Santa to Preside Over Community Christmas Tree in Park This Evening

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RUSSIA ASKED TO AID SEARCH

THE WEATHER

LAS VEGAS-Yesterday: Max. 60; Min. 25. NEVADA-Fair Tuesday and Wednesday but unsettled in extreme north. Freezing at night. NEW YORK. Dec. 23. (U.P.-Copper slow; at 18

cents domestic and 18.30 cents foreign. Lead fair. 6.10 at St. Louis and 6.25 New York. Zinc light, 5.25 to 5.50 E. St. Louis, low for year. High for year was 6.80.

Congress Fight on Rail Merger is Expected

FARM BLOC IS AGAINST PROPOSAL

They Do Not Believe **Organization Would** Cut Freight Rate; G. O. P. Pushes Plan

By PAUL R. MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON. Dec. 23 (U.P.)-A fight in congress was foreseen today over the massive railroad consolidation plan of the Interstate Commerce commission.

While the farm bloc members are priming with material to oppose the project because they do not believe it will reduce freight rates to the farmer. Republican leaders are planning a way to put teeth into the commission proposal.

The issue probably will be taken up in the house and senate interstate commerce committees immediately after the holidays. The commissioners who signed the majority and those who attested the disesnting reports probably will be called as witnesses. The farm bloc is not yet decided as to how it can oppose the plan. or if opposition will be necessary. Under the law the proposal is largely up to the railroads involved. Most railroads have been inclined to favor a voluntary consolidation. The Republican leaders are wholeheartedly in favor of the commission proposal to link the rail systems of the nation into 19 extensive units, five in the east, extensive units, five in the east, two in New England, three in the South and nine in the West. NOMINATION KIDDIES TO They believe the consolidations will enable the gradual reduction of railroad rates.

BOULDER PROJECT GROWS Editorial

The Boulder Dam project is fast reaching the final stage of its political life and will scon enter the phase of physical construction.

For nearly ten years the project has been buffeted here and there by those who have had political ambitions or financial interests to serve. It grew and thrived, gaining strength through the rough buffets it suffered and emerged, finally, into the stature of maturity. And just now the politicians are making their final threat toward it, and the project, secure in its legal position as a child of the government of the United States, stands confident and unafraid.

It is now up to California and Arizona to compose their differences or forever after hold their peace. Governor Phillips shortly will announce his decision as to whether or no Arizona will again confer with her sister states of the lower basin in an effort to secure an agreement.

If the conference shall be held, there is some hope for an inter-state compact, which, of course, is devoutly to be desired because it will remove all feeling of uncertainty from the public mind.

On the other hand, should Arizona consider herself aggrieved. she would have no remedy through an injunction. She must first show that she has been injured-that her sovereignty as a state has been unlawfully invaded. Under the constitution of the United States the government has full power to build dams such as this and has many times done so.

An injunction, if ever, will be possible only after the government has begun to develop the power. It must be remembered that, under the Boulder Dam bill, Arizona is in no degree whatever, restricted in her right to appropriate and use all the water in the Colorado River. But, it is claimed, her grievance lies in the proposal to develop and sell power generated on a river partly within her border.

The government has done this with practically all the dams it has built for reclamation or flood control purposes. It is an **BUSINESS IN** \$200,000 IS '29 SHOWS **GIVEN AS INCREASE SEWERCOST**

Merchants Pronounce Mains, Disposal Plant This Year Best Yet Seen in Las Vegas For Total Turnover

Asked how business had been for as the most prosperous the commu- estimates presented yesterday to city nity ever has seen.

Fourteen statements, picked at random from business men, are pub- which probably will be laid as a lished herewith as the first of a later improvement, it is believed. series to be run in four issues of The Age

yet given quotations are asked each and the second the laterals, accordto prepare a brief statement sum- ing to City Attorney Frank A. Stevmatizing the prosperity of the year ens. The reason for this is the low Man Attempts to Plunge 1929 in their respective businesses. assessed valuations of the proper-

Will Beckley, clothier, Beckley's: 'Our business was much better

during 1929 than during the year

Business has increased more

The new sewer mains and disthe year 1929. Las Vegas business posal plant for which tentative men show various reactions, the plans have been formed will cost year being summarized, in general. Las Vegas \$200,000, according to

