BSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

Got Their Man FAR NORTH of the Arctic circle a tragic drama has been played out in real life. The Royal mounted police have been for days following an insane trapper who had previously killed one of their num-

Amid terrible hardships the chase went on, the crazy man kept up by feverish strength, but nevertheless, growing weaker.

Finally the police overtook their quarry and advanced to take him alive, but he raised his gun and sent a bullet crashing into the body of one of his pursuers as the volley from the other policemen cut him to pieces.

Which is not so much different from many other stories of the M. P., except that every day of the chase the pursuers, far north of the Circle, were in communica-tion with their officers and friends back at headquarters and were able to give their story to the civilized world by means of a short wave radio set.

And, when the officer was shot down, a plane came immediately to pick him up and take him back the hospital for treatment, making it possible to save his life. Which indicates that science can penetrate the most remote wilderness to bring comfort and safety.

A Hot Time LAST night Sophie Tucker sang "Last of the Red Hot Mammas," as part of her act at the Palace vaudeville theatre in New York. As she finished the scenery took fire and only by extreme good fortune was the audience able to get out without serious loss of life. Which may or may not indicate that Sophie is some "Red Hot

FUNDS CUT

to protect

"Through

correspondence.

follows:

TO ASK INCREASE

The appropriation for the com-

ing year's work has been cut to

\$8,000,000 and at this stage of the

work, when it is very necessary

to push the great diversion tun-

danger and possible loss that delay

would incur. Six Companies and

others, including Dr. Mead and

complete destruction of the Valley,

which the Hoover Dam is designed

Secretary of the Interior and Six

Companies, I have all facts upon

which to base support of an in-

crease in appropriation for Boulder

dam project as outlined in previous

EXPLAINS

TREATY

observance of the nine power treals

by Japan, President A. Lewrence

Lowell of Harvard university said

tonight in his first rad o talk on

dinary session of the assembly of

pute to arbitration, to judicial set-

other state whether a member of

HARRY LIVERMORE

Manchurian and Shanghai devel-

"China has asked for an extraor- t'on will be set.

coast-to-coast broadcast.

Lowell declared.

BOSTON, Feb. 17. (U.P.)—The United STAGE IS SET

opments have shown that "mere day at the base of the Elks' giant

country with the covenant-breaking Ogden lodge were sending a large

correspondence with

pletion without incurring

Mamma" herself."

FRANCE does not intend to be caught again in a predicament nels and the coffer dams to comsimilar to that which came upon her in the World war. We cannot, perhaps, blame her for desiring to be prepared for any emergency.

Secretary Wilbur, favor a much The news dispatches this mornlarger appropriation. ing tell us that the French govern-It is the belief of both Senator ment has ordered fifty million gas Pittman and Senator Oddie that masks, to be distributed so that it is not wise to slow up this work, especially in view of the fact each one of her citizens will have protection against poisonous gasses. that the flood menace to the Im-We have heard a lot of talk of perial valley is constantly growing peace and brotherly love among and delay may mean partial or

The writer remembers well that first threat of war between Germany and Belgium, France and England, in July, 1914. we all agreed that there could be no serious war because the nations were all too far advanced in civilization. Besides, war in the modern way would be so terexpensive that no nation could carry on more than a few weeks at the most.

IN 1914, we were dealing with ate appropriations committee in the most "enlightened" and most highly civilized nations of the this behalf.

Just now we are observing the first tongues of flame which may ignite the hundreds of millions of the Asiatic races into torches of fanatic warfare.

Japan has her national aspirations. She must have territory to exploit and to accommodate her population.

China is in a state of civil war, with the leaders of both factions trying, without success, to unite in common caus against Japan. India is seething with revolt

against British rule. And beneath that the hundreds of millions of Mohammedans are eager to be left free to attack and exterminate the other hundreds of millions of Hin-

Then Soviet Russia is eager to rule the world. She would in a few years, if permitted, dominate whole of India and China. So we have had to abandon our

ifealistic position and admit that there is danger in every direction. And the country is pretty well States to keep out of quarrels her soil," he continued. "If it shall by the thousands, from far and and properties. between foreign nations and to be be found that Japan has resorted near to take part in this historic prepared to defend our own against to war without submitting the dis- event. any possible attack.

