

Year of Construction On Huge Aqueduct Shows Great Progress

With 4,000 men already at work along a 250-mile front and construction under way or contracted for on one-third of the main line of the project, the first year of Colorado river aqueduct building activity became history last week. Exactly one year ago, on December 21, 1932, the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District authorized the commencement of work on the Coachella division of the aqueduct, consisting of 26 miles of the project's 91 miles of tunnel. This was the first actual aqueduct construction work to be launched.

Revealing the present status of the giant undertaking, a report issued yesterday by General Manager and Chief Engineer F. E. Weymouth of the district summarized the rapid progress which has been made during the last 12 months.

Contracts awarded and commitments made total \$50,000,000, representing approximately one-third of the main line of the aqueduct, from Cajalco reservoir near Riverside to the Colorado river. Weymouth pointed out. In addition, plans are being carried rapidly to completion for the construction of the project's 144-mile distribution system which will deliver

tain, eight miles, and Cottonwood, four miles.

Already more than seven miles of aqueduct tunnel has been driven and work is now progressing at a rate of more than two miles per month.

Other features of aqueduct construction achievement during the past 12 months included the road and power line building programs which were carried forward.

The aqueduct power system, which delivers electricity to the various camps for construction and domestic use, is 446 miles in length. Its building occupied 300 days, making an average of a mile and one-half of line constructed every day. During that period, in addition, a substation was erected every ten days, and six large central substations were built for the entire system.

The aqueduct road system constitutes what is believed to be the largest highway building program ever launched over a similar period in the history of California. During a period of 150 days, 120 miles of oil surfaced highway was constructed, making an average of approximately two-thirds of a mile every day. E. E. East, chief engineer of the Automobile Club of Southern California, declares that this represents what is probably a world's record for road construction.

For once in my lifetime I agree with the Rockefeller's or at least with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The primary problem of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is to eliminate the bootlegger and the lawbreaker and restore obedience and respect for the law. The raising in the dispensaries in Maryland and in the drug stores of Washington is fixed at such a price that the bootlegger is thriving as usual. There is, in my opinion, but one remedy and that is to make the price of good liquor so low that the bootlegger can make no profit. I believe that Congress will make a mistake if the taxes levied are so high as to make bootlegging profitable. And the same argument applies to states, counties and cities that think only of the revenue and give no thought to the restoration of the respect of the law. When I made my announcement for Congress in May 1932, I stated that the most feasible method of eliminating the bootlegger and the liquor gangsters was to cut out the profits of the business and the premium for law violation and I still think the same. And John D. Junior agrees with me in his recent book, "Toward Liquor Control."

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The weather man of Washington has pulled a fast one by giving us some of the slickest weather on the calendar. He gave us a sleet that made walking and driving difficult and dangerous. Hundreds of careless pedestrians cracked the ice and many cracked bones. Secretary Ickes was one of these and landed in the hospital. And a disappointed Democrat was hard-hearted enough to sputter, "it ought to have been his neck."

Decision on awarding the contract for servicing the four Torrance neon highway signs was deferred until the next meeting of the city council in order to give local electrical firms an opportunity to submit bids.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY
Gardena Legionnaires are planning a New Year's party for December 31, which will be held at the Post's hall at Gardena and Normandie avenues. A floor show will be given at 10:30 p. m., followed by dancing and breakfast served early in the morning.

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has cracked down heavily on the lobbyists who are trying to help the home town for a "consideration." Ickes has expressed his displeasure toward the "Third House" with such disgust that a number of Washington slickers who have been receiving fat fees for nefarious methods, are threatened with the loss of their lobbying jobs and also with possible prosecution. Secretary Ickes has notified these influences that the way to be sure of having their applications turned down, is to send a lobbyist to promote their proposition. Just imagine if the attitude of Secretary Ickes became infectious and the lobbyists were chased out of Washington, Sacramento, Los Angeles and other official centers of government. What a lonesome place our capitals, courthouses and city halls would become!!!

A number of leading politicians are considerably worried over the President's reforms. Nearly everyone, including big business, is for recovery. But some of the big fellows balk at reform. They want the country to return to prosperity but are not ready to give up their old policies of speculation and of exploitation and of piling up fortunes at the expense of the people. The trend of recovery and reform marching forward hand in hand is not to their liking and they try to stop the procession by getting red in the face and demanding which is this, recovery or reform? Most people are happy that both recovery and reform are on their way. Never has the time been so opportune as now to make drastic reforms restricting buccaneering and racketeering and to restore the rights of the average citizen who produces the wealth of the nation and receives so small a share for his toil and efforts. It is high time that the few be restrained and that the many participate in that full and abundant life of which the President speaks.

The happiest man I have seen around Washington recently is Arch Ekdale, attorney of San Pedro representing the cannery and fishermen. Arch has been dancing and prancing and loping from one office to another chasing the fish file from the tariff commission around the blocks and through the alleys and across the streets to the White House and succeeded, after persistent effort, in getting a 45 per cent tariff on canned tuna. Arch's efforts will enable the cannery to continue in operation and assure employment to several thousand people in San Pedro, and Wilmington, he believes.

The low wages and competition of Japan has been ruinous to one of Southern California's important industries. The depreciated currencies of foreign competitors has given alien countries a big advantage and the only way to enable the American industry to survive is to raise the restrictions of underpaid competition by a tariff or an embargo. And these stren-

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