

# FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
December 31—Maximum, 51; minimum, 26.

**METAL MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/2c pound. Zinc, 3.12 1/2c to 3.15c pound. Bar Silver, 30 1/2c pound.

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## Boulder Dam Project

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## GAY PARTIES OF VEGANS HAIL NEW YEAR

Resorts Thronged by Merrymakers; Good Play at Games

City Orderly, Crowd Of Visitors "Sees Old Year Out"

With a big whoop and a laugh, Las Vegas welcomed 1932 last night with open arms. Most of the population of this city and a large section of Boulder City thronged night clubs, resorts, cafes, and the dance halls last night, making merry until the first rays of this morning's sun gradually dispersed the celebrators.

**CLUBS THROGGED**  
The Meadows, and Pair-O-Dice were among the most tightly jam-packed establishments, with couples elbow to elbow. But nobody cared. Reservations at both places went like hot cakes yesterday afternoon, and tables were at a premium last night after nine o'clock.

Hundreds of other confetti-spattered, serpentine-draped couples packed the Black Cat, the Red Rooster, the Venetian ballroom, and local cafes. Plenty of holiday cheer was in evidence, although most of the celebrators confined their activities to singing, shouting, dancing and eating.

Despite rumors of so-called hard times, everyone seemed to have forgotten everything except that a new year was at hand, full of promise of a good time. Dull care was neatly and promptly buried under the tables and it was a "big evening."

## LADY LUCK SMILES

Evidence that Lady Luck might have changed in 1932 was noted as nearly every gambling establishment in the city reported a heavy increase in play. Tables were crowded, with roulette, craps and twenty-one heavy favorites.

Scores of private parties were staged throughout the city, where the coming of the New Year was observed in a more serious, yet pleasing manner. Dinners and dancing parties were held by many of Las Vegas' leading hostesses.

## EAST INDIANS DECLARE WAR

**BOMBAY, India, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—The Indian national congress party, led by the Mahatma M. K. Gandhi, tonight declared "war" on Great Britain.

The independence leaders agreed, however, to delay resumption of hostilities if the viceroy, Lord Willingdon, would adopt a conciliatory policy toward their campaign for self-government.

Under the leadership of Gandhi warfare means civil disobedience and passive resistance, but the Indian nationalist leader has declared that Indians must not hesitate to sacrifice their lives and the lives of their children in the cause of independence.

Previously, the viceroy replied to Gandhi's request for an interview in which he could learn the intentions of the government and decide whether the nationalists would pursue a policy of cooperation or of rebellion, but the reply was regarded as unsatisfactory by the nationalist leaders.

## GAME PERMITS ARE APPROVED

The city commissioners yesterday afternoon approved applications for gaming licenses for the coming quarter. Not all applications were in at the time but it is understood that all those now having licenses will be entitled to renewals upon proper application.

The board also made a partial payment to the Webster L. Benham Engineering company on its contract as engineers for the new sewer extensions.

The board adjourned until their regular January 4 meeting.

## THE BIGGEST GIFT



THE AGE wishes to its readers for the twenty-seventh time in its existence, A Happy New Year.

This time we say it with more assurance than on some of the past New Year's days.

Because the world is looking and hoping and making ready for better times. Tired of their fears, for the most part proven groundless, humanity again is lifting up its hand to play with zest the great game of life.

Here in Las Vegas the game is set for us—a great and splendid future as the stake. We have but to go into the new year of 1932 with courage, play the game like men and win beyond our wildest dreams.

So we say there is no room for fear and pessimism here. Our fears, such as we have, are unfounded. Our troubles, mostly worry over things that never happen.

So, now with the priceless gift of a new year in our hands—a new year given us to do with as we will—with which to make for ourselves new life, new hope, new prosperity, with such a gift given to us all, we can well say, and with full assurance

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## NEW YEAR'S EVE WET INSIDE AND OUT; PEOPLE OF NATION DROP WORRIES FOR BIG NIGHT

**CHICAGO, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—Chicago had a wet New Year's eve, inside and out.

Jupiter Pluvius and old man winter combined to provide the dampness outside, a sloppy combination of rain and sleet. Forecaster W. P. Day said it was the edge of a severe storm, extending from the Rockies to the Ohio valley and deluging many sections of the country with heavy snows.

