

CLARK COUNTY MINING INDUSTRY DECLARED IN DANGER BY ENGINEER

Prominent Mining Engineer Says Mines Must Close Unless Silver Subsidized.

Mr. A. E. Place, prominent mining engineer of Eldorado Canyon, for several years past manager of the famous Wall Street mine, who spoke briefly at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday last, presents the following discussion of the mining industry of Clark county, which will be of prime interest to every citizen:

"The people of Nevada, lacking large productive agricultural areas, derive their livelihood and prosperity in the main from two sources, tourist business and mining. The former is destined to grow and expand as fine roads and national parks, combined with the efforts of its merchants and administrator attract an ever increasing number of tourists to its far-flung deserts, its lakes and rugged mountains, its hospitable ranches and interesting frontier towns. War times, with their largess of profits and high wages and their restrictions to foreign travel, will help the tourist business greatly.

"But this is only partially so regarding Nevada's mining business. True, the exploration of industrial and strategic minerals like that of copper, of manganese, antimony, mercury and tungsten, will prosper under the influence of Mars, but gold and silver mining, the back stay of depression times, must suffer.

With commodity prices and wages low, the ounce of gold will buy many times more goods and bread and butter, than when the commodity index is high and supplies are scarce or unobtainable, and the best miners and workers have been drawn away to high-priced industrial areas, where wages are far better than those of the mining industry can offer.

Thus gold and silver mining become the problem children of the mining states during the hectic months of war industrial expansion.

"Too great a part of Nevada's mining industry comes from its mines of gold and silver to permit overlooking the pernicious effort of such depression. Too many men, too many homes and too much capital are affected by the decline and stoppage of gold and silver mining.

"Clark county, with its rich gold and silver mines, furnishes a typical example. Here in the Eldorado Canyon mining district, the Searchlight and the Goodsprings mining districts have been gradually developed to profitable production after the complete collapse and standstill brought about by the rising prices of the World War of 1914-1918.

"Several million dollars of outside money has been invested. Ghost towns like Nelson and Searchlight have again attained sizable and growing populations. Eldorado Canyon alone gives steady employment to more than 200 miners. This means roof and bread to more than 600 residents.

"The Eldorado Canyon gold and silver output, mainly from the Wall Street, the Eldorado Rover and the Techatticup mills, will average close to a million dollars a year.

Most of this money stays, or is spent in Clark county. It is a magnificent source of income to Southern Nevada — a payroll of between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a day. It would be a great loss to Las Vegas, to Clark county and to the State of Nevada, should this income cease. But that is what must inevitably happen should the present European war drag on.

A large part of Southern Nevada's ore contains appreciable amounts of silver as well as gold. Each dollar's worth of ore mined, for instance, from the Wall Street mines, contains 30 to 35 cents in silver at the present price paid for silver by the mint.

"With gold at \$35 per ounce and silver at 71 cents an ounce, profits can be made under present conditions. Let wages rise, let the commodity and supply prices increase, or let war-influenced legislation quash the present bonus on silver of 35 cents and ounce more or less, these mines must inevitably close down.

"Nothing can be done to prevent an increase in the cost of wages and supplies as long as the European war goes on and we continue to hand over our own resources and production to Great Britain.

"But definite steps can be taken to prevent the cancellation of the present silver bonus, so skillfully and persistently fought for and secured for the western miners in a hostile or indifferent Congress by such able representatives as our late Senator Key Pittman, our Senator Pat McCarran, Congressman Jim Scrugham and other mine-educated and minded Senators and Congressmen.

"If our present gold and silver

Emblem Destroyed



SAN FRANCISCO—While thousands of people jammed the street downtown in front of the building, where the German Consulate is located here, five audacious young men eluded police and from the tenth story lowered one of their group one story lower to where the Consulate had hung a large Nazi swastika flag, in honor of Foundation Day in Germany.

