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February 18—Maximum, 70; minimum, 41.
METAL MARKET
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POSSE IS ON TRAIL OF KIDNAPPER

RISE IN SILVER FOLLOWS THE FAVORABLE REPORT ON TWO PITTMAN RESOLUTIONS

Price of White Metal Advances Three-Eighths Cent

Pittman Sees Quick Action On His Resolutions

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (AP)—The decision of the senate foreign relations committee to report favorably on the resolution of Senator Key Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, suggesting international negotiations for the consideration of the silver question was accompanied by a small rise in silver prices today. Bullion brokers expressed the opinion that definite steps toward a discussion among interested nations probably would be followed by a sharp rally in silver.

There has been some buying recently, they said, apparently on the theory that some action would be taken to halt the long decline which has broken the yard stick of value of a large portion of the world's population.

Financial and commercial houses in China have been forced to buy gold to the extent of their silver capital, it was explained, and the extent of this so-called short position in the white metal is estimated at several hundred millions of dollars.

Silver was quoted in New York at 26 3/8 cents an ounce, a gain of three-eighths cent.

The chief purpose is to seek suspension of Great Britain's policy of dumping silver from India in the world market. It suggests that President Hoover negotiate with the other governments to obtain suspension of their policy of debasing silver coins and selling the product on the world market.

Another resolution recommended by the Pittman subcommittee proposing an international silver loan to China will be considered Thursday by the full committee. Pittman said he hoped to obtain favorable action in the senate on both resolutions by the end of the week and send them to Mr. Hoover.

City Will Join Metropolitan Water District

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 18. (AP)—

Formal application of the city of Long Beach to join the Metropolitan Water district was expected to be made Friday as the result of yesterday's special election.

Complete returns compiled today showed that 6,884 voted in favor of joining and 4,687 against. Affiliation by Long Beach would raise the total of cities in the Metropolitan Water district to 12 and would add approximately \$200,000,000 assessed valuation to the district. About eight per cent of the cost of supplying water to the district would be shifted to Long Beach.

Formal entry of the city was expected to be approved by the Metropolitan board at its meeting Friday.

Change in Fees Would Provide Income Increase

County Clerk Wm. L. Scott has just received a copy of an assembly bill introduced by J. L. Finney providing for an increase in fees charged by the county clerk of Clark county. According to Mr. Scott if the bill is adopted, it will probably increase the income of his office by approximately \$2,500.

Although the bill would provide for this substantial increase in the income of the office, the fees would still remain lower than those charged in most counties. Mr. Scott stated.

Appearance fees would be increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Filing articles of incorporation would be increased from \$.40 to \$1.00. The bill would provide a fee for proof reading of five cents a folio, there being no provision for such a charge at the present time.

LOCAL ELKS BIDDEN BY UTAH HERD

Las Vegas Elks have been bidden to Cedar City Sunday to enjoy a jollification with Elks from Salt Lake City and all Utah, according to a wire received yesterday by Wm. L. Scott, secretary of the local lodge, from W. H. Gordon, Exalted Ruler of the Salt Lake City lodge.

Sunday is to be spent in Zion Park and will be followed by a banquet at six o'clock at Hotel Escalante, in Cedar City. Ritualistic work will be given following the banquet.

UNUSUAL ACTION IN COURT

Superior Judge To Decide Perplexing Question

SANTA ANA, Calif., Feb. 18. (AP)—An unusual superior court action was started here today involving the murder of Mrs. Doris Murray Palmer, Laguna Beach colony beauty, by Mrs. Guy Bates Post, divorced wife of a noted actor.

The point at issue is whether the estate of Mrs. Post, who committed suicide after shooting her "best friend," can receive \$1,000 and jewels willed her by Mrs. Palmer during the days they were leaders in the Laguna Beach art colony.

Miss Van Essa McDowell, executrix of the Palmer estate, contended that the California law forbids a murderer to receive a bequest from the victim of the crime.

Attorney Morris B. White, representing the Post estate, maintained that Mrs. Post was dead and that the only way she could be proved a murderer was by a jury trial.

Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Post were victims of a tragedy in the fashionable beach resort last April. A coroner's jury held Mrs. Post shot her "best friend" and then committed suicide.

Decision on the case was to be given by Superior Judge J. H. Scovel after the arguments were completed probably late today or tomorrow.

Minister Is Dismissed From Church

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (AP)—The Rev. Eliot White, who believes in companionate marriage, the fellowship of man, and the right of freedom of speech and opinion, has been dismissed from the staff of the Grace Episcopal church at Broadway and East 10th street.

