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## POINTING FINGERS

THERE IS no question that tourist traffic through Las Vegas is a stimulus to business. Soon a delegation of five local men will leave for Salt Lake to talk over this east-west flow of tourists with members of other chambers of commerce. An exchange of ideas will without doubt benefit Clark county. When cities to the east and west of us start urging traffic over the routes that pass through Las Vegas, then will we prosper materially.

Local businessmen are being asked to aid with the expenses of this delegation, all members of the local chamber. Those who do help will find their advertising dollar returning to them manifold within a few weeks. We have all been tourists at one time or another, hence we know from experience that it is the directing finger along the way that sets our route for us. This Utah parley will probably result in a great many fingers pointing straight through Las Vegas.

## SOMEBODY SLIPPED

IN CALIFORNIA members of two families are slowly dying, poisoned by a recently discovered and newly-used element, thallium. Few people know anything about this dread poison, more deadly than strychnine. Medical and laboratory men say there is no remedy, no antidote for it.

A man who knows a little more than other men about the stuff is flying westward. Stopping along the way he told reporters that he would try first one thing, then another, in an attempt to save the lives of the suffering people. He doesn't know that any of his medicines will be successful—he will experiment.

This thallium was used under the sanction of certain California farm organization officials for the purpose of poisoning grain, to in turn, poison rodents. The officials didn't know exactly what they were using, they didn't stop to think of finding an antidote first.

The fact that the hungry people stole the poisoned grain doesn't enter into the argument. Is it necessary to use poison without first developing a counteractant? Eight people have already died because somebody didn't think.

## EXPLORATION

UNLESS you are a true oldtimer in this city, a rare and quaint pastime awaits you whenever you try to find an address . . . that of discovering which streets are what and what are not. Each venture into an unfamiliar section of Las Vegas, rapidly resolves into an exploration trip . . . in which you question residents, or vainly search for street signs.

While this sport may suffer, certainly the patience and convenience of our citizens will improve with the erection of permanent street signs throughout Las Vegas. It is no exaggeration to say that an impromptu map is the best way to find addresses at the present time.

## TREES

ANYONE who has ever spent a summer in Las Vegas will agree that there is nothing more valuable to this city during the warmer months than trees.

Las Vegas is already fortunate in being well supplied with foliage in many sections,

## THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

BY KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—When the American delegation to the Geneva arms conference gets to work it will have one unexpected advantage.



As temporary chairman, Ambassador Hugh Gibson is among the world's most experienced men at that sort of work. None of the others of the American delegation, except Secretary Stimson when he works.

Hugh Gibson gets to the Geneva front to relieve Gibson, has ever taken a hand in an international arms conference before. Yet any Geneva gathering—more than any other effort toward armament curbs since the World war, or before for that matter—is the world's first round-table grappling with the armaments bugbear on a world-wide scale.

Except Hugh Gibson. There can hardly be any aspect of the armaments problem at Geneva that can be new to him.

He has spent 11 years, at home and abroad, storing his memory with the various national backgrounds of the subject.

Gibson started off as a member of the staff of experts at the original Washington naval conference in 1921. He followed that up by his prolonged service as chief American spokesman in the deliberations of the preparatory commission at Geneva which laid the ground work for the conference now about to convene.

Between times he headed the American delegation at the fruitless three-power effort instituted by President Coolidge to widen naval limitations agreements. And he served at London in the proceedings that finally achieved a five-power supplement to the Washington treaty.

## MAINSTAY

From the outset it has been obvious that Hugh Gibson, aided by his friend and colleague, Minister Hugh Wilson, whose experience is little less extensive than Gibson's own, is the man on whom President Hoover is counting heavily.

They are personal friends of many years for one thing. And Gibson's nature is such that his long diplomatic career has never blighted his enthusiasm. Even had General Daves gone as head of the American group, Gibson would have gone as his right hand man. With Mr. Stimson going over later, Gibson still will be in that role.

And he is too experienced to waste the influence of his delegation in striving for impossible commitments at the Geneva conference.

## LATIN REBELS SHOT ON SIGHT

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 28 (U.P.)—Travelers arriving here this evening by airplane from San Salvador reported fighting in the vicinity of the capital at midnight last night.