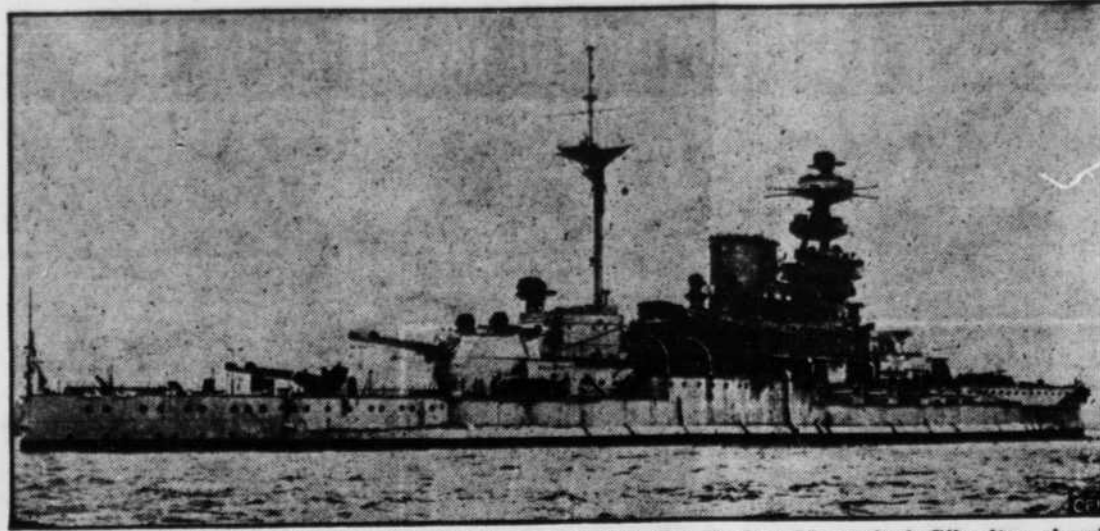
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BRITISH BATTLESHIP REPORTED HIT BY NAZIS



AT SEA — The 31,000-ton British battleship Malaya, which the Nazis said reached Gibraltar showing extensive damage from an attack on a British flotilla made by German and Italian planes. Nazi sources said the British tried to conceal the identity of the ship and to hide traces of damage. This phase of the war is looked upon by military leaders as a crucial point. The eternal question of recent modern warfare has been: battleships or planes? If modern planes can easily sink a naval man-o-war, then the terrific investment has all been in vain. If, on the other hand, warships can withstand the onslaught of airplanes, and still serve their ultimate purpose, the nation with greatest naval strength will be supreme. If German planes succeed in driving the British fleet from the Mediterranean it will be a serious blow to the Allies.

mining industry is to survive, if our gold and silver mines are to stay at work for any great length of time, if our men and merchants are to prosper in the gold and silver camps of Nevada, we must keep the bonus.

Senators Pat McCarran and Berkeley Bunker and Congressman Jim Scrugham are able and willing to help us maintain the bonus on silver ore mined in the United States. If the question of buying silver in these times at inflated prices from China or India or Mexico is an obstacle to maintaining the price of 71 cents an ounce to our western miners, they will know how to handle that difficulty.

"But in this, our fight for existence of our livelihood and prosperity, we, the people of Clark county, our civic organizations, our officials and newspapers must give them our fullest confidence and backing, and supply them with data and such encouragement as we can muster.

"The fight for the maintenance of the silver bonus is your fight and mine, if our gold and silver mines and the livelihood and prosperity they bring the west are to continue.

"Irrespective of political creed or party, rally round our representatives in this fight, Men of Nevada!"

Thrift Shop Appeals For Warm Clothing

Mrs. J. D. Porter, manager of the "Thrift Shop," established and sponsored by the P.-T.A. for the purpose of providing warm clothing and other necessities to people in need at a minimum of cost, is issuing an appeal for old clothing, shoes and household equipment or any useful material.

Mrs. Porter announces that those who have things they are willing to give to this worthy cause need only to phone 295 and a car will call.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA ENGINEERING BUILDING

New \$160,000 Structure Will Be Ready For Use When Term Begins in August.

