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LAS VEGAS WEATHER

February 12—Maximum, 62; minimum, 46.
February 13—Maximum, 56; minimum, 42.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Zinc 4.05 E. St. Louis. Lead unchanged at 4.50 New York and 4.50 St. Louis.

BISHOP RAPS NEVADA PREACHERS

SENATE FILIBUSTER ENDS WITH AGREEMENT TO VOTE ON DROUGHT LOAN RELIEF

Compromise Relief Measure Expected to Pass—Veterans' Relief Bill Faces Strong Opposition But Prediction Is It Will Pass

Birth Control Hearing Before Senate Committee Attracts Wide Interest Among Scientists and Social Workers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—The ninth hour of filibuster ended in the senate tonight with an agreement to vote tomorrow afternoon on the \$20,000,000 drought loan compromise. A favorable majority is predicted.

The filibuster against the interior department appropriation bill was an all day attack by Senator Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma, and Senatorrazier, Republican of North Dakota, because of the failure of the bill to retain certain provisions relating to Indian funds which were previously approved by the senate. Senator Thomas said he is not filibustering to force an extra session.

Approval of the relief compromise would put it up to the house where Republican leaders already are expressing a willingness to accept it. The desire of a group of administration leaders to ascertain where the money is to be obtained put an unexpected obstacle in the path of the veterans' relief legislation in the house. Chairman Hawley and three Republican members of the house ways and means committee voted against a favorable report on the proposal to increase the loan value of veterans' certificates from 25 to 50 per cent at an estimated cost of \$700,000,000, but Speaker Longworth and Chairman Snell of the rules committee predicted its early passage, possibly on Monday. Seventeen committee members are for the bill.

Doctors, clergymen, professors and social workers packed the senate committee room to urge passage of the Gillett bill to authorize dissemination of birth control information by physicians, hospital clinics and medical schools. Opponents will be heard Saturday.

In a letter to Senator Hawley tonight, Secretary Mellon opposed the bonus compromise, saying the money could not be raised without seriously interfering with government securities, including Liberty bonds, and said it is evident that important refunding operations must be undertaken soon. He urged reconsideration of the measure so it will be placed upon a basis which will not damage our whole financial system.

MANY ARE WAITING AT DAM SITE

Hundred People Said To Be Destitute At River

Something like one hundred people, men, women and children, are waiting at the Colorado river for something in the nature of work to turn up.

They are camped near the boat landing, and, according to John S. Shield, most of them are in a destitute condition. Some of them are trying to get even the flimsy shelter of a tent where they have been living to eat food. The weather is now sufficiently warm so that they can find some sort of shelter under the bushes and behind the rocks, but they must eat.

GENERAL EDWARDS SINKING

BOSTON, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Major General Clarence R. Edwards, world war commander of the Yankee division, lay in a state of coma at the Massachusetts General hospital here tonight fighting for his life after a second operation had been performed to remove an abscess which had caused serious intestinal congestion.

General Edwards was given only a fighting chance of recovery.

JURY TERM CALLED FOR MARCH 10TH

Judge Wm. E. Orr has set March tenth as the tentative date for holding the usual spring term jury term of the district court.

Among those "waiting trial" are Elwood Cline, the youth held on suspicion of murdering little girls, and two of the suspects held for complicity in the hold up of the Green Lantern saloon.

GAMBLING MEASURE APPEARS

Friday, Thirteenth, Is Not Feared by Sponsors of Bill

CARSON CITY, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Despite superstitions attached to Friday the thirteenth, sponsors of a legalized gambling bill permitted it to be introduced in the house today. The measure, which was introduced by Assemblyman Paul Tobin of Humboldt county, was referred to the committee on public morals, composed of four Republicans with a Democratic chairman. A public hearing is announced for Monday afternoon.

Under the terms of the measure a license fee for gambling tables would be placed at \$75 a month in counties of a thousand or more population, and \$50 a month in counties of less than 1,000. The state would receive 25 per cent of the revenue, counties 50 per cent and cities 25 per cent. Slot machine licenses would be \$12.50 per handle per month.

SPANISH CABINET CRISIS

MADRID, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—A cabinet crisis involving the possible cancellation of Premier Damasco Berenguer's plans for holding the first general parliamentary election in eight years was feared tonight.

The crisis threatened as a result of a declaration by influential members of the liberal Democratic party that the election program would prove futile under present conditions.

The premier admitted tonight that the declaration of the liberal leaders had "completely changed" the political situation. He said he would confer with King Alfonso tomorrow.

