

ODDIE FIGHTS FOR DAM FUND

Peace Work
Hugh Gibson, representing the United States at the League of Nations disarmament conference, complains that his apartment has been searched, files rifled and brief cases slit by marauders. Just looking for the gentlemen's armament, probably. When these big men go to a conference to fight for peace it is just as well to have all comers searched at the door for deadly weapons.

Lots of Ideas
Opening the conference, representatives of various nations jumped into the forum with their ideas, each anxious to be first in the war to end war.
Turkey wanted to create a super-state, big enough to bring all the rest of the nations into the woodshed and turn them over the knee of punishment.
Holland wanted to do away with floating mines because they knocked holes in her ships.
One nation wants to prohibit the use of airplanes for military purposes; another would prohibit the use of poisonous gas and chemicals.
As far as we read nobody has suggested doing away with guns and bayonets. Perhaps those old traditions whereby we are just punctured by a bullet or slit by a bayonet are the best after all. We'd better stick to the dear old-fashioned customs of our fathers.

The Red Napoleon
Some of us, reading the dispatches of Floyd Gibbons from the Shanghai sector, recall his fascinating and thrilling story, "The Red Napoleon," published some months ago.
And in recalling, we are prone to parallel the present threats of a great war with the thread of the Gibbons narrative. If you have not read "The Red Napoleon," now is a good time to do so. The observer guarantees both interest and thrill.

Scraps of Paper
Recalling the scraps of paper in to which the solemn treaties of world nations were reduced by the great war, we wonder just what good these various proposals will do. How many of the solemn agreements which may be entered into at the League of Nations conference will be respected and carried out in case of war?
We would do well to remember that all promises are void in time of war. There is no law, no rule, no morality. Only force and the fear of force are effective.
If China today were a well-organized, rich and powerful military nation, there would be no war in Manchuria, no threat at Shanghai and Nanking.
And if ever the United States becomes weak and defenseless, the other nations will attack and overrun her rich cities and overrun her lands. There will be no need of provocation or excuse. Those that need will take ruthlessly and relentlessly. It has been so through all history and will continue so until the millennium.

Possible Benefits
That benefits may come from the disarmament conference is, of course, true. The efforts which are being made there may result in great good. This will be in the way of agreements limiting the expenditures for armament and in curtailment of naval building programs. One nation can promise to refrain from building certain ships if another will do the same. Thus the load of taxation may be lifted from the necks of suffering peoples.
But as far as going away with war—it just simply can't be done as long as the world is peopled with a diversity of races with human diversities.

Bombing St. Peters
Now they are planting bombs in St. Peters at Rome. A queer way of keeping the lenten season sacred. Even in the sacredness of religion we find the seeds of warfare. It is difficult to know why anyone should wish to ruin that noblest of all the great cathedrals of the world or blow the Pope out of bed.
But humans are human. Aside from a few newspaper folks and "thee and me," we are all a little

Hotel Owner Is Found Dead
Letters among his personal effects indicating that he had been suffering from heart trouble for some time. L. J. Watson died in his room at the Pillage Inn some time Sunday night, and was found by employees yesterday morning.
Watson was the owner of the Village Inn, and also the owner of the Village Inn on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, and had been in business here for some time. He was 64 years old and was well known in Las Vegas.
The body was taken to the Palm funeral home, where funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Laskeys in Mexico
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laskey, well known Vegas residents, are enjoying a stop-over at Juarez, Old Mexico, according to word received yesterday by their friends.

Federal Reserve Credit Okayed

MEASURE WILL BE GIVEN TO SENATE TODAY

Solon Refuses To Tell Dawes' Testimony In Star Session

Importance Of Act Is Stressed By Both Political Parties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (U.P.)—The house late today passed the administration bill designed to pour billions of dollars into American business by liberalizing federal reserve credit.

The vote was 350 to 15. One member voted present.
LITTLE OPPOSITION
Eight Republican and seven Democratic congressmen voted against the bill. They were:
Republicans—John C. Allen, Ill.; Malcolm Baldrige, Neb.; Fiorello H. La Guardia, N. Y.; Louis T. McFadden, Pa.; Hubert H. Peavey, Wis.; George J. Schneider, Wis.; George H. Tinkham, Mass.; Gardner R. Withrow, Wis.
Democrats—Thomas L. Blanton, Tex.; Edgar Howard, Neb.; Wright Patman, Tex.; Milton A. Romjue, Mo.; Morgan Sanders, Tex.; Joseph B. Shannon, Mo.; Guinn Williams, Tex.

