

#### An Epochal Era

Those of us who have been privleged to live during the first third the twentieth century have passed through an era of epochal happenings.

There was the World war which, in its destruction of lives and property and changes it imposed upon the nations of the world has no parallel in all history. We have sat on the sidelines, those of us who were not actual actors, and witnessed the supreme tragedy of all times

We are just now emerging from one of the most terrible destructions of business and economic values in the history of mankind. It has been a picture of world pathos the like of which we hope never to see again.

Another tragic drama which called "The Fate of might be being played in the is Orient. It forecasts drastic changes in the peoples of Asia and its effects may reach westward even into Europe through the vast areas of Siberia and Soviet Russia.

A thusand years hence the present crisis in the Orient will be referred to, probably, as the beginning of the era of Japanese domination of Asia. A historic turning point comparable with the Tartar nvasion of China. Yes, we may sometimes feel that

the daily grind is inclined to dullness, yet we have been privileged to observe and take part in the greatest events of all history, to say nothing of the development of air navigation and the radio, which have revolutionized warfare and changed the trend of civilization itself

Utilizing War For Peace A new way to make war an influence for peace was suggested yesterday by a Chinese delegate so that the delegates, as they listen to the arguments in favor of peace, may sit at ease and hear the sound of the Japanese guns bombarding Shanghai.

. It is a great idea, from the Chinese standpoint.

French Have An Idea The French government yesterday proposed that the League of Nations be fitted up with army, navy, airplanes and all the necessary armament to keep peace in the world. The idea is than when two nations get to fighting, the League shall step in and knock the stuffing out of both of them. The trouble would be that the belligerents probably would gang husup on the League just as band and wife join forces to beat up the fellow foolish enough to





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### Sagging Market Perils Big Project



San Francisco's giant Hetch Hetchy water system, a part of which is shown here, may be halted and 1 300 men thrown out of work unless the city can sell \$4,000,000 worth of bonds. Banks have refused to buy them because of poor bond market conditions. The coast range tunnels would be the first work halted. Picture shows bechive

of activity at entrance to one of the giant bores

Geneva. The Swiss government is asked for permission to install a radio loud speaker in the world disarmament conference building. So that the delevate of building. **Blocked By Cops** 

> Girl Arrested After COUNTY BOARD **Hostage Found In Tucson Well** DISCUSSES

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 5. (U.P)-'Billie'' Adkins, 20-year-old girl, was arrested late tonight and held in connection with the kidnaping of Gordon Sawyer, banker. Photographs police said they found in the suburban home where Sawyer was held captive led them to a house in Tucson, where they found the girl. She denied knowl-



142-Year-OldFrame of Government May Be Changed This Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (U.P.) Fundamental change in the 142-year-old framework of the American government appeared virtually tonight of being submitted to state legislatures within a

few weeks. It is a proposal re-ducing from 13 months to two months the waiting period between election of a congress and its first meeting

BEFORE HOUSE THURSDAY Speaker John N. Garner an-

constitutional amendment, making this change and moving up pres-idential ir ugurations from March a neutral zone at Shanghai as soon 4 to January 24, would be taken up by the house next Thursday. United States government to settle the house next Thursday.

Garner has approved the resolution, and it is supported by nearly to information received here toall the Democratic majority and night

majority is required. However, it recent Anglo-American request for cessation of hostilities, it was said. was sponsored by Rep. Samuel Rutherford, Dem., Ga., who died Japan had rejected two terms of yesterday. A similar resolution by the proposals Senator George W. Norris, Repn.,

Neb., was passed by the senate last month for the seventh time. of the League of Nations council is the measure heretofore having been blocked by the republicancontrolled house. DIFFERENCES MINOR

Differences between the house to the league. and senate measures 'are minor, concerning the move, and it is unprobably will be ironed out The President's signature is not required for submission of the resolution to the 48 legisla-Ratification by 36 is neces-

sary before it can be made effective. It is unlikely such ratification can be obtained in the next few ening to call an extraordinary asmonths, so it is not probable that sembly of the league, if the powers' the terms of congressmen now in demands were not complied with office, and President Hoover, will immediately.

be shortened. While the senate was debating zone in the lower Yangtze valley unemployment relief, the house to- (including Shanghai) was reported

ing the policy which they should riculture committee took out of its it clear that any further moves to adopt relative to building the pro- pigeon-hole the plan approved by arbitrate the Shanghai matter mus posed jail addition to the court the senate for distribution of farm come from foreign powers.

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**AT VET PARTY** 

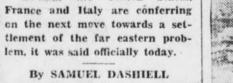
More than 250 people from Las Vegas and Boulder City gathered

tures.