On the east side of the University of Nevada campus, in a hollow where J. N. Evans, Truckee meadows pioneer, cut many a crop of hay in the early days, a large new building is now under construction.

When completed, late this summer, it will be spacious, completely modern and fully-equipped engineering building, providing long needed new quarters for the university's departments of civil and mechanical engineering.

An answer to the demands for more room, more and better equipment — demands imposed by the steady growth of the university — the new engineering building is expected to bring added prestige and recognition to Nevada's already highly-regarded college of engineering.

The new \$160,000 building will be a three-story structure, with a basement half excavated and half above ground.

To be known simply as the engineering building, it will house many much-needed laboratories and testing devices, in addition to offices and classrooms. It is to be finished in brick, trimmed with Indiana limestone and its front will resemble that of the Mackay School of Mines building. The roof will be of asbestos shingles.

The contract calls for completion of the building late this summer, and the civil and mechanical engineering departments expect to be "open for business" in their new quarters when the term begins in August.

A crew of 27 men — all of them local — is being employed at present by M. R. Peterson of Sacramento, contractor.

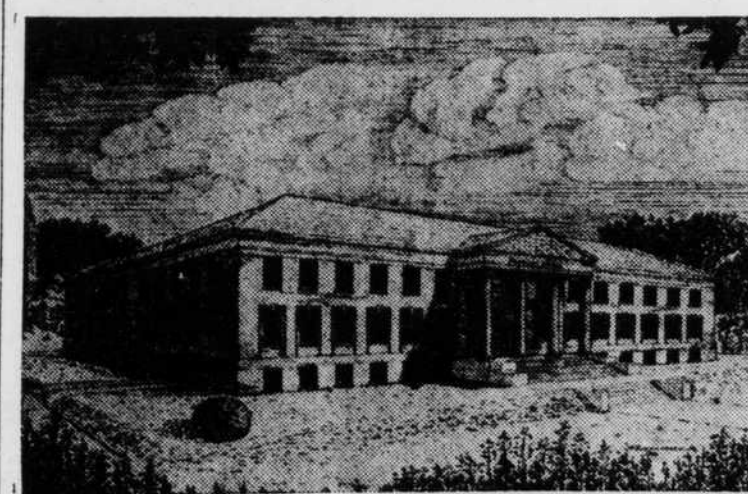
George W. Friedhoff of Yerington is the construction engineer.

R. A. F. Hits Milan



MILAN, ITALY — This is one of the first pictures to reach this country showing the damage done in Italy by the bombing raids of the Royal Air Force. Photo shows firemen searching in the wreckage of a bombed home after the Royal Air Force attacked the city. Passed by Italian censor.

New University Of Nevada Building



Now under construction is this new building to house civil engineering and part of the instruction in mechanical engineering at the University of Nevada.

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Speed Of Vehicles Easily Misleading

After crashing into the rear end of a slower moving truck or automobile drivers who survive the experience usually offer the same explanation of the accident, according to the public safety department of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Their explanation is that they realized too late the real difference between their speed and that of the vehicle ahead.

There is an optical illusion which, especially at night, makes the car ahead seem to be farther away and traveling faster than is actually the case.

Grades are often the scene of rear end collisions at night, because they tend to increase the normal differences in speed, particularly between automobiles and trucks.

For protection against accidents of this kind, the motorists' organization suggests that the driver should be on the watch for change in grade, keep a wide margin of safety in the distance between his car and the one ahead, and have brakes and lights always in good condition.

Bureau Of Mines Mono County Book

State Mineralogist Walter W. Bradley announces that the April, 1940, issue of the California Journal of Mines and Geology, devoted chiefly to the Mines and Mineral Resources of Mono County, has been released for distribution.