The emergency speed that has characterized congressional action on President Hoover's economic program brought approval of the measure after only three hours of debate. It now goes to the senate where only a slight delay is expected.
Financial experts say nearly \$1,000,000,000 in free gold may be put to work under the terms of the bill. The federal reserve banks will be authorized to advance credit on sound securities which are now not eligible for rediscount.
A maximum sum of \$10,000,000,000 in additional credit can be thrown into the fight against depression by the provisions of the measure. Secretary of Treasury Ogden L. Mills has estimated. The reserve banks are authorized by the bill to provide an additional billion dollars in currency but officials are confident this will not be necessary.
If such action was taken, however, the new currency would be guaranteed by the usual 40 per cent of gold, with the balance of collateral in United States securities.

Debate on the momentous bill was (Continued on Page Eight)

SCRUGHAM PARTY BATTLES STORM
Former Governor J. G. Scrugham arrived in Vegas yesterday after a hard two days on the road from Reno. He was accompanied by Frank O. Broil of Nevada Machinery & Electric Co., of Reno, and by Henry Luce.
The party left Reno Saturday morning, reaching Tonopah that evening in the face of a severe storm.
Leaving Tonopah Sunday morning, they battled snow most of the way to Beatty and finally reached Indian Springs Sunday evening. They found several cars either stalled by the heavy snow or off the road.
Between Tonopah and Goldfield the weather was very severe and the snow piled in deep drifts. The same condition prevailed for some miles south of Goldfield, the snow being piled deeply in the canyon.

Mathematician Frustrated In Bluff To Rob; Loses Nerves; Kills Self
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15. (U.P.)—Surprised by a police officer as he was attempting a robbery, a man whom police said was Antone Christ, author of two books on arithmetic, shot and killed himself today.
He forced A. J. Martz, prominent realtor, to accompany him to the Bank of America, and ordered Martz to withdraw all his money. At that moment, a special policeman walked by, and Martz leaped behind a pillar in the bank. As the officer approached Christ, the man shot himself in the head.
Police said they learned that Christ was an arithmetic authority and lightning calculator who had built up a fortune of \$200,000, only to lose it a year ago in the failure of a bank in Miami.

ELKS' FESTIVAL PLANS NEAR COMPLETION; BIG CROWD EXPECTED HERE

Governors of Western States Approve Fete In Letters To Salt Lake Lodge; Work Starts On Flagpole

Work is now in progress on the Washington memorial flagpole, to be erected February 22 near the Boulder Dam site by the Order of B. P. O. E.
The pole, a tubular, telescopic steel variety, was designed by Warner and Nordstrom, local architects, and is being constructed by Charles Beckerman, of the City Iron works.
When completed, the pole will be 60 feet high, six inches in diameter at its base and two inches at the top. It will be set in a solid rock base and tamped in with concrete. It will be painted black. On the top will be an eight inch bronze ball.
Electric welded, the pole will be flexible and strong enough to withstand such gales as the recent wind storm at Boulder. It is estimated that it will have a 24-inch sway under heavy winds.

