#### Grist from the Daily Grind

FLASHY FLOODS

Yesterday we wrote about the Rio Virgin in flood tearing out one of the birdges on the Arrowhead high-

Today we find that the highway department is towing cars across the puny stream left from the great Tomorrow the river may be up again, but it is known as a flashy, flighty sort of stream.

#### SPEAKING OF FLOODS

Six Companies, Inc., building Hoover dam, have encountered some mighty unfavorable conditions, in spite of which they have forced the work ahead until they are at least six months ahead of schedule.

They ran into the hottest, longest summer of recent years for one thing. And now they are partially tied up because of floods caused by the heavy rains.

The delay in the tunnel excavation will be for a few days only. But later in the season, when the snows of the Rockies melt under the rays of the spring sun, there will be a mighty body of water loosed to come down and force its way through Black canyon. And Six Companies may very possibly find itself fighting the greatest floods

From all indications that will not bring dismay. They will simply get their equipment out of the way and sit down and wait a few days while the floods roll by.

#### BOULDER LEGION

The Boulder City post, American Legion, is putting on its big Valentine ball in the new city tonight. This is the first Valentine day of Boulder City's existence. And we may be certain that the boys will go the limit to put on a dandy

It is pleasant that Las Vegas and Boulder City are bound together by such friendly ties as their American Legion posts. It is good for both.

And we hope that many Las Vegans will tonight visit Boulder City and go to the American Legion Valentine ball. Of one thing they may be certain-that the friendly hand of hospitality will be extended to

#### CHARMING GIRL

Last night we saw Norma Shearer in one of her new pictures. There is nothing so very beautiful about her. but she certainly has charm! Just what charm is the Observer is unable to say. Perhaps we may define it as the quality which makes Norma Shearer one of the very greatest and most satisfying of screen artists. Any picture with that little lady in it is well worth seeing-and hearing.

#### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

ington. Nevertheless, as the years service is free of charge. roll by we look back on Lincoln with | Nineteen cars, containing 35 per-

or developing mining properties, or men over the solid spots in the conbuilding railroads or highways or struction road and the men carried great dams or canals

Lincoln was not polished and he the minds of men he had no super-ior. It was his own great qualities detour is now carrying traffic RACKETEER IS of heart and mind which compelled around the break the faith and loyalty and confidence of others. His unpretending simplicity marked him as great.

compare them or contrast them more clearly than this generation is able to do. And it is our belief that Lincoln will be placed on a pedestal quite as high as George Washington Both, perhaps, were equally great. in its human qualiteis.

We heard some complaint yesterday that police had the audacity to official, careful handling of last interfere in a purely private fight, year's funds reduced the amount friends who ordinarily get along be made by a finance committee

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# **ARMED MAN IS**

woman," city police yesterday ar- in that city. rested A. Westberry, and charged him with assault and battery and children, who with their father, sur- terday due to the illness of Judge

disturbing the peace. Westberry was allegedly involved with Mr. and Mrs. John Mayes in an altercation, and police said that when he was arrested he was armed with a 30-30 rifle. Neighbors, who promised to appear again him this morning, said that Westberry had been creating a disturbance in that

neighborhood all day. Westberry is the owner of the jured F. J. Bergans, Lundberg is in more hardy celebrants roamed the with a new and serviceable washjured F. J. Bergans. Lundberg is in more hardy telebrated location board, something new in weapons. Julying and operating a car wifh- looking for amusement but pre- Erupting trouble loomed in the cut a license, while Bergans is still pared for any eventuality. in the county hospital, recovering Two Iishmen with brogues thick of it was a double-bitted axe in from his injuries.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 11-Maximum, 65; minimum, 39.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (U.P.)-Copper, electrolytic, 6 cents pound. Zinc, 2.80 cents pound. Lead, 3.75 cents pound. Bar silver, 29% cents ounce.



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# THOUSANDS FLEE SHANGHA

#### DENY GUILT IN HONOLULU 'HONOR MURDER'



The ground was laid for an early trial-possibly March 10-in Hawaii's most famous criminal case when these four defendants pleaded not guilty to second degree murder indictments. They are, left to right: Albert O. Jones, enlisted man; Mrs. Granville Fortescue, prominent American society woman; E. J. Lord, enlisted man, and Licut. Thomas H. Massie, Mrs. Fortescue's son-in-law. They are accused of slaying Joe Kahahawai, native, who recently was tried on charges of attacking Lieut. Massie's young wife, daughter of Mrs. Fortescue. Temporary insanity may be their defense.

