

Boulder Dam: No. 4—
BOULDER CITY
THROWING OFF
PAPIER MACHE

First Signs of Permanence
Crop Up at Site of
Dam Building.

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BOULDER CITY, Nev., Jan. 20.—In its evolution from construction camp to model city, Boulder City is just leaving a papier mache stage to enter an era of brick and plaster.

The Six Companies, Inc., contractor for Boulder dam, still exerts a dominating influence on the town—and will continue to do so. Its buildings were built to last during the six years of dam construction—no longer. But along the top fringes of the town site, small homes of brick and stucco are being completed to house United States employees.

After eight months' work on the dam, Boulder City is still in its building stage. Street grading has just been completed and there are few structures in the area set aside for independent concessions.

Protest Exploitation

The reason, explains Walker R. Young, in charge of Boulder City as a reclamation bureau construction engineer, is that the government called for leases from its concessionaires only on Nov. 24. About thirty have been signed so far, and Young believes most of the 230 concessions granted for business will be acted upon.

Las Vegas business men, competing for a share of profits from the dam workers, predict most of the concessions will go unfilled, due to Six Companies' competition.

A strong element of Las Vegas business is firm in a stand that the Six Companies has revealed itself as an exploiter of its own workers and as a potential monopolist of Boulder City trade. It issues a protest to workers on their pay and to men arriving on the project broke—most of them do who arrive.

The Six Companies explains its activities as "workers' welfare." "There is no other place for men to spend their money. We have to furnish them necessities and amusements," officials say.

Gaming Rule Shattered

Much of the same language is used by Glenn E. (Bud) Bodell, Boulder City police chief, to explain why he sponsors and controls a poker game in the company clubhouse, in defiance of laws for the reservation as laid down by Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior.

Bodell rules the morals and manners of the dam workers with a breezy confidence that he knows what is good for his wards. He works on a double theory—give the men something to do; crush out radicalism at the first whisper. The result is one of the most unusual police forces in the world. It is composed of ten uniformed United States marshals and thirty undercover men mingling as laborers on the job.

It considers its business to see the gambling laws are broken in the proper manner; that liquor is kept from the workers; that wobblies who talk too much are run off the reservation.

"You can't stop gambling among these men," Bodell said. "Until the games moved into the open, card sharps were active. In a raid on one dormitory I found eleven decks of marked cards. Then the company built its clubhouse and we made the games there where we can watch them."

Liquor Present Problem

In the clubhouse were a half dozen tables with about eight men at each one. Before every man was his company badge—insignia that he belongs in Boulder City. Beside his chips lay a written pass to the reservation—identification ready if any marshal should question his participation in the game. For only men with proof that they are Six Companies employees may play. Any man can bank the game so long as he can show sufficient reserve funds.

Liquor presents a bigger problem to Bodell and the marshals.

"They'll drink anything—that's what makes the job so tough." He exhibited samples of confiscated liquor—patent medicines, tonics, rubbing alcohol, canned heat, even a face lotion.

Bodell's pride is his espionage system. He calls it "one of the most efficient I ever saw." He considers his constant war on radicals as the most important part of his job and boasts that he knows of every agitator on the job.

"We've got 'em spotted. Give 'em rope until they blab too much—then off the reservation they go."

THE END

**23 NAMES URGED FOR
NEW NAVY DIRIGIBLE**

Palo Alto, Cal., Has Edge, Backed by 11 Chambers of Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Twenty-three names have been suggested for the ZRS-5, the navy's new dirigible now under construction.

One Governor, twelve senators, twenty-four representative, seventeen Chambers of Commerce and two mayors have sent telegrams and letters on the subject to Secretary of Navy.

