

# 20-30 CLUBBERS VISIT FORUM

## Kiwanians Attend Joint Lunch; Boivin Talks On Club History

Joint meetings of the 20-30 Club, the chamber of commerce weekly forum and the Kiwanis club were held yesterday at a luncheon at the Willard Hotel. Members of the 20-30 Club were in charge of the program, which was presented to an audience of nearly 80 people.

The principal talk of the meeting was delivered by Harry D. Boivin, one of the prominent members of the organization. Mr. Boivin outlined the history of the club, which was formed along the same lines with ideas and purposes of any service club, but to accommodate young men between 20 and 30 years of age.

The first 20-30 club was formed in Sacramento, Calif., in the fall of 1922 and the idea spread rapidly over California cities. The first 20-30 club in Oregon was organized in Lakeview, and in the early part of December of this year, the Klamath club was granted its charter.

It is the aim of the club to form organizations in all the important cities on the Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico, and to expand eastward as rapidly as possible.

"The first aim of the organization," said Mr. Boivin, "is the present and example of intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship, and its slogan is 'Sincerity and Service.'"

An enjoyable musical number was presented by Benny Dotson and Hal Blackburn, members of the 20-30 club, and the program closed with a short talk on "Why 1931 will be better than 1930," by Hardin Blackmer.

Mr. Blackmer sounded a note of optimism in his talk, stating that conditions would be better soon because of the will of the people, based on hope and faith, and that the powerful energy created by this hope would automatically reverse the present depression. E. Van Fleet acted as chairman of today's program.

## Stars Swatted Irregularly in Entire Universe

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College observatory, reported today that the astronomical association for the advancement of science, a gigantic probing of the depths of the universe which shows that the stars, which are immense systems of stars, are scattered irregularly instead of uniformly through the great sphere of space that can be reached by the astronomical telescopes of today.

The theory asserts the most favored conceptions of the universe around us.

It will be interesting and disconcerting news to Prof. Albert Einstein, who arrived in California today, where he undoubtedly will meet the latest of universe makers, Richard C. Tolman of the California Institute of Technology, who has improved the Einstein variety of universe and made it fit more closely the actual conditions.

It will also be news to a Belgian priest and astronomer, Abbe Le Maître, who holds that the universe as postulated mathematically by Einstein, would collapse if any one in it did so much as wave his arm.

## Cousens Attacks Railroad's Plan For Big Merger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Attacks on the Eastern Four-State railroad consolidation plan as "more the result of high finance than it is in the public interest," and on President Hoover for this announcement of the project were made today by Senator James Cousens, Mich.

Cousens, who is chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, with jurisdiction over railroad legislation, indicated he planned to legislate to block the plan—but that he might change his mind. The senate last June passed a resolution of Cousens' under which his committee could if desired take up and investigate this merger, it was learned.

## Stock Market In Upward Push In Last Day of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—The stock market staged a demonstration of strength in its last session of the year today, as it has done for several years past.

United States Steel led the uprush which occupied most of the session.

However, toward the close the more timid traders pushed in to take profits and bears took the opportunity to place new short legs. As a result of this late selling the close was irregular.

Before the late decline, Stock Common touched 141, a new high on the move, comparing with the previous close of 138 1/2. Other leading industrials followed. The rise spread to the entire market.

## J. Ham Lewis Will Discuss Dry Decision

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Senator-elect J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who ran as a wet democrat, will today be invited to discuss the recent prohibition decision of Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey in an address here January 7.

On his arrival here several weeks ago to report on the effects of a cold, Senator Lewis declined to comment on the decision of Judge Clark, who held the 18th amendment was invalid because it was not properly ratified.

# Echoes of Big News Stories of 1930 to Be Heard in 1931

## Ohio Prison Little Changed Since Fire, India Still in Ferment, Murder Trial to Revive Jake Lingle Case, London Treaty to Reduce Navies, King Carol's Troubles Not Ended

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Most of the "big stories" that flurried newspaper offices during 1930 are as dead now as the brittle and yellowed leaves of the newspaper files in which they were laid to rest. In nearly all cases, the great events that made startling headlines will never be heard from again, except by historians.

A few, however, will carry over into 1931. They were news stories that should have carried "to be continued next year" at the end. They bred headlines in 1930 and they will breed more headlines in 1931.

Chief among these is the story that newspapermen generally rank as the biggest story of the year—the fire in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus on April 21, in which 320 convicts were burned to death.

The last members of that fire have long since turned cold. The gaunt, warehouse-like building housing G and H cell blocks, where the 320 convicts died, has been rebuilt and refurbished. Fire-blackened walls have been made over, heat-bent iron bars have been replaced, and a new group of convicts occupies the space formerly used by the men Ohio's negligence killed.

But the Ohio prison fire story, as a story, is not over yet. More will be heard from it—much more.

