

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## NO SLUMP

INDICATIONS are that Las Vegas will not undergo her usual summer slump this season.

With school out three weeks ago and a number of families leaving, or already left, on extended vacations, there are still no vacant houses to be obtained.

Not a day goes by without inquiries being made at this office for houses. Of the thirty tourist camps in and around Las Vegas, boasting in all some five hundred cabins, there is scarcely a vacancy.

Our streets are crowded. Especially is this true of evenings, when Fremont street carries a steady stream of automobiles, and the pedestrians jostle each other on the sidewalks.

Considerable construction work is under way. The three story addition to the Nevada hotel is fast nearing completion. Following that there will be further alteration and additions to this business block.

The new Boggs building, for the Penney store is getting under way. Several houses and bungalow courts are already under construction.

The hotel and business block to be erected by P. O. Silvagni at Fremont and Second streets will be started within a very short time.

The new Meadows hotel should be under construction soon, and most any day should see the consumation of a deal whereby Las Vegas will be assured a new tourist hotel.

The Federal building will be started by fall, according to the latest announcements, and it is possible county commissioners will build the new addition to the court house providing new jail facilities.

All this is in addition to the big payroll at Boulder dam, and the fact that Las Vegas will be for this summer and for many to follow, the mecca of thousands of vacationing tourists.

Taken all in all, this seems a most auspicious time to stop moaning and to grasp the myriad opportunities offered Las Vegas.

## STAY AT HOME MONEY

LAS VEGAS business men are at last beginning to realize that the fly-by-night promotion schemes are hurting them, as witness the chamber of commerce meeting yesterday in which these wil-o-wisp "gold brickers" were soundly berated.

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By KIRK SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—Justice Owen Roberts of the supreme court handed capital onlookers a surprise in his vote on the Macintosh-Bland naturalization cases.

Somehow these observers have come to expect him to share the views of Holmes and Brandeis and Stone, now so frequently shared also by Chief Justice Hughes. To find him voting instead against Hughes, Holmes, Brandeis and Stone, thus barring the gate of naturalization to Dr. Macintosh and Miss Bland because of their scruples about bearing arms in war, startled some of Justice Roberts' liberal admirers.

Guessing His Views  
Since Justice Roberts merely concurred in the majority opinion written by Justice Sutherland, submitting no views of his own, nothing authoritative as to what prompted this departure from the so-called liberal group of the court is available.

The Bystander has discovered among the justice's friends, however, a tendency to read in his action merely an evidence of his profound sense of public duty. To Justice Roberts, they say, the oath of allegiance he took on induction into the high office was taken wholeheartedly. It would admit to him, they say, of no reservation of qualification whatever. And it is the same oath that Dr. Macintosh and Miss Bland would take only with announced reservations as to bearing arms.

Incidentally, the case was notable for the vehemence with which Justice Sutherland for the majority and Chief Justice Hughes for the dissenter spoke in making their oral announcements.

Speculation  
And Justice Hughes' views raise the very interesting question as to what might happen if all prospective federal office holders were required to answer the same sort of questionnaire.

It was "departmental zeal," not congress, which framed those questions, Mr. Hughes argued. That is his quarrel with the procedure of naturalization, since he holds that federal officers who take the same oath could do so with reservations with weapons in hand.

Mr. Hughes excepted the president, because the oath for the chief executive is specifically prescribed by the constitution itself. Yet even that oath contains the same "defend" language.

Now suppose that presidents-elect, or any other civil officials of government about to be inducted into office were to be questioned as to their interpretation of the oaths they take. It never has been done and probably never will be, of course. There is no room for "departmental zeal" there. But just suppose it was done.

Could Herbert Hoover, a Quaker, have become President?

Old Silver Cross Exhibited  
GREEN BAY, Wis., June 8 (AP)—A sterling silver cross believed to have been carried by Father Claude Allouez, pioneer Jesuit missionary, is now on exhibit at the Neville public museum here.

The cross was plowed up some 60 years ago. It has been loaned to the museum by Mrs. Ellen Lawton Wilson of De Pere.