#### VIRGIN RIVER **NOW PASSABLE**

Highway traffic was resumed late yesterday over the lower Virgin river old man Aristophanes, but it's just where a bridge was washed out on plain "L'zzie" to the judge and pros-Tuesday, it was reported by high-way officials last night.

pective jurors who must decide whether the ancient Greek wrote a

The river has receded and teams pure or impure story. will be stationed to aid cars in ford-

we have when we think of Washing- from Mesquite to Las Vegas over a ton, the people will more and more telephone line construction road, place them on a level as characters were finally extricated yesterday as "Lizzie." when Ray Abbott of Mesquite sent The two men were quite unlike, a team and driver to the stretch Washington was the aristocrat, rich. where the autos were mired in mud. polished, educated. He was an engi- All of the cars but one were safely neer and a good engineer. If he had piloted back to Mesquite. One light challenges. They were asked whethlived in this age he would have car, carrying five men, managed to been building great industrial works get through. The car carried the

the car over the soft spots. A highway bridge over Beaver was far from being an aristocrat, dam creek, one mile east of Little-He was simply in his habits and field, Ariz., reported to have been far from being a highly trained or washed out yesterday, was found ineducated man. Yet in his hold upon tact, but the fill on one approach the minds of men he had no super- was swept away by flood waters. A

### Future centuries may be able to SCOUT DRIVE **OPENS SOON**

Only \$600 is needed for Boy But their greatness differed entirely Scout activities for the coming year, it was announced yesterday, as plans were made for the annual an hour later at Bellevue hospital drive for funds.

According to Ira Earl, Boy Scout being fought by a couple of good needed this year. The drive will denly they began to quarrel and the well together, but occasionally, when headed by the Reverend A. S. bed several times about the head out on a little celebration, desire to Kean, chairman, and comes at the and body. end of National Boy Scout week which has been marked by several special services at Las Vegas OFFICES, BANKS

# JAILED HERE MOTHER OF VEGAS PHYSICIAN DIES TO CEOSE TO DATE TO DATE TO CEOSE TO DATE TO CEOSE TO DATE TO CEOSE TO DATE T

Dr. A. Blinstrub, local physician, Answering a frantic summons left last night for Detroit, Mich- nounced yesterday. Banks will also from the Meadows addition to the igan, immediately after receiving effect that "a man is beating a word of the death of his mother

Dr. Blinstrub is one of seven vive the deceased.

#### GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT BUT 'TWASN'T LIZZIE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11. (U.P.)-It might have been "Lysistrata" to

Shortening of the name was deing the stream between daylight and signed to speed up the trial of 57 day by a mob of unemployed men heatedly "There is danger, according Lincoln's birthady is sometimes dark. There is no danger in cross- Hollywood actresses, actors and proalmost lost sight of because it is so ing, according to C. C. Boyer, resi- ducers who are charged with apclose to that of the immortal Wash- dent highway engineer. The towing pearing in and presenting an indecent play, "Lysistrata,"

None of the prospective jurors, somewhat the same perspective as sons, seeking to find a way through and few others in court could pronounce the name, so the judge ordered that the play be referred to

"We'll all be gray haired if we don't speed this trial," he remarked. 12 prospective jurors had been called, and each side had 290 er they objected to the intelligent handling of sex matters in a play. "Lizz'e" is said to be a "sexy" pro-

Several of the defendants dozed peacefully during the preliminaries, seautiful young actresses ignoring he admiring glances shot at them by male spectators

# **PUT ON SPOT**

Ricco, 23, known as "Little Caesar," vas fatally stabbed tonight during for weeks because of serious disan argument with three men. Police, who described Ricco as a small-time beer runner, found him unconscious in the gutter. He died

Witnesses said Ricco and three men had been standing on the side walk in 47th street conversing. Sudothers assaulted Ricco. He was stab-

without regaining consciousness.

## TO CLOSE TODAY

the county court house and city hall will be closed all day, it was anbe closed, according to custom.

