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## GETTING UNDER WAY

LAS VEGAS has seemed slow in getting a start, especially in the building of necessary hotels. Two of our local hotels have been building spacious additions and now property has been purchased for a new commercial hotel of seventy-five or one-hundred rooms.

So at last we may consider ourselves fairly well launched on the road to greatness. The first necessity of course is a place for visitors to stay comfortable. This being provided, the other things for which we long hoped will come more easily.

## WELCOMING VISITORS

LAS VEGAS is more and more becoming the Mecca of the world. Every day there are groups of people coming to visit Hoover dam site and stop over a day or two in Las Vegas to see the high lights.

Also, Las Vegas is becoming something of a convention city, in a small way. Just now the Eagles of the state are gathered here and other organizations are planning to hold meetings here.

Saturday a party of fifty or more Shriners from Los Angeles will come to see the Hoover dam work and have a big banquet at the Meadows in the evening.

Las Vegas, during the next few years, will be the stopping place for more travelers than any other city in the west.

## MORE JAIL TO YOU

HERE'S LOOKING at you, how's your jail? Entirely inadequate. Thank you. Which means simply that the city and county authorities are up against it for a place to keep the prisoners which it is absolutely necessary to arrest and detain.

Las Vegas now is definitely on its way. A few months ago, perhaps, we were justified in hesitating. The county looked over several fine plans for additions to the court house with county jail quarters included. The cost of the additions mounted up to approximately \$150,000. And the matter was dropped for the time being.

In the future, after our federal building is completed and our federal court holding regular terms in Las Vegas, we will need accommodations for federal prisoners.

The cheapest thing for the city and county seems to be to build the addition to the court house and turn the old jail over to the city. The necessity is becoming greater every day and we have reached the point where delay is no longer economy.

## HERE'S FOR HARMONY

THE GROWTH of Las Vegas is very definitely getting under way. Those who have not paid particular attention to the situation will be surprised if they will take a little drive around and observe the amount of building under way.

Which reminds us that we have a man's job ahead of us to properly guide and control the growth of Las Vegas into a metropolis of no mean proportions. And we need every ounce of combined pull we have to put over those things which are essential.

We have had more of the sneery stuff than we have any community need for. Of course we must frown at fraud! We have not always done that with sufficient vigor. But when reputable people are sincerely trying to accomplish things we should be loyal and helpful to them. It is hard enough to do things under most favorable circumstances. We harm no one but ourselves if we go about knocking the fellow who would like to do something.

Let's try pulling together! If we find it doesn't work we can easily go to knocking again.

# Spends Lifetime In Parliament

## LLOYD GEORGE POWERFUL IN LIBERAL PARTY

Political "Strong Man" at 68

By EDWARD STANLEY  
LONDON, May 14. (AP)—In the mids of jockeying for undisputed leadership of England's badly-squeezed liberal party, David Lloyd George has completed his forty-first successive year as the member of parliament from Carnarvon.

That is longer than any other member in parliament and in point of service he is the "father of the house."

But none ever thinks of him as that venerable fiction, for "Little David" is still a scrapper, dangerous and agile both in debate and on the hustings.

True, he has to play second and sometimes third fiddle now, but all ways when the nation is beginning to think him relegated to the third row the bouncing Welshman astonishes it with some unexpected solo passage injecting a new theme into British political symphony.

### PARTY STRONG MAN

During a recent meeting of liberals—described as a party "crisis"—he revealed that while he may not wield as powerful a whip as when prime minister in war days he still is that party's strong man.

What happened was that Lloyd George laid down his principles, his reasons for keeping labor in power, and invited a vote. Of the 50 liberal members in parliament, only 17 voted against his rule, and only five of these sided with his chief opponent, Sir John Simon, who wants to throw out the laborists.

All this was accomplished, incidentally, without unloading his high-power oratory. Had he made that effort the opposition vote might have been smaller.

### A THANKLESS JOB

Roughly outlined, his hope has been to pass liberal measures in return for support of the labor government, and perhaps to "liberalize" labor's proposals. This he prefers to any attempt to work with a conservative government. It is a thankless job.

"I would be only too glad," he said, "to be relieved of the most bewildering task ever entrusted to any political leader. But until I am relieved of it and the responsibility of it I propose to place such power and gifts and experience and strength as are left in me, to do my best, to advance progressive legislation."

Lloyd George is 68 years old now, but his age lies lightly. His step is vigorous, quick, literally bounding, and he seems to have moulted no feathers of energy.

His only concession to Father Time seems to have been to trim his snowy mantle in a slightly more youthful fashion.