The Ohio penitentiary was antiquated and horribly overcrowded last spring. It was so extremely out of date that when a small fire started 320 convicts were killed before prison officials could get them to safety. It was so overcrowded that for a month after the fire the prison was a regular powder mine, ready to explode into a dreadful riot on the slightest provocation. Few people realize how narrowly the worst prison riot in all history was averted in those days just after the fire.

### LITTLE, IF ANY, CHANGES MADE SINCE HOLOCAUST

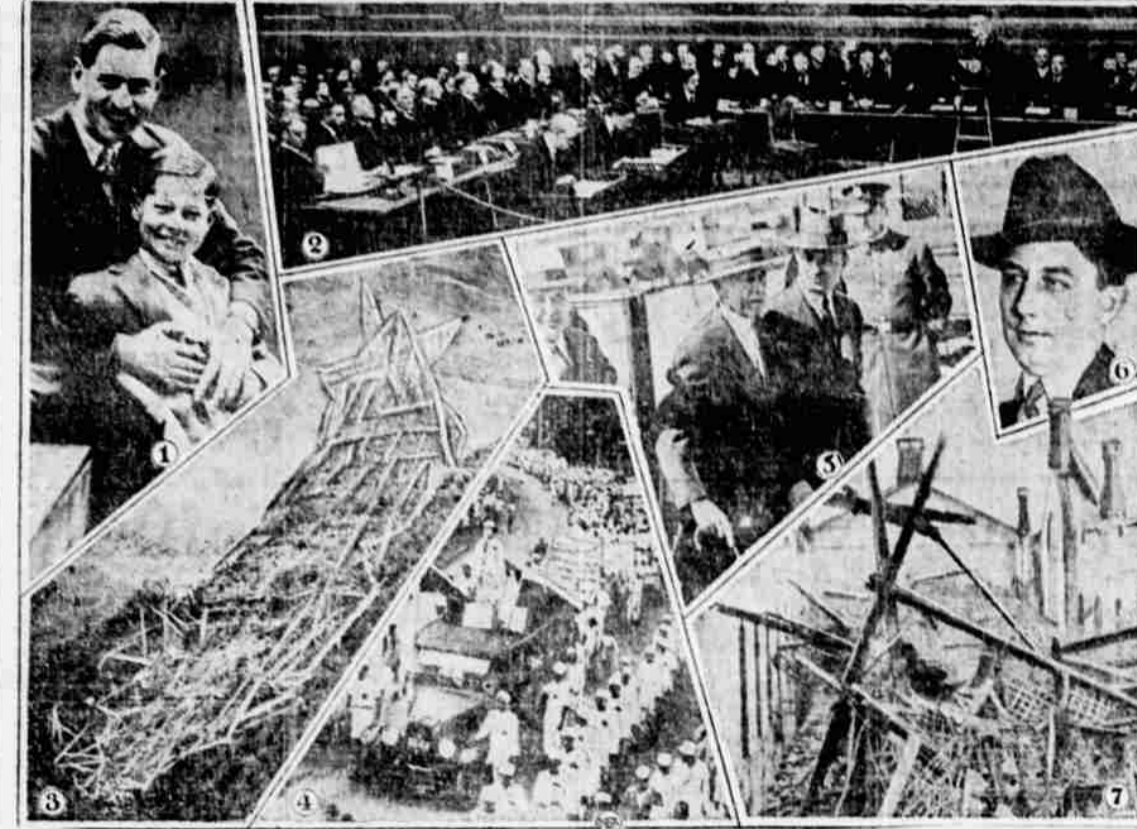
The important thing to realize now is that little, if any, real improvement has been made since the fire. The conditions that bred trouble last spring still exist.

Last spring there were 4,300 men in the Ohio prison. Today the prison houses the same number of men.

Last spring the old cell blocks had an antiquated system of individual locks for the cell doors; a system responsible for most of the 320 deaths in the fire. That system exists today. Another fire would reap the same sort of ghastly harvest.

Last spring the attorney general of Ohio criticized the prison management for its failure to have a well-defined procedure established for safe-guarding the inmates in case of fire. That same management is still in charge of the prison, and the procedure demanded by the attorney general has not been established.

After the fire it was agreed everywhere that Ohio needed an



THIS GRAPHIC CROSS-SECTION FROM THE BIG NEWS STORIES OF 1930 that will carry over into 1931 shows: 1. King Carol of Rumania and his small son, Michael, whom he deposed upon his return from a voluntary exile for love; 2. The opening of the London naval conference, Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain presiding; 3. The charred skeleton of the British dirigible R-101, which crashed in France with a loss of 47 lives; 4. A native demonstration in India, where anti-British feeling still ferments; 5. John McDonald, witness in the Mooney-Billings case as he returned to San Francisco to testify; 6. Alfred "Jake" Lingle, Chicago reporter, for whose gangster-murder Frankie Foster is soon to be tried; 7. The charred cell block after the Ohio penitentiary fire in which 320 convicts were burned to death.