Business men who have not as the mains and new disposal plant

The matter of acceptance of the

Rancher; Carries Suitcase,

U.S. OFFICIALS SUGGEST SOVIET SEND SHIPS TO **HUNT FOR LOST FLYERS**

Letter From V. Steffansson, Famous Arctic Explorer, Moves Secretary Wilbur to Send Message Asking Aid in Finding Eielson, Borland, Lost in North Since November 9th

Santa Will Visit Japanese Children **Tomorrow Evening**

Japanese kiddies will have the opportunity to meet Santa Claus Wednesday evening at 7:30 at their little church west of the Union Pacific shops. Under the auspices of the Baptist church, gifts will be given out to these little tots. Mrs. C. H. Sloan and Mrs. Al Stone conduct regular American class-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP) Messages of the American government appealing unofficially to the Soviet government for assistance in the search for Lieut. Carl Ben Eielson, American aviator lost for six weeks on the ice off Siberia, were flashed directly to Moscow and to two Soviet ships in the vicinity where Eielson disappeared.

The message to Moscow was transmitted through Tass, which is Soviet news agency.

The messages to two ships were being sent by Governor Park of Alaska, the state department informing the interior department it had no objection to the appeal

Ignoring international usage, Sec

retary Wilbur, after receiving au

urgent, pathetic appeal from Vil-

hjalmar Steffansson, world-famous

Arctic explorer, sent a communica-

The state department was not

Immediately upon receipt of Stef-

and Stavropol, which are equipped

Steffansson's message started:

I appeal to you as the man I know

best in the cabinet." ending with

When Nobile was down in the

north part of their territory the

Soviet government on appeal from

the Italian government made ex-

tensive, eventually successful, rescue

efforts. Eielson and Borland are

down within their actual territory.

They would undoubtedly made simi -

lar efforts if similarly approached.

"In a situation of life and death

ion direct to the Soviet capital.

officials by Mr. A. H. Koebig. This does not include the laterals It is likely that there will be two improvements, the first to comprise

ed after last evening's meeting.

sewer improvement.

U. P. Train in

for Los Angeles.

head

most

crash

Christle

tal

ties affected.

Stone Hit Him as He Rushed In to Place 2nd Charge Because he returned to place

the second dynamite charge before all the rocks had fallen from the first charge, J. Mendeza, employed at the United States Lime Corporation workings at Sloan, was struck on the head by a stone recently, and a deep iwo and a half inch gash was cut in his head.

Estimate Submitted his scalp at Las Vegas hospital, but fear that his skull had been fractured was found to be groundless.

work for about two weeks, it is believed.

Maniac Armed With Sabre, Gun

Spreads Terror

Three stitches were taken in

To City Board With Improvement Plans Mendoza will be absent from

Weapon Through Aged

Framed Picture. **Gas** Franchises SANTA ROSA. Dec. 23 (U.P.)-Percy Walker, 45, San Francisco, en up at an early date, it was stat-Are Revoked was charged with attempting assault and held in jail here today The engineering firm was engaged by the city to draft plans and after an alleged attack on Peter Larsen, 72, rancher, with a cavalry City Board Takes Away Per- consulted at all on this message to supervise construction of the sabre earlier in the day. mit Transferred From fanson's message, Wilbur wired Walker, a lather who formerly A. H. Koebig. Jr., left last night Crittenden to "Las Vegas "Have requested governor of Alasjived here, denied the attack, and Gas Company," Also An- ka ask assistance Soviet ice breakclaimed that he visited Larsen, a rancher living just south of town, other. to collect \$57 due him for Christian Science nursing of Larsen's daughter. chises were revoked yesterday after-SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 23 (U.P.) noon by the board of city commis-source Rosa was in a state of sioners. -Santa Rosa was in a state of sioners. The franchise granted some near panic today as an armed maniac was abroad carrying a months ago to Mr. Crittenden of with dogs planes, etc. double bareled shotgun and a four Los Angeles, which was transferred HAYS, Kan. Dec. 23 (U.P.--A head on collision between eastto the "Las Vegas Gas company," foot cavalry sabre. The man was first reported at was revoked, the time limit for combound Union Pacific train No. 128 the home of Peter Larsen, 75, a mencing of construction activity and westbound train No. 21 at rancher just south of town on the having passed. Redwood highway. He attempted Leaving the Clark County Gas to plunge the sabre through Lar- company the privilege of continusen's body when the farmer an- ing to conduct its business on its present basis, the franchise for layswered a knock at his door. ing of gas mains was revoked also Larsen had opened the door only from this company. There were no fatalities and no a foot so that he was able to passengers severely injured. acdodge, the weapon slicing through his clothing, but missing his body. Clark County Gas company, and Is this not somehow possible? Fly-Larsen spread the alarm, but George Peabody, and was then ers had two months' provisions and search failed to find the man.

