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LAS VEGAS WEATHER
January 29—Maximum, 78; minimum, 37.
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METAL MARKET
NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (AP)—Lead, spot New York 4.75, East St. Louis 4.55. Zinc, East St. Louis, spot and future, 4.02 to 4.05.

“WIDE OPEN” GAMBLING BILL TO BE PRESENTED IN HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Would Provide Flat License of \$75.00 Per Month on Each Game—Will Create Revenue And Promote “Monte Carlo” Resorts

RENO, Jan. 30. (AP)—With the legislature in recess, visiting assemblymen and senators predicted here today that the projected “wide open” gambling bill will be introduced in the lower house sometime next week.
Considerable secrecy is attached to the terms of the measure, but it is said the law would provide for a flat license fee of \$75.00 per month for every gambling game operated in the gambling resorts.
The bill is being sponsored for the double purpose of securing a license revenue from the gambling games that are allegedly operated, despite the present law, which makes all but a few games illegal, and for the purpose of attracting tourists to proposed “Monte Carlo” resorts in the state.

Tolliver, Lonesome Pine Feudist Hero, Dies in Mountains

POUND, Va., Jan. 30. (AP)—Bad John Wright, gigantic 88-year-old peace officer, who made the law feared in the mountain country where he himself had been a feudist, is dead.
He was the inspiration for “Devil” Judd Tolliver in John Fox’s “Trail of the Lonesome Pine.” After 40 years as a peace officer in the Cumberland Mountains, Wright died today in his little mountain cabin near the Kentucky border.
Wright is definitely known to have killed nine men.

SALE OF RUSSELL PROPERTY

Plaintiff Bids \$7,090.84 For Two Forties

Undersheriff R. G. McCubrey, acting for Sheriff Joe Keate, offered for sale yesterday afternoon the John L. Russell ranch of 200 acres to satisfy a judgment held by Julia Russell, plaintiff in her suit against J. L. Russell, Mary E. Russell, Oren Fulkorn, E. B. Evans, Joint Holding Company, Warner I. Paul, John W. Maltman and Louis G. Campbell.
Leo A. McNamee conducted the legal formalities for the plaintiff, Julia Russell. Defendant Louis G. Campbell appeared in person and other defendants, the judgment debtors, were represented by various attorneys.
The bidding was spirited, the various judgment debtors, who appear to have divergent interests because of other litigation over the property in which John L. Russell is plaintiff and Fulkorn, et al., defendants, each making bids. It was finally decided, after some controversy prior to the sale, to offer the property in parcels.
The first parcel of forty acres was sold to the plaintiff for an even \$3,000. The second parcel, also 40 acres, went to the same bidder for \$4,090.84, the amount necessary to satisfy the judgment with costs. This leaves 120 acres of the Russell ranch still involved in the suit of John L. Russell vs. Fulkorn, et al., wherein the two sets of judgment debtors may continue the fight. The suit of Julia Russell on which the sale was made for foreclosure of a prior mortgage, which claim is now satisfied by the sale of a portion of the litigated property.

SHERIFF IS MAKING OUT HIS REPORTS

570 Meals Served To Prisoners In December

Sheriff Joe Keate, in making out the monthly report of business in his office up to today, finds that 570 meals will have been furnished to prisoners in the county jail during the month.
In November 244 meals were served, dropping in December to 174.
The office has handled 33 prisoners on felony charges this month, only 9 of the prisoners being held on liquor charges. Seven prisoners remain in the county jail at this time.
Of the seven prisoners not yet disposed of, three of them are held for deportation to Mexico, according to Undersheriff R. G. McCubrey.
Sheriff Joe Keate recovered the loot stolen from the railroad pump house in Moapa Monday, but the person suspected of the theft has not yet been taken.
Cape-Like Sleeves For Sports Jackets

PARIS, Jan. 30. (AP)—Sleeveless jackets are one of the latest style gadgets for wear on the Riviera and Palm Beach. The little hip-length coats are designed with cape-like elbow-length sleeves, and worn with light, long-sleeved frocks.
Pink basket-weave woolen jackets are worn with white frocks, blue coats with cream frocks, and burnt orange with lemon yellow.