Ten or twelve bodies, presumably those of rebels, were seen lying at a roadside outside the city this morning as the plane took off, and it was understood that many more bodies were concealed by the underbrush. Travelers said the government was taking no prisoners, but was shooting the rebels on sight.

According to an official announcement by President Maximiliano Martinez, the rebel forces lost 500 dead and wounded in fighting during the last six days. Government losses were not revealed.

## WILL RETURN EX-MOBSTER

DENVER, Jan. 28 (U.P.)—Governor Adams tonight granted extradition of "Two Gun" Louie Alterie to Chicago to face charges of kidnaping for ransom after a hearing at which Ross Lee Laird, assistant state's attorney of Cook county adduced testimony of Gus Senger that he received \$1,100 from Alterie for participation in the abduction of Ed Dobkin, race horse owner, last March. In refutation, Alterie, Colorado rancher and Chicago Janitors' union official, swore he never saw Senger before today. Senger's testimony constituted Laird's entire case.

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The group interested plan to return later and make a complete investigation of the properties, mapping the mines and the surrounding terrain.

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but the rapidly growing environs are virtually barren in many instances.

Now, according to those familiar with planting of trees, is the time for setting out many varieties in time to get them started for next summer. Service clubs might find it well worth while to make a study of ways to buy young trees in large quantities, offering some incentive to families, or to school children for the planting.

## EVERYDAY MOVIES



SHOW BIZZNESS  
"Just a minute, boys—but whose courtesy are you by."

## RAIL SPLINTERS

BY JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

Four up-to-date steel gondolas arrived in Las Vegas Wednesday consigned to the Big Six for use at the dam. "Big Six" in large letters appear on the sides of the cars.

Engineer Hansell has asked for a lay off of two or three days. Lou is a much sought man these days by citizens who wish to get work on the sewer line, better get back to that engine Lou, before you're run wild.

Engine 2731 is going into the Los Angeles shops, being in need of a good overhaul.

The cars that were on the rip track undergoing repairs made necessary by the recent wrecks are fast being put into shape and sent on their way, especially the cars of foreign roads.

Another one of the U. P. A. C. trap shooting dug cuts has been destroyed by fire presumably set by tramps who infest that section of the U. P. yards.

Jack Gorham of the engineering department passed through this city Tuesday en route to the tunnels between Caliente and Las Vegas.

Chas. Lawson and W. E. Seyforth, two prominent members of the L. V. U. P. tennis club are moving to Boulder about the first of the month being with the office force. The tennis club loses two good players.

## MINE SURVEY IS COMPLETE

Completing a preliminary investigation of mining properties near Beatty, Robin B. Graham, Hugh Shamberger, local engineer and geologist, and Louis Kramer, Texas mineralogist, returned Wednesday from that community.

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## THURSDAY IN CONGRESS

By United Press

Ratified a convention of maritime neutrality adopted at the Pan-American conference in Havana in 1923.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Dem., Mont., warned the senate the country must make its choice between "binationalism or bolshevism."

Agriculture committee postponed action on the Norris bill for government operation of Muscle Shoals power and fertilizer project.

Passed a bill appropriating \$1,725,000 for United States participation arms conference from \$450,000 to \$300,000.

Senator Dill, Dem., Wash., introduced resolution forbidding export of arms or munitions to China or Japan.

Prohibitionists started presenting evidence before committee holding hearings on Bingham beer bills.

Confirmed appointments of Chas. G. Daves, Harvey C. Couch, and Jesse Jones to reconstruction finance corporation.

Finance committee voted unfavorable report on Democratic tariff bill passed by house.

Rep. Crall, Repn., Calif., introduced bill excluding Filipinos from the United States.

Passed \$125,000,000 appropriation to aid farm land owners through federal land banks.

Refused to agree to two senate amendments to the \$125,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill, sending the measure back for further reference.

Rep. Hawley, Repn., Ore., introduced bill equalizing United States duties to meet depreciation in foreign currency.

Impeachment charges against Secretary of Treasury Andrew Mellon referred to judiciary sub-committee for detailed study.

Rules committee approved resolution calling for thorough investigation into silver problem.

Secretary of War Hurley opposed proposed consolidation of army and navy departments under one department of national defense.