League of Nations

United done-it will be the duty of all the other cities in Utah, California, FORTUNATELY the States is not part of the League members of the league under Article Arizona and Nevada, Pat Gallagof Nations. But every effort is XVI of the covenant to prohibit her, secretary of the local lodge, being made to mix us up in their The League is about to demand state, and to prevent all intercourse group, incluing their 26-piece band.

of Japan that she live up to the with that state by the people of any terms of the "Nine Power Pact," which provides that a nation must the league or not." first, before resorting to warfare, Dr. Lowell, who once debated with submit the controversy either to the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge arbitration or to the League. And urging the entry of the United that has not been done, the States into the league, said a boy-League calls on all nations to cott of Japan could not be accom- for the purpose of discussing the prohibit trade and financial rela- plished without the concurrence of proposed bill for providing regular tions with the covenant-breaking the United States. nation, which in this case would

All of which seems a mighty puny weapon with which to at- Body en route to Salt Lake City. All attorneys are urgently retempt to drive Japan out of China Call at police station for details, quested to be present

HERBERT HOOVER REELECTION SEEN

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17. (U.P.) Speaking only a short distance from Davison tonight predicted that Pres- on the Spanish-American war. ident Hoover will be re-elected.

His address was delivered at a tes- iliary of a Spanish-American war Mr. Hoover's campaign in New York. the first sinking of the craft just proper proportions."

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 17-Maximum, 48; minimum, 38. Precipitation, .02. For the storm, 1.38 inches.

METAL MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (U.P.) - Bar silver, 30c an ounce. Zinc, 2.80c a pound. Copper, 6.25c a pound. Lead, 3.75c a pound.



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BOULDER DAM PROJECT

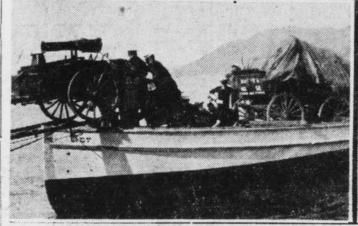
The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper-A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a

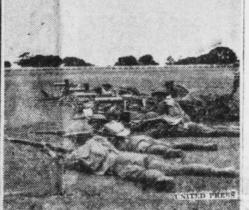
BOMB HITS FOREIGN GOLONY PITTMAN URGES FULL DAM FUND Fighting Dies As New Peace Parley

WILL PRESENT 'BLUE' ATTACKERS WIN MIMIC HAWAII WAR **DATA BEFORE**

COMMITTEE TODAY Senator Key Pittman is in full accord with the policy of increasing the appropriation for Hoover Dam work and is working loyally with the other members of the Nevada delegation to that end.







(Official photos, U. S. Army Signal Corps)

With airplanes overhead, submarines beneath, battleships behind them and a protecting smoke screen hiding them from the "black" forces on shore, the navy's "blue" fleet landed an expeditionary party on Oahu island, Hawaii, after a sharp battle and claimed victory in the annual "war game." Exciting scenes during the conflict were: Upper left, 30th infantry troops heading for shore in a navy barge; upper right, army mules getting a ducking at the start of a 100-yard swim to land, where they were harnessed to gun wagons; lower left, the gun caissons and commissary wagons following the lead of the mules; lower right, machine gun and rifle troops deployed in action. If they it would have been too bad for Oahu!

OFFICERS TO STUDY RESULTS OF ISLAND WAR GAMES

AT SEA, Feb. 17. (U.P.) - United naval leaders have finished study- result was planned. Pearl Harbor to study results of public won't know who won the day the Pacific fleet was carrying the Hawaiian Island "war games." "war." The conference will be se- out its athletic schedule.