Preparations are near completion for the visit of Elks of the seven states of the Colorado river basin to Las Vegas Sunday and Monday, February 21 and 22.
The great thought born in Elks lodge, No. 85, Salt Lake City, provides for the erection of a great flag staff over Hoover dam site and the raising and dedication of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.
The program adopted by the Salt Lake Elks for their excursion is as follows:
SATURDAY NIGHT, Feb. 20
8 p. m.—Leave Salt Lake.
9 p. m.—Banquet on train.
SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 21
8 a. m.—Arrive Las Vegas.
9 a. m.—Breakfast.
11 a. m.—Sports.
12:30 p. m.—Lunch.
2 to 3 p. m.—Parade of all Elks.
6 p. m.—Dinner at "Meadows."
SUNDAY NIGHT, Feb. 21
8 p. m.—Initiation at lodge.
9:30 p. m.—Dance at Meadows.
TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22
Sunrise—Salute (cannons, giant powder, factory whistles, etc.)
8 a. m.—Breakfast.
10 a. m.—Line up of autos for Hoover dam.
11 a. m.—Exercises at Hoover dam, flag-pole site.
1 p. m.—Inspection of Hoover dam site.
4 p. m.—Dinner at Boulder City.
6 p. m.—Back to Las Vegas.
8 p. m.—Leave for Salt Lake.
TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 23
8 a. m.—Arrive at Salt Lake.
President Hoover, Secretary Wilbur and the governors of the Colorado river states and others have sent letters of good-will for the occasion. Among the greetings already forwarded are the following:
February 1, 1932.
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks:
Please present my cordial greetings to the representatives of the seven states of the Colorado river basin at their dedicatory exercises on February 22nd. I am confident that the occasion will promote patriotism and good will.
Yours faithfully,
HERBERT HOOVER,
President.
February 1, 1932.
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks:
George Washington never saw the far west, but we know enough of him to be sure that he would applaud the placing of the flag he defended at the site where a great dam is to be erected for the benefit of millions of people. With hearty congratulations,
RAY LYMAN WILBUR,
Secretary of the Interior.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1932.
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks:
Brother Elks of the Colorado river basin, I salute you.
By honoring George Washington on this two hundredth anniversary of his birth, you make sacred your ground, enrich your heritage, bring honor to our order. Typical that you should mourn not for a shrine to our immortal Washington, but so and build. May your labors provide inspiration for others.
SOL BLOOM,
Associated Director,
The United States George Washington Bicentennial commission.

SECRET FILES OF U. S. ARMY DATA ARE LOOTED
By STEWART BROWN (United Press Staff Correspondent)
GENEVA, Feb. 15. (U.P.)—Documents containing secret information about the United States army and navy were ransacked by burglars who entered the American headquarters at the League of Nations disarmament conference, it was learned today.
Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson reported to police that on two successive nights thieves had gone through the American headquarters, breaking into filing cases, slitting brief cases and opening desks. Nothing but information was stolen.
SOUGHT ARMY PAPERS
The burglars, who are believed to have been looking for some document containing military or naval information not usually available to foreign powers, first went through Ambassador Gibson's filing cases on the night of February 2. Just before his speech at the disarmament conference outlining America's plan for limitation of armaments.
Afterwards the burglars ransacked the office of Senator Claude A. Swanson. They cut open his brief case containing private papers, but did not take anything. The next night they came back and opened the desk of Robert Pell and looked at his secret papers. No arrests have been made.
At today's session of the disarmament conference Turkey told the world that "until the civilized world organized itself into a super-state we can have only relative security."

OFFICIALS AWAIT WORD FROM WIFE OF MINING MAN
Funeral arrangements for William T. Jeffrey are being held in abeyance pending receipt of word from his mother in Montana, and his wife, who is visiting friends in Los Angeles.
Jeffrey, 29 year old mining man from Ajo, Arizona, had lost his position there, and was here to visit friends on his way in search of another position. He was found dead, evidently from carbon monoxide poisoning, in his cabin in a local auto court, where he had been stopping since last Saturday. He had evidently gone to sleep, leaving his gasoline stove burning in the closed room. The body was removed to the Las Vegas funeral home, here it will be held until advices are received from his family.

SHERIFF SEEKS EX-VEGAS COP
Norman A. Franks, former Las Vegas police officer, is wanted by the sheriff's office of Orange county, California, it was learned yesterday.
Franks, who has not been connected with the local department since last November, appeared in the Santa Ana sheriff's office, and allegedly representing himself as still connected with the Las Vegas police, persuaded a deputy to endorse a check for him, amounting to \$20. The check, on the First State bank of this city, was returned marked "Unable to locate account."
Chief of Police Williams, learning of Franks' impersonation, wired immediately to have the man arrested for impersonating an officer, in addition to pressing the check charge.
Williams said last night that if Franks is apprehended, he will aid in his prosecution.

LEAVES FOR HOME
Mrs. Jack Price, who came here over the weekend to visit her husband and attend a party given in honor of A. W. Ham, left Sunday night for her home in Orange, Cal. She was accompanied by her brother.