## NORTH LAS VEGAS NEWS NOTES

By United Press

Walter Stevens of the Laurel fruit stand left for Los Angeles Wednesday where he was called by the death of his son. The child died of pneumonia.

SIMPSON RETURNS  
C. Simpson returned from Los Angeles Thursday afternoon.

SIGN BLOWN DOWN  
Wednesday's wind, which almost assumed proportions of a gale, tore down a new sign at Floyd's Cash Market.

MISSION LIQUOR CACHE  
After having been fed and cared for by Peniel mission, an old tramp Thursday afternoon "planted" a bottle of whiskey under the church while he started on a ramble around the community. Not feeling that was the proper place for such a cache, Missionary Hart returned the bottle to the tramp, who destroyed the contents and removed his belongings from the mission property by invitation.

VISIT MRS. BAKER  
Leara and Daisy Sick have been the guests of Mrs. I. H. Baker the past two days.

NEW EQUIPMENT  
New china and other equipment has been added to take care of increased business at Chuck's Bakery lunch.

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## MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (U.P.)—There's drama aplenty in a sale of rare books, especially the auction of the Marquess of Lothian's library, concluded tonight in the American Art Association-Anderson galleries.

The bidding, for example, on the Tikyt psalter, a magnificent example of English illumination dating from about 1310, was exciting. It finally went to that peer of American book collectors, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, for \$61,000.

The Marquess' transaction of the sale occurred when the "De La Ruine des Nobles Hommes et Femmes," of Boccaccio, was offered as "the most important early illustrated book ever sold at auction."

A man in Muncie, Ind., was telephoned by long distance and a negro page was placed at the phone. The Muncie collector made the first bid of \$25,000, which was announced by the page. The bid jumped quickly, with Dr. Rosenbach and Barnett J. Beyer alternately raising. The telephone bidder would chime in periodically. He finally gave up, however, and the book was sold to Beyer for \$45,000.

More than 1,000 members of the police force who are assigned to clerical jobs, sometimes called "soft spots," were quaking in their shoes today as word got out that Commissioner Mulrooney is ready for a big shakeup, aimed principally at them.

The commissioner will order about 300 of the clerical cops back into uniform next week, and it has been hinted that many more will be pounding beats before long.

Two problems—increased traffic and an epidemic of house-breaking—have impelled a switching-around in assignments which it is hoped will strengthen the department.

Typical of some of the "soft spot" jobs which probably will be abolished are those held by a lieutenant and a policeman at headquarters, whose sole duty is to see that porters polish the brass railings and sweep out the dark corners.

A seedy-looking man stood before the magistrate, charged with stealing six pairs of 10-cent socks. It looked like just another case of an unemployed man driven to crime by want.

The judge ordered him held in \$500 bail, whereupon the defendant, one Abe Liepman, 42, reached into the pocket of his shabby coat and withdrew a bankroll that caused the magistrate's eyes to bulge. Out of curiosity, a court attendant counted the bills and found Liepman had eight \$1,000 bills, three \$500 bills and \$175 in bills of smaller denominations.

## SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY

HOLLYWOOD—Wynne Gibson is the girl who said "no" to De Mille. It happened when the director cast Miss Gibson as a "heavy" in his "Madam Satan".

She said she never had been a villainess and didn't want to become one. "No, I won't play that part," is about what she told the director whom Hollywood tradition says is seldom no-ed.



WYNNE GIBSON

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## IN—THEN OUT

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Then came a stage play and finally another contract that started with small parts at a small salary. Each succeeding characterization has been better than the previous one and now she is getting ready to play a lead—and a sympathetic one at that.

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It was like having a series of six months' contracts with her family. Fortunately, Wynne was better off.

## CALLS ON TRADE

George Elwood of Beaver Dam, Wis., called on North Vegas businessmen Thursday in the interest of Carlton, Pike and Orton, Wisconsin cheese firm.

professionally, at the end of each period.

"Now Pa and Ma Gibson are quite proud of their only daughter."

## MARRIAGE—NO!

This blue-eyed blond doesn't think actresses should marry. At least she thinks she shouldn't.

"No, sir, not even leap year proposals. "An actress and her husband, whether he is in the same profession or in another, never have the same hours. They see so little of each other that I don't wonder at the frequent divorces."

Her hobby is crossword puzzles.

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