

# HELLO BILL---Welcome To Las Vegas And Hoover Dam

## OBSERVATIONS

### Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

Our Visitors  
Not for the honor of George Washington alone, nor entirely because they want to see Hoover Dam project under construction, but because the fame of Las Vegas has reached their ears, are visitors coming here today.

Las Vegas has developed a character of her own. Simply as a divorce colony, or as a place of entertainment and amusement, although we can please in both capacities.

But Las Vegas has a reputation as a community of vigor and force, with vision peering into the future and seizing upon the many natural advantages we have with which to build a city.

Leaving all other features aside just now, we can assure our visitors that we have one outstanding advantage the equal of which but few cities can boast. We are only 30 miles from a vast amount of power which can be had at cost for the asking—the cheapest in the world.

That power is an asset sufficiently great and valuable to double the present wealth and population of the state.

And we have only a few years to wait until men and money will come to us to establish enterprises and create permanent payrolls for Las Vegas and taxable wealth for the whole state.

We mention this lest some of our visitors, not properly informed, might imagine that all Las Vegas is building on are divorces, night clubs, gambling clubs and the Hoover Dam construction payroll. These are only our temporary and incidental advantages.

Our cheap power applied to our inexhaustible store of metallic and non-metallic minerals, will prove our stepping stone to metropolitan greatness.

### A Great Bridge

Governor Balzar, State Highway Engineer Durkee and other officials of the highway department yesterday drove to the new bridge just being completed across the Virgin river between Bunkerville and Mesquite.

They found there the longest bridge in the state, 1,000 feet long without the approaches. It is built of reinforced concrete and comprises nineteen graceful spans. The new bridge is a credit to the state highway department and to Dodge Brothers, the contractors. It has been completed in excellent time, under some serious handicaps, including floods which several times caused delay in the work besides doing considerable direct damage.

### Feeding the Public

When one drives across the imposing Virgin river bridge with its nineteen graceful spans supporting its thousand feet of roadway, one notices the perfect level of the structure and its satisfying proportions.

Then we are told by the engineers that the bridge is not level at all, but that it bows up slightly in the middle like an arch. "Why?" we ask. "Just to make it appear level," they are told.

And then it is explained that a bridge of such length, if built on a dead level grade would not look so well, because it would appear to the casual observer to dish in the middle. And we are told that engineers now give much attention to those artistic details which make some structures so satisfying.

And so we find that in some things it is quite desirable and entirely laudable that the public should be fooled.

### Modern Highways

On the subject of highways, we all notice a very great improvement in the engineering of modern highways. When our first state highways were built there were comparatively few automobiles and practically no heavy trucks.

The grades for the most part followed the contours of the natural surface. There were but few cuts and fills of any magnitude. And such highways were fine for the amount of traffic there then was.

But now cars are heavy and powerful and the number of them on our highways has increased a hundred fold.

So highway engineering has had to change to keep pace with the changing demands of travel.

Modern highways are being engineered with almost the same care for curvature and grade that railroads demand. Take, for example, the sector of Arrowhead highway between the lower Virgin

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### TEN NEW MEN JOIN VETERANS

Ten men were initiated into membership in the Fred S. Pennington post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last Friday evening at the regular meeting.

Five of the men initiated were from Las Vegas. They are Herbert Johns, Fred E. Westlund, Claude Rader, William Wilson, and William J. Case. The other five men were from Boulder City, and are A. C. Gartman, T. F. Brown, N. H. Neal, C. P. Hill, and S. B. Ballard.

The meeting was characterized by a large turnout of Boulder City members of the group.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 20—Maximum, 61, minimum 36. Precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6.00 p.m. 0.6. For the storm 1.75, for February to date, 2.25 inches.

### METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (U.P.)—Bar silver 30 3/8 an ounce. Zinc, 2.85c a pound. Copper, 6 1/2c a pound. Lead, 3.75c a pound.

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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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 Century.

# JAPAN'S BIG DRIVE FAILS

# ELKS COME FOR BIG CEREMONY

## To Honor Memory Of First President

### Vegas, Boulder, Hosts From Outside

They're turning southern Nevada over to the Bills today.

