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LAS VEGAS WEATHER January 27-Maximum 77; Minimum 35. January 28-Maximum 79; Minimum 41.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (UP)—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 LIV

### Lost Varney Mail Plane is Found THIRTY DEAD IN COAL MINE SOUGHT BY RESCUE WORKERS Mrs. John S. Park Rushed by Plane to L.A. for Operation Only Twelve Bodies Recovered Last Night as

#### **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

TOM HEFLIN

TO CONTEST

Ballot Box Stuff-

ing Alleged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (U.P.) -

Heflin charged Bankhead resort

Such a contest would come before

the normal course of events. This

of the ballots.

exclusion

committee could investigate, hold

Heflin, whose term expires March

returns. He ran as an independent

Democrat against Bankhead who

Democratic organization because of

Seaman Upholds

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (U.P.)-A sea-

man from the crew of the seized

the seizure and the shooting of the

Josephine K's skipper that chief

Boatswain's Mate Carl Schmidt was

"good and intoxicated' when he

The charge of intoxication-

originally made by a crew member

in an interview with the United

colleagues of the service-was re-

peated by Lewis Selig, seaman, who

added that Schmidt had taken

more to drink after boarding the

Selig, the first member of the

subsequently under cross-examina-

tion made the positive charge, add-

"Because of Schmidt's accent-

Schmidt's eyes and face were

Selig admitted that he himself

had been drinking but insisted that

Schmidt after boarding the Jose-

phine K had drunk "six or seven

bottles of ale and a couple of rye

The yield is figured at 200,000 bales.

corn on an acre last year despite

understand him.'

ed, he said.

the drought.

being intoxicated, I couldn't

Press and subsequently denied by

boarded the rum craft.

**Drunk Charge** 

Josephine K.

BANKHEAD

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.

Mrs. Park had not been well for a week or more, but was able to be up and about the house until yesterday afternoon when she was so seriously stricken that her life was endangered

At 1:30 the decision was made to rush the patient to Los Angeles by Senator J. Thomas Heflinfi Demo-An ambulance was tele- crat of Alabama, today filed notice phoned for at once and left the in the senate that he would contest Park home on Charleston boule- the election of John H. Bankhead vard at 2:25, arriving at the West- to the senate in the election last ern Air Express airport at 2:37 p. fall in Alabama. m., about two minutes after the Heflin charged Los Angeles-bound plane had left. | ed to "coercion, bribery and ballot

The operator at the field immedi- box stuffing" in defeating him in ately called the Los Angeles office the election in November, and servof Western Air Express, asking per- ed notice he was filing a formal mission for the plane to return to contest of the election. Very quickly this authority was the senate privileges and elections granted, but the plane was gradual- committee of the new congress in night which had waged for two have never asked assistance from ly losing itself on the horizon miles

Then came the moments tense with excitement, while the operator called the plane. Would Fred Kelly No. 1 hear the call? Could science 3rd, was defeated by nearly 50,000 reach through the air and bring votes, according to the announced the great ship back again on the

errand of mercy? The plane was almost lost to won the regular Democratic nomisight miles to the southwest on its nation in the primaries. Heflin was swift flight to Los Angeles. The excluded from the primary by the operator called over the radio phone. No response. And the plane was his opposition to Alfred E. Smith in almost lost to sight of the watchers. 1928 and Alabama court upheld the Again and again the call went out and then-it was Kelly's voice, "All right, I hear you. Will turn now. And as the little group, tense with anxiety, looked into the southwestern horizon they saw the light of the afternoon sun flash from the silver wings of the great machine as it turned on its errand of mercy back to the Las Vegas airport.

And in fifteen or twenty minutes the tri-motored ship was back on the field. Mrs. Park and Dr. Park were taken aboard and the flight to Los Angeles resumed.

Again the radio phone proved its utility. As the ship roared through rum ship Josephine K. testified tothe sky over the great mountain range which fences southern California off from the north, Dr. Park called Dr. Guy Cochran who hastened to the landing field, meeting the plane with an ambulance, and soon had the patient safely in the Hospital of the Good Saramitan.

