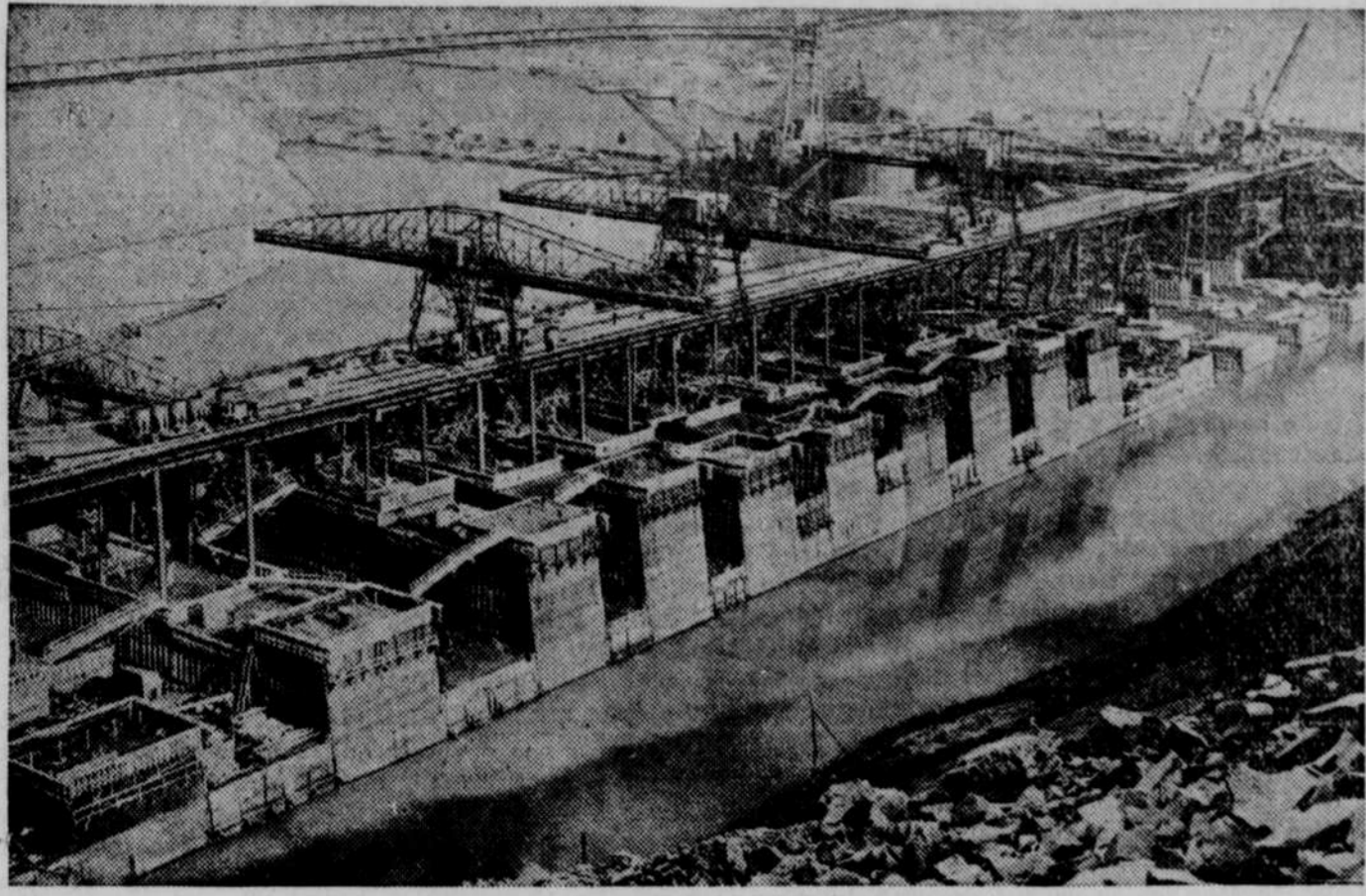


# Work on World's Largest Dam Progresses Rapidly



View showing the progress made on the Grand Coulee dam project in Washington. The waters of the Columbia river swirl about the partially-completed west bank foundations as the river is being diverted from its course, so that construction may be carried on in mid-channel. It is expected that this task of diversion will take four months.