FITTS PLAN IS FAVORED IN CHICAGO

State’s Attorney Enthusiastic Over District Attorney’s Plan

CHICAGO, Jan. 30. (AP)—A move to unite law enforcement agencies in a war upon “Searose Al” Capone and other gangsters whose names have become symbols of metropolitan terrorism was started by District Attorney Buron Fitts of Los Angeles today, caught up with enthusiasm by State’s Attorney John A. Swanson and amplified to become nationwide.
Fitts and Swanson discussed by long distance telephone the former’s plan for a drive upon organized crime and reached a tentative agreement for a national conference of prosecutors and police heads in Chicago.
Swanson announced that he would study an airmail letter from Fitts, containing the details of the scheme, before fixing a date for the conference.
“I am enthusiastic about it, however,” Swanson said. “Crime, organized on a vast, modern scale, has created a reign of terror, particularly in our large cities. Fitts’ plan is to unite law enforcement chiefs in a concerted campaign.”
“Through cooperation which will remove some of the difficulties encountered in extradition matters and enable a swifter exchange of information about criminals, it would be possible to accomplish much.”

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30. (AP)—Authorship of a plan to unite law enforcement executives of ten representative cities for a nationwide war on gangsters, was admitted here today by District Attorney Buron Fitts.
Fitts said he had proposed an organization of chiefs of police and prosecutors to State’s Attorney J. A. Swanson of Chicago, several weeks ago.
Definite plans for a conference of officials from the ten cities in Chicago, possibly next week, were disclosed in a long distance telephone conversation with Swanson today, Fitts stated.
The prosecutor declared curbing of criminal gangs was the greatest problem in law enforcement today.
Fitts refused to disclose the contents of a letter to Swanson explaining his plan, because, he said, the communication contained confidential information concerning gang activities.
He said, however, that the principal purpose of the organization would be to distribute information on gang movements, to assist authorities in combating gangster invasions.

LAVEL IS CONFIRMED PREMIER

Extension of Free Education Issue of Test Votes in France

PARIS, Jan. 30. (AP)—Pierre Lavel, butcher’s son, and one of the youngest of France’s prime ministers, was confirmed tonight as head of the new government by the chamber of deputies in two test votes. The issue was largely on the question of extension of free education in the public schools so as to include grades corresponding to those in an American high school.

TED BECKETT WINS TROPHY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30. (AP)—Ted Beckett, of the University of California and William Shuler of California Institute of Technology were presented with trophies designating them the most valuable football players in the state at a luncheon at the University club today.
The awards were made annually.
The selections were made by officials who supervised games of the Southern California conference and the four California members of the Pacific Coast conference, from nominations made by football coaches.
Beckett is a guard and Shuler, whose father is the Rev. R. P. Shuler, broadcasting minister, played tackle.

CLANCY ALMOST ESCAPES

Climbs Up Thru City Jail Ceiling, Then Down Again

William Clancy, picked up by City Officer Mackey and held in the city jail as a suspect in the Second Street Grocery burglary, cut a hole in the ceiling of the jail room in attempting to escape Thursday night.
He managed to get up over the ceiling and then tore another hole in the ceiling and came down in the jail office.
Here Clancy’s flight was halted by his inability to unlock the door. Apparently he fussed with the lock for a time and then fearing the result of making too much noise in his breakout, climbed up through the ceiling again and down into the jail room.
Then came the climax. The other prisoners, annoyed by the noise Clancy made in his various operations, seized him, pushed him into one of the empty cages in the jail room, and locked him in.
And the rest of the night peace reigned.
Clancy will be taken before Municipal Judge Morse this morning when the time for a preliminary hearing will be set. In the meantime Clancy has been transferred to the county jail where the ceilings are not so easily penetrated. It is reported by the sheriff’s office that Clancy was but recently released from San Quentin, Calif., prison.