Elks from every which way are due in Las Vegas early this morning and probably will be stringing into the city all during the day. Witness an Associated Press dispatch from Salt Lake City received last night.

"A plaque of Utah copper bearing Washington's bust, and a flagpole will be erected at Point Lookout, above the dam site. Governors Seligman of New Mexico, Clark of Wyoming and Governor Balzar of Nevada have accepted invitations to attend. Others present will be John J. Doyle, Grand Esquire of the Elks, and Albert Hagen, Grand Trustee, both of Los Angeles."

The vanguard of the celebrants will arrive on the seven o'clock train this morning, from Salt Lake City and neighboring centers. A large crowd of Vegas Bills are expected to be on hand to greet them and escort them to breakfast.

### BIG PARADE

The first festivities of the two day celebration start immediately after lunch, with a big parade, planned for several weeks past by the local Elks lodge. In the afternoon, special prize fights have been arranged, and an open house will be maintained at the local Elks club until time for the stag dinner at five o'clock, at The Meadows. After the dinner, local and visiting Bills will return to the lodge rooms, where a return of more than fifty men will be inducted into the organization.

In preparation for these gala two days Vegas merchants have decorated their store fronts and windows, while the city has decorated Fremont street from Main to Fifth, resulting in the length of the business district taking on a colorful appearance with the purple and white flags and bunting.

### OWN PLAYGROUND

Throwing a complete city block on Fremont street over to the exclusive use of visiting Elks for their celebration, Chief of Police Clay H. Williams has arranged that Fremont street between First and Second streets will be roped off.

No automobiles will be allowed to drive over or park in that entire block, according to Williams, for the entire two days of the celebration. The space is to be opened for the parade only, and for the rest of the time, will be used by the Elks of Las Vegas and Salt Lake City for their drill teams and drum and bugle corps.

### RETURN TO L. A.

Joe Seigel and Abe Levin, vice president and accountant of the Kelly Pipe company, have returned to Los Angeles, after having spent several days here on business.

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## VEGAS FLIER IS INJURED IN SALT LAKE CRASH

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 20 (U.P.)—William A. Woodard, 28, Las Vegas, Nev., was seriously injured here today when the airplane in which he was making a test flight, crashed.

The plane Woodard was flying was the same one which crashed and killed James Sawyers, president of a local aviation school, recently.

Woodard started reconstruction work on the plane shortly after Sawyers' ill-fated flight. Today he decided to test it prior to flying to Las Vegas. Spectators said the plane reached a height of about 60 feet when the motor stalled.

Woodard was taken to the Emergency hospital, where physicians said he suffered a broken right leg, a fractured left arm, and possible internal injuries, aside from serious cuts and bruises.

William A. Woodard is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Woodard of Las Vegas. He learned to fly here during 1931 and had the distinction of making his first solo flight after dark, and landing on what is now the Meadows airport with only the lights of parked cars to light the field.

"Bill" as he is called by his friends, is a native of Arden, and is well known throughout the county. For several years he has been an aviation enthusiast.

## NEVADA ACTRESS IS NEAR DEATH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 20 (U.P.)—Edna Purviance, film actress who gained fame as a leading woman for Charles Chaplin, comedian, was reported near death tonight in Hollywood hospital.

Miss Purviance was suffering from acute heart disease and an abdominal disorder, it was said. Dr. Hurt Behne, her physician, admitted her condition was so serious that an operation could not be attempted immediately.

A consultation of physicians was held before it was decided not to operate. It was said the actress possibly was suffering from a perforate ulcer in addition to the heart disorder.

The actress became ill several days ago but her condition was not regarded as critical until today.

Miss Purviance is a native of Fallon, Nevada. She was born 34 years ago.

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## CAREER OF FIRST PRESIDENT IN PICTURES



Portraits inspiring the stamps that commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's birth cover the period from shortly before his marriage to Martha Custis to shortly before his death. The artists represented by their pictures are (top row, left to right) Charles Wilson Peale, Jean Antoine Houdon, Peale, Gilbert Stuart, (middle row, left to right) Peale, Peale, John Trumbull, (bottom row, left to right) Trumbull, C. E. J. F. de Saint Memin, William J. Williams and Gilbert Stuart.