# **Battle Pauses As Japanese Wait For Reinforcements and Chinese Observe** New Year; League Plans Next Step

U. S., Britain, France **Confer On Another Jap Offer** 

## LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 6. (U.P.) - Britain, the United States,



nounced that the "lame duck" (United Press Staff Correspondent) GENEVA, Feb. 5. (U.P.)-An invita-

the far eastern situation, according some republicans." A two-thirds | Japan was also reminded of the

SECRECY OBSERVED It was understood that a session

to be called for tomorrow morning. at which time the latest United States move will be communicated Secrecy has so far been observed

derstood that Hugh Wilson, U. S. observer at the league, was not obliged to announce it generally until formally communicated to the league council. The Chinese delegation was reported to be impatient and threat-

Shanghai experienced a short hull in the deafening roar of gunnery The establishment of a neutra Saturday afternoon, supposedly d ue to the Chinese New Year. While the Bund, waterfront boulevar d, shown above, was still deserted, Mayor Wu-ten-che, was using the pause in hostilities presumably to

The county commissioners yester- day turned its attention anew to to be under consideration at Tokio day spent considerable time discuss- the same subject. The house ag- The Japanese government had made

BUNKERVILLE

**ROAD MAY** 

**BE BUILT** 

#### **Tokio Scoffs At Russ GUNS ARE STILLED**

## Rumors

Concentration

BOULDER DAM PROJECT The Progress of this Vast Engineer

ing Work is Fully and Accurately

**Covered**, Associated Press and United

Press Wire Service Bring News of

the World to This Paper-A Leader

For More Than a Quarter of

Century

TOKIO, Saturday, Feb. 6. (U.P.) -The Japanese government has no information on concentration of large Soviet Russian military forces at Vladivostok and considers rumors of such concentra-tions as ridiculous, it was said today.

There is no reason for a Soviet troop concentration there, the government feels.

#### By D. C. BESS

United Press Staff Correspondent SHANGHAI, Saturday, Feb. (U.P)-A cessatin of hostilities at 1 m. today after three hours of lighting appeared to mark the beginning of an unofficial truce attributable to the Chinese new vear.

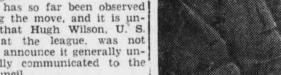
A spokesman at the Japanese marine headquarters declared in all seriousness that he did not expect serious fighting again until Monday. Chinese soldiers he said were attempting to observe the lunar new year in the best makeshift manner possible.

Japanese casualties Shanghai campaign were announced officially this afternoon as 49 dead, 126 seriously wounded and 128 slightly wounded. Accurate Chinese casualties were unavailable, but it was believed they were greater than the Japanese due largely to Japanese airplane bomb-

#### JAPS WILLING

Japanese officers admitted their willingness to permit the new year lull in hostilities, because they could not afford to lose more men and must await army reinforcements instead of continuing to sacrifice effectives without materially altering or weakening the Chinese posi-

The Chinese, it was believed. PENNY CON MEN were just as anxious for a respite. For almost two weeks they have SIMPLIFY GAME, held ground valiantly in the North GET POKE, SCRAM station sector in Chapel, and spite serious losses they have refused to be shaken from the posi-"I wish he'd come here first, I tion by repeated Japanese aerial, would have sold him the new post- artillery and small arms attacks. The Chapei district, of course



interfere in a family quarrel. France may loan her army and

navy to the League if she wishes, and handles his guns himself.

#### Andy Is Okay

Democrats in the house are try- after a pitched battle with deputies. and a board. to make political capital ARE FRUSTRATED threatening to impeach Andy Mellon as secretary of the treasury, to confirm his appointment as ambassador to London.

Which, somehow, convinces one that Andy could not be such a a truck driver. bad fellow after all to get by all the administration enemies in the senate in three minutes. cers drove away the kidnapers and

Which convinces us again that the really big men of the country are not the pattifogging, carping head cold his only discomfort. faultfinders who make most of the last night, two men s aread on the noise at Washington. running board and pushed a revolver

#### Renting the Jail

against his head. He was ordered The county commissioners were to "keep quiet and come along; told yesterday that a jail is a don't whisper or we'll blow your good investment, whereas we had brains out. heretofore always regarded it a They marched him to their own necessary evil. automobile, a small rovoster parked

ernment is having a difficult time near his house, and drove away, to find sufficient jail accommodations for those who are convicted in the federal courts The great they drove a short distance farther. federal prisons are full and over-**DEMAND \$60,000** Fred J. Stewart. president of the ation of federal prisoners. flowing, and the government is obliged to pay states and counties bank, received a letter by special dea dollar a day each for confining and feeding federal prisoners.

