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WORLD LEADERSHIP

AS HE organized relief from starvation for Belgium at the beginning of the World War; as he organized the flow of food stuffs which saved the lives of millions of children in the near east; so has Herbert Hoover organized the world for a return to prosperity.

Of all the dramatic and effective movements this man of peculiar genius has planned, none have had greater influence on the history of the world than his latest effort to restore hope to the nations.

It was an action well timed, well considered and well planned. Not only had the President secured assurances of support from Republican leaders, but from some of the outstanding leaders of the Democracy such as Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas and Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi.

President Hoover has had a period of stress and discouragement to face such as but few of our presidents ever had. He has had to sit quietly while his political enemies endeavored to place the blame for the world wide economic distress on his shoulders. He has been compelled to suffer an organized campaign of harassment almost unparalleled in political history.

Through it all he has emerged with the confidence of the American people and, it appears, of the world. President Hoover has taken a place in world leadership which but few human beings can attain.

NEW JAIL

WHEN THE County Commissioners were considering plans for building a new jail with an addition to the court house a few months ago, conditions were not entirely settled. The Arizona suit against Boulder Dam was still before the Supreme court. But a small amount of the work was under way at the dam site and the benefits of the payroll had not yet been felt. Therefore, it was quite proper that the matter should be laid aside until such time as conditions were more propitious.

We now find that prosperity has hit us in more ways than one. Along with the added population and the new property being created for the assessment roll, a horde of unfortunates, some of them professional criminals, have arrived. In some way we must cope with them—either by letting them remain at large to pursue their petty pilfering at will, or we must shut them up.

As it is now there is no room in Las Vegas jails for any new applicants. And those already crowded in are not being treated as a civilized people should treat their unfortunates.

The County Commissioners may, with confidence we believe, proceed with their plans for a jail and addition to the court house which they temporarily laid aside last winter.

SUMMER IS HERE

WITH the arrival of an official temperature of 110 degrees yesterday, the Age is willing to admit that summer is here.

Even at that there was a pleasure in the coolness of the evening breeze and in the knowledge that even southern California was enjoying "unusual" weather.

PILLOW IS ONLY LOSS IN BLAZE

Fire of unknown origin caused but slight damage last night to a garage in the rear of a house owned by Robert Simington at 104

South Seventh street. A pillow lying in one corner of the garage comprised most of the loss. The fire was put out by neighbors with a small garden hose, although the fire department was called as a precaution.

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THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — Perhaps no Hoover appointment since he entered the White House was more generally applauded by Washington news gatherers than "Bill" Castle's elevation to the post of under secretary of state, vacated by the death of Joe Cotten.

Castle was the news writers' candidate for the job when the Hoover administration came in. It is quite possible that had a lot to do with his failure to get it then. Secretary Stimson may have suspected Mr. Castle was conducting a campaign in his own behalf via his very long standing and pleasant relations with the gentlemen of the press. That they—or most of 'em—were for Castle, Stimson could not have doubted for a moment. The press lads who come in daily contact with cabinet officers have a way of frankly declaring themselves, early and often, in a case like that.

At any rate, Castle lost out then in Cotten's favor. Under the circumstances, it showed a good deal of courage on Castle's part to stick on as assistant secretary. He is, or at least was until his appointment as under secretary, a permanent, more or less non-political member of the state department home staff. He is not and never has been a member of the foreign service, subject to periodic tours of field duty abroad. The thing that made news writers almost sure that Castle would get the under secretaryship when the Hoover administration was organized was his known intimacy in a neighborhood with the Hoover household during the president's days as commerce secretary. Castle and Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania, with whom he teamed up socially as they lived around the corner from each other, both were very friendly with the Hoovers in those pre-White House times. So Stimson's selection of Cotten, New York lawyer with no previous foreign affairs experience, as his second in command came as a shock.

MAN OF TACT
Castle is a veteran, generally recognized as a man of exceptional tact and skill in the daily contacts of diplomacy.

Any man who can, as Castle does, keep the uniform of his job, high hat, tail coat, spats and stick and all, on tap in his office for use as needed, yet wholly avoid the charge of high-hatting anybody in his contacts with the press when out of uniform, is possessed of tact in plenty.

Did Mr. Stimson change his mind about Castle this time, or did Mr. Hoover intervene? Many observers think it was a Hoover nod that did the trick.

HESSE PICTURE IN COAST PAPER
In a recent issue of "Pacific Municipalities," a coast magazine devoted to city governments and their officials, appeared a picture of J. F. Hesse, former mayor of Las Vegas.

The same magazine carried a picture of J. C. Albers, city official of Monrovia, Calif., whose wife was the former Julia Westlake of this city. Mrs. Albers' mother, Mrs. Minnie Westlake, still resides here.