## George Washington Bi-centennial Celebration

LAS VEGAS—HOOVER DAM FEBRUARY 21-22, 1932

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

7:00 A. M.—Arrival of Salt Lake Special train at Union Pacific station. Met by American Legion Drum Corps and Las Vegas Elks.

Breakfast at various restaurants about town after which visitors will be "on their own" until the parade at 1:30. Golf at Las Vegas Country Club if weather permits.

The parade will form at the American Legion club house, Third street, at 1:30 p. m. The line of march has been fixed as follows: On Third, north to Carson; on Carson to Fifth; on Fifth to Fremont; thence on Fremont to Main, where the parade will disband.

Immediately after the parade the American Legion gift card will be held at the Legion stadium.

Stag dinner at The Meadows at 5:00. Visitors meet at Elks' club at 4:30 and cars will be provided to carry them. All Las Vegas Elks who will provide transportation, please advise Jim Challman.

Initiation ceremonies at the Elks' hall beginning at 6:30. About 50 candidates will receive the degree.

At 9:30 Elks' dance starts at Elks' hall. Because of the difficulty of transportation the plan of having the dance elsewhere was abandoned. Ladies will gather at Elks' Club rooms prior to 9:30.

MONDAY'S PROGRAM—FEBRUARY 22, 1932

Leave Las Vegas 9:30 a. m. for the Colorado river. Exercises will begin at 11:00 a. m.

All cars are requested to follow the flags marking the route to the site of the celebration. Drivers are requested not to pass through Boulder City on the way out.

The paved LeTourneau highway should be followed to the end of the paving, where rangers will be stationed to direct the parking of the cars. If directions are followed there will be no confusion.

THE EXERCISES

Chairman of the Day—Judge William E. Orr. Selection—Ogden band. Elks' Ritualistic Ceremony and Flag Raising—Officers of Salt Lake Lodge, No. 85, and Las Vegas Lodge, No. 1468. Unfurling the Flag—Marjorie Williams, daughter of United States Marshal Claude Williams. Chorus—Glee Club of Las Vegas High School. Oration—E. W. Kelly, Salt Lake. Music—Ogden Band. Reading—Washington's Farewell Address—Douglas Dashiell, Athletic Director, Las Vegas high school. Chorus—Glee Club. Address—Hon. Fred B. Balzar, Governor of Nevada. Address—Hon. Milton Wellington, Secretary of State of Utah. Address—Col. Carlos Huntington, personal representative of Governor James Rolph of California. Address—Hon. Walker R. Young, engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, in charge of construction of Hoover dam. Selection—Band.

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## VEGAN LOSES HIS SAVINGS

Victimized by someone apparently familiar with the hiding place he used for his savings, Tom Drasser, of the Las Vegas laundry, was robbed of \$400 yesterday morning.

Drasser kept the money, his entire savings, hidden under the paper lining of one of his dresser drawers in the bedroom of his home at 108 Garces street.

Locking the screen door at the rear of the house, but leaving the front door open, Drasser went to work, returning later to find that he had been robbed. The thief had apparently worked in through the front door, and gone directly to the hiding place for the money, going out through the back door, which officers found unlocked.

Further substantiating the police belief that the crime was committed by someone who knew the hiding place, were the facts that burglars left a considerable amount of change laying on the top of the dresser, and a valuable watch in the pockets of a pair of trousers hanging over the back of a nearby chair.

Police are checking the activities of several suspects, and say that they are confident of arresting the criminal.

## Darlene And Clarence Decide They Will Try Life's Walkathon Together

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20 (U.P.)—A strange entourage paraded down the main streets here today with matrimony as the object.

Miss Darlene Moore, 22, and Clarence Whipple, 21, who had been trudging around a ball room 45 minutes out of every hour for three weeks in a public "walkathon," led the parade.

