

# EDITORIAL

## TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS

Two years ago last Saturday Secretary of Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur lifted a sledge hammer and drove into a crosstie the Nevada silver spike which officially launched actual work toward the Boulder Dam project.

Today a new city of nearly 6,000 persons is busily engaged in the business of doing one thing, and one thing alone—getting that dam built as quickly as possible.

Two years ago Secretary Wilbur proclaimed the project officially started, with the commencement of work on the branch railroad from the main line of the Union Pacific railroad to Boulder City.

Today that railroad is in full operation, and nearly a score of miles of company railroad on the project reservation as well.

Two years ago there was naught but a couple of tents in Boulder City, and Black canyon was inaccessible except by boat.

Today Boulder City is a complete civic unit of her own, and Black canyon has men swarming all over the sides of her cliffs, gas shovels and trucks ply around the rims of both sides of the canyon, top and bottom, cableways and steel bridges span the canyon in many places, electric lights shine at night all over the canyon and men work night and day.

Four diversion tunnels have been drilled and soon will be entirely concrete lined. The cofferdam work has been started. . . . .

Thus have gone the first two years of work on the project. Not long ago many an individual was wondering whether or not the dam actually would be built.

Already two years of intense activity have passed. The contractors are far ahead of schedule and going right ahead three shifts a day, with a larger staff than ever before, and HITTING ON ALL SIX.