Some counties, we are told, make money by taking care of federal prisoners for the government. It is suggested that by providing suitable jail facilities we not only make our proposed jail a profitable in an hour there were a hundred automobiles patroling nearby highinvestment, but may also encourage the federal court to do a considerable share of its work in Las Vegas

WATER SUPPLY **IS DISCUSSED** 

Members of the local Kiwanis club yesterday heard R. B. Griffith outline what appeared to those present to be a feasible plan for piping water to the arid expanses of the city park, at a minimum of expense.

northwest section of the city, near illness the Wickman ranch, into the Las Vegas Land and Water company mains, and pay for the use of the mains with 10 per cent of the water. Under this plan, an initial outlay of about \$1,500 would be required, after which the water system for the park would be self-supporting.

ulous state, its features were dis- its part in the war against unemcussed at the meeting, since the ployment.

beautification program calls for an

edge of the crime.

lor spoke in favor of immediate ac- hearings on the LaFollette-Costibut we are ready to gamble that 2,000 men combed the desert foot- tion, basing their arguments largely gan proposal for a \$375,000,000 fed-Uncle Sam minds his own business hills south of here tonight in search on the present low price of building. of two men and a woman whose Architect A. L. Worswick suggested daring plan to kidnap a prominent that the architects who presented

found Sawyer at the bottom of a

As Sawyer drove into his garage

On the edge of the city, Sawyer

"We want \$60,000 in currency if

Stewart notified police, and with-

ways and eight planes were flying

a farm truck reported to police

PRIVATE FUNERAL

gas funeral home, and will be at-

you want to see your banker pal

to bring the money.

low over the desert.

part

banker and hold him for \$60,000 plans and estimates a year ago be 250 PRESENT While some of the wild-eyed ransom ended today in their flight given the opportunity to revise them and again present them to the

the

During the discussion it was detheir enterprise behind them, the cided that all possible information With the most difficult part of the senate takes just three minutes captors of Gordon Sawyer, vice pres- as to the future income and outgo of the county, with the amounts of ident of the Southern Arizona bank. were frustrated in the end by the r the various bond issues outstanding own audacity and the sharp eye of be secured by the commissioners;

the that all service clubs and civic or-"get-together" party, when twentyinizations be asked to discuss the five new members were initiated. Storming the house where Sawyer question and advise the commissionand thirty new applications were had been held captive at night, offi-

JAIL

ers of their wishes; and that thereafter the commissioners would hold read. A feature of the evening was Geneve said today. deep well, with damp feet and a a meeting at which the program when twelve members from twelve would be discussed by all taxpayers different states introduced them-

ho are interested. It may be desirable, according to embers of the board, to build a imporary jail on the Third street in states introduced them in some spot where the delegates highway so as to through Bunkerville. In accordance with sions. who are interested. mporary jail on the Third street of the ladies' auxiliary, and Fred de of the court house and await a S. Alward. During the following JAP DESTRUCTION

later date before building the addiscussion, enthusiastic plans were TOKIO, Saturday, Feb. 6. (U.P)tion to the court house. During the discussion the fact was 1933 encampment of the organiza-ing members of the house of peers. d tion to the court house. brought out that it will be 1935 be- tion of the state to Las Vegas. If that "any recklessness at present

fore any tax levy is necessary for these plans are successful, more might lead Japan to destruction' Another suggestion than building. said, he was blindfolded and cotton of considerable income to the country brought to this city for a four-day newspaper Nichi Nichi today. stuffed in both ears after which of considerable income to the county stay. built up to the requirements of

Among those initiated were R. M. Barnes, Charles E. Stout, J. C. hara, former foreign minister, and the federal courts for the incarcer-Levi, Fred S. Speck, Harry Ful- Hikoichi Motoyama.

It was stated that the county ton, K. G. Sharp, Warren Hislop, livery mail early today, reading in jail at Yuma, Ariz., provides the Arthur Myers, E. G. Levi, G. W county with an income of about W. S. \$50 per day from that source.