Dr. Cochrane found the patient in satisfactory physical condition despite her hurried trip and performed the operation at 7:30 last

At midnight, Dr. Park, in answer Josephine K. to an inquiry by the Associated Press, said his mother was then crew to testify to events at the time out from the effects of the anaes-thetic and was resting as comfort-ably as could be expected.

of the fatal shooting of Captain William Cluett, was a brother-in-law of Cluett. At first, he appear-

law of Cluett. At first, he appear-John S. Park left last night by ed to hesitate about his charges of train, and arrived at the bedside drunkenness against Schmidt, but of his wife this morning.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28. 9:09 P. ing M. (A) -Brought here in an air mail plane which had been called back by radio to Las Vegas today, Mrs. John S. Park, elderly mother of Dr. Wm. S. Park of Las Vegas was operated upon for appendicitis

at the Good samaritan hospital to-The Western Air Express plane from Salt Lake City was many miles on its way from Las Vegas to Los Angeles when it turned back to whiskies in the presence of the en-Las Vegas in response to a radio

tire crew except the chief engineer. call from Dr. Park. He brought his mother here in the plane, radioing en route for an ambulance to meet the ship which receive \$15,000,000 for their crop. landed at 5:15 p. m.

Farmers of Halifax county, N. C., have signed 850,000 pounds of to- club boy, produced 99 1/2 bushels of try of your country. bacco to be delivered to the coopera-

#### "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 train-ing. If I find myself in fight-ing shape I'll battle the German to bring back the heavyweight championship to Amer-

Dempsey said he considered such a pessibility "remote" and that "If I find I cannot get in trim there will be no Schmeling-Dempsey fight as I do not want to be pointed out as the man Schmeling knocked out."

### Coercion, Bribery and MACDONALD GOVERNMENT **VICTORIOUS**

Labor Ministry Narrowly Escapes Defeat Last Night

night which had waged for two have never asked assistance from The second reading was approved by and some will not ask now, despite their need and some will not ask now, despite their need and some will not ask now. hearings or even conduct a check 277 to 250.

excitement. Bitter attack of con- themselves servatists during the debate had in- 1 From Lee county, Arkansas, comes dicated the determination with the report, verified by Red Cross which the opposition sought to ov- headquarters in St. Louis, that 41 erthrow the labor administration on , per cent of the population is facing

bitter, criticized the government on One farmer died before Red Cross the ground that the bill would le- aid could reach him. He had been galize general strikes. He declared thinking of asking for food for his that it was certain to provoke family, but pride held him back trouble

the bill was less likely to bring trou-

Mrs. Ray L. Christensen, who underwent an operation Wednesday cracks in the siding wide enough evening at the Ferguson-Balcom to admit a finger. hospital, was reported to be doing

The following from the Ely Times

same time sets down facts and fig-

the people. Some startling figures

Believing there is a tendency on

commensurate with their value as

nation's progress, and as one of the

ployes of the Nevada Northern Rail-

Times, which is replete with infor-

ing calls made upon them in the

ment of over 26 billions of dollars.

mation relating to the subject:

principal employing agencies, em- 000

following communication to the supplies.

sonally to the merchants of Ely dur- produced.

(he is of German extraction)—and to not give them consideration able) was 1,537,729.

facts and comments:

C. Matt Kash, 15, Kentucky 4-H States constitute the greatest indus- was 1.1 cents.

#### **RED CROSS ALLEVIATES** SUFFERING

In Drought Stricken Regions

With expenditures in the drought redoubling its efforts in the \$10,- Totman's whereabouts. 000,000 relief fund campaign in

In a single Red in a dice game. Cross chapter's drought area in The prosecutor declared his in- land for Pasco early last Thursday Kentucky there are 572 children in formation indicated beyond ques- Davis, after reporting his discovdesperate need of everything from thon that the girl is outside Kentucky report another county, when she is located, in Denver or investigation. with normally 300 school children, elsewhere, an effort will be made school, and only three of whom had testify against Courtney. had lunches on the day of the health officers' visit.

of their food from digging edible them raw. One family, usually in of extraditing the girl on the basis a livable condition, was found ex-LONDON, Jan. 28. (UR)-The la- isting in a cave because the drought bor government of Premier J. Ram- had driven them from their farm say MacDonald was victorious in a and possessions. Many who are aptheir need, and must be offered The bellot was held amidst high help which they cannot supply

actual starvation if the Red Cross rouble. and he thought he would wait a The solicitor general, Sir Stafford little longer. When the Red Cross two rooms of a frame shack with ment oil holdings.

A relief worker from this district TOM MIX'S reports: "The Red Cross has al-

"That is one-twentieth of the en-

"They are the greatest employ-

"Their average wages are the best

"In 1929 they averaged 1,868,769

"Taxes paid 1929 over \$400.000,-

Railroads bought in 1929 \$1,-

coal-23 per cent of all coal mined.

"Their freight rates are the low-

RAILWAY EMPLOYES URGE

Forth Facts That Apply Locally To

**Every Nevada Line** 

the part of the general public to depression their average for first discriminate against railroads, and ten months (latest figures avail-

can be applied locally and at the tire wealth of the nation.

are given in the signed article as of any industry.

a factor in the development of the ployes 1929-\$1,774.

print in the Times the followng their service the best.

