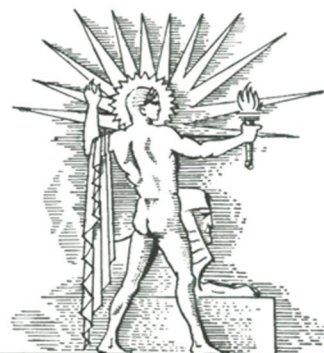
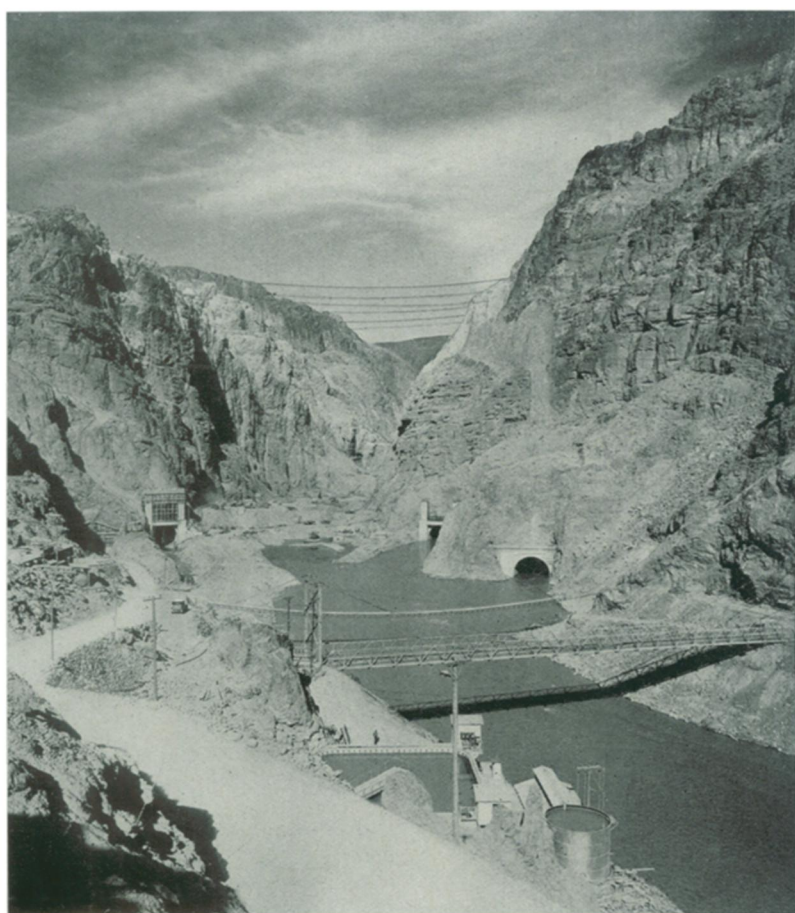


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DO YOU KNOW?

At tropical Java, ten miles "up," a temperature of 130 degrees below zero was found.

Fibro-cement tubes are finding use as a substitute for steel and cast iron tubes in France.

The ability to wiggle one's ears is considered a holdover from man's very remote ancestors.

Starling roosts in England are real bird mobs, consisting occasionally of hundreds of thousands of birds.

The box turtle can shut itself up safe from its enemies by drawing head and legs entirely inside its shell.

Electric heating cables are proving useful in giving warmth to lily ponds, hotbeds, and other places where it is desired to diffuse slight warmth uniformly.

The first person to report that some plants can produce light was the daughter of the botanist Linnaeus, who observed light radiating from nasturtium flowers at night.

Cabbage was one of the foods of ancient Egypt and Greece.

Chemists can produce synthetic woods that are harder than teak and others softer than cork.

Soap is being made on many American farms, extension agents of the Department of Agriculture report.

A baby walrus about ten months old and weighing almost 250 pounds is owned by the San Diego Zoological Society.

Discovery of 24 new double stars, found in the years since 1918, is reported by Dr. F. C. Leonard, of the University of California.

A government publication describes a new means of joining wood by metal connectors, which is expected to open up new uses for wood as structural material.

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