Officers Chosen To Try Butler

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (AP)—The Navy Department late today announced names of those who will sit in the court-martial of Major General Smedley D. Butler, the officers were selected by Major General Fuller, commandant of the Marine Corps, and approved by Secretary Adams.
Those selected are: Rear Admiral Louis R. De Steiguer, commandant New York Naval district; Rear Admiral William W. Phelps, commandant Portsmouth Navy Yard; Rear Admiral Montgomery Taylor, office naval operations, Washington; Major General Joseph H. Pendleton, U. S. M. C., retired; Rear Admiral George C. Day, member naval general board; Rear Admiral John R. Y. Blakely, member general board; Rear Admiral Frank H. Clark, office naval operations, Washington.

MEXICAN MARRIAGE SET ASIDE

Priscilla Dean’s Would Be Husband Refused Divorce

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 30. (AP)—Leslie P. Arnold, army round the world flier, tonight lost his second suit for divorce when Judge Niles returned a decision in superior court in favor of Mrs. Mildred Avery Arnold.
The verdict was given soon after the completion of lengthy arguments in the three-day trial which was marked by bitter feelings on both sides.
Judge Niles’ decision merely found in favor of Mrs. Arnold as a defendant to the suit and unless the two return to married life together she can collect no funds for support through legal process.
The decision set aside a Mexican ceremony in which Arnold married Priscilla Dean of the film.

ARIZONA GAS TAX RAISED TO 5 CENTS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 30. (AP)—Governor Hunt this afternoon signed a gas bill 45, increasing the state gasoline tax from four to five cents and appropriating \$500,000 for highway work. The emergency measure, first law passed by the legislature, is effective immediately.

PLOT THICKENS IN FIGHT FOR FLOOD ESTATE

Mother Denies That Flood Was Father Of Daughter

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30. (AP)—The charge that Mrs. Eudora Flood Willette was “induced” to make her sensational confessions of the parentage of her daughter was made today by John Taafé, counsel for Mrs. Constance May Gavin, the daughter.
The intimation was indignantly denied by Mrs. Willette at her home in Oakland.
Appearing to testify further as to the basis for her claim to a \$4,000,000 share in the Flood fortune—that Mrs. Gavin was the child she bore after a love affair with the late James L. “Jimmy” Flood—Mrs. Willette suddenly broke down yesterday in a Redwood City courtroom and weepingly admitted it was a lie. Actually, she said, Mrs. Gavin was the daughter of James Cannon, now dead, former property man at a San Francisco theater.
She had been induced to tell the story of Flood’s alleged parenthood, she said, by Eugene Aureguy, a San Francisco attorney specializing in genealogy and disputed estates.
Aureguy pronounced her story a fiction, declaring that Mrs. Willette had accused Flood as early as 1922, and that he had not met her until 1926.
Despite the repudiation, Taafé said, the case for Mrs. Gavin is “stronger than ever.”
Told of Taafé’s charge, Mrs. Willette said:
“The idea! That’s a confounded lie! My reputation is the ruin I didn’t get a red cent to make it, I’m old, and the truth is more important to me now than what anyone thinks.”
The bond market was quiet and U. S. government issues, fluctuating in a narrow range, although treasury 4’s lost more than a full point. John H. Case, chairman of the New York federal reserve bank, said location of an issue of \$3,500,000,000 government 4½’s at this time would result in losses of a billion dollars in other government securities outstanding.

“RIP” MILLER WILL COACH NAVY SQUAD

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 30. (AP)—Edgar E. (Rip) Miller has been selected to serve as head coach of football at the U. S. naval academy. It was announced officially today.
Miller succeeds “Navy Bill” Ingram, who resigned to become coach at the University of California, succeeding “Nibs” Price.
Miller has been an assistant on the academy coaching staff since 1926.

