

The Dam Goes Up

THE timid said it couldn't be done. Arizona said it shouldn't be done. Private power interests said the same.

It's that awful thing—"government in business." It's the boldest feat in engineering since the Panama canal, man's most arrogant gesture toward nature. Yet up it goes, down yonder in the granite canyons of Nevada's wilderness.

A contract for nearly \$50,000,000, six times the largest ever before let by the U. S. government, has been awarded a six-ply group of contractors. A railroad is being built into the gorge. A model circular city, with parks, playgrounds, amusement centers and all, is being planted on what till now has been a howling wilderness.

Soon the ugly bronco Colorado that men have feared for centuries will be bridled, tamed and made to tread out 600,000 horsepower of electricity, carry water to a score of thirsty cities, gently let down its waters to irrigate instead of destroy the valleys below.