### entirely new prison system. Today Ohio has the same system it had a year ago.

So the Ohio prison holocaust will figure in the news in 1931. The fire last spring revealed a problem that has not yet been solved.

### LINGLE TRIAL MAY PROVIDE NEW SENSATIONS

Another of the newspaper sensations of 1930 was the murder in Chicago of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, reporter for the Chicago Tribune. That story, too, will have a carry-over in 1931.

Lingle was shot down in a subway beneath Michigan avenue by gangsters, in broad daylight, with hundreds of people near by. It was supposed at first that he was killed because he had been too active in exposing gangland activities; then it developed that this unfortunately was not the case. Instead it was shown that he had been altogether too intimate with certain gangsters. His death came because one gang faction resented his refusal to extend to it the favors that he extended to another faction, favors he apparently was able to get because of his close connec-

### Hoover Plans to Announce Limit Of Sea Power

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—President Hoover plans to promulgate formally tomorrow an announcement that the United States has signed a treaty with Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy agreeing to limit its sea power.

Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson tonight in a formal statement hailed the London pact and the Kellogg anti-war treaty as indicating the development of "human understanding." The final act tomorrow, he added, completes efforts which "effectively eliminate competition among the greatest navies of the world."

"This happy movement for peace and the example of the limitation and reduction of armaments by agreement," Stimson said, "will, I am convinced, serve to stimulate further peaceful endeavors during the coming year. The proclamation of the treaty for the renunciation of war in 1928 and of the naval treaty on the first day of 1931 mark the completion of two achievements which more than any others that I know, indicate the development of humane understanding as the guide of international policy."

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### to sea and sunk by gunfire as a target for the battle fleet. New construction will be begun, and the American congress will have to determine just how much new construction it cares to initiate.

The same is true of the other signatory powers. The London naval treaty, therefore, will be in the headlines again in 1931.

### MOONEY-BILLINGS CASE UP TO NEW GOVERNOR

There is also the Mooney-Billings case.

In 1930 the long missing "key witness," John McDonald, was found in Baltimore and taken back to San Francisco, where he recanted the testimony he had originally given against the two labor leaders who have been in prison since 1918 for a murder which they insist they did not commit.

California's supreme court twice reviewed the case, and each time refused to recommend a pardon. However, California will have a new governor in 1931, former Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco; and Rolph, known to be more sympathetic to Mooney and Billings than his predecessors, is expected to reopen the case.

Then there are the stories about Carol of Rumania. When 1930 opened Carol was a disinherited prince living in Paris. Unexpectedly he went back to Rumania, taking his place as king and taking his son, Michael, off the throne. An open break between Carol and his wife, Queen Helen developed; and it can confidently be expected that the newspapers of 1931 will have plenty of material about King Carol.

### DIRIGIBLE DISASTER TO MAKE AIRSHIPS SAFER

One of the major tragedies of 1930 was the wreck of the big British dirigible R-101, destroyed by fire over France. This, too, will have its effect in 1931. Helium gas is being used by all dirigibles now in place of the inflammable hydrogen formerly used everywhere but in the

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## Washington 'U' Defend School's Entrance Records

SEATTLE, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—M. Lyle Spencer, president of the University of Washington, declared in a radio address here that any worthy student who desired an education could obtain entrance to the university.

President Spencer's address was an answer to criticism directed at him by the Washington State high school teachers' league, which said that the university's entrance requirements were so strict that it resembled a private institution.

Several methods of obtaining entrance to the university were enumerated by President Spencer in his address.

## NORTHWESTERN WINS

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Northwestern defeated Alabama, Southwestern Conference champions, 32 to 19 tonight in a one-sided basketball game.

## British Fail To Appreciate Amos 'N' Andy

LONDON, Dec. 31. (U.P.)—Amos 'n' Andy, negro impersonators and famous as a radio team, were on the air in Great Britain today, but very few could understand what they were talking about.

The president of the Fresh Air Taxicab Co., and the chief chauffeur were heard plainly by tens of thousands throughout the British Isles, when their program was rebroadcast by British corporations.

But their jokes were mostly over the heads of the British, who could not understand the negro jargon. One group with whom the correspondent listened in was constantly disturbed by the comment: "I say, what's wrong? What's all the jawing about?" Which would have left Andy, no doubt, "regusted."

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1930 is overboard, lost forever... Time's ship begins a new log... 1931 takes the helm, a strangely serious expression in a face so young... but there's work to be done, a three hundred and sixty-five day voyage ahead. A conference with Experience helps chart the course and it is planned to make up for a lot of lost time. The message to the crew is: Work hard and play hard; think clearly and look ahead; spend wisely and save steadily; help your fellow man and be of good cheer. As workers in the same crew we wish you a pleasant voyage and lots of luck.

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