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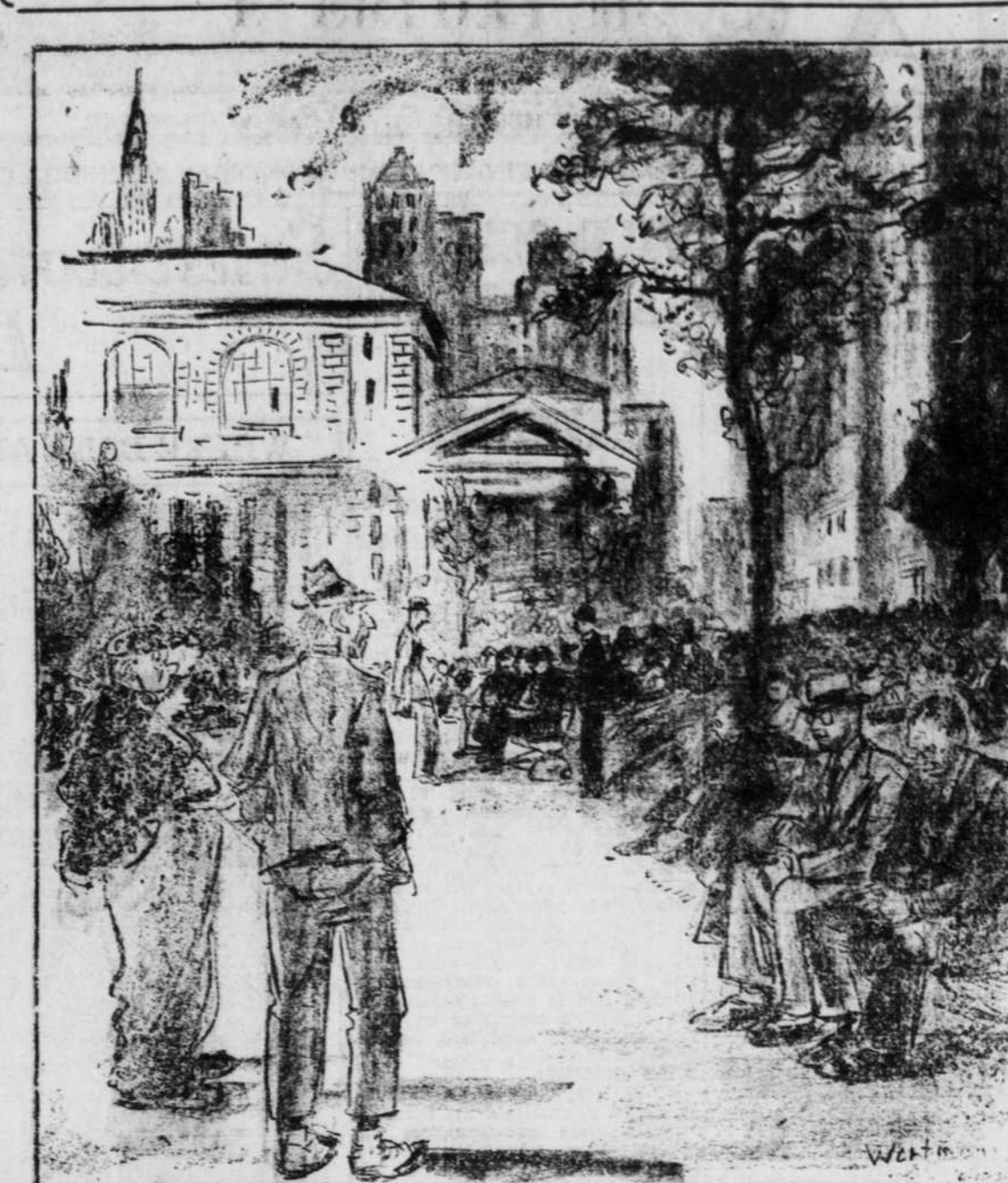
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# EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE  
"D'ya remember, Duke, when if fellers like them was sunburned it meant they'd come back from a vacation?"

## FASTER SHIPS SPUR YANKEE AVIATORS ON HOPS

By OSCAR LEIDING  
(Associated Press Aviation Editor)  
NEW YORK (AP)—With neither oceans nor poles left to conquer, 1931's daring fliers look to races against time for their laurels.

They count on faster and sturdier planes, as well as the experience of those who pioneered the way, to carry them through round-the-world jaunts and ocean flights.

While weather will remain the greatest foe, flying conditions are being charted over wider areas than ever before and relayed to central points by radio.

Globe-girdling projects head the ventures listed for the summer. If carried out, they will bring into competition the team of Wiley Post and Harold Gatty and the other team of Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, Jr.

Post and Gatty, in the monoplane "Winnie Mae," expect to take off from New York at the first sign of favorable Atlantic weather, stopping at Harbor Grace, N. F., for refueling before winging their way to Berlin.

Pangborn and Herndon, with a long test flight course over the Atlantic route and are intent on breaking the Graf Zeppelin's 20-day record. Post and Gatty have 10 days or less as their goal.

Bernat Balchen, pilot of Admiral Byrd on his trans-Atlantic and south pole flights, also has announced his intention to fly around the world but has withheld details.

John Henry Mears, twice holder of the globe-girdling record, cancelled his plans for another attempt, although the Russian government reversed its position of not granting permission for him to go over its territory.

Ruth Nichols, holder of four women's records, plans to fly Lindbergh's trail to Paris alone, and hers is but one of eight projected transatlantic ventures.

A competitor for the honor of being first woman to make a solo hop over the ocean may be Edith Elizabeth McColl of Galt, Ont., who announced preliminary plans when Miss Nichols' flight was projected. Her flight, if carried out, would raise the summer's total to eight.