Dr. W. Russell Bowie, rector of the church, announced last night that Dr. White's resignation had been accepted because of his views on companionate marriage. The dismissal followed Dr. White's action in writing a letter to Bishop William T. Manning a few days ago, asking that he be given a formal trial on the bishop's "most definite implication" that he had furthered immorality.

Hyde To Rush Relief Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Hyde conferred today with department officials and representatives of intermediate credit banks throughout the country over administration of the \$20,000,000 fund set up last week by congress for rehabilitation of agriculture.

Hyde said the department "would let no grass grow under its feet" in setting up facilities for making food and clothing loans to needy farmers.

Police Dog Awarded Medal

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Almo Von Eckenweier, a German police dog, today was presented with a medal of honor for saving the lives of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Christensen, in an Oakland hotel fire last September.

The award was made in the presence of Mayor John C. Porter, members of the Humane commission, and a huge crowd of dog lovers. Christensen, the dog's master, is blind. He explained that Almo Von Eckenweier was an "eye dog" trained to guide him through traffic.

When Christensen and his wife awoke to find their hotel room filled with smoke, the dog guided them to a fire escape and refused to leave the building until the Christensens had reached safety.

GOVERNOR EMERSON IS DEAD

Wyoming Executive Is Victim Of Pneumonia

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 18. (AP)—Governor Frank Emerson of Wyoming died of pneumonia in the state executive mansion tonight. He was 47 years old. Only his physician and a nurse were in attendance when the end came. His widow and one of three sons are ill with influenza.

Governor Emerson was stricken with influenza late last week but remained at his desk until forced to bed Monday when pneumonia developed.

The legislature was notified of the governor's death while in session tonight. Under state law Secretary of State Aanzo M. Clark automatically becomes chief executive.

Governor Emerson came to Wyoming from Michigan a quarter century ago as a civil engineer. He served two terms as state engineer and became a leader in the Republican party.

He ran for governor against Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross and won. He was re-elected for a second term last November, the third chief executive of Wyoming to be thus honored.

Governor Emerson was for more than ten years prominent in connection with Colorado river development over the Boulder dam project at Washington, both as state engineer and later as governor of Wyoming. Frank Emerson was one of the outstanding figures. He was always well informed on the subject and was entirely fair in his positions.

Personally, Frank Emerson was a lovable character. As a man he commanded the respect of every man. He was a loyal friend and a congenial companion. In his death his state as well as the country at large suffers a severe loss.

LOS ANGELES GANGSTER IS REARRESTED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Augusto Sasso, known as "Chito" and counted as powerful in the Los Angeles underworld, today was freed on one charge of illegal entry and immediately re-arrested by federal authorities on an identical charge.

Sasso recently was arrested by members of the police vice squad and was at liberty on \$5,000 bail. Today his attorney presented a habeas corpus to Superior Judge William C. Moran and Sasso was freed and his bail exonerated because no charge had been filed against him.

Federal officers immediately took him into custody.

Ryland G. Taylor returned yesterday from a business trip to Tompa.

MOB BEATS HIT & RUN SUSPECT

Police Save Driver After His Car Strikes Woman

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Rescued by police from a crowd of indignant citizens who already had begun to beat him because he allegedly ran down a woman with his automobile, Harold Naisbitt, 28, of Ontario, today was held in jail here on suspicion of two felony charges.

Police took Naisbitt away from the mob after he had run over Mrs. Jennie Dawson, 53, as she stepped from a street car early today. The woman received injuries which may prove fatal it was said.

Naisbitt, held on suspicion of hit-and-run driving and of operating his automobile while drunk, allegedly sped away from the scene of the accident but was overtaken by Eddie Willis, a motion picture actor, who forced Naisbitt's machine into a parked car.

The driver was bruised and his clothing torn when police rescued him from irate citizens.

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE A HOLIDAY

Alward's Bill Passes Assembly; Will Pass Senate

Assemblyman Fred S. Alward's bill making November 11, Armistice day, a state holiday, has passed the assembly and is expected to pass the senate within the next day or two. The bill, which is of great interest to all ex-service men, places Armistice day on the same basis as a holiday as any other of the regular holidays.

Armed Guards Are Protecting Water Supply

COLMA, Calif., Feb. 18. (AP)—Armed guards stood watch tonight over the food and water supply here tonight to prevent further attempts to poison Figone and his 50 employees while five officers went on duty at Figone's place.

Three dogs were reported poisoned on the nearby ranch of Peter Varni, a relative of Figone who is recovering from drinking wine from a poisoned cask. Soup served workers a few days ago was found to be poisoned. Officers said they will question Mrs. Figone after she recovers from a hysterical collapse before which she is reported to have made a mysterious remark about telling the "whole story."