They liked the partnership so well they decided to make it permanent. So during a 15 minute rest period they went to the court house to get a marriage license. The period ended while they were in the clerk's office, and to remain in the contest they had to walk back. Trailing by the ball-room's master of ceremonies, the head trainer and a nurse, the walkathon was appropriately bannered in the calvacade.

The wedding will take place Monday.

## Shanghai Battle Is Resumed; Chinese Ranks Stand Firm

### NEWSMAN DODGES BULLETS AS JAP BATTLE BOOMS

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 20 (U.P.)—A little Chinese girl ran across a shell torn field in the battle region today.

Ferried brown eyes were filled with tears and great sobs shook her scurrying figure. Clutching to her breast and dragging behind her was a piece of tattered bedding, snatched from the ruins of her home.

Patrol Figure  
Eptomizes War  
The pitiful figure epitomized the real horror of the war. The battle lines, the burning houses and huts, figures of dead and wounded in the rude trenches scratched in the swampy ground, the bursting shells and the hideous din of fighting all seemed to be reflected in the flight of the little refugee.

It was the one unforgettable impression of a tour of the actual battle region, where the fighting was heaviest and the peasants were driven from their burning homes.

She was about the age of my little sister when I last saw her in New Jersey. Something made me run after the terror-stricken child, to help her if I could.

But she ran the faster, unable to decide which was the worse evil, the lean foreign devil or the Japanese soldiers.

The war this afternoon was renewed in all its hideousness when I pushed through the countryside, its marshes turning green with the touch of spring, in the midst of the efficient 9th Japanese division, pushing relentlessly toward Kiangwan village and turning back the gallant but futile efforts of the Chinese forces.

Home and farms were burned mercilessly and the fields of budding rice, millet and vegetables were trampled down. Leaving Shanghai by automobile, on this bright day, the countryside away from the battle scene seemed alive with the promise of spring. On the horizon the black smoke of the besieged village of Kiangwan rose in the sky, an ominous sign post for the chauffeur.

At 10:45 a. m. the most severe fighting of the present drive was in progress on all fronts except Chapei, which was comparatively quiet at that hour while the Japanese concentrated their strength on crushing the Chinese at Kiangwan.

The fighting was so heavy that it seemed to eclipse the desperate engagement of Woosung fighting.

Up at Woosung fighting broke out again with renewed vigor after a night of shelling on both sides.

The Japanese brigade under General Shimomoto, in position on the south bank of Soochow creek, began battering the village with their artillery. Aerial bombers flew overhead, dropping explosives with devastating effect.

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The 18th brigade, commanded by Major General Ono, started southward toward Chapei.

Both brigades were supported by a thunderous artillery barrage while army and navy planes, despite the poor visibility, swooped overhead dropping tons of bombs on the Chinese.

Chinese troops fought with grim tenacity. It appeared that this day might witness the fiercest battle of the campaign because of the proximity of the Japanese to the strongest Chinese positions.

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### Manchurian Republic Not Recognized By China

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SHANGHAI, SUNDAY, Feb. 21—(U.P.)—The battle of Shanghai was renewed today with fierce fighting along the entire front from the border of the International settlement to Soochow creek.

Under overcast skies and with the chill spring rain of China showing down intermittently, the opposing forces battered away without either side being able to gain advantage.

GUNS RATTLE  
In Chapei on the border of the International settlement machine guns rattled from both sides.

The thunder of artillery resounded along the front from the settlement to the sea.

Chief centered at Kankwan, between Shanghai and the Woosung forts. There the Japanese, having driven a wedge into the Chinese lines, threw their main strength against the principal enemy concentrations.

Driven westward from the village of Kiangwan, the Chinese held stubbornly to their positions which the Japanese moved against them from two sides, continuing their encircling movement to drive the Chinese down toward Shanghai.

AIR BOMBARDMENT  
The action was accompanied by a terrific airplane and artillery bombardment. Japanese planes soared over the lines north of Shanghai and dropped their deadly explosives on the Chinese concentrations between Kiangwan and Chapei, which is the headquarters of the 19th route army.

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