#### JURIST ILL

District court was adjourned yes-

### Weird Weapons In Hands Of Vegas Celebrants Mark Last Of Fling

Weird weapons made their ap- observed lurching down Fremont

enough to cut with knives, were

alley on Block 16, and at the root

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#### W. C. IRISH DIES

W. C. Irish, patient at the county years ago.

# MOB ATTACKS

ST. JOHNS, Nfd., Feb. 11. (U.P.) -Prime Minister Sir Richard A. Ill., leaped to his feet and denied Squires was struck in the face there were any grounds for fear of food rations.

**MINISTER** 

Fighting their way past guards, the leaders of the mob throw Sir Richard out a third floor. He did not name the cities. window if he failed to meet their i

The prime minister attempted to reason with them, but was cut short by a blow in the face. Other members of the mob hurled pieces of broken window glass at him. Sir Richard attempted to escape, but was seized by the collar and legs, and held until he consented to MOB NOT FEARED issue instructions for bigger allotments of food.

The mob, which numbered about 2,000 including men and women in the street outside, would not accept his promise, but forced him to elephone an order to the dole office before they would leave.

A rumor was circulated without confirmation that a British cruiserhad been ordered here.

The rioting developed after hours angry demonstrations by the mob, which was made up of former NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (U.P.)-Frank service men and elements which had been threatening disorders tress among unemployed.

### SNOW BLOCKS **IDAHO ROADS**

POCATELLO, Ida., Fef. 11. (U.P.)-Additional snow and wind tonight hampered highway workers' efforts committee of New York writers attempting to distribute relief to nato clear the drift blocked roads in tional miners union strikers in the southeastern Idaho. southeastern Idaho.

Two large rotary snow plows Springs blockade where drifts from six to 15 feet high extend for nine

Highways to Utah over Malad summit and South Preston were Thirty highway workers blocked. were released early today after they had been snowbound several hours without food.

Gov. C. Ben Ross returned to Boise tonight after inspecting highway equipment in the snowbound

# AGE FURNISHES

WAR BULLETINS LOS ANGELES, 1000 Merrymakers who hurl things at each other during parties began to the during to the during to the during the during to the during the during to the during the St. George residents, snowbound making resolutions tonight when again yesterday, were furnished war they learned that William J. Mcbulletins on the Sino-Japanese situ- Whinnie was awarded \$10,000 for ation by Las Vegas Age. The bulle- the loss of an eye suffered when a car that Jack Lundberg was driving pearance in Las Vegas' quasi-street, inviting combat. Officers when he struck and seriously in-peaceful environs last night, as the arrested them, to find them armed County News at St. George.

deliberation.

later by Palm Funeral home.

## JOBLESS AID IS IN BALANCE; **WILL VOTE TODAY**

Senate Clears Way To Bring Relief Bill To Vote At Once

National Situation Is "Desperate',' States Senator Frazier

By HERBERT LITTLE (United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P.) -Federal relief for the unemployed hung in the balance tonight. WAY IS CLEARED

The senate cleared the way for a vote tomorrow on the \$375,000,000 LaFollette - Costigan direct aid bill which was amended to provide for an additional \$375,000,000 for federal road building

At the end of a day of stormy debate it appeared the bill was un-likely to pass unless the Democratic lines break further. Democratic leaders who proposed the "loan' compromise are expected to vote against the measure if their comcomise is voted down.

The senate today heard Senator Lynn Frazier, Repn., N. D., characterize the situation in the country as "desperate." He read from the Illinois national guard manual orders for the troops to "shoot low and use ball, not blank, cartridges in case of riots and mob disorders DENIES GROUNDS EXIST Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Dem

and otherwise roughly treated to- such disorders. Frazier replied stormed the Newfoundland to the adjutant-general of Illinois, council chamber demanding larger of a radical communist uprising if skulls had been crushed, and the out of \$7,000,000. these conditions continue."

ed this and that the book listed 22 days. invaded the premier's office and Illinois cities in which there have Referring to the "shoot low" in-

structions, Frazier said: "I showed that passage to a farm- the bungalow Feb. 5 on her arrival er who came to my office the other from Denver. With her was a young day. good advice because the stomachs of Police believed the women were the people are so empty that one murdered shortly after their arrival. bullet would go through four or five

The instructions. Frazier continued, said "A mob is not to be feared when first aroused-mobs are cowardly—it is a good plan to have sharpshooters on high buildings to shoot down on the leaders who are in the back of the mob."