'City Licenses Must Be Paid

"Beginning Thursday we're going to insist vehemently that merchants who have not paid their quarterly city licenses fees make their payments immediately," said City Clerk Viola Burns yesterday.

It will soon be time for the January 1 payment, for the first quarter in 1930, she pointed out, and it urged that these be not allowed to accumulate.

"Payment was due October 1, almost three months ago," she stated. "and we'll go to court to get these paid if those who have neglected to pay up do not come to time. That would add a fine, perhaps.'

Saturday Golf **Tourney Planned** Please pay your dues Lagging accounts hurt progress Every member's help is needed

A dvertising builds business Solid progress follows A golf tournament will be staged Except substantial development by the Las Vegas Country club on Saturday, December 28, according to Dr. Wm. S. Park, president of the Please pay your dues A dvertising costs money The tourney will start at 9 a. m. Your dues will help. promptly, he stated yesterday, and

will be an eighteen-hole medal play handicap.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED TO NEVADA COUPLE

William Howard McNair of Goldfield. Nevada, and Thelma Gerber Dollars advertise of Metropolis, Nevada, were issued Unpaid yesterday-paid today a marriage license Saturday in Las Easy-wasn't it? Vegas. S incerely we thank you.

INVALID MOTHER SEES SON BECOME OREGON GOVERNOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23. (A)--to fill the unexpired term of Gov-A. W. Norblad, 48-year-old lawyer ernor I. L. Patterson, who died sudof Astoria, Ore., and president of denly last night.

the state senate, stood beside the Funeral services for Governor sustained when their motorcycle col- which necessarily causes a mild de-chair of his invalid mother. Mrs. Patterson, 70, were conducted at lided with an automobile here yes- pression in payment of obligations." Bessie Norblad, 77, here today and the hall of representatives at Salem terday took the oath of office as governor this afternoon.

ble by-product of such an enterprise and is very properly made to repay some portion of the cost.

But, even in the matter of power, the Boulder Dam bill provides that Arizona may take if she chooses, one third of the power for use within the state. If she fails or refuses to avail herself of so much of a privilege, how can she maintain her demand for it all?

proceed with the construction of Boulder dam, with or without the consent of any state. And the government of the United States has the power so to do.

Just as soon as Arizona chooses her position, be it in or out, the Secretary will announce his final allocation of power and proceed with the construction. And once begun, it will be carried through to completion just as has been done in many other similar cases.

LIST FOR LINE UP

C. C. TODAY

Suggested Ballot

For Election to Be

Held on January 22

By FLORENCE DONELY

Nominations for offices for the

coming year in the Chamber of

Commerce will be submitted to the

organization this noon by a com-

The luncheon meeting today will

be devoted, with the exception of

routine matters, to affairs pertain-

ing to the annual election, which

Every member's help is needed

will be held January 22.

Please pay your dues

Yesterday is past

R ead-think-remit.

Opportunity lies before us

Underneath this is cooperation

mittee headed by A. S. Henderson.

before, and we anticipate a year of even greater prosperity for 1930." A. Corradetti,

FOR GIFTS

Music Led by Boys'

By Presentations

Christmas tree to be lighted in the

U. P. park.

It is the fixed and immovable policy of the government to

than 25 per cent this year over 1928. Right now there is more business in our line than there was last year at this time, and there are two establishments whereas there was but one two years ago.' O. J. Smith.

Troy Steam Laundry: We have increased our capacity

Vegas Cleaning Works:

about one-fourth during the past year by increasing space and equipment, and by employing a fourth more persons than we employed a vear ago.