Count Romanones, prominent liberal leader, said tonight that a government crisis was likely to develop.

Mrs. Verne Perry last evening delightfully entertained her card club at her home. Mrs. Vincent Cobley won first prize, while Mrs. J. F. Cahlan was given the consolation. Golden West received the guest prize. Others present were Messdames Darrell Clayton, James Wadsworth, Clair Wadsworth, R. B. Griffith, Glen VanEaton, J. R. Hemphill, Wanda Farrow and Chas. Keeler.

SILVER MARKETS SLUMPED

False Rumors Send Prices to Lowest Levels

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—World silver markets headed false rumors today and the price went tumbling first in the Far East, thence around the globe. The New York market dropped one and one-half cents an ounce to twenty-six and one-eighth cents, duplicating the lowest level in history reached last Saturday, but recovered a little before the close of the day.

The Chinese silver market early in the day experienced a hectic session as the result of rumors, later officially denied, that the Chinese Nationalist government would seek to establish the gold standard and was planning to declare a moratorium on its interest on gold bonds. The London market sagged, then New York slumped.

The decline wiped out gains made earlier in the week attributed partly to the report of the senate subcommittee, headed by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, urging the formation of an international silver pool to extend a loan to China, chief user of monetary silver.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS DISCUSSED

At the regular meeting of Las Vegas Rotary club Thursday, the program was in charge of K. O. Knudson. He introduced as the speaker of the day Guy Baker, a former member of the Ely, Nev., Rotary club, who took as his subject, "Character Analysis by the Observational Method."

The speaker applied the matter of character analysis especially to school children and urged parents to see that their children are properly trained in some useful vocation for which they have aptitude. His talk was both entertaining and instructive.

A guitar and banjo trio furnished music at intervals. The featured President Charlie Dimock was still unable to attend, and Leo A. McNamee presided in his place.

The program next week will be in charge of Fig Newton, and on the 26th, of Paul Hosman.

INA CLAIRE ADMITS THAT SHE IS LEAVING GILBERT

Gives Interview on Arrival at Hollywood Last Evening—"As Much My Fault as His," She Said

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Another moving picture romance came to definite end here tonight with the announcement by Ina Claire that she and her husband, John Gilbert, had decided to separate.

Setting at rest various rumors in circulation for some time, Miss Claire on her arrival from the east tonight gave to the United Press the following statement: "Mr. Gilbert and I have agreed to separate.

"Any difficulties or misunderstandings we have had are probably at least as much my fault as his.

"I did not wish to discuss my personal life at this time, but owing

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF BREAD LINE AND CHAIN GANG WITH CITIZENS—MAYOR AND CITY POLICE FORCE WILL COOPERATE

The board of county commissioners met yesterday afternoon at two o'clock to confer with citizens on the best plan to handle the necessary relief work of this section.

James W. Squires of the Age asserted that resident families, including women and children, have been neglected while able bodied men, a large proportion of them of the hobo class, have been fed at the Salvation Army bread line.

Captain Griffin, who has had charge of the relief work, stated that the feeding has not been sufficiently generous to be attractive, and denied that, except for a few old or crippled men, any had been fed for a period of several weeks as alleged. He stated that in some cases the complaints that women and children were not given aid were unfounded; in other cases that women had been used by unscrupulous men in an effort to get assistance. The fare, limited to one cup of black coffee, three slices of bread and a bowl of beans. He agreed that women and children should be given first consideration, but stated that insufficient funds and insufficient help had made it impossible to do all that should be done.

Ed Clark expressed the opinion that the board of county commissioners should provide sufficient money to carry on the work. That men must be fed and that it is better and cheaper and safer to keep up the bread line than to scatter them through the city as moochers at our back doors.

Chief of Police Percy Nash related the efforts made by the police to induce the transients to keep moving. He stated that he had secured a supply of picks and shovels preparatory to putting a bunch of them to work.

Leonard Blood expressed the opinion that the bread line should be entirely abandoned and the relief work turned over to women's clubs, civic societies, the city police and the sheriff's office.

Dr. Martin advocated retaining the bread line, but also using a chain gang on some sort of public work as a deterrent to others, and that the county should spend what money is necessary to continue the welfare work under Captain Griffin or some other county welfare agency.

O. W. Yates, president of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed the opinion that relief work must be kept up by the county through some satisfactory welfare department.

Mayor Hesse suggested that the cooperation of the railroad be sought to prevent so large a number of the hobos element being brought in and left here.

Mrs. E. W. Nungesser emphasized the necessity for a trained head to carry on the relief work. Mrs. W. E. Hawkins indicated assent.