# Duke of York Becomes George VI of England



On the abdication of King Edward VIII, to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson, his brother, the Duke of York, ascended the throne of England as George VI. It is expected the coronation will take place next June. Bringing a dispute which had brought the empire to a crisis, Edward voluntarily relinquished the throne. Photo shows King George with Queen Elizabeth and daughters, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.

## Suicide Bridge

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"EVERY time," says Charles Vesta, "that I tell this story I have to laugh." And he paused to emit a throaty chuckle.

"What's funny about it?" I wanted to know.

Charlie rolled a cigarette. "Well," he said "it's funny because Don Saffron went daffy over a girl and decided to commit suicide.

"I'll have to begin with the bridge. It's the biggest they ever put up around here. In the center there's a 260-drop to the bed of the flood-control ditch, which is covered with huge rocks.

"The girl's name was Carmen Hall and she took up with a jigger named Ben Tappan which made Don mad, and he decided to commit suicide."

"I get it," I says. "So he jumped off the bridge?"

"Ain't I already told you he took the jump? Now, listen, shut up a minute. Don and Carmen was nuts over each other and fixin' to get married. And then comes along this good looking Ben Tappan. Ben falls for Carmen and Carmen, woman-like, is flattered by his attentions and decided that maybe she could have some fun and at the same time make Don Saffron appreciate her more, as it seems to her Don is getting rather lax in his love-making of late. So she shines up to Ben Tappan and Don Saffron at first gets plenty mad. He asks Carmen what's the idea, and Carmen pretends indignation and pulls that stuff about 'you don't own me, Don Saffron,' etc.

"Well, Don goes off in a huff, but by and by he begins to get the idea that Carmen is really in love with Ben Tappan, and he gets crazy-mad. He goes back to Carmen and pleads with her, but Carmen, delighted, as women are apt to be, to think she has so much power over a man, only laughs again, and Don says if she don't take him back he'll go kill himself by jumping off Suicide bridge.

"Well, of course Carmen don't believe him, and keeps right on laughing in the most tantalizing manner. So Don grits his teeth and goes away. After he's gone Carmen begins thinking that maybe he was serious, and she thinks, too, how awful it would be if he really carried out his threat, as she really loves him.

"So she decides not to take any chances and sets off lickety-cut for Suicide bridge. She gets there just in time to see Don poised on the railing, and she screams at him to hold his horses as she was only kidding and didn't hanker to have him kill himself. But Don only waves his hand in a sad gesture of farewell and takes the dive. The shock of it knocks her for a loop, and she keels over. When consciousness returns there's a big crowd around and she's lifted into an ambulance. She remembers poor Don and faints again, and the next time she wakes up, she's in a hospital.

"Don! Don," she begins moaning right away. Whereupon a jigger in uniform comes over and says, "Say, sister, did you know that jigger who popped over the rail?"

"He was my lover," moans Carmen, "and now he's dead. Dead."

"No, he ain't," says the officer, "he's in jail!"

"Jail?" says Carmen her eyes popping. "Jail?"

"That's right, sister. Charged with trying to take his own life. And that's a serious offense."

"Carmen blinks. 'But—but—' And then she stopped, as a sudden thought occurred to her.

"'Yep,' the cop was saying, 'he landed in the net that the workmen had strung up under the superstructure while they were building a suicide-preventer arrangement on the top of the bridge. Work was begun today and the net put up to catch any of the workmen in case they slipped, and it caught Saffron like a rat in a trap. Now he's going on trial for—'

"'No! No!' says Carmen. 'He didn't do it on purpose. He was fighting with a man who attacked me. The man threw him over the railing and ran off just as I fainted. My Don would not commit suicide!'

Charlie paused to guffaw, and I grinned at him sourly. "Oh, yeah?" I says, "and how about Don? I suppose now you're going to tell me that he thought up the same story and was telling it to the cops down at the police station?"

Charlie looked at me and shook his head pityingly. "I can see," he said, "that you ain't one to get the point of a story. Down at the police station Don was acting dazed and overcome by shock. He wasn't saying nothing, but was waiting for Carmen to arrive, as he knew she would. You see, Don had the thing all planned out. He didn't jump until he saw Carmen run up to try and stop him. But even then he wasn't taking any chances because he knew the net was there all the time."

## An Extinct Volcano

Kilimanjaro is an extinct volcano, forest-clad from about 6,000 feet to 10,000 feet. Below this level there is bush and there are some of the world's richest coffee plantations. Grass lands extend to about 13,000 feet, above which are glittering glaciers and snow.