DoLee, Donald Morrison, John C. Milton, C. A. Wilson, Phelps, Earl Chugg, and B. Lind-

say, all of Boulder City. O. L. Peiffer, A. Simon, G. S. again. We will let you know where MESQUITE CLUB CELEBRATES ITS Webb, J. P. Kelleher, Peter F. Shapio, G E. Williams, H A. Mes-**21 ANNIVERSARY** seray, John L Fawcett, J. M. Ves-

ter, B. M. Stregel, Fred Rumph, The members of the Mesquite club W. F. Imlay, Ray W. Smith, and Shortly before noon, the driver of celebrated the twenty-first anniver- Bob McKreel, all of Las Vegas. Refreshments, furnished by Las sary of the founding of the club that he had seen "a new automo- Friday afternoon at the home of Vegas stores, were served and a bile" parked behind a hitherto va- Mrs. James Cashman. A delightful social hour at which dancing was cant house on the edge of the city, musical program added much to the the main attraction, concluded occasion. Tea was served at the what all present acclaimed as the close of the afternoon.

Private funeral services for John Sharp will be held at the Las Ve-gas funeral home, and will be at-LEGION PARTY

Plans for the American Legion

vesterday by C. K. Ryerse and Don have their houses plainly numbered.

process of being rehearsed, the girls pear before a meeting of the Na- Unemployed for ten years, Robert after he had received the wire, the site and other matters in connection having arrived yesterday, brought tional Boxing association prepar-"Penny banks" are to be placed for less fortunate citizens. All work tion which will be presented for the hibition tour at Milwaukee Mn- had inherited \$2,000,000 from an heritance and give the rest to both Los Angeles and Salt Lake City

"GRAVE" DECISION TOKIO, Saturday, Feb. 6. (U.P)-The greatest importance was attached here to the government's impending "grave" decision which today occupied the attention of the cabinet after yesterday's agreement

to send an army force to Shanghai. At noon the cabinet was still un- neer, has received word from the of W. H. Rouse, bus passenger bombing, and the Japanese claim decided regarding this decision, it bureau of public roads that federal whose few minutes' stop in Las Ve- to have reduced the forts at Woowas understood. An announcement aid will be available for the con- gas cost him \$85, lost to a couple sung in the naval bombardments struction of a stub road not to ex- of "con men." was expected tonight or Sunday. ceed 1.000 feet in length, leading

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (U.P)-The Chi- directly from the highway to a suit- to Jones, got off the bus and struck in the Eagles hall last night at nese delegation has decided to ask able point at or near the center of up an acquaintance with two strang- a. m. today started with the fe-Veterans of Foreign Wars authority of the Swiss government the town of Bunkerville.

to install a radio loud speaker in This information modifies the forthe world disarmament conference mer statement received from Carbuilding to broadcast the sounds of son City through State Highway battle at Shanghai, the Jornal De Engineer S. C. Durkee, to the effect that the bureau of public roads gambled. The loud speaker would be set up had decided not to re-route the in some spot where the delegates highway so as to pass directly

In accordance with the decision

the federal authorities. State Highway Engineer Durkee announces that in case the chosen connection with the center of Bunk-5,000 visitors would be was given prominent display in the erville should prove to be more than 1.000 feet in length, the state high-

It was understood the two peers way department will construct this referred to are Baron Kijiro Shideadditional length.

them

It is a matter of congratulation that through the efforts of the highway department Bunkerville may at last be directly connected by a paved highway with the through Las Vegas-Salt Lake highway. This

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (U.P)is considered by some as being more Andrew W. Mellon was approved satisfactory than being directly on as United States ambassador to cial activities. However, there was the main route of travel. The ten-, Great Britain by the senate today dency of recent years has been to-ward routing highways around Confirmation of

beg for reinforcements. A map of the war zone is shown in inset.

office

Confirmation of Mellon's nomtowns and cities instead of through ination as ambassador extraordinary and envoy plenipotentiary, rushed through the senate by Sen-Stewart, will be added to the car-VICTIM OF CRASH ator David A. Reed, Repn., Pa.,

was followed by suspension of the CRITICALLY ILL rules to permit Presid to be notified at once. rules to permit President Hoover "It is a real tribute to Mr. Mel-

With F. J. Bergans, accident vic- lon," said Mr. Hoover. month, one to make the deliveries tim, fighting for his life and still The President then prepared the on the new route, and one on the in a critical condition, Jack Lund- nominations of Ogden L. Mills, parcel post delivery service. The gren is being held until the acci- undersecretary, to succeed Mellon

NEW U. P. AGENT

Bergans was reported to be resting C. D. Wyatt has relieved D. F. easily, according to County Physi- Shelley as station agent at Boulder City for the Union Pacific railroad. cian H. C. Vander Meulen.