The board indicated that it desired to confer with Captain Griffin as to the proper method of carrying on a county welfare department, the matter already having been under discussion with him.

The citizens present gave a vote of thanks to Captain Griffin for the able and self sacrificing services he has performed.

COUNTY WILL CREATE WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO HANDLE CHARITIES

Commissioners Discuss Problems of Bread Line and Chain Gang with Citizens—Mayor and City Police Force Will Cooperate

Song Writer To Pay Big Alimony

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Nacio Herb Brown, song writer, must pay temporary alimony of \$1,000 a month and \$2,500 in attorney's fees to his wife, Rudy Porter Brown, seeking a divorce in court here.

Brown, it was said, is in Reno where he plans to secure a divorce on his own account. The action here today was a continued alimony hearing. Mrs. Brown's attorney said the song writer was behind in alimony of \$750 per month and Superior Judge Dudley Valentine raised the amount to \$1,000.

Scores Hunt Missing Girl In San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Hope that Virginia Brooks, age 10, would be found today or some clue uncovered to solve the mystery of her disappearance, faded late today as nearly 30 policemen and scores of citizens continued their apparently futile task.

More than 15 square miles of brush covered hills was searched during the day and every vacant house and culvert in East San Diego and the area along the University Avenue extension was inspected by its searchers.

At 2:30 p.m. neither police nor the friends, neighbors and interested citizens had been able to produce a single fact tending to solve the mystery.

Police were practically convinced that the girl was kidnapped and that she is either being held prisoner or has been murdered and her body hidden.

Appeals have been sent to all southern California cities to assist in the search.

In other parts of the district near Virginia's home policemen were questioning friends, neighbors, schoolmates and residents along University Avenue and Euclid avenue for some word which would give them a clue to the fate of the missing girl.

Radio stations broadcast descriptions of the child and newspapers were asked to make a country-wide appeal to citizens to assist in the search.

Dozens of "tips" were telephoned to police during the morning and although all were investigated, none threw any light on the mystery.

Virginia left home at 8 a.m. Wednesday. She had obtained her mother's permission to attend a meeting of Camp Fire Girls in the afternoon and carried with her four books to be returned to the library.

Bihlmaier's Redecorate Popular Oasis

The Oasis, Las Vegas' most popular eating place, is undergoing a general redecoration.

The ceiling is partially completed, and will present a handsome appearance with its artistic combination of gold, silver, rose and orchid shades. The walls will be decorated with an artistic paneling effect which will greatly add to the appearance of the up-to-date confectionery conducted by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bihlmaier.

The merchants of Auburn, N. Y., recently made an extensive survey by asking their readers "What type of advertising attracts you most?" and the result should not hurt the cause of newspaper advertising.

Out of the 221 replies received the vote was as follows: Newspaper advertising, 173; window displays, 86; friends' opinions, 46; circular letters, 10; mail order catalogues, 8; hand bills, 4; highway bills, 3; radio, 2.

MINE OWNER IS KILLED BY ROCK FALL

TONOPAH, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—George Erskine Ewing, owner and manager of the Towers Mining Company, was killed when his head was crushed by falling rock while he was making an underground examination of the company's property, recently acquired near Mina, Nevada.

He saw service in the world war as a major in the Canadian army. The body will be taken to Hollywood.

Speed Boat Hits Wreck

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—The speed boat Mayo, allegedly carrying 78 cases of liquor, sank in Staten Island sound today after striking a submerged wreck while being pursued by a coast guard boat.

The two men on the Mayo, James Day and Joseph Wilson, were flung into the water and taken aboard the coast guard cutter.

'Constant' Hearts Don't Exist, Test Of Pulse Proves

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—The individual heart, sometimes inconsistent in love, also has been found capricious in beats.

Wide variations in the rate of the heart from day to day, have been found in pulse tests of government clerks here by the public health service.

One man's heart varied from 60 to 116 beats a minute on different days. The high record woman ranged from 52 to 100 beats a minute.

The experiment as made with 11 men and 11 women over a period of 16 months, with between 105 and 120 observations on each person.

All were engaged in sedentary work and were called to the examinations day after day from their usual tasks. Few took much exercise outside their offices and there was no unusual physical condition calculated to affect the heart's rate. None was seriously ill during the entire period.

Some clerks had relatively constant hearts, that is with variations of only about 25 beats a minute.

The medical report stated that "it is evident that the normal pulse rate from day to day contains an element of great variability."

The women showed no more tendency to pulse rate variation than the men. The average for the men was 76, and for the women 73.3.