## Bob Servis Wins Florida Golf Prize



Bob Servis, (left), Dayton, Ohio, low amateur and winner of Henry L. Doherty trophy at Miami Fla., examines his prize with Ralph Guldahl (right), Western Open champion from St. Louis, Mo., who scored 281 to take first prize of \$2,500 among professionals in the Miami Biltmore \$10,000 Open golf tournament.

## POTATO QUEEN



Michigan's Potato Queen in the person of petite Ellen Harkonen, twenty-two years old, of Pelkie, Mich., far away in the Upper Peninsula, was crowned in Detroit as a climax to a banner crop year of Michigan grown potatoes.

## TO MARRY EX-KING



Mrs. Wallis Walford Simpson, for whom King Edward VIII abdicated the throne of England. Edward's romance with the former Baltimore beauty precipitated a government crisis before the monarch solved it by abdicating. Going into voluntary exile outside of the British Empire, the former king is expected to marry Mrs. Simpson as soon as her divorce decree becomes final. On the abdication of King Edward, his brother, the Duke of York, ascended the throne.

## Plan Dodger Campaign for 1937



Conference between Burleigh Grimes, recently-appointed manager of the Brooklyn baseball club, and the "front office" is pictured here. Grimes, who was signed to a year's contract at an unannounced salary, is shown (left) conferring with John M. Gorman (center), business manager, and Judge Steven W. McKeever, president of the club, on plans for rebuilding the team.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—President Roosevelt shown as the guest of President Vargas of Brazil on his recent South American tour. 2—German and Japanese diplomatic representatives in Berlin signing treaty agreeing to combat communism, an action which Russia believes is aimed at the Soviet government. 3—Portrait of Pope Pius XI made before his illness.

## Statue of Will Rogers in Canada



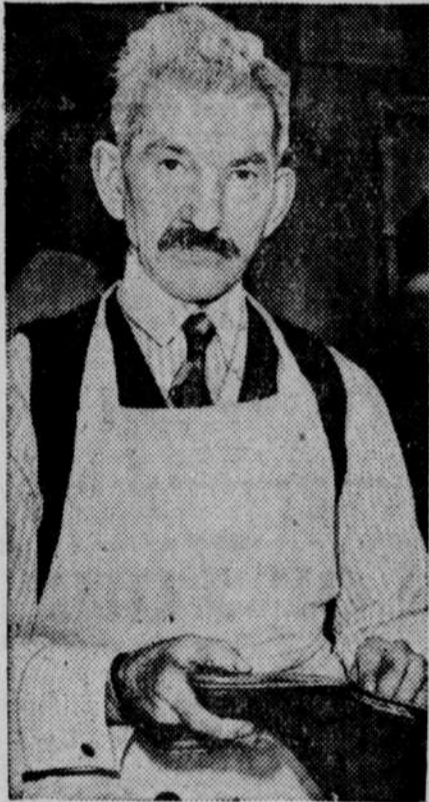
Guido B. de Vall, sculptor from New York, Paris, and London, who has just completed in Ottawa, Ontario, a statue of Will Rogers, the great American humorist, which will be cast in bronze. The statue shows Will Rogers sitting on top of the world, is 15 feet high, and took six months to make.

## FIRST FOR PENSION



He has a long way to go before he becomes eligible, but John David Sweeney, Jr., of New Rochelle, N. Y., became the first person to be enrolled for old age pension under the social security act. Sweeney is 23 years old and drew Card No. 1.

## SON OF ZAHAROFF?



Pictured at his last in his South Kensington shop in London is 67-year-old Hyram Barnett Zaharoff, shoemaker, who claims he is the son of Sir Basil Zaharoff, munitions king who died recently. Shoemaker Zaharoff, who plans to claim the fabulous munitions fortune left by the "merchant of death," says he has documentary proof of his parentage.

## How Are Your Complexes Today?



Like to learn all about your inhibitions and things? Get one of these birdcage affairs, demonstrated at the recent inventors' congress at Portland, Ore. According to the demonstrator it "instantly measures 32 relative areas of your brain."

## Even Tiny Switzerland Keeps Its Military Fit



Impressed by growing armies, navies and air forces of the nations that border it, Switzerland is not to be caught napping by a sudden invasion. Its tiny, but well trained military force is put through periodic paces such as the above cavalry drill during maneuvers recently, near Geneva.