
S. F. CONTRACTORS TO START HOOPER

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4000 MEN TO BE EMPLOYED ON PROJECT

City Will Be Executive Headquarters: Work Only Awaits 'Go' Word From U. S.

Dirt will begin to fly or or before May 1 in the preliminary work on the \$165,000,000 Hoover Dam—the greatest engineering project in the history of the world, with the possible exception of the Panama Canal.

San Francisco, during the years that will be required to complete this most gigantic of all irrigation and power enterprises, will be the executive headquarters for the project.

Today the Six Companies Inc., which submitted the lowest bid for the dam, power plant and auxiliary work, started to assemble its staffs that the work may start immediately upon receipt of word that the United States government has accepted its bid.

WITHIN 30 DAYS

Work will start within thirty days of the actual awarding of the contract. There will be no delay.

President William H. Wattis of the Six Companies, ill in St. Francis Hospital, explained the reason for the planned promptness in starting actual construction by saying the contract provides for a \$3000 a day penalty for every day consumed over the contract time.

The Six Companies already have established headquarters in the Phelan building and an office staff is being organized.

Soon an employment office will be established in San Francisco.

4000 MEN AT WORK

It is planned to have at least 4000 men at work at the damsite by the first of next year.

Hundreds will be put to work within a few days after the contract officially is awarded.

MILLIONS IN MACHINES

Millions of dollars' worth of equipment—scrapers, tractors, locomotives; miles of steel rails for main

lines and sidings; delicate machinery needed in generating power, lumber for the housing of employes and executive offices—will be purchased.

All will be sent into the desert under field generals and a veritable army of workers, skilled and unskilled.

The Six Companies already has entered into negotiations with some of the greatest engineers in the world to join the already large and efficient staff of the combined six construction companies of the United States.

BUT PART OF PROJECT

These engineers, some of whom rank as scientists, will make their headquarters in San Francisco and much of the work will be directed from here.

The contract to be awarded the Six Companies is but a part of the mammoth project.

Millions of dollars will be spent on other construction.

The U. P. Railroad is to build 22 miles of railroad at an estimated cost of \$800,000.

The government has let a contract for \$445,509.50 to the Lewis Construction Company for a railroad from Boulder City to the damsite. Work is now under way.

WORK ON HIGHWAY

Work is now progressing on the government's highway from Boulder City to the damsite, a distance of ten and a half miles. The contract was let to R. G. Le Tourneau Inc. The cost will be \$329,917.15.

In Boulder City contracts have been let for the excavation for water tanks, another for supplying a modern water system for a city that will have a population of many thousands within a few months, and another for the erection of houses for workmen.

Boulder City will be modern in every way. Already the government has accepted plans for the city and for its cement sidewalks and paved streets, sewer system and lighting.

The Southern Sierra Power Company is rushing work on its contract to build a power transmission line from southern California.

FOR POWER HOUSES

The Earl Roach General Construction Company of Los Angeles is grading a site near the damsite for the Southern Sierra Power Company's proposed power stations of a capacity sufficient to drive all the machinery to be used in the dam construction.

The Southern Nevada Telephone Company has almost completed its telephone lines from Las Vegas to Boulder City.

Already the joint Western Union and Union Pacific telegraph line to Boulder City is in operation. It connects with the outside world.

And, in addition to all this, the government will install the greatest assembly of electrical equipment ever marshaled for a construction job in the history of the world.

The government will provide turbines, generators, switches, transformers and, in fact, every electrical device that can be used on such a project.

Secretary Wilbur announced in Washington that the government is "on its toes to speed construction of Hoover Dam."

The spending of \$165,000,000 on the Hoover Dam project will at once have a beneficial effect on the unemployment situation, not only in the East, but throughout the United States, say government officials.

Every railroad in the country will benefit, directly or indirectly, for millions of tons of freight will be hauled and some of the freight will originate on the Atlantic seaboard.

Some freight will come from the Great Lakes industrial region. Iron, steel and other metals will be hauled from practically every possible source.