M. W .Davis, Jeweler:

"We have increased our stock by Gorham, near Ellis, Ken., at 5:30 three times during the last year, a.m. today resulted in the turning and our business in 1929 has in- over of two engines and a number creased fully 100 per cent over the of coaches of the trains and inprevious year. Our outlook for the jured five members of the crews, coming year is brighter than ever. road officials were advised here. Committee to Present Singing of Carols and We're going to do some expanding after the first.' cording to reports received here.

The injured: Band to Be Followed Al Minette, Boulder Realty Corporation: Engineer Walton on No. 21. "Boulder Realty corporation has vere bruises on head. Fireman Blevins on No. 21, inhad its best year in 1929, having jured on head and arms. sold out Boulder addition, the H. F.

M. and M. addition and Garden Tonight will be Christmas Eve! Acres, almost entirely during the 21, bruises on head. At 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will year. We've also sold a small addimake his public apearance in per- tion in Block J. Park Place, almost tent of injuries not determined. son and will preside over the giant entirely.

Leo Roth, Las Vegas

Not only will there be gifts, but Mercantile Corporation: Christmas music as well. For the glee club of the Epworth league Las Vegas has far surpassed my of the Methodist church will carol. fondest anticipations. I feel that hospital.

The grammar school boys' band Las Vegas, regardless of any big will be there, too, and Mrs. Eliza- building program, is well able to take care of its own, and condibeth Martin, will present several duets and trios, according to Dr. tions here are far better than those Wm. S. Park. chairman of the existing in the greater parts of the United States." committee.

Then will Santa Claus make his appearance. The young folks will H. L. Perry, manager, line up on the north side of the J. C. Penney store: "During eight of the twelve park, it was announced yesterday. months of this year the Las Vegas there to get tickets which they will store of Penney's chain has led the present Santa as he passes them entire state of Nevada for increase This is to make sure there will in business. We have had an intheir gifts. crease in business every month of be enough gifts to go around, it is 1929 over the month previous, and explained.

a total increase of about 25 per cent ducted under the auspices of the of business this year over 1928."

Rotary club, with private parties Ed Clark, President, contributing toward its success. First State Bank:

A number of Las Vegas women "The year 1929 has been the largwill perform the work of sacking est year in the history of the bank. the and nuts for the Coristmas which is now going on its twentytree. This will be done this morn- fifth year. The last year, of course. ing at the Chamber of Commerce has been unusual because of legisoffice, Mrs. Donely having given lation pertaining to Boulder dam. permission to use the suite for this which raised our resources for a

time. Subsequently they have been purpose The committee in charge com- reduced to more normal conditions. prises Al Cahlan, W. E. Ferron, The entire year showed about a O. C. Boggs, K. O. Knudson, Walt third increase above normal, with total deposits, clearings and loans Houck and Dr. Wm. S. Park. correspondingly increased. While

SAILORS KILLED

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 23 (U.S) a little tight at present. in our judg--Two sailors from the U. S. S. ment there has been an over-indulg-West Virginia died from injuries ence in use of the credit system, in charge.

sustained when their motorcycle col- | which necessarily causes a mild de-(Continued on Page Six) stated.

plans submitted last evening to the board by the firm of Koebig and Koebig, of Los Angeles, will be tak-

Crash in Kansas

A half hour later, assistant district attorney Edward Koford, looking out of a courthouse win-Mail clerk A. W. Berger, on No. dow, saw the man, attired in a black overcoat, with gun and sabre Tom Morgan, baggageman, on and also carrying a framed picture No. 128. bruised and cut but ex- and a suitcase, casualy strolling along Fourth street, the city's Express messenger Hibbs, cut on main thoroughfare.

Police again were called but Mrs. Lola Firebaugh, Rawlings, could find no trace of the man, par-"The first year of my business in Wyo. was slightly injured. She tially identified as Percy Walker. was removed to Hays Protestant Terror spread through the city. Merchants kept close watch of seriously hurt. All were locked and barred doors and winbrought to Hays Protestant hospi- dows.