GREETINGS FROM EXALTED RULER SALT LAKE CITY
Now is the time for the members of the Protective and Benevolent Order of Elks to show their patriotism, to stand shoulder to shoulder, to take hold, pull together and bring back prosperity. This is not the time to
I know that your efforts will tend to dispel the atmosphere of fear and panic which prevail in the land.
More power to all of you!
Appreciatively yours,
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Fifty Percent Lay-off Is Result Predicted If Cuts In Appropriation Allowed

Arrivals From Shanghai War Zone

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (U.P.)—A fight against any cut in funds to be used in continuing work on the Hoover dam was launched today by Sen. Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada.
The senator introduced an amendment to the interior department's appropriation bill asking the provision of fifteen million dollars for the next fiscal year.
Senator Oddie pointed out to the senate that this is the same amount appropriated for the present fiscal year. He said the bureau of the budget had recommended only ten million dollars for the coming year, and that the house appropriations committee had reduced it to but eight millions.
Asserting that such reductions would compel the laying off of about half of the three thousand men now employed on the dam, Oddie declared that he intended to fight for the full amount.

NEW POSTMEN START ROUTES
Householders living north of Fremont street between Fifth and Eleventh streets inclusive, will have the advantages of house mail delivery starting today, according to an announcement made a week ago by Postmaster C. K. Ryerse.
The new mail carriers added to the local post office force are Earl E. Howell and William Hinson. One of the men will be assigned to parcel post deliveries and the other to mail delivery, according to Ryerse. The deliveries are to be made on bicycle, he said, and householders are required to have their houses plainly numbered, and to have boxes conveniently located on the front of their lots.

DEATH TAKES W. STUDNECKA
W. A. Studnecka, step-father of District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, died in Los Angeles last evening after an illness which has been gradually growing more hopeless since last October.
The deceased was a fine, congenial spirit who made close friends of all associates. For many years he was an engineer on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad, being numbered among the pioneers on that road. He was also a Mason, being a member of Hollenbeck lodge, Los Angeles.
Mr. and Mrs. Harmon and son, Emmett, are leaving this morning for Los Angeles. Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until after Mr. Harmon is able to confer with his mother, Mrs. Studnecka.

40,000 CHINESE, 20,000 JAPS MASS FOR BATTLE
Concentrated Forces Await Word to Open Major Fight
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SHANGHAI, China, Tuesday, Feb. 16. (U.P.)—The combined land and sea forces of Japan massed along the Shanghai battle front waited today for the order that will send them into action against the Chinese troops from Chappi to the Woosung forts.
Tanks, armored cars and larger guns than have been used thus far in Shanghai were in position back of the front lines. Reserve detachments were concentrated in billets for use at the most vital points in the impending offensive.
Artillery and aerial bombardment which had covered the arrival of more Japanese soldiers on Monday, died down at midnight.
The Chinese also had been

Summary
By the United Press
1—The massing of Japanese and Chinese forces along the Shanghai battlefront continued today under cover of casual artillery fire from the opposing fronts.
2—Apparently ready for a climactic battle, more than 40,000 Chinese troops and at least 20,000 Japanese soldiers and marines awaited only the signal to begin large-scale hostilities which the Japanese commanders expect will clear the Yanze valley of all Chinese forces.
3—Meanwhile, the United States made new protests to Japan as a result of two incidents arising from activities of Japanese soldiers in Shanghai.
4—The Japanese government decided to send more troops to Shanghai because of the influx of Chinese reinforcements in that area.

Will Rogers Ready To Get Islands' Independence, For No Special Reason
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (U.P.)—Will Rogers, homespun humorist, doesn't understand why the Philippines want independence.
While en route to the office of Secretary of War Patrick Hurley, outspoken foe of Philippine independence, Rogers met Pedro de Leon, a Filipino clerk, and said:
"I'm going to see Pat and get independence for you. Yet, I don't understand why you want it. This country got it—and look at the fix it is in now."
Later Rogers chatted with Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson and upon leaving the office commented on the secretary's almost daily protests to Japan, in this way:
"Mr. Stimson has the next four notes all ready to send."

VEGAS VISITORS
J. Foster and Thurman Robb, of Tonopah, are visiting in Las Vegas.