Adventure and a trip home have inspired a contemplated Newfoundland-Denmark flight by Otto Hillig and Holgar Hoiris, whose plane is ready for the hop.

## A New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON  
NEW YORK—It is only in the last year that Manhattan has become seriously confronted with the problem of racketeers.

The metropolis has been surprisingly free of the bullying parasites—or, at least, little was heard of their activities until all these municipal investigations began last spring.

The lamentable point of the situation is that the police seem almost helpless in their war to end this unlawful preying upon small merchants. Not only does the racketeer use force and threats in making his collections of tribute, but he also works so cleverly that it is almost impossible to convict him in court.

In a speech before a veterans' post, Attorney-General Bennett said that he was surprised at the timidity of New Yorkers: They are afraid to testify against the Little Caesars of the community, hence the power of the gangsters.

SCARED? SURE!  
It is not surprising that the ordinary citizen, with the responsibility of his family and business, refrains from doing something that will bring down upon him the wrath of the racketeer.

Even the attorney-general put a strong guard around his home to protect his family while upstate investigating the activities of "Legs Diamond."

A typical case happened in Brooklyn the other day. A girl was an important witness in the trial of a racketeer. When the case was called the girl had disappeared.

The magistrate said to the racketeer: "You have kidnapped this girl and are holding her until the case is dismissed. But you can't fool me: I won't dismiss it."

In this particular case, the woman's club of Brooklyn has begun to act. Perhaps one may yet see an army of militant housewives driving the racketeer from New York.

EXCHANGE OF JOBS  
The scarcity of jobs has brought on a new system which makes one job support several men. This is largely true in the hundreds of summer resorts surrounding New York.

A waiter will be hired at a resort which pays \$2 a day salary. The man hired in turn sells the job to another fellow for \$10, this one figuring that he will get more than enough tips to make up the loss of \$8 which he is taking at the beginning.

It may be that he will sell the job to a third waiter—anyway, an investigation will show that most of these jobs are supporting from two to five men each.

One of the most popular resorts in this section is the milk farm—an institution that couldn't exist except where it could get nervous wrecks from the benzerk, noisy metropolis.

The milk farm has few luxuries, compels its guests to live a most rigorous life and live on little other than milk.

It entails almost as difficult a daily program as a psychopathic ward, yet many have found it the only thing that will restore the nerves and physiques crushed by the nerve-racking life in Manhattan.

# FRANCE SEES VETERAN POLISHING SWORD FOR NEW POLITICAL ATTACK

By ADELAIDE KERR  
PARIS, June 9. (AP)—The future battle for which Aristide Briand is believed to be polishing his political sword is awaited by France with keen interest.

Politicians agree that the French foreign minister's defeat for the presidency was the most staggering blow his prestige has ever received in a career full of knocks. But the

timers, "watch the fireworks!" Briand's speeches have long been the terror of his enemies. He never makes notes. He prepares his set speeches several weeks in advance, turns his back on them, and depends on his crowd sense and the memory which he sharpened in his youth by learning his lessons while pacing the sands of Brittany with an old French professor.

He comes into the chamber with his slow, lumbering gait, sloppily shouldered, tangle-haired, lowering-browed. He has the curiously defeated air of a broken old mastiff—until he starts to speak.

He begins in a deep measured voice, drops to a confidential whisper, explodes at the end like a cartridge—and the victory is in the bag.

"MAN OF PEOPLE"  
Briand hates big words, laborious systems, ostentation. He dreads official receptions and welcoming bands as a small boy dreads the dentist. Born a peasant, he remains a "man of the people."

Since his young lawyer days, when he spread socialistic propaganda and defended labor unions, he has had a trick of seeking out peasants and laborers to discuss their problems first hand. With whom ever he deals he always manages to "just talk it over" first.

That is the tack he used in conferences preceding the treaty of Locarno and the Kellogg-Briand pact, and more recently in introducing his scheme for an European confederation.

He dislikes the atmosphere of conference rooms because he believes it is impossible to break down barriers of fear and suspicion there.

Briand has been known to seize the birthday of a delegate's wife as the chance for a "get-together" party before a conference.

He surrounds his guests with good food, good talk, gets them relaxed and off their guard—and lets human nature do the rest.

Aristide Briand's latest picture shows him addressing a group of admirers after leaving a cabinet conference in Paris.

warrior who battles for peace has other arrows in his quiver, they declare, and silence means he is sharpening them.

After his defeat Briand offered his resignation as foreign minister because he believed he had been betrayed by politicians who had promised to support him, but, in reality, had worked against him.

His enemies said his defeat was France's way of expressing her disapproval of his foreign policies—"his sacrifice of French interests to retain European peace."

Neutrals asserted that he failed of election because he faced a vote without a chance to "use his silver tongue." For the first time, they pointed out, Briand, at a crisis, couldn't make a speech.

ANOTHER CHANCE  
On June 14, however, he will have a chance to speak again. Then he will address French war veterans of the Department of Lot at Gourdon. "And then," says the old-

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