Inside, the dampness was provided by the "boy friends" of Alphonse (Scarface Al) Capone, who have been making "bonded" whiskey in cellar stills for months, just for the occasion. It sold from \$3 to \$6 a pint, depending on the beauty of the label.

The combination of slick streets and too much holiday cheer caused many traffic accidents, but failed to dampen the ardor of 18,000 celebrators, who reserved seats in hotels and night clubs, and the thousands more, who saw out 1931 at private parties.

Prices in the more luxurious dancing places ranged from \$5 to \$10 a person, little more than half what similar reservations cost last year. Although federal prohibition agents raided Texas Guinan's Planet Mars cafe today and carted away all the tables and chairs as a "New Year's warning," no one seemed to worry about the agents' activities tonight.

They were instructed to wear tuxedos and suit the various "gay spots" alone, sit quietly at their tables and smile benignly upon any drinking they might see. They were instructed also to jot notes down in their little red books concerning those law breaking night club proprietors who served ginger ale and ice for illegal purposes, and about those who sold champagne made of apple cider and alcohol, gin made of reeked rubbing alcohol and "bonded" whiskey made as noted above.

## Mountaineers Climb Pike's Peak To Welcome New Year With Flare

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—A hardy group of mountaineers, members of the Adam club, a movie photographer and a radio operator, were on top of Pike's peak tonight awaiting the coming of the new year. Tonight

## LEGISLATIVE GROUP NAMED

**SPECIAL TO THE AGE**  
**CARSON CITY, Dec. 31.**—Recommendation of American Legion legislative measures will be made to the Nevada state law-making body next year as a result of a systematic consideration of the proposed acts under the leadership of a permanent legislative committee announced by Arnold A. Millard of Carson City, chairman, and having associated with him Grover Krick of Minden and John Lougaris of Reno.

An effort will be made this year to definitely anticipate the needs of the Legionnaires and make adequate preparation for them through measures that will be first considered at the district Legion conventions, held sixty days before the state get-together at Las Vegas next fall. The proposed legislation will be given careful study by the newly appointed committee and with its approval will be submitted to the state convention for official action.

According to Millard, in past sessions of the legislature, numerous bills have been entered affecting the ex-service man. Supposed to voice the sentiment of the American Legion, it has taken hasty action and considerable expense to learn the true attitude of the posts over the state. This difficulty the Legion plans to overcome through the activities of the legislative committee.

**VISIT FRIENDS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Silver of Tonopah visited friends here yesterday.

**BEATTY MAN VISITS**  
John Dolis, stockman of Beatty and former resident of Las Vegas, spent yesterday here on business.

## RIVER PROBE REPORT IS GIVEN BY GROUP

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—The committee from the American Engineering Council and Associated General Contractors reported today that they had "only the highest praise" for the manner in which the workmen were cared for on the Boulder dam project.

"This praise is being voiced by employees almost unanimously" said the report.

**SUPPORTS FINDINGS**  
The committee was appointed after widespread reports that working conditions were bad. The attention of government officials was called to the situation by members of congress. Today's report supports the findings of the Interior department which previously had investigated conditions.

The committee members were B. L. Drown, St. Louis; H. S. Crocker, Denver; J. P. Lippincott, Los Angeles; consulting engineers, and A. S. Bent, Los Angeles, Henry Horst, Philadelphia, and George Walbridge, Detroit, contractors.

The sleeping quarters were found adequate and clean. Food is plentiful and well cooked.

The committee ate and slept with the workmen while carrying on the investigation. Shares for quarters, food, and transportation were checked and found reasonable.

**PAYROLL DEDUCTION**  
A payroll deduction of \$1.60 daily is made to cover individual room charges, janitor service, board and transportation to and from the dam site. The minimum wage paid was \$4 per eight hour day. The committee said its investigation showed the average wage paid elsewhere, under similar desert conditions, was 38 cents as compared with a minimum of 50 cents on the dam project.