### POLISHED POLITICAL ACTOR

Beyond doubt, he is England's most polished political actor. One of his tricks is to arrive unexpectedly at a meeting and steal the show.

When speaking his round rubicund face wreathes easily in smiles as he leans slightly forward to emphasize a point.

He jokes, and while his hearers laugh, twinkles fatherly upon them with his bright blue eyes, pauses, then caps the laugh with an epigram or bitter truth. He is a very telling orator.

### PAINTER DEVOTES CAREER TO PORTRAYALS OF HELL

PARIS, May 14 (AP)—Hell in water colors has been so skillfully painted by one Amos Nattini, whose entire artistic career has been devoted to an interpretation of Dante's "Comedy" that a record crowd gathered at the opening of the exhibition at the Musee du Jes de Paume, and many had to be turned away.

All stages of torment is the light of M. Nattini's brush and the most gruesome scenes of Dante's imagination with academic reading and realism.

In order to get just the exact proportions and utter realism into his colossal work, the artist spent many months in studying the attitudes of coal-heavers and dockworkers, stripped to the waist and disfigured by grime and sweat. Critics are pretty much agreed that Nattini follows no particular school of painting, and that his work gives evidence of isolated and individual aesthetic research.

### TO PLAN NEW BORDER ROADS

POLAND SPRING, Me., May 13 (AP)—Maine and Quebec highway officials will meet here June 13 to plan a co-operative program for better roads across the Canadian border.

J. H. Perrault, minister of roads and mines for Quebec, will head the Canadian delegation to the conference. Governor William Tudor Gardner of Maine is expected to deliver an address.

### SEA SCHOLARSHIPS POPULAR

PHILADELPHIA, May 13 (AP)—College life on the high seas is gaining in popularity with more than 100 applicants seeking 25 scholarships to the Pennsylvania School-ship Annapolis. There were only 16 candidates on the ship's first cruise 11 years ago. Fourteen of the 80 student sailors on board the ship will graduate which will make room for the men who win the scholarships.



Despite his 68 years David Lloyd George still is a fighter and the "strong man" of the British Liberal party. In this picture the veteran political leader, who has just rounded out 41 years in parliament, is shown at his desk.



### By KIRKE SIMPSON

WASHINGTON—If Senator Norris of Nebraska ever feels discouraged about getting the Muscle Shoals problem



settled to his liking, he should call on the staff of research experts down at the George Washington Bicentennial commission headquarters. They could tell him that there has been a Muscle Shoals problem ever since there has been a government of the United States. George Washington was the first president to be troubled about it.

It was not the hydroelectric power aspect of Muscle Shoals that worried Washington, of course. He was concerned about the activities of a "Tennessee company" that was engaged in promoting settlement of lands about the shoals. In 1791 he asked the attorney general to draft new laws designed to protect Indians from land exploiters.

### WASHINGTON'S PROBLEM

"Notwithstanding the existing laws, solemn treaties and proclamations, and some attempts of the government southwest of the Ohio to restrain their proceedings, yet the agents for the Tennessee company are at this moment, by public advertisements under signature of Zachariah Cox, encouraging by offers of land and other inducements a settlement at the Muscle Shoals and is likely to obtain emigrants for that purpose, although there is good evidence that the measure is disapproved by the Creeks and Cherokees, and it is presumed it is so likewise by the Chickasaws and Choctaws, unless they have been imposed upon by assurances that trade is the only object in view by the establishment," Washington wrote.

But Senator Norris is not a man easily discouraged. He has proved that on many occasions. He probably will go right along Muscle Shoals, anti-lame ducking and otherwise performing in his accustomed manner without benefit of the research reports on Washington.

### NORRIS PAMPHLET

The most recent "Norrisism" is the publication in pamphlet form of the "Proceedings of a Conference of Progressives" at Washington in March, the conference over which

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## A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON

NEW YORK—The charming thing about this town is that it never gets dull. Suppose we take a stroll along Forty-fifth street, starting from Fifth avenue.

Her's a cigar and coffee shop which is supposed to furnish a living for Harry. It really doesn't make enough profit to feed a mid-geet, but it is merely a blind to Harry's business. He is a book-maker, and the only man, we know who has made a fortune off the horses.

Harry is a student of humanity, and he gets his philosophy out of crowds and not books. Today he is crossed with the idea that no one will take a risk, that everyone has become a conservative. To prove his point he took a \$600 diamond ring off his finger. He offered to sell it for \$10 to the next ten men that came in his shop. All of them refused and a couple even wanted to call a cop.