Newspaper Advertising Best

REAL STORY BEHIND MASKS TOLD IN RENO'S COURTROOMS

By EARL H. LEIF (United Press Staff Correspondent) RENO, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Reno has frequently been named "The City of Masquerades" and doubtless the term is justified, but there comes one day for each person here for divorce when the masquerade ceases, the mask is laid aside, and the face reveals many hidden things.

The real story that lies behind the mask is inevitably written on the face of the plaintiff for divorce. The eyes and face, the general bearing and comportment reveals bitterness, disillusionment, relief, joy, despair, misery.

The face is never expressionless even upon the most complacent and for those few moments on the stand are often the crisis of years of thinking and heartache. To some it means the end, to others the beginning. To all it has some vital significance. A milestone.

The Washoe county court house corridors present a queer kaleidoscope picture of contrasts: busy bustling lawyers charging around with briefs tucked under their arms, curious idlers watching the passing scene, county jail prisoners in handcuffs in charge of bailiffs, laughing wedding parties, reporters scanning faces, and, always, men or women entering or emerging from the courtroom with eyes brightened with relief or saddened by regrets.

NEVADA BISHOP SPILLS THE DIRT ON DIVORCE IN CHICAGO INTERVIEW

Says Preachers Would "Marry Anything in Pants Just to Get a Fee"—Reno and Chicago Travel in Same Class, Jenkins Says

COMMITTEE LEAVING FOR CARSON CITY

A. B. Witcher, Chamber of Commerce director of the committee of power and reclamation, has appointed C. P. Squires, Ed. W. Clark, Dr. Roy W. Martin and A. E. Callahan to serve as members of his committee.

The committee plans to leave tomorrow for Carson City to attend a meeting of the Colorado River commission called by Governor Balzar for Monday next.

WESTERN PACIFIC VICTORY DUNDEE DEFEATS HARVEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—Extension of Western Pacific tracks into San Francisco, recently approved by the interstate commerce commission will proceed without further opposition from the Southern Pacific, Paul Shoup, president of the latter company, said here tonight. Shoup added the Southern Pacific would not appeal for a rehearing by the commission.

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CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN DAM WORK

Many representatives of large contracting firms are dropping in these days to study problems connected with the various phases of the Boulder dam work.

Twelve such arrived in Las Vegas yesterday and others are constantly coming and going. The big contracts are to be open for receiving bids on March 4 at Washington. In the meantime contractors are naturally much interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Florian Parker, former residents of Arden, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dayton for several days, have returned to their home in Midland, Calif.

J. P. Rawson, equipment engineer for the State Highway department, and J. E. Armstrong of Fallon arrived in Las Vegas Thursday evening. They plan to leave for Reno this morning.

Special Night Officer Peterson took into custody a man last night who was found on the property of the Standard Oil company on South Main street. According to Peterson the man had also entered the property of the Las Vegas Coal and Ice company.

During the past few weeks the industrial properties along the railroad tracks have been entered many times and a special watch has been kept by the police.

Periscope Mirror Is Used in Speakeasies

BEARDSTOWN III, Feb. 13. (U.P.)—The old method of a "peep hole" through which operators of a "speakeasy" look over the visitor has given way to a modern and novel method by which the "look-out" can scrutinize those outside and yet remain invisible, a raid by federal dry agents disclosed here recently.

The new method consists of what appears to be an ordinary mirror to the visitor of the "speakeasy" but which in reality is a sort of periscope, it enabling the lookout a clear vision of the visitor.

The "mirror" fits in the panel of the door and gives the appearance of an ordinary glass door.

RENO AND CHICAGO TRAVEL IN SAME CLASS, JENKINS SAYS

Reverend Thomas Jenkins, Episcopal bishop of Nevada, today said the blame of the high divorce rate in that state to unscrupulous preachers who would marry anybody for a fee.

Bishop Jenkins, who has made a study of the divorce situation in Reno, said as many church members as non-members seek divorce due to the laxity of preachers who "would marry anything in pants just to get a fee."

Immediately after the stock market crash, he said, there were numerous cancellations at the leading Reno hotel which caters to the wealthy seeking divorce. This was taken to mean that those who had an eye on a large slice of alimony had decided to wait for more prosperous times.

"When in Europe last spring," Bishop Jenkins said, "I heard of only three American cities, New York with its wealth, Chicago with its gun-toting racketeers, and Reno with its love racketeers. Reno and Chicago seem to travel in the same class."

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MAN ARRESTED FOR ENTERING PROPERTY

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