Traffic along the line was held **Auto Hits Corradetti** up for three hours while wreck-Delivery, Damaged ing crews cleared the tracks. Doctors from Hays and from Russell

A collision yesterday morning al about 8 o'clock on Fremont at First caused slight damage to the delivof this city. ery truck of Al Corradetti and about \$100 damage to the Chrysler touring car of Donald Williams when Williams became sun-blinded and ran was plainly visible to the eye. It was 2:20 in the afternoon

The financial consequences of the collision have been settled to the satisfaction of both, it is said, the damage to the delivery truck being but a hub cap and bent fender, to the extent of about \$6 or \$7 damage.

Licenses Are Ready

Attractive new dog licenses hav arrived in the office of the city clerk high court had erred in its decision

es there each Sunday.

ers directly by radio. Have also arranged to have same request made at Moscow through unofficial chan-Two Las Vegas gas system fran- nels.

Simultaneously Wilbur wired the

This franchise was granted originally to C. O. Lauritzen, head of the

transferred to Clark County Gas have been missing since November company.

New Yorkers Marvel At Bullet-Watching **Exhibition on River**

Blevins, Moran and Dalton were their doorways, while housewives but also by the sight of a bullet fortnight ago. The Nanook, their

tire distance. This phenomenon, oatman, Leon Schurr, Reno mining man, and another Reno man, trace of the misings flyers. was exhibited for the benefit of the

when the exhibition took place.

FIGHT FARE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (U.P.)

Los Angeles street car fares.

six New Yorkers and H. G. Kellogg Emery shot with a 44 Winchester. **Negotiations** Are Off and for the 700 foot distance across the river into the cave the bullet

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (P)-E. G. Sams, president of the J. C. Penney company, which operates a nationwide chain of 1400 retail dry goods and apparel stores, announced to-

The California state railroad com-Sears, Roebuck and company have been definitely terminated. mission and the city of Los Angeles Reports that the two concerns today petitioned the supreme court for a rehearing of the case in which were contemplating a merger were the court recently granted an in- first heard a few weeks ago when it was heard the possible advantages crease from five to seven cents in of such a merger were to be sur-

The petitioners jointly alleged the veyed.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23. (U.P.) silent on the subject, and in hold- when they arrested Joe Williams, ing the state commission has as- 21. The cargo, riding in William's sumed jurisdiction in the fare case automobile, consisted of rum and ale.

secretary-treasurer, L. O. Bates: recording secretary, A. T. Berry: guide. C. K. Watson; guardian, J

9. The matter is therefore urgent. NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (U.P.) - The first air search in the ice-bound Siberian wastes for Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, Alaskan avi-

ators, has failed to reveal any trace of them, the Aviation Corporation A party of six New Yorkers was announced tonight after receipt of visibly impressed Sunday not only the radiogram from the fur ship with the trip by boat from the land- Nanook. ing down to the Boulder dam site.

They disappeared more than a winging its way at the rate of 1500 'unattained goal, is ice-locked at feet a second across the river into North Cape, Siberia. The corporation message said that a cave, in full sight during the en-

Harold Gillan, one of two pilots sent discovered from Teller. Alaska, flew nearly three weeks ago by Murl Emery, two and a half hours over the wasteland without sighting any

Penney Consolidation

day negotiations for a merger with

Sams said the survey is now ter-

and are ready for dissemination, on three grounds: In holding that minated, results being negative, They are unique in dog-house de- the city did not have power to pro scribe franchise rates; in holding The cost is \$2.50 for male dogs that rates prescribed in franchises would be binding on the company Christmas cheer valued at \$3,000 fell provided the California laws were into the hands of police today

Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin and Too many functions had been their daughters, Frances and Mazie, planned for Christmas Eve, he left late yesterday for Los Angeles, in 1921 and 1928. planning to return tonight.

Cabaret Postponed Until Saturday

The Elks' Cabaret will be staged sign. things in certain lines seem to be Saturday instead of tonight, it was announced yesterday by Art and \$5.00 for females. Harris, chairman of the committee

were sent to the scene of the

Gore Is Elected To Head Barbers into Corradetti The barbers' union yesterday evening elected William Gore president

Vice president, Arthur Parvin;

for the coming year. The other officers elected were as follows:

A. Berry, and press secretary, W. O. Attractive New Dog