With the pouring of concrete to-

ATTORNEYS WILL

DISCUSS COURT

A second meeting of attorneys

sittings of the federal court in

Las Vegas, will be held this even-

ing at 7:30 at the office of H. N

ABOARD U. S. S. MARYLAND, Even after the military and cret and no announcement of the

States army and navy leaders to- ing the moves of the "blue" and The airpiane carrier Saratoga "black" forces in the mythical at- was carrying the fleet officers to morrow will hold a critique at tack on Hawaii by the navy, the Pearl Harbor for the critique. To-

TWO INJURED LOYAL TROOPS

protests by other governments and flagpole, which is already in place, not alone restrain the use of armed and the building of stairways leadforce to attain a nation's ends." Di, ing to the site, the stage for the Washington's bicentennial celebrathe League of Nations to consider thing will be in readiness for Elks in slight injuries to six persons and offensive launched by the rebels as soon as he saw that Johnson in slight injuries to six persons and offensive launched by the rebels as soon as he saw that Johnson

In addition to the special train tlement or to the council of the load of Elks from Salt Lake City order in vacating the theatre in marconed there. league-no one of which has been and smaller delegations from many trade and financial relations of their advised late last night that the

about the hands.

part of the bill, when the fire started. As Miss Tucker finished and walked into the wings smoke and walked into the wings smoke and flames pushed out around the cloth curtain. Theatre attaches the trook court, took court, the court of manager telling patrons to exit take charge of the body.

In leaving the theater many of articles after the fire was out, while right articles.

FIGHT REBELS ran across a frozen creek and opened fire. When Hearsay kneel-

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 17. LE -Government troops and armed DARED NOT USE BOMB citizens battled revolutionists in the streets tonight in a fierce and pro- time, surrounded Johnson and lit-

and rifles, supported by a thousand the posse was so close that he offensive launched by the rebels from the Bella Vista barracks, opmosite the United States legation
his plane and raced 160 miles here.

Ser posite the United States legation.

The loyalists inflicted heavy casualties on the rebels, drove them back under fire and then opened a bombardment with three-inch artil-Two musicians in the orchestra lery. Shells crashed into the barit were treated for slight burns racks, which are more like a fort exploded with a roar and hurled debris into the air. The fire did not

TO BE ON COAST Joseph Count, Weir, uncle of W. T. fery, who was found dead Monfery, wh ook charge of the situation, the arrived in Las Vegas yesterday to

sive curtains caught ire quickly Jeffrey is prostrated with grief over her husband's death.

W. A. Studnecka, step-father o

ROYAL POLICE **GET INSANE** TRAPPER-DEAD

AKLAVIK, Northwest Territory Feb. 17. (U.P.) - Royal Canadian mounted police finally got their man late today when they killed Albert Johnson, insane trapper, in a weird battle far up the Arctic WOUNDS OFFICER

Before he dropped to the frozen tundra, however, Johnson shot and seriously wounded Staff Ser-

geant Hearsey of the Royal Signal corps. Johnson previously had killed one of the "mounties" and wounded another in their repeated attempts to capture him Capt. W. R. "Wop" May flew

the sergeant in to Aklavik where he was placed in a hospital. Hearsey's condition was critical.

The dozen police battled through snow drifts to the Eagle river in the Yukon before they finally caught up with the crazed Johnson. Although he was about to collapse from exhaustion, he turned for one last stand against the

PULLS TRIGGER

They tried to capture him alive but instead of surrendering, he pointed his wavering pistol at them and pulled the trigger. When the bullet crashed into the body of the sergeant, the other officers opened fire upon him.

He fell into the snow, dead, ending one of the wildest manhunts in pursuers picked up his body and started to carry it through the purple twilight of the Arctic day toward their base near the desolate spot where the Rat river flows into the Arctic ocean.

The posse was following Johnson's trail and met him heading back, said later radio advices after the excitement of the chase had

Johnson startd to run off the trail as soon as he sighted the dog team of Hearsey. The madman hid behind a mound. Hearsey and Noel Verville, a trapper, took rifles from their toboggans ran across a frozen creek and SENATE REJECTS ed to shoot. Johnson's bullet hit him in the knee, traveled along the thigh and lodged in his chest.