The principal report in this issue is on the MINERAL RESOURCES OF MONO COUNTY by W. B. Tucker and R. J. Sampson, engineers of the Los Angeles Field District. This comprehensive account describes the kind, character, distribution, and extent of development of the mines and minerals of the county. Included with the report is a map showing location of principal mining properties.

THIRD OF ALL VEHICLES MADE STILL OPERATING

More than one-third of all automobiles and trucks ever produced in the United States are still traveling the highways, the American Petroleum Industries Committee declares. Since 1900, it asserts, almost 80,000,000 motor vehicles have been produced, 37 per cent of which were registered and in operation last year. About 23 percent of all vehicles, exclusive of those purchased new last year, were more than ten years old.

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Oldest Twins?



BLOOMFIELD, IOWA — Special CFI Photo to The Age from V. G. Lindgren — Mrs. Jane Giles, left, and Miss Rachel Rader, both of Pulaski, Iowa are Iowa's undisputed oldest twins. They were 96 years old Jan. 15. Both are in fair health. They were born in 1845, in Picketown, Ohio and are believed to be among the oldest twins in the United States. Their brother, Anthony Rader, died last year at 101 years, which may lend some support to the theory of longevity being an inherited trait.

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TWO USED AUTOMOBILES SOLD FOR EACH NEW ONE

More than two used passenger cars were purchased last year for every new automobile bought. The ratio to used commercial vehicle sales was more equal. The principal buyers of used commercial vehicles are to be found among farmers and businessmen of limited means, while used passenger vehicles are bought mostly by families having incomes of less than \$30 a week.

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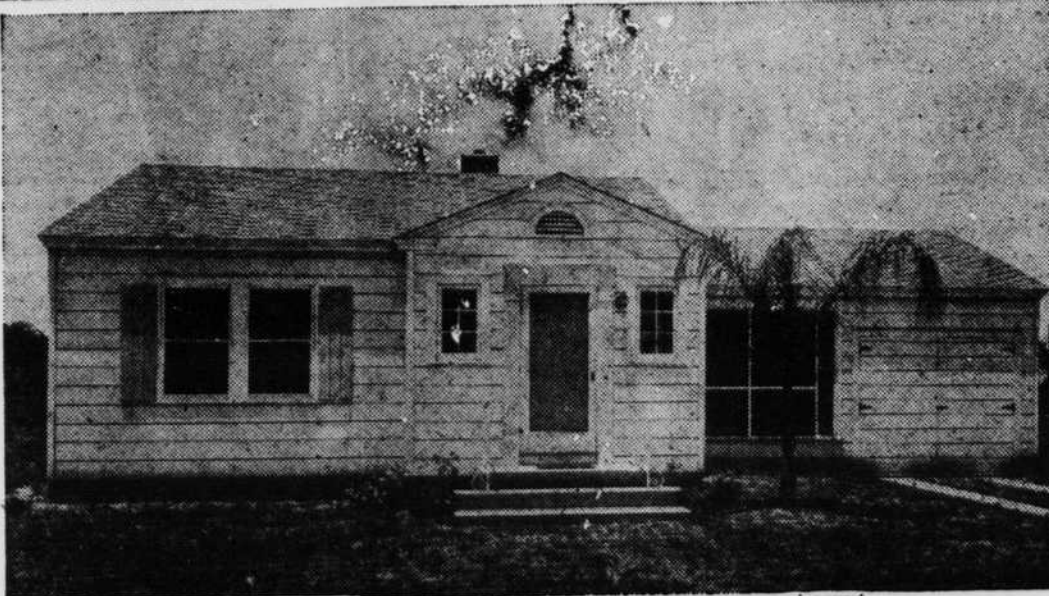
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This two-bedroom home is located in the South or South-east, but its functional plan and sound construction make it adaptable to any section of the country. Builders and architects are now teaching the desirability of having a bathroom without passing through other rooms, and a plan of that kind is worked out here. A mortgage of \$2,500 was insured on this property by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments on a 25-year mortgage of this amount, exclusive of taxes and hazard insurance, total about \$14.