"The railroads of the United ing a ton of freight each mile.

"They represent an actual invest- senger per mile was 2.8 cents.

ures that must make an appeal to ers of labor of any industry.

### To Extradite

LOS ANGELES. Jan. 28 (UR)-Lack of official information of reports to the district attorney's of-Pitiful Stories of Want fled from California to avoid pubfice here that Betty Totman, who licity 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 and demands for help mounting come from Denver but that a later

which 3,000 chapters are mobilized. tial winess in the prosecution of Davis was on a flight eastward Pitiful stories of suffering and Courtney on charges of contribut- to Pasco. Wash., when he discovwant are related by Red Cross ing to her delinquency when she ered the wreckage of a plane sup-workers, particularly in Arkansas gambled her honor against \$1,000 posed to be that flown by Case at

the food to clothing. Health officers of boundaries of California and that

Red Cross workers found that ence of Miss Totman in the Colohis prévious instructions to his defor her after she informed authorities-by letter that she was leaving

## TO ATTEND

Winston Churchill, particularly does not supply them with food Former Secretary of Interior Is Unable To Travel

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 28. (U.P.) Cripps, replying for the government, visitor called on his family, con- Albert B. Fall, secretary of interior and Benny Stinson of Los Angeles sisting of the widow, an 11-year-old in the cabinet of President Harding, The men will travel ten rounds. solely to remedy "injustices" in the son, and a married daughter with was reported ill at his home here 1927 trades disputes act. He said two children, the baby four months tonight. Mrs. Fall said he will be old, was found sleeping under a unable to go to Washington where ble than the continued repression pile of old coats in a chair drawn a hearing is scheduled soon on an Bernardino in one of the roughest of the trade unionists under the old up before an open fire. The few appeal on his conviction of consticks of wood burning on the spiracy to defraud the government hearth furnished the only heat for in connection with leases of govern- of the men defeated Dick Swartz

## **DOUBLE IS**

**FAIR PLAY IN TRANSPORTATION** Jimmie Doss, America's yodeling cowboy, Hollywood cinema actor of Employes of Nevada Northern Railway Set cowboy roles, is in Las Vegas. Doss whiles away his evenings singing for the local KGIX radio broadcast station and entertaining at nearby

> ways been a welcome friend in these sections. The people remember when the leeves broke and high water covered many fertile square miles,

employes and even during 1930 de- vived farmhouse and face starvation merce for the coming year. "Average earnings all railroad em- | without work.

way company have addressed the 138,548,560 worth of material and ing systems of the past have all Commerce, following communication to the supplies. The club "They bought 115,472,633 tons of day give up in despair."

as explaining to the public in general our views as expressed per- lons of fuel oil—19 per cent of all sufferers, the job has none of the Guestian contains of Elydur. those who have applied for aid and at the piano, the club joined need but reluctant to ask help. It rection of Frank Beam. as 1.1 cents.

"Their average charge per pas- relief to approximately half the

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

Wreckage of Plane Is Sighted by Pilot Al Davis

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28. (U.R.) stricken districts reaching the sum 18-year-old Hollywood girl had Pilot Al Davis, Varney Air Lines of \$1.392.640 at noon. January 15. been located in Denver, Colo., had filer, reported here late today that he had sighted the wreckage of hourly, the American Red Cross is check had failed to reveal Miss Pilot Walter Case's missing airplane ten miles northeast of Washougal, The girl is sought as an essen- Wash.. nearly Baldy peak.

the time the missing flier left Portery, picked up two observers and

with normally 300 school children, elsewhere, an effort will be made. Varney officials later said that of whom only forty are now in to return her to Los Angeles to Davis had definitely identified the wreckage as that of Case's plane Despite the failure of officials up but that due to the rugged terrain to a late hour today to verify the pre-

A searching party was being orsome families had derived the bulk rado city, Fitts made no change in ganized tonight, however, and will leave early tomorrow in an effort roots and cooking them or eating puties to study the legal possibility to penerate to the spot where the wreckage was reported

### O'HANIGAN TO FIGHT STINSON

lined For Next **Tuesday Night** 

The next American Legion fight show will be held here next Tuesday night and will be headlined by Wildman O'Hanigan, the Wilmington middleweight sensation.

Stinson and O'Hanigan recently fought a ten round draw at San and hardest fought ring battles seen there in a long while. Both in their last Las Vegas ring appearances.