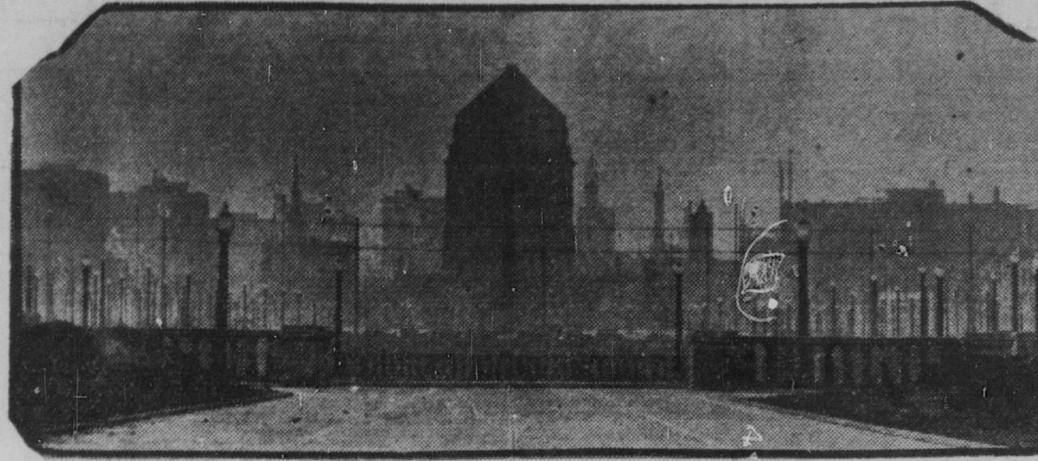
The leading contestants appear to be Palo Alto, Cal., with eleven Chambers of Commerce and a Governor supporting it; Amarillo, Tex., with twelve senators and eight representatives; St. Louis, with numerous requests from all quarters; Cleveland; Hartford, Conn.; Winston-Salem, N. C.; Baltimore, and the state of Washington.

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Smog Lays a Pall on the Mall



The photo was taken from in front of the Indianapolis public library with the camera pointed to the south.

Factory smoke bombarding the skyline places the haze over the Soldiers' and sailors' monument may be seen dimly in the background.

**AUTO TAG SALE
AHEAD OF 1931**

Receipts \$170,591 Greater,
Mayr Reports.

The nation's bugaboo—depression—was on the receiving end of two attacks staged by state officials today.

Frank Mayr Jr., secretary of state, announced prosperity had won in the automobile license sale business, with receipts so far this year, of \$170,591.25 in advance of last year.

Mayr said total amount collected this year was \$1,110,423.95, as compared to \$929,838.70 for the same period in 1931.

At the same time Governor Harry G. Leslie urged thirty La Porte county farmers to "have confidence in American institutions."

The farmers were seeking road construction in their county to relieve unemployment conditions and were presented to Leslie by Senator Earl Rowley of La Porte.

"You can be assured no one in Indiana will suffer from cold and hunger this winter," Leslie said. "Do not lose your confidence in American institutions. The cause of 90 per cent of our bank failures can be laid to depositors."

PROTEST ROAD CHANGE

67 Marshall County Residents Oppose No. 6 Rerouting.

Sixty-seven persons living on Road 6, west of Lapaz, Marshall county, appeared before the state highway commission today to protest proposed rerouting of the highway. Included in the representation was State Senator Earl C. Rowley, La Porte.

When the road was taken into the state system, a straight line route between Lapaz and Walkerston was ordered. Since then, it was said, there has been agitation for a change. The protest was against this proposed alteration.

The boys at the city hall naturally resent McConnell's failure to

**DRUG ADDICT BEGS
HELP FROM COURT**

Tragic Plea Wins Order for Treatment in City Hospital.

Trembling and pleading, a 27-year-old man today begged Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer to save him from the dope habit and insure the happiness of his wife and baby.

He is Lee Stotter of 1532 Park avenue, who was found unconscious on a west side street by police Tuesday afternoon.

Sheaffer's query of "What is the matter?" caused Stotter to break down and sob his plea for help.

"For God's sake, help me," he pleaded. "I want to be cured. I want care. Send me somewhere where I'll get those things."

Plaids for Wife, Baby

Police officers informed the court that the city hospital refused to accept Stotter for a long period.

"I've got to have some help," Stotter continued. "I've been taking three grains of morphine a day for two years. I haven't been able to break the habit and at times I don't know what I'm doing or saying."

"I have a wife and little baby. For God's sake help me."

Under Sheaffer's questioning, Stotter said he hitch-hikes weekly to Danville, Ind., to obtain the narcotics.

Sent to Hospital

He told a tale of privation of food and clothing to himself in order to get the morphine.

"Once in a while I work," he said. "But when I do I spend most of it for the stuff I've been taking."

"It's awful. Right now I'm so weak I can hardly stand here. Some one has to help me. Think of my family, please."

Sheaffer ordered Stotter taken to the city hospital until Jan. 28, when the court will rule on the vagrancy charge against the admitted dope addict.

Whooping Cough Fatal

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 20.—A four weeks' illness of whooping cough brought death to Betty Dearduff, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dearduff.

Asthma Made His Life a Burden

Found Quick and Lasting Relief. Has Been Well Ever Since.

Sufferers from asthma and bronchial coughs will find unusual interest in a letter written by Jos. Thompson, Pittsburgh, Ind. He says:

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