### THE CZAR IS DEAD

Here is Sixth avenue and up there is a dinky employment office run by Joe. Seven years ago Joe was czar of all employment agencies along Sixth. Within one hour he could command an army of 3,000 unemployed men and he made a fortune using them as strike breakers.

Joe did so well that he became a big office, private secretary, a country home and even three bathrooms in his Park avenue apartment. Usually he just went to a Turkish bath on Saturday night. Joe had no lieutenant; he was the one and only ruler—and that brought about his downfall.

He began playing the night clubs around Broadway, buying orchids and diamonds for dumb chorus girls, staying up all night and neglecting his health. Joe collapsed one night with pneumonia and there was no one to take his place. The czar is dead, let's have no more czars.

Joe came out of the hospital to find his throne gone, his money dissipated and his bathroom locked. He learned his lesson and today Joe makes a slim living with his little agency. Over his desk hangs a motto reading: "Only Failures Have Trouble Finding Fun On Broadway."

### FLEET'S COMING

Let's get along to Broadway. Here, right in the middle of the street, is an open air recruiting station for the navy. One of the sailors stationed there says he tried to be a newspaperman himself once. He says the fleet is coming in and will be anchored in the Hudson river pretty soon. If we don't believe it, we can go up to Central park and see where they have put all the rowboats on the lake. It is the favorite shore sport of the gobs.

Another concession that profits from the presence of the fleet is the observatory tower on tall buildings. Sailors flock by dozens to the top of the Chrysler, Chanin and Woolworth skyscrapers. They don't give a hoot about seeing the surrounding country. They all want to see if they can sight their ship where it is anchored in the Hudson.

Yes, sir, you can meet some interesting people in this town—along Forty-fifth or any other street. But you can probably do the same thing in any other town. When we begin thinking New York is the only colorful town, we always recall the story O. Henry wrote about Nashville Tenn.

### MUSEUM GETS SMALLEST DOG

PARIS, May 13 (AP)—The world's smallest dog is said to have been acquired by the Maritzburg museum. It is a dumpy brown and white pointer and although it lived for three years it never grew longer than six and a half inches from nose to tail tip. His head was one and a quarter inches long and an inch broad, and his hind legs slightly less than two inches long.

### CAT CAUSES COURT SUIT

PARIS, May 13 (AP)—A Siamese cat has caused a law suit in Paris between Mme. Bloch, and Mme. Drouvard, the cat's owner. Both women had been down on the Riviera and Mme. Drouvard was returning by motor and Mme. Bloch by rail. The cat, Ayouthia, by name, is not a motor enthusiast, and therefore Mme. Drouvard entrusted him to the care of her friend, Mme. Bloch. When the owner reached Paris by motor and went to claim her domestic pet, she found that Ayouthia's basket contained nothing but an ordinary tab-

## BRITAIN HOLDS SCHOOL OVER RADIO

LONDON, May 14 (AP)—Children in almost 3,000 British schools receive daily lessons over the radio through the national system of educational broadcasting which British claims cannot be touched in any other country.

Educators from all parts of Europe come to London to study the British system. Recently numerous inquiries have been received from broadcasters and educational groups in the United States.

TO EXPLAIN SYSTEM HERE  
The British system of instruction by radio will be fully explained to Americans by Sir John Reith, director-general of the British Broadcasting Corporation, when he addresses the first assembly of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education in New York in May.

For seven years, the British Broadcasting Corporation under Reith has been studying the possibilities of education by radio. Two years ago it was joined by the Central Council for School Broadcasting, an organization representing the principal educational interests of the country.

Together these two groups have developed an elaborate program of broadcasting for schools. Each school day afternoon between 2:30 and 4:30, programs are broadcast which supplement the regular courses of study.

The radio courses are divided into four terms which coincide with the four terms of the school year. Courses include history, English, nature study, biology and hygiene and rural science.

FRENCH IS TAUGHT  
French, taught by an experienced French instructor, is one of the most popular courses. On Friday's dramatic readings, such as Shakespearean plays, with concerts on alternate weeks have proved another popular feature.

The Central Council publishes pamphlets which supplement the radio talks. These pamphlets are sold to schools for a nominal price. During the winter term, 130,000 pamphlets were sold, testifying to the popularity of the courses.

The Central Council is an independent body subsidized by the British Broadcasting Corporation. Its chairman is H. A. L. Fisher, warden of New College, Oxford, and former minister of education.

by cat. Mme. Bloch insists that someone must have made the substitution when she left her compartment at Toulon.

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