The entire party arrived, mean-Soldiers armed with machine guns head when Hearsey was shot, but Hearsey's condition was so serious Neb., who was named with Senators The legation was splattered by that May was prepared to fly him Thomas J. Walsh, Dem., Mont., and bullets from both sides and it was to better hospital facilities in Ed- W. E. Borah, Repn., Idaho, to rep-

WOMAN FLIER LOST

ATLIN, B. C., Feb. 17. (U.P.-Wil- The house in passing the bill addliam R. Graham, skilled Alaska ed an amendment requiring ratifi- 19th route army, which had won pilot, and Mrs. Edna E. Christof- cation by the necessary 36 legisla- undying fame for its defense of ferson of Portland, his co-pilot, to- tures within seven years, and also Shanghai, prepared for a peace night were more than two days ov- providing that no legislature can act meeting this morning, with strong erdue here on a flight to Point Bar- until at least one house of the legisrow, Alaska. Their monoplane was lature has been elected subsequent [ful last seen flying west of Nahlin, B. to the submission. This would pre-C., 100 miles south of here, Mon- vent any legislature acting until

f Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberts at the

of the young couple.

Is Being Planned Braves Leopard U. S. Admiral Will Sit **Tight And Await** Developments

SHANGHAI, China, Thursday, Feb. 18. (U.P)-The heart of the international settlement business district was rocked today by the bembing of the offices of the Mitsui company, a Japanese concern. at the corner of Foochow and Szechuen roads. The bombing occurred during a

omplete lull in fighting on the Shanghai-Woosung front, preparatory to peace negotiations between lapanese and Chinese SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

The Mitsui offices were bombed at 7:30 a. m. The entrance of the building was destroyed and windows in all four floors were shattered. One Chinese was seriously wound-He was arrested on suspicion of throwing the bomb. Police and settlement troops were investigating

the bombing, while precautions throughout the business district were redoubled. The blast caused plaster to fall in the United States office and broke windows in the Nippon Dempo (Japanese) news agency office on

Szechuen road. The Mitsui interests are extensive in Japan, including large banking, mining and other holdings. The family is one of the most prominent

By D. C. BESS (United Press Staff Correspondent) (Copyright, 1932, United Press)

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 17. (U.P. -The hope for return of peace in China was stronger today than at any time during the last three weeks in which the Yangtze delta has been Barbara Weeks, screen actress, bombarded, burned and terrorized shown back to work with the aid by warfare between Japanese and of a cane the day after she Chinese.

emerged second best in a scuffle The big guns which have roared with a vicious leopard. The leopard a bitter song of warfare for days severely scratched Miss Weeks were less active from the blackened

> MANCHURIAN REPUBLIC PLANS APPROVED TOKIO, Feb. 18. (Thursday) R)-The Mukden corresponden of the Tokio Nichi Nichi reported today that Japanese and Chinese conferees in Mukden had approv ed plans for an independent Manchurian republic. He said an unnamed person, presumably Henry Pu-Yi, deposed "boyemperor" of China, had been named president for life.

ruins of Chapei down the long waterfront to the battered Woosung forts. Shortly

manders and representatives of the

indications that it will be success-

g ceased entirely PREPARATIONS HALTED The frenzied preparations for a "great offensive" had died down and

the foreigners of the international settlement were less fearful of creaming shells from the front adjust differences, expressed con- lines. fidence that agreement could be And most important of all, reprereached. entatives of the Japanese com-

during the filming of a jungle

scene. The actress, however, hob-

bled back to the lot and bravely

worked with other wild beasts the

AMENDMENTS TO

The meeting will be the first direct contact between the opposing commanders since the outbreak of fighting in Shanghai. They will consider the possibility of the 19th army withdrawing from Chapei on ondition that the Japanese with

In contrast to many indications that peace is near, there were only two menacing developments.