He said in view of this situation "It might be poor policy to deny assistance to the unemployed.

## TO ASK PROBE **OF TERRORISM**

Frank, New York novelist, declared against the district. The project will ville, Ky

He chagred he and members of a subjected to assault and indignities ought to open the Alexander-Soda by Pineville and Bell county author-

Meanwhile the same officials denied such activities and replied that members of the committee had purposely feigned a struggle with of- one of the patrons of the resort ficers so as to arouse sympathy. The authorities cited ordinances as reasons for their refusal to allow the committee to unload its supply trucks to bread lines within the city

## REFORM—MAYBE through, and the upper of the off by his attacker's teeth.

by Eloi Amar, businessman, during The house nearly voted to pay W a Lions club party more than two F. Nash, San Pedro, Calif., twice A superior court jury returned the on a claim of \$1,266 for damage to

#### Banker Rescued From Kidnapers

# UNITED PRESS who was dragged from the bot-

tom of a well after his abduction in a plot to extort \$60,000 from him. Deputy Sheriffs P. C. Getzwiller, in foreground above, and Jack King of Tucson effected the rescue after a gun fight at the well with the kidnapers. Below, Sawyer back at his bank desk the day after

#### WOMEN FOUND JAKE FACTOR SLAIN IN L. A. IS RELEASED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11. (U.R) -Fire from an overheated stove to- (Jake the Barber) Factor, held in been murdered.

women, believed to have been moth- Federal Judge George A. Carpen-

Sarah J. Morgan, about 65, rented He said he thought it was woman she said was her daughter.

### **ALL-AMERICAN CANAL OKAYED**

EL CENTRO, Calif., Feb. 11. (U.R)-Residents of the Imperial Valley irrigation district overwhelmingly NEW PLAN FOR voted to approve a contract with the federal government to construct a \$33,500,000 all-American canal to irrigate the Imperial and Coachella valleys with water from the Colorado river.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 11. (U.P.) canal has been approved by Secre- ator Key Pittman, Nev. -Demands for a congressional in- tary of the Interior Wilbur. Under vestigation of alleged official terror- it, the government will build the ism in southeastern Kentucky coal canal and a power plant and charge fields will be made at once, Waldo the cost, not to exceed \$38,500,000, today on his return here from Pine- be financed by payments over a 40-

# IS BITTEN OFF

His ear bitten and torn off and was treated at the Las Vegas hos- tificates. pital last night after a fight with

Refusing to give his name, the in- SERVICES HELD jured man said that his assailant had been bothering him on the orchestra stand for some time, and when he went out for a cup of comstarted the fight. The lower part of home MERRYMAKERS TO the musician's ear was bitten Father O'Grady of the Church of IS RUSHED HERE

# Gordon H. Sawyer, prominent bank official of Tucson, Ariz.,

# CHICAGO, Feb. 11. (U.R) - John

night led to discovery of the bodies of two women who apparently had durance not so vile here since last and went calmly about the work of two women who apparently had summer, was ordered freed from rescuing non-combatants. Col. Har-Firemen, breaking into a small custody of his United States marshal ley Bell, British member of the inbungalow to extinguish the blaze, chaperones today, despite charges found the bodies on a bed. The that he swindled British investors corps, and Father Jacquinot, French

He insisted the instructions show- er and daughter, had been dead for ter retail that even if Factor had party was Bell's daughter. been guilty in England of receiving A gas stove became overheated money he knew to be fraudulently council chamber and threatened to been "communist or radical centers." after burning for several days, and obtained, he could not be extradited because such reception of money is Investigation revealed that a Mrs. not a crime in Illinois. The judge. est resistance to the attack of larger \$50,000 bond in event that attorneys appeal the case.

> der the eye of two deputy marshals bombardment by Japanese naval since he first was arrested on vessels. charges of mulcting British citizens shals kept him in a hotel room, slept near by, accompanied him to the theater and ate with him, all at

# SILVER MADE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (AP)-A Returns from 28 out of 34 pre- bill to direct the purchase of Amercincts in the district showed 5,109 ican produced silver by the govin favor and 997 against the project. ernment and provide for its coin-Contract for construction of the age was introduced today by Sen-

> The measure would permit the deposit of silver fom American mines at any government mint and would instruct the director of the mint to purchase silver at prevailing market price up to five million ounces monthly.