The mechanical labor is paid as high as ten dollars daily. There were a number of schedules of six and seven dollars daily, says the report.

"The job is being carried on on a standard 24-hour basis with three 8-hour shifts; no overtime being permitted except in cases of emergency and in full accord with specifications prepared by the government as well as regulations of the state of Nevada," the report said.

**TEMPERATURES**  
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## FAVOR OUSTER RESOLUTION FOR LAME DUCKS

Committee Report on Method to Iron Out Filibusters Okayed

Will Be First Act of Senator Norris in 1932 Session

**By HERBERT LITTLE**  
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**WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—Presentation to the senate of a unanimous committee report advocating abolition of "lame duck" congresses and the attendant legislative jams and filibusters will be the first legislative work in 1932 of Senator George W. Norris, Republican, Neb.

**WOULD SHORTEN TERM**  
The project, if approved by two-thirds of each house of congress and ratified by 36 legislatures before next October 15, also would end President Hoover's present term in office on January 15, 1933, instead of March 4 as now provided by the constitution.

Norris, who is chairman of the judiciary committee, disclosed today he has been authorized to make a favorable report on his constitutional amendment, under which the new congress would meet two months after election instead of 13 months as at present. The senator, who has campaigned for this reform for more than a decade, is hopeful the amendment will be approved by congress and submitted to the legislatures for ratification this year.

The 13-month period was written by leaders of an ex-cant and stage-coach era, when intelligence of national happenings and journeys to and from the capital took months instead of minutes or days, Norris pointed out.

**PASSED BY SENATE**  
"The senate has passed this resolution in each of the last six congresses," he said, "and I expect it to be passed again without much debate or opposition. No logical objection has ever been made to the changes proposed."

In the house, which has prevented submission in the last six congresses, the amendment's chances are believed to be better this year because of the democratic majority. Intense interest in this fundamental change is shown by the introduction of nearly a score of such amendments by house members. Last session the house approved a "lame duck" amendment, but changed the provisions to cut short the session of congress in even-numbered years. Norris and the senate refused to accept this modification, and the whole plan failed.

**WOULD END DISTRACTION**  
Norris' principal aim, he explained today, is to end the distractions which have always marked the short, or three-month sessions of congress. Another factor is that many members sitting in the short sessions meeting in December have already been retired, in the election of the previous month, by their constituents. This prevents proper operation of representative government, Norris holds. Some of these retiring members are apt to be influenced by the executive from which they may later obtain appointments to lucrative jobs, it has often been pointed out.

The resolution provides that congress shall convene on January 2 each year, instead of on the first Monday in December as now. It also provides that the terms of the President and vice-president shall end January 15, instead of March 4.

## SCHOOL MONEY APPORTIONED

**CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—The office of the state superintendent of public instruction is busy preparing the semi-annual apportionment of school moneys, both state and county, which must be ready by mid-January. About \$250,000 of state and more than \$300,000 of county funds will be available for distribution, according to Superintendent Walter Anderson.

## NEWSPAPERS SENT INFERNAL MACHINES EXPECT MORE BLASTS

"GOOD LUCK, YOUNGSTER"



## BATTLE OF CHINCHOW LOOMS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY IN EAST

**KOWPANGTZE, Manchuria, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—Led by the diminutive Lieut. Gen. Jiro Tamon, the Japanese army pushed southward from Kowpangtze tonight in preparation for a final battle before the gates of Chinchow.

The Japanese military reports from Chinchow, last stronghold of the Chinese in Manchuria, reported that evacuation of Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's troops from the city had been halted and that there probably would be severe fighting before the city falls.

Previously, the Chinese troops had been withdrawing southward toward the great wall of China, leaving all of Manchuria in the hands of the Japanese army. General Tamon, victor over the Chinese at Tsitsihar and hero of the Japanese campaign in Manchuria, was taking no chances of a surprise outside Chinchow, but he was confident that the city would be

occupied by Japanese this week-end.