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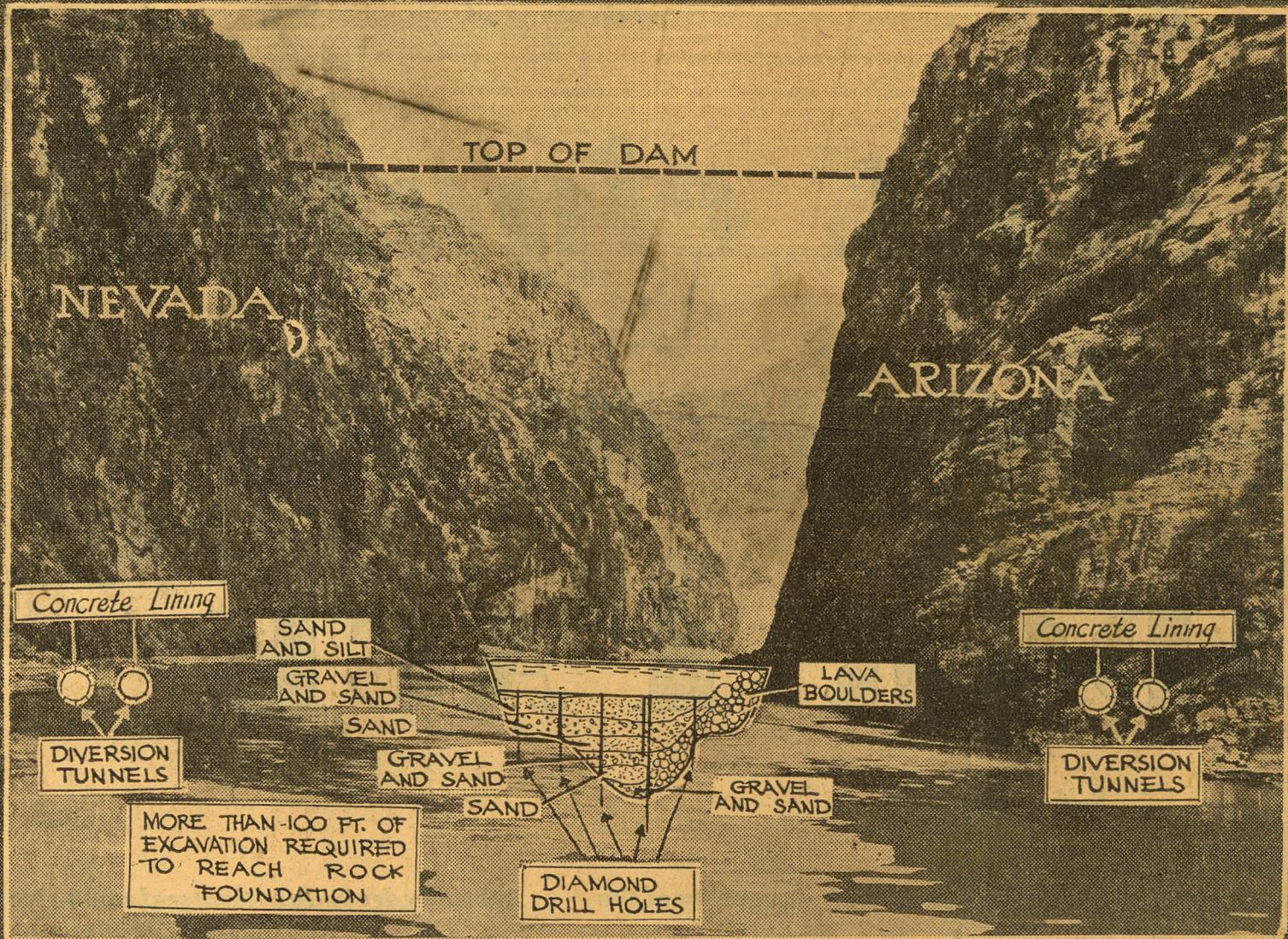


Photo shows rugged and towering walls of Boulder Canyon, on the Nevada-Arizona state lines, where a syndicate of San Francisco and Western contractors will erect a huge dam and powerhouse to conquer the mighty Colorado River. Headquarters offices will be

maintained in San Francisco during the construction period. Photo-diagram also shows strata formation for foundation work and proposed diversion tunnels at right and left, through which water will flow while dam is being constructed.