Payment would be made by silver certificates in one, ten, fifteen dollar denominations, which would be legal tender.

The bullion would be coined into his hand badly sprained, an un-silver dollars and subsidiary coins identified musician from one of the in an amount deemed sufficient to resorts that fringe the city limits meet the redemption of the cer- the bombing of the billet of United

# HERE FOR PORTA

Frank Porta, Italian who died fee, his assailant followed to resume recently, was buried yesterday af-the one-sided argument, and then ternoon from the Palm funeral

through, and the upper part torn St. Joan of Arc officiated at the ceremonies.

## Somebody Will Now Please Offer Bill To Provide Memory Courses the operation day morning.

Fort McArthur, Calif.

Rep. Joe Crail, Repn., Calif.

### MAJOR BATTLE **IMMINENT AS** TRUCE IS **ENDED**

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 a

Japs Claim Chinese Broke Pact By All Day Gun Fire

Nippon Apologizes To U. S. For Bombing Of Marine Billets

SHANGHAI, Friday, Feb. 12. (U.P.) -Although the Japanese refused to prolong a truce declared so Chinese non-combatants might be evacuated from the Chapei battlefront, their expected major offensive had not started at 2 p. m. today, two hours after the truce ended. REFUSES REQUEST

Vice Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese commander-in-chief, refused the request of U.S. Consul-General Edwin S. Cunningham and Mayor Wu Tei-Chun of Shanghai to prolong the truce, claiming the Chinese had been firing all morning. It was estmiated that 5,000 Chi-

nese civilians had been evacuated

from the Chapei ditsrict at noon. Foreign relief workers were aiding in getting them to safety. Despite the truce to which both rmies had agreed, occasional rifle fire from the Chinese ilnes endangered a relief party, which included 13 nuns and a British girl in four

motor lorries flying Red Cross flags. The women ignored the sniping accompanied the second relief par-

CHINESE MORALE HIGH

An indication that the Chinese will continue to put up the stronghowever, ordered Factor to post a Japanese forces was given by Capt. Harry Adamson, intelligence officer representing the British government of the United States 31st infantry who was at the Woosung forts Wed-"Jake the Barber" has been un- nesday night during a prolonged

in stock deals involving gold, asbes- twelve gun emplacements at the tos and copper mines. The mar- Chinese forts were still effective, despite a week of bombardment by the

Japanese ships and airplanes. He reported Chinese morale as unusually high. Eight hundred troops are at the forts, he said. They nore the aerial and naval bomardments and laughed when Adamson and other foreign officers ccompanying him ducked when shells screamed overhead.

#### AMERICANS ENDANGERED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P)-The danger to American lives in Shanghai is increasing daily in the opin ion of authorities here. Each new development in the Jap-

anese campaign against the unfor-

tified treaty port is watched with anxiety but for the present there is nothing that can be done. One encouraging fact seen here today was the desire of western powers. Great Britain, France and Italy, to unite with this country in any action possible to end what is con-

sidered the gravest international sit-

TOKIO, Feb. 11. (U.P.)-The navy

ministry expressed regret today over

TOKIO EXPRESSES REGRET

uation since the World war

States marines at Shanghai by Japanese planes and expressed its regrets to the United States embassy The ministry indicated it felt explanations made here and at Shanghai would end the matter satisfactorily, the embassy informed the state department at Washington.

# FOR OPERATION

Rushed to Las Vegas late Wednesday night from Ash Meadows, Ned Harvey underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at the Las Vegas hospital. Dr. Ferguson performing the operation at two o'clock yester-

Harvey had been under the care The cube assertedly was thrown WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (U.P.) Just as the house was about to of Dr. Calvert of Ash Meadows, and bass the bill today, its attention was sent to Las Vegas as soon as his vas called to the fact that the condition was determined. Although neasure had been passed at the in a serious condition when brought hospital, died early today. Funeral arrangements will be announced verdict tonight after eight hours' his home from heavy gun firing at paid. The bill was sponsored by said to be resting easily again last