When the main forces of the Japanese army entered Kowpangtze they had successfully wiped out all Chinese "bandit" resistance to a point within 30 miles of Chinchow. The second Japanese column advancing southward from Talsihan, encountered considerable numbers of Chinese and engaged in heavy fighting, but was expected to push through without great difficulty tomorrow.

The third brigade in the area, commanded by General Muro, was concentrating on maintaining railroad communication. He reported the capture of many prisoners, including Chinese regular troops, and a locomotive and 18 cars.

Japanese troops were patrolling the area through which the columns advanced, keeping open communications with Yinkow and Mukden.

## MORSE FINES TWO, TURNS ONE FREE

J. Scudillaire pleaded guilty to charges of liquor possession in city court yesterday and was fined \$100. J. Killbrew, held in connection with the same case, was released. Jim Doyle, charged with reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 by Judge Morse.

**P. T. A. MEETS**  
The Westside Parent Teachers' association held a New Year's evening at the school house last night which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

**ARE IN L. A.**  
Miss Rose Crippa and Miss Hannah Haun, of the Reclamation bureau office, are spending the week end in Los Angeles.

## Forger Tries To Beat Insurance, Takes Slow Poison, May Win Race

**SEATTLE, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—A K. Marinder, 35, was determined tonight to die before Jan. 22. Marinder was arrested on a forgery charge. He swallowed a slow

poison. If he dies before Jan. 22 his mother will receive \$22,000 in life insurance, paid up to that date. Doctors fear Marinder's desire will be fulfilled.

## JAIL ROCKED AS POLICE EXPLODE BOMB

Families of Slain Men In Postoffice Given \$100 by New Yorker

Express and Postal Crews on Lookout For Packages

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—A special police guard was assigned to the Italian embassy today, at the request of the State department. The department also asked the justice department to take necessary measures to protect Italian consulates throughout the country in view of the current bomb plot.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 31. (U.P.)**—Three duplicate packages, all believed to contain powerful bombs, were shipped into Chicago today, one addressed to the Associated Press office, one to the Italian consul-general, and one to the editor of an Italian weekly newspaper.

**REFUSES PARCEL**  
One bomb, sent to Editor Oscar Durante, who refused to accept it, was exploded by police, gouging such a large hole in the Bridewell jail quarry that officers considered it as one of the most powerful they had ever seen. They said it probably would have killed "hundreds" had Durante opened it.

The package sent the Associated Press was believed by police to have been intended to wreck the Ashland building, which contains beside the news service offices on the seventh floor, numerous Italian organizations, including the Italian chamber of commerce. The bundle was taken by federal inspectors for further examination.

The third package, addressed to the rooming house from which Italian Consul-General Giuseppe Castrucchio recently had moved, also was taken to the quarry. Police started preparations to explode it also, but desisted upon orders of Chief William Shoyemaker.

He said that he believed if it were left in the rain overnight, it would be rendered harmless.

**BECAME SUSPICIOUS**  
News Editor Brophy of the Associated Press said he became suspicious of the package delivered to his office when he noticed that it was addressed to "Tony Masillo, room 700, Ashland Bldg., Chicago." Room 700 is the Associated Press office.

Inasmuch as no Masillo worked for the Associated Press and because Brophy had been handling copy nearly all day about bomb outrages, he said, he called Detective Inspector Purcell. The latter rushed the package to the quarry where the other two packages had been taken.

The bomb sent to Durante exploded with so much power that it shook a large section of the west side of Chicago, excavated a large hole in the quarry, and shattered itself so completely that no clues were left.

"It was the most powerful bomb we have ever had any experience with," said Deputy Chief Walter Storms. "We believe it had the power equivalent to 150 sticks of dynamite. It apparently was made with nitroglycerine or some other exceptionally high explosive."

**PRISONERS SHAKEN**  
The officers placed a dynamite stick beside the bomb, attached thereto a percussion cap and a three-foot fuse, and lit the latter. The bomb exploded so violently that prisoners in the cells at the nearby Bridewell were badly shaken.

Deputy Storms said that if it had exploded in the office of Durante, at the L'Italia printing plant in the center of Chicago, (Continued on Page Six)