modern history was formed. But the various partitions left little opportunity for real Polish education. The language was forbidden both in the Russian and German sections as an official educational medium, and for more than a century there was no Polish educational system as such.
Immediately following the World War, the figures for illiteracy stood as follows: Former German territory, two per cent; Silesia, five; Galicia, 40; Congress Poland, 57; Eastern Frontier Area, 61.
The greatest obstacle to be overcome today is building space. There are 31,480 public-owned class rooms and 22,723 rented ones. Classes are held in rotation throughout the day and the same rooms are used for high school pupils and adult illiterates in the evenings.
The Elementary Educational Institute in Warsaw, which absorbed the former Central Bureau of Education, has had a growing enrollment both for teachers and individual students of education. Besides this, there is a graduate Seminary in Warsaw, founded by the national councils and archives for teachers.

Eight Tariff Changes Made By Commission

Eleven Investigations Completed Since Act Was Signed

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Three increases and five decreases have been made in the Tariff Act by the Federal Tariff Commission since the act was signed by President Hoover June 17, 1930.
The commission has completed 11 investigations, all of which have been approved by the President. Three investigations ended in increases; five in decreases, and the other three brought no change. In addition the commission has discharged nine other investigations as showing no needed change.
The increases were made in foundry wire, wire netting and edible gelatin and the decreases were approved for wood, flour, pigskin leather, maple sugar and straw and wool hats. The commission recommended no revision be made in lutramarine blue, wool carpets and brier pipes and dismissed investigations of lace, reptile skin, leather, shoe laces, sugar and candy, matches, cigaret paper, soups and chocolate.
There are upwards of forty investigations now under way or planned for the immediate future. The most important of these are copper, lumber, lead, petroleum, aluminium, lumber and glass.
An investigation requires a detailed study by experts working under direction of the commissioners. Each investigation entails many informal conferences or open hearings with both domestic and foreign producers and manufacturers, but the chief basis for revision is made on the reports of commission investigators.

An average of 22 new books an hour arrived at the Library of Congress the last fiscal year.

Street intersections in Tulsa, Okla., will be marked with luminous signs visible night and day.

During 1929, 22,588,572 tons of waterborne commerce valued at \$1,102,995,560, passed through the port of New Orleans.

MARK BARRON ENTERTAINS YOU IN HIS COLUMN A NEW YORKER AT LARGE



NEW YORK—The last of the Tiller girls boarded a Southampton-bound liner the other morning and thus ends the first and most famous of dance ensembles.
The Tiller girls came to this country 13 years ago, and their unit dance has never been surpassed for precision and robot-like routine. There were 30 of those girls, and in the 13 years there was never a Tiller girl involved in a scandal.
Their contracts placed them on the honor system, and one wrong step would send them back to England. They had to remain together out of as well as in the theater, and they were not allowed to have engagements with admiring young men waiting at the stage door.
So, after 13 years Mary Reed, their manager, assembled her 30 girls and started for home. Only when the gangplank was taken up did Miss Reed suspect that something was not what it should be. Only 22 Tiller girls were on board.
If Miss Reed had had time to rush back to the Municipal building she would have found her eight missing dancers. There they stood being wedded to eight American youths. Just as they had danced in ensemble, so the habit was so strong the Tiller girls had to be married in ensemble.

Salary Blues
When one young trombone player hears Rudy Vallee croon through a megaphone, he gets very ill. You say you do, too?
It's financial remorse with the trombonist. A few years ago Vallee offered him \$50 a week. The fellow wouldn't accept such a small salary, but said he had a friend who could and would do pretty well on a trombone for \$50.

The friend today is getting \$500 a week from Vallee. The boy who turned the job down has a difficult time keeping his horn out of a pawnshop.

Which reminds of an experience in one of these lunch wagons that keep open all night. A wide-eyed colored boy entered and began making a plea to the chef.

"Boss, I know you going to say no," he began, "but couldn't I wash dishes or something for a plate of beans? I'm awful hungry."
Supplied with beans, frankfurters and bread, the boy started eating with a fury that made one dizzy. Finally, we inquired when he had last eaten.

"I don't remember, boss," he answered, "but I think it was either in Winston-Salem or Richmond."

Exotic Apartment
You can get into some dizzy places if you move around this town very much. We were in a pent-house on Central Park West and stepped through the door onto what we thought was a balcony. We fell into a swimming pool, an outdoor pool 22 floors above the street.

The same apartment has a room with walls, ceiling and floor of black mirrors. The only article of furniture is a black bed that stands on a dais. By pressing a button, the black mirrors disappear and other articles of furniture emerge from hidden crevices in the walls.

Child welfare legislation will be sponsored in the 1931 general assembly by women of North Carolina. Mountville, Ga., a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants, has a blind night watchman.

The University of Florida has added a department of psychology and philosophy.

More than a million quarts of food were canned by Alabama farm women during the last summer.
Minnesota mines in 1929 produced more than half the iron ore output of the United States, according to the bureau of the census.