First, the Japanese were authorized by Tokio to deliver an ultinatum to the Chinese to withdraw 12 miles from Shanghai. It has not

yet been delivered. Second, two British seamen, H. G. Prior and H. A. Francis, died of The Ed Hunting home, occupying wounds inflicted by a Chinese shell

ear of 117 North Fourth street, de- the front of the lot, was the largest which fell in the settlement. stroying all the worldly possessions house threatened, though for a British consul general protested the time, the homes of all the nearby incident to the Chinese military leaders. Marking an extended lull in the Mrs. Roberts returned home. Mrs. Early arrivals on the scene swung Chapei-Woosung fighting, a dozen Roberts was hysterical as she two garden hoses into immediate factors were cited as indicating

watched her home and her most action, wetting down the roofs of strong hope for peaceful settlement of the warfare which has threatened Due to the isolated position of the The almost immediate arrival of to spread throughout the Yangtze house, the fire was not discovered in the fire department quickly resulted valley United States Admiral Montgom-

(Continued on Page Six)

Battleship Maine Sunk Twice, Says Veteran Who Helped To Build Ship

Your wife died in Elko yesterday. Gambill in the Boggs building.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 17. (U.P.)-The | before it was commissioned the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. battleship Maine was sunk twice, a Speaking before a women's aux- was gone-sunk out of sight.

timonial dinner for Speaker of the veterans camp, J. L. Cramer, com- dock and after study by naval ar- doned property and brought it in- yesterday Assembly Joseph A. McGinnies, and mander of Fitzhugh Lee camp, told chitects it was decided she was top- to the theatre lobby. Here the was construed by Democratic lead- how, as a workman in the Brook- heavy. The ship was then cut in best effort possible was made to prolonged illness. ers as one of the first phases of lyn navy yard in 1896, he witnessed half and lengthened to give her find the right owners for the Harmon left this city Tuesday to local fire department to do other and glowing embers of what once

"We had been working on the ship foremost candidate for the Demo-cratic presidential nomination, Ascompleted," Cramer said. "We quit to take their purses. A special sistant Secretary of War F. Trubee years after the tragedy that brought work one evening and when we re-police detail prevented the auditurned the next morning the ship ence from reentering to find lost from the Vesper funeral parlor in "The ship was raised, put in dry ineatre ushers picked up the aban- according to advices received here prized possessions go up in flames. the surrounding buildings.

IN THEATRE BLAZE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (U.P.)-A ire backstage at the Palace vaudeagreed that it is up to the United the acts of Japanese troops upon and their friends, who will come extensive damage to stage scenery

> The 1,700 persons in the audirecord time. However, four persons were bruised or suffered slight lacrations in leaving the building.

The fire was started by a short Tucker, star of the program, was rebel defenses. ust completing one of her well known songs. "The Last of the Red

and what were not destroyed by fire suffered from water and smoke

the patrons left behind articles of clothing. This was especially true

the entire population.

ence maintained surprisingly good understood that two secretaries were monton, should physicians order resent the senate in an effort to

rcuit in a defective lamp. Sophie appear to do much damage to the

Hot Mammas," closing the first JEFFREY RITES

in orderly fashion and the stage hands bringing down the asbestos curtain and fighting the fire before the arrival of the firemen.

The limsy scenery and expensive curtains caught ire quickly.

The limsy scenery and expensive curtains caught ire quickly.

STUDNECKA WILL BE BURIED FRIDAY

Los Angeles, at 2:00 p. m., Friday.

Studnecka died recently after a Mr. and Mrs time for the speedy efforts of the in the extinguishing of the flames be present at the services.

LAME DUCK BILL WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (U.P.) streets tonight in a fierce and pro-longed engagement which terrorized the entire population. The senate today rejected the house erally cut him to pieces with bul-lets. Capt. May was flying over-amendments to the Norris "lame duck" constitutional amendment ing tonight's performance resulted civilian volunteers, hurled back an dared not drop bombs. He landed abolishing short sessions of congress

Fire early today razed the home buildings from catching fire.

before 2:30 a. m., just as Mr. and ger from the flying embers.

than save the closely surrounding was the Roberts' little home.

The blaze was discovered shortly residents on the block were in dan-

very next day.