CHURCHMAN FINANCIER ARRESTED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30. (AP)—The sheriff’s office is advised by cable that Frederick Grant White, Venice, Calif., churchman, financier and former convict recently accused of grand theft, has been arrested in Havana, Cuba.
White left here January sixth by airplane and since has been sought throughout the nation. F. E. Chamberlain, associated with White in church work, obtained the complaint charging theft of \$15,000 shortly after White left.

Only One Suit Filed in Court

Herndon Divorce Complaint Alleges Extreme Cruelty

Only one suit was filed in the district court in the last two days. Merrill Lewis Herndon brought suit against her husband, Harry Everett Herndon, for divorce and permission to resume her maiden name of Merrill Lewis.
The complaint recites that the parties were married at San Pedro, Calif., June 24, 1920, and that there are no children. It alleges extreme cruelty as cause of action, reciting several occasions on which it is charged, the defendant came home intoxicated and beat plaintiff and that finally, on October 18, 1929, plaintiff told defendant that she was going to leave because she feared bodily injury, and that defendant then became violent and struck plaintiff several blows with his fists and then grabbed her by the throat and choked her until she was about to faint and only released his hold when she began to bleed from the nose.
Roger Foley is attorney for the plaintiff.

MARRIAGE LICENSSES

Up to last evening 49 marriage licenses had been issued for the month of January, which, with those expected today, will bring the number well up toward the usual monthly record.
Issued January 29
Wilbur H. Logan, 21, Glendale, Calif., and Mary Leola Mercer, 18, of Glendale, Calif.
Henry G. Dominguez, 34, to Dominguez Ramirez, 32, both of Los Angeles.
John B. Sartor, 32, and Mrs. Catherine Kulin, 34, both of Los Angeles.
Issued January 30
Ramon F. Ostrander, 31, and Doris Rollins, 31, both of Los Angeles.
Arthur W. Wolden, Jr., 24, of Long Beach, Calif., and Dorothy Gotham Phillips, 22, of Los Angeles.

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LAVINSKY HAMMERS CANADIAN

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 30. (AP)—King Levisky, Chicago heavyweight, here tonight knocked out Harry Dillon of Winnetka in the second round of their scheduled ten round fight here tonight.

AUBURN LOSES 8 POINTS IN N. Y. MARKET

U. S. Steel and Rails Steady; Copper Slumps

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (AP)—After an spectacular demonstration on the stock exchange today, Auburn lost an 8 point advance and brought selling throughout the list, bringing an irregular close.
Auburn touched 148 and other special issues with small floating supplies of stock made sensational gains ranging to 9 points. Industrial leaders firmed up under the lead of U. S. Steel, which mounted to 142; rails held steady to firm but the late reaction wiped out many of the gains.
Copper shares were weakened by a reduction in the price of the metal for domestic shipment to 9 1/2 cents a pound, a decline of 1/2 cent. Utilities declined after weakness throughout the day in Stone and Webster, which was unloaded by those expecting a reduction in the \$4 annual dividend.
Early strength was inspired by the statement of Eugene C. Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel corporation, that the business generally would pick up this year. Grace made his statement in connection with publication of the Bethlehem report showing 27 cents a share earned in the final quarter of 1930. The regular dividends were declared.
Grace’s statement helped Bethlehem Steel and steel shares generally. The market also had the aid of a decline of \$23,000,000 in brokerage loans for the week, indicating that investment buyers were gradually eating into the floating supply of stocks.
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Traffic Officer To Check Auto Licenses Here

Henry S. Deadrich will be on the job tomorrow morning, checking auto licenses for the state in Clark county.

HEFLIN RAVES! SENATE BORED! DUCE COWED?