The rest of the program embraces the following contests: Romeo LeMon of Fullerton vs. Indian Jonathan Smith, 147 lbs. Harold Desmond, Las Vegas, vs Razz Tartar, Las Vegas, 126 lbs. Dick Swartz, Las Vegas, vs. Bull Careway, Los Angeles, 165 lbs. Young Thompson, Phoenix, Uckshmay Rose, Las Vegas, 125 lbs.

### Kiwanis Votes Support to New Chamber Head

President-elect O. W. Yates of but there was something the Chamber of Commerce, ap seardramatic, arresting in such a catas- ing as the guest of Program C tairtrophe. One faced danger and sur- man Steve Whitehead at the \Vednesday noon meeting of the Ki-"It is different to sit huddled wanis club, briefly outlined the around a little stove in a lonely policies of the Chamber of Comideas expressed by Mr. Yates met "Plantation owner, crop sharer, with the approval of the men bers tenant, have all suffered from the of the Kiwanis club, who voted same climatic conditions and eco- unanimously to give their support nomic depression, and the sustain- to the program of the Chamber of

The club voted a donation of \$10 toward the quota of \$100 for Clark From the point of view of those county for the Red Cross relief

Guests of the club, in add. ion adventure of other types of disas- to Mr. Yates, were A. G. Craw ord ter. "It is a drab affair," one work- of Ely, Captain Griffin of the Cal-It is estimated cotton growers of past few days, we shall much ap- est of any country in the world; er says, "filled with long hours of vation Army, and Miss Gladys Munthe San Joaquin valley, Calif., will preciate if you find it consistent to their wage scale the highest and the day and night calling upon son of this city. With Miss Mur on "Their average charges for hau!- hunting out those who are in dire singing several songs under the di-

> Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keach are to population in an area of 650 square build an addition to their home at Eleventh and Stewart streets.

## FOLLOWING GAS EXPLOSION

Smoke Stained Workers Stumbled Through Debris of Wrecked Mine

Three Convicts Prepare To Die In Colorado Pen

CANON CITY, Colo., Jan. 28. UP-Condemned to die before the week is ended, the three Manter bandits turned their thoughts today to those they leved.

Andrew Halliday, gawky, 22year-old miner, pined for his sweetheart. She has not been to see him recently. John Walker, middle-aged.

grizzled leader of the trio, sought solace in the arms of his aged mother. Claude Ray, 24, short, stocky

"trigger man," prayed with the Rev. John Tedder and read four letters which he received in the morning mail from relatives and

### **CITY BOARD** WILL MEET

The board of city commissioners further consider the matter of a "red light" ordinance.

At the meeting Tuesday afterconsideration. Some members of the board believed that the condiharsh, violation being punished by a fine of \$450 or imprisonment at the rate of one day for each \$2.00 of the fine.

At the Tuesday meeting the HIS APPEAL Lively Combat Head- hourd accepted a release by Koebig & Koebig of all claims against the city by reason of a contract for engineering work for sewer system. dated September 27, 1929. Thereupon, Koebig & Koebig made, an assignment of said contract to Webster L. Benham of Oklahom: City, Okla., who is the head of an engineering firm, having offices a Kansas City and Oklahoma City.

The assignment of contract was made at request of Koebig & Kocbig and involves no reflection on that firm.

In assenting to the transfer the

Mrs. Lelia Johnson of Bridger! the Ferguson-Balcom Oklahoma City. hospital Monday, is doing well according to the report of Dr. Balcom.

LINTON, Ind., Jan. 28. U.S. 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 disgers just as they were completing their day's work. Only twelve bodies had been re-

covered, while one of the two mes brought to the surface alive died later in the Linton hospital. Offcials 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 hauled 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. Donie. vice president of the Little Betty corporation, told the United Press.

Donie personally led the rescuers, who were forced by lack of gas masks to make frequent trips to the surface to gasp the fresh arr. 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.

Donie said that a gas explosion was responsible for the disaster. It first had been thought that ton cases of blasting powder caused the will meet again Friday afternoon to explosion, but the powder later was found in the mine. Robert Derris, the

known so far to have survived the noon, an ordinance copied after that explosion, was taken to the hosin force in Los Angeles was under pital 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. (A)-Jack Walton, deposed former gov-ernor of Oklahoma; Richard Enright, former New York police commissioner, and S. E. J. Cox, a former city secured from Mr. Benham an associate of Dr. Frederick Cook agreement that engineering fees were among the nineteen persons should be based upon the cost of indicted by the federal grand jury the work and not on the amount of today in mail fraud charges in connection with the promotion of the Universal Oil and Gas company her. Walton had just filed his candistreet, who underwent a major op- dacy for the office of mayor of

The company is now in receiver

### 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 straving people of the drought stricken regions. It is imperative that the response be im-

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

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.

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

