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LAS VEGAS WEATHER  
January 27—Maximum 77; Minimum 35.  
January 28—Maximum 79; Minimum 41.  
METAL MARKET  
NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Lead, spot New York 4.75, East St. Louis 4.55; zinc, East St. Louis, spot and future 4.05 to 4.10.

# MINE BLAST TAKES MANY LIVES

## Lost Varney Mail Plane is Found

### Mrs. John S. Park Rushed by Plane to L.A. for Operation

#### SCIENCE REACHES INTO SKY RECALLING SPEEDING SHIP TO AID OF STRICKEN WOMAN

#### Patient Reaches Hospital in Good Condition —Operation at 7:30—Mrs. Park Out From Anesthetic, Resting Easily at Midnight

In a race in which automobiles, an airplane and the radio phone were the instruments of science pressed into service when the life of Mrs. John S. Park was at stake, Dr. William S. Park won the victory by taking his mother to the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles where she underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at 7:30 last evening.

#### TOM HEFLIN TO CONTEST BANKHEAD

#### Coercion, Bribery and Ballot Box Stuffing Alleged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Senator J. Thomas Hefflin, Democrat of Alabama, today filed notice in the senate that he would contest the election of John H. Bankhead to the senate in the election last fall in Alabama.

#### Josephine K. Seaman Upholds Drunk Charge

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—A seaman from the crew of the seized rum ship Josephine K. testified today in the coast guard inquiry on the seizure and the shooting of the Josephine K's skipper that chief boatswain's Mate Carl Schmidt was "good and intoxicated" when he boarded the rum craft.

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#### RAILWAY EMPLOYEES URGE FAIR PLAY IN TRANSPORTATION

Employees of Nevada Northern Railway Set Forth Facts That Apply Locally To Every Nevada Line

The following from the Ely Times can be applied locally and at the same time sets down facts and figures that must make an appeal to the people. Some startling figures are given in the signed article as follows:

Believing there is a tendency on the part of the general public to discriminate against railroads, and to not give them consideration commensurate with their value as a factor in the development of the nation's progress, and as one of the principal employing agencies, employees of the Nevada Northern Railway company have addressed the following communication to the Times, which is replete with information relating to the subject:

"As explaining to the public in general our views as expressed personally to the merchants of Ely during calls made upon them in the past few days, we shall much appreciate if you find it consistent to print in the Times the following facts and comments:

"The railroads of the United States constitute the greatest industry of your country.

"They represent an actual investment of over 26 billions of dollars.

"That is one-twentieth of the entire wealth of the nation.

"They are the greatest employers of labor of any industry.

"Their average wages are the best of any industry.

"In 1929 they averaged 1,868,769 employees and even during 1930 depression their average for first ten months (latest figures available) was 1,537,729.

"Average earnings all railroad employees 1929—\$1,774.

"Taxes paid 1929 over \$400,000,000.

"Railroads bought in 1929 \$1,138,548,560 worth of material and supplies.

"They bought 115,472,633 tons of coal—23 per cent of all coal mined.

"They bought 2,628,413,745 gallons of fuel oil—19 per cent of all produced.

"Their freight rates are the lowest of any country in the world; their wage scale the highest; and their service the best.

"Their average charges for hauling a ton of freight each mile was 1.1 cents.

"Their average charge per passenger per mile was 2.8 cents.

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#### Will Fight Max Schmeling If— Dempsey—Again

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Jack Dempsey, in an article under his signature in the Memphis Scimitar today, said that if Max Schmeling defeats Young Stribling next June in Chicago, "I will go into training. If I find myself in fighting shape I'll battle the German to bring back the heavyweight championship to America."

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#### To Extradite Totman Girl No Word Given As To Fate Of Missing Pilot

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Lack of official information of reports to the district attorney's office here that Betty Totman, who fled from California to avoid publicity growing out of an affair with Don "Dapper Don" Courtney, late today caused District Attorney Buron Fitts to order a renewed search for the girl.

Fitts said information that the 18-year-old Hollywood girl had been located in Denver, Colo., had come from Denver but that a later check had failed to reveal Miss Totman's whereabouts.

The girl is sought as an essential witness in the prosecution of Courtney on charges of contributing to her delinquency when she gambled her honor against \$1,000 in a dice game.