## yesterday by C. K. Ryerse and Don have their houses plainly numbered. Borax, the entertainment commit-and erect mailboxes on the front 62-Year-Old Man, Jobless 10 Years Is Advised Of \$2,000,000 Bequest

uncle who died in Germany. charity

The speaker was Sergeant Frank has been rendered a mass of C. C. Boyer, district highway engi- Jones, after relating the adventure smoking ruins by the Japanese of recent days.

langehow

Rouse, according to a report made PLANES AID ATTACK The fighting which began at 10 ers. With him as a spectator they rocity matched pennies, first for \$1, then with for \$25. They then suggested that aiding the marines and both sides he get in, making it "odd man wins." using artillery extensively. At 1 Rouse refused, saying that he never p. m., however, the fighting suddenly ceased, save for occasional

"Well, show this guy that you've sniping or a burst of machine gun got the dough, anyhow," said one fire whoch had prevailed during of the stranger, and Rouse hauled the preceding night, an unusually quiet one. out the poke

SENATE OK'

**MELLON AS** 

**ENVOY** 

In spite of their danger and mis-One of the strangers grabbed the of the bureau. District Engineer \$85 in bills, and both split the fortunes, the Chinese soldiers and Boyer will proceed to locate a route breeze away from there. Rouse gave citizens were observing the new from the main highway to the cen- the police a good description of both year as best they were able, and ter of Bunkerville, to recommend to men, and an immediate search in- the Japanese appeared willing to stigated.

participate in an exchange of amenities. A week-end respite will give time for Admiral Nomura, who will be the new Japanese com-S mander in Shanghai, to arrive. He is expected early next week, and late Sunday or early Monday Lieut. Gen. Kihara's twelfth division of the Imperial army is expected to

Japanese bombing planes

#### arrive TENSION LESSENS

An indication of the lessening of tension was seen in Frenchtown and the international settlement where a holiday quiet prevailed and where the women resumed sono relaxing of precautions in the foreign defense sectors. The lull

will enable officials to study the positions of the Chinese and Japanese. Four thousand Japanese civilians have been evacuated from Shang-

This number is one sixth of hai normal Japanese population the here and an equal number is expected to depart on five boats within the week.

**ELKS FETE TO BE DISCUSSED** 

Harry S. Joseph, exalted ruler of the Salt Lake Lodge of Elks, is expected to arrive in Las Vegas at noon today to confer with members of the local Lodge of Elks relative to the bicentennial celebration of George Washington's birthday.

Members of the local committee will at this time complete details of the program for the dedication

G. Leo. 62, today learned that he would keep only \$25,000 of the in- planned to have special trains from for this event.

Twice a day bicycle delivery is

**NEW POSTMEN** 

**START FEB. 16** 

Starting February 16, twice a day

delivery service in the district east

of Fifth street to Twelfth street,

and north of Fremont street to

rier service of the Las Vegas post-

office, it was announced yesterday

to the force on the fifteenth of the

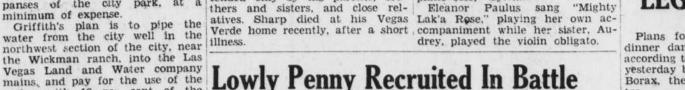
Two new carriers will be added

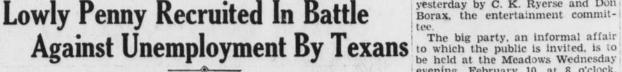
by Postmaster C. K. Ryerse.

of their lot.

evening, February 10, at 8 o'clock. Dempséy will arrive here from the

will be used to provide employment here especially for the new produc- atory to beginning his second exfirst time in Las Vegas at the party. day night.





While the plan is yet in a neb- lowly penny is to be recruited to do coppers in the jars. The funds raised by that means

almost immediate supply of water, about the city and Dallas citizens will be on civic improvements.

FOR SHARP IS SET den Dance," "Bowl of Pansies," all Miss Barbara Ferron played a tended only by his parents, bro- piano solo, "Sylvia."

The program follows ever given. "In a Persian Market," "A Gar-

dinner dance are going full blast, scheduled, and residents of the new according to an announcement made delivery districts are required to

be held at the Meadows Wednesday

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 5. (U.P.) - The will be asked to drop their spare A brand new show is now in the far west tomorrow morning to ap-

street, the two hundred block al- way. ready being served.

COLTON. Calif., Feb. 5. (U.P) -

JACK DUE CHICAGO, Feb. 5. (J.P) - Jack

added service includes the one and dent victim's condition changes. as secretary of the treasury and Bergans was struck by a car driv- Arthur Ballantine, to succeed two hundred blocks on Tenth and Eleventh streets, and the one and en by Lundgren, about a mile south Mills. three hundred blocks on Ninth of the city on the Los Angeles high-