Planning a big old-time, wide-open July Fourth celebration, Searchlight residents were making preparations for the affair today. The plans for the fiesta are headed by a committee composed of Gray Morris, Ralph Jones, Richard Arnold and Charles Hay. Raymond Griffith, who was in Las Vegas yesterday from the mining town, said that the committee's present program calls for a drilling contest, mucking contest, horse racing and a baseball game probably between Needles and San Bernardino teams. Miss Clara Bow, screen actress will reign over the celebration as queen. The affair is said to be the greatest held in the camp for twenty years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Must Be Signed, But Names Will Be Omitted On request

Editor, The Age:
Correction of statements made concerning the occurrence at the baseball park last Sunday afternoon.
We, law-abiding citizens of Las Vegas, Nevada, wish to give the following true facts of the beginning of the disturbance at the game Sunday afternoon.
To wit: According to eye witnesses the Williamses, who had paid their admission, were sitting in their car watching the game, when they were ordered to move by a man who said he was from Georgia and that "niggers" in Georgia were not allowed to look at white men play ball. The Williamses resented the insulting remarks and abusive language. Also, according to eye witnesses, the Williamses nor their guests were not drunk or drinking.
We feel that the public should know the true facts of the case.
Respectfully submitted by THE CITIZENS LABOR PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. J. M. Knight, Secretary.

MINING CAMP PLANS FIESTA

Funeral services for William Bryant, who was killed recently during dam construction work, were held yesterday afternoon at the Las Vegas Funeral Home under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rev. Sloan officiating. He is survived by a brother, P. H. Bryant, who arrived yesterday from Rock Springs, Wyo.

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

Flora Clar Peterson, plaintiff, vs. Orval H. Peterson, defendant, Harmon & Saltir and George E. Marshall, attorneys for plaintiff. Decree granted.
Grace Elen McMillin, plaintiff, vs. Thomas Edward McMillin, defendant. Decree granted. Guy E. Baker, attorney for plaintiff.
Miss Perry Mason, plaintiff, vs. Harry Grassman Mason, defendant, J. R. Lewis, attorney for plaintiff. Noland, Wiley and Noland, attorneys for defendant. Ordered that certain portions of pleadings be stricken.
WELLS ABLAZE
OVERTON, Kas. June 24 (UP)—Two blazing oil wells and a third producer which blew in out of control, tonight caused anxiety in the east Texas oil field.
The Tulsa Oil company's No. 1 Robert O'Quinn continued to burn near here and the Bell and Grady company's Stump No. 1 Daniels ran afire at Kilgore.
ULANES REINSTATED
WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP)—The difference between Anthony H. G. Fokker affectionately known in aviation circles as the "flying Dutchman" and the federal government gave every indication of a happy ending today when the department of commerce announced that 29 planes of his design may again take the air.
Contempt of court citations have been sought to prevent revival of greyhound racing in St. Louis county, Missouri.

A NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON
NEW YORK—Considering that the days have passed when city fellows sold gold bricks and the Brooklyn bridge to gullible investors, it is surprising to see the large number of victims who still give up their money in modernized versions of the old shell games.
It has been going on around the West Forties for days now, and the bright racketeers who evolved the idea are reaping a nice profit of dimes and quarters. Their idea is so brazen that one is amazed that they continue without molestation.
Four young men are involved and they calmly walk to the center of some of New York's busiest streets and begin a dice game, forcing traffic to circle around them. Always within a few seconds a crowd has gathered and the on-lookers quickly start betting their small change.
The game never lasts more than five or ten minutes in one spot, but that is long enough for the quartet to pick up several dollars' winnings. Then they move on to another block to begin a new game.

WALL STREET HUMOR
While the late Mortimer L. Schiff and his father, the famous Jacob H. Schiff, were equally noted for their taciturnity, they could tell a funny story on occasion.
One Wall street man was reminded that the elder Schiff's favorite anecdote had a distinctly financial flavor, as might be expected. It had to do with a bankrupt merchant in Maine who had swindled his creditors. This he accomplished by putting their merchandise into a funeral hearse and driving it across the Canadian border.
The Canadian border officials looked askance at the swindler. "Where are the mourners?" they demanded.
"Oh," the swindler explained, "they're coming later—some in 30 days, some in 60 days and some in 90 days."

SHORT SHORT STORY
Perhaps you remember the naive decade story of the horse that had carried its master to so many saloons that he would stop only at hitching racks in front of swinging doors.
They have given it a modern version in Wall street. A broker who went bankrupt in the recent crash owned a bulldog. For several months he lived in absolute poverty with only the dog as companion.
A few weeks ago he made a comeback and once more moved into his luxurious living quarters. Since regaining his riches, however, he doesn't dare take the dog out for a walk. He tried it a couple of times and every time they came to a pawnbroker's shop the dog would turn in there.

Curb Service: Hillside avenue, a busy boulevard on Long Island, is being torn up by a construction gang. Recently it has been the scene of so many accidents that an ambulance is stationed permanently at the curb as a sort of first aid hospital for motorists who suddenly find themselves hurled through a windshield.

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