The prosecutor declared his information indicated beyond question that the girl is outside the boundaries of California and that where she is located, in Denver or elsewhere, it will be made to return her to Los Angeles to testify against Courtney.

#### FALL TOO ILL TO ATTEND HIS APPEAL

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Albert B. Fall, secretary of interior in the cabinet of President Harding, was reported ill at his home here tonight. Mrs. Fall said he will be unable to go to Washington where a hearing is scheduled soon on an appeal on his conviction of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with leases of government oil holdings.

#### TOM MIX'S DOUBLE IS IN VEGAS

Jimmie Doss, America's yodeling cowboy, Hollywood cinema actor of cowboy roles, is in Las Vegas. Doss whistles away his evenings singing for the local KGIX radio broadcast station and entertaining at nearby roadhouses.

#### Kiwanis Votes Support to New Chamber Head

President-elect O. W. Yates of the Chamber of Commerce, appearing as the guest of Program Chairman Steve Whitehead at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Kiwanis club, briefly outlined the policies of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. The ideas expressed by Mr. Yates met with the approval of the members of the Kiwanis club, who voted unanimously to give their support to the program of the Chamber of Commerce.

The club voted a donation of \$10 toward the quota of \$100 for Clark county for the Red Cross relief fund.

Guests of the club, in addition to Mr. Yates, were A. G. Crawford of Ely, Captain Griffin of the Salvation Army, and Miss Gladys Munson of this city. With Miss Munson at the piano, the club joined in singing several songs under the direction of Frank Beam.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keach are to build an addition to their home at Eleventh and Stewart streets.

## THIRTY DEAD IN COAL MINE SOUGHT BY RESCUE WORKERS FOLLOWING GAS EXPLOSION

### Only Twelve Bodies Recovered Last Night as Smoke Stained Workers Stumbled Through Debris of Wrecked Mine

LINTON, Ind., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Smoke stained rescue workers stumbled through the debris littered shafts and tunnels of the Little Betty coal mine tonight, bringing up one by one the victims of a terrific explosion which trapped the miners just as they were completing their day's work.

Only twelve bodies had been recovered, while one of the two men brought to the surface alive died later in the Linton hospital. Officials said that inasmuch as the blast occurred at shift changing time, it was impossible to estimate exactly the number of men who were trapped, but that between 25 and 30 men were at the bottom of the shaft waiting to be hoisted up when the blast sent tons of debris showering down.

"We have been unable to penetrate to all parts of the mine yet because of the smoke," L. P. Douthett, vice president of the Little Betty corporation, told the United Press.

Douthett personally led the rescuers, who were forced by lack of gas masks to make frequent trips to the surface to gasp the fresh air. He said it probably would not be possible to explore all the winding tunnels and shafts of the mine, one of the oldest in the Indiana coal territory, before tomorrow.

Douthett said that a gas explosion was responsible for the disaster. It first had been thought that cases of blasting powder caused the explosion, but the powder later was found in the mine.

Robert Derris, the only man known so far to have survived the explosion, was taken to the hospital where he said he feared all of his comrades had been killed.

## PROMINENT PROMOTERS INDICTED

Federal Grand Jury Charges Oil Company Frauds

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Jack Walton, deposed former governor of Oklahoma; Richard Edright, former New York police commissioner; and S. E. J. Cox, a former associate of Dr. Frederick Cook, were among the nineteen persons indicted by the federal grand jury today in mail fraud charges in connection with the promotion of the Universal Oil and Gas company here.

Walton had just filed his candidacy for the office of mayor of Oklahoma City.

The company is now in receivership.

## THE RED CROSS

The American Red Cross has sent out its appeal to the people of Las Vegas to do their small share in providing for the straying people of the drought stricken regions. It is imperative that the response be immediate.

Do not withhold your aid because the amount you can afford to give is small, and by all means, do not delay.

Mrs. William S. Park is in charge of the Red Cross work in Las Vegas. Please fill out and mail the following coupon with your subscription to Mrs. William S. Park, The Red Cross, Las Vegas, Nevada. Or if more convenient; contributions left at the Age Office will be forwarded to Mrs. Park and promptly acknowledged.

TO MRS. WILLIAM S. PARK,  
American Red Cross,  
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Herewith please find \$..... for the work of the Red Cross in relieving suffering in the drought stricken regions of the United States. Please acknowledge receipt of the same.

Signed