Alabama Senator At It Again; It Won’t Be Long Now

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (AP)—Within an hour after Italian Ambassador De Martino today had conveyed to Secretary of State Stimson Premier Mussolini’s acceptance of the American apology for Major General Smedley Butler’s remarks about Mussolini, Senator Thomas Hefflin, Democrat, Alabama, denounced Mussolini on the senate floor as a “mad monarch” and “red handed tyrant.”
He charged that 137 Italians had been murdered at Mussolini’s order on a single night.
“That’s the monarch,” Hefflin shouted, “who is lording it over Italy and who dares brutally to run over a child and then say ‘what is one life in the affairs of a state.’”
Hefflin was referring to the incident said to have been cited by Butler in the speech which Mussolini found insulting. Butler counted how a friend told him that Mussolini failed to give aid when he ran down a child with his automobile.
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POLICE UNABLE TO CONTROL VAST CROWD TRYING TO SEE MOVIE WORLD CELEBRITIES

Thirty Thousand Throng Street in Front of Theater to See Einstein and Chaplin—Many Persons Hurt as Crowd Surges Forward

CITY PARK SHADE TREE PLANS MADE

Citizens Asked to Provide Fund for 420 Fine Trees

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30. (AP)—Several persons were knocked down or fainted as a crowd estimated at 30,000 thronged for a glimpse of movie celebrities at the premiere of Charlie Chaplin’s “City Lights” tonight.
An original detail of 150 police officers was unable to control the thousands of persons jammed in front of the theater and an additional 100 officers, comprising the “Red” squad was rushed to the Los Angeles theatre and succeeded in stretching new ropes through to control the throng.
The crowd had surged forward when Chaplin’s car, bringing the comedian, George Hale and Professor and Mrs. Albert Einstein arrived. Glass covers on lobby displays were shattered and women were knocked to the ground. An ambulance was called and the drivers gave first aid to many.
A number of film stars including Gloria Swanson were disheveled as they tried to push their way into the theatre.
It was suggested by O. A. Kimball that certain organizations might desire to choose a certain area for which they would assume responsibility; also that individuals might wish tree “memorials” in the park. It was decided that a system of marking the trees or crediting them to their donors would be worked out so that a permanent record would be kept of each tree.
It was arranged that citizens credit for planting the trees is due, might make their arrangements for one or more trees through W. J. Hooper, who was appointed treasurer of the fund.
Already approximately 200 of the 420 trees which it is proposed to plant this year have been spoken for. Lodges, clubs and societies are expected to subscribe for a certain number each to serve as a permanent living memorial.
Those who wish to assist in the preliminary work of beautifying the park are urged to contact Hooper for their trees with Mr. Hooper at once. The time is limited to February 10. The city board has let a contract for the artesian well and gives assurance that the trees will be cared for in good shape.

MURDERERS EXECUTED IN COLUMBUS

Three Young Men Go To Their Deaths in Electric Chair

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 30. (AP)—Three young men were executed in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary tonight for the murder of a filling station attendant.
The three, all of Mansfield, O., went to their death calmly and resigned.
Earl Sites, 27, was first of the trio who were convicted of complicity in the murder of Ralph Wilcox, of Galion, O., to be taken to the chair.
Kenneth McCarty, 25, followed him to the chair. The last to go was Fred Massa, 27, the leader of the band.

UNEMPLOYED PARADE IN SALT LAKE

Alleged Gov. Dern Failed To Keep Appointment

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 30. (AP)—A crowd of approximately 2,500 men and women held an orderly unemployment demonstration of the steps of the state capitol building today.
A parade through the downtown section preceded the meeting, some of the marchers carrying banners reading “We must have food for our babies” and “We must eat.”
Leaders declared Governor Dern and committee members from both houses of the assembly had failed to keep a prearranged appointment.

CEDAR RAPIDS DEPARTMENT STORE BURNS

Half Million Dollar Loss in Fire Last Night

CEDAR RAPIDS, Jan. 31. (AP)—Fire swept the Newman department store late tonight, doing damage estimated at \$500,000.
The four story building on one of the busiest corners in the city was destroyed shortly before midnight.

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 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 _____