Terrified by the poisoners' attempts fifteen workmen were persuaded to remain on the ranch but only with the agreement that they eat their meals elsewhere.

John Mosiman is serving his 22nd term as chief of the Falls City, Neb., volunteer fire department.

America is the source of nearly 70 per cent of Africa's trucks and buses.

MOVEMENT FOR REPEAL OF BAR ASSOCIATION BILL INTRODUCED IN ASSEMBLY

Assemblyman Finney of Clark County Acts By Request in Placing Important Measure Before Legislature

A bill providing for the repeal of the Bar Association act, so-called, has been introduced in the assembly by Assemblyman Finney of Clark county. It is the purpose of the bill to do away entirely with the present form of organization of bar associations and to change the present system whereby members of the bar may establish themselves as a sort of court wherein they act as accusers, prosecutors, judge and jury in the trial of their business competitors for violation of the "ethics" of the legal profession.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS EXHUMING

Son of Aged Man Demands Inquiry Into His Death

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Carl August Lindstrom, 81, were hinted here today when it was learned that the body of the aged man was being exhumed in Williams, Ariz., and would be brought to Los Angeles for a post mortem.

The coroner's office announced the exhumation shortly after it was learned that H. P. Lindstrom, a Chicago meat packer, had arrived here from Chicago Sunday and was in conference with officials.

The elder Lindstrom died at his home in the Torrance-Lomia district near Los Angeles on February 9. The cause was given as heart trouble.

Secretly surrounded a report that Deputy Sheriff Harry Brewster had gone to the Lindstrom home and found a vial which had contained strychnine poison.

Lindstrom's body was taken to Williams for burial.

Only one official statement was forthcoming on the case.

Captain William J. Bright of the sheriff's homicide squad refused to handle that sector in such manner.

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HANKOW IS ISOLATED BY STORM

61 Are Dead As Result of Snow Storm

HANKOW, China, Feb. 18. (AP)—Visually isolated by one of the heaviest snow storms in many years, inhabitants of Hankow began to suffer from exposure and a food shortage today.

There were 61 known dead and many injured as a result of the storm.

Twenty-five Chinese were killed when five houses collapsed here just outside the Japanese quarter. The wreck of a train on the Hankow to Taiting railroad yesterday killed 36 passengers and 72 others were injured. Many automobile accidents have been reported.

No Clemency For Irene Schroeder

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 18. (AP)—The state board of pardons today refused to grant clemency to Irene Schroeder and W. Glenn Dague. The board held the pair, convicted of killing Corporal Brady Paul of the state highway patrol on December 27, 1929, following a holdup at Butler, Pa., must be electrocuted at the Western penitentiary February 23.

West Liberty, Iowa, voted its preference for petunia over hollyhock as a city flower.

Daisy De Voe Seeks Freedom

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Daisy De Voe, former secretary to Clara Bow, will seek freedom on bail tomorrow pending her appeal from an 18 months' jail sentence on conviction of stealing \$825 from the film star.

Miss De Voe was sentenced to the jail term as part of five years probation after a jury found her guilty on one of 35 counts of grand theft.

William Bierner her attorney, appealed to the higher courts for a new trial.

VEGAS FIRM LOW BIDDER ON HIGHWAY

Pat Cline, Inc., Bids \$55,000 For 10.18 Miles

Pat Cline, Inc., of Las Vegas was low bidder among eight whose proposals for constructing 10.18 miles of the Boulder dam highway when bids were opened by the state highway department at Carson City yesterday, according to Division Engineer C. C. Boyer. The bids were taken under advisement.

The work will provide a 22-foot gravel surface on a 26-foot roadway. The contract for oiling will follow completion of the grading and graveling.

The work of Fremont street, approximately 1.2 miles between Fifth street and the easterly city limits will be handled as an extension of the above contract, provision having been made in the proposals to handle that sector in such manner.

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Prize Essay Contest For H. S. Students

Announcement was made this week in the English department of the local high school that the Nevada Federation of Women's clubs was again sponsoring the Edith Taylor Huffaker memorial essay contest for the purpose of stimulating a wider interest in local community history and preserving the early pioneer stories.

The contest is open to all students enrolled in any high school of the state and the papers are to be judged upon the basis of English as well as upon the subject matter. All essays entered in the contest must be true stories in which the names, places and dates mentioned must be as accurately given as possible. The material used must not be taken from the books or sources already in print.

The essays selected as the three best in any high school will be submitted to a committee of five by the chairman of the department of literature of the federated clubs and will be graded in competition with those chosen by the other schools of the state.

First prizes of \$15 each and second prizes of \$10 each will be awarded during May to the writers of essays on topics in either one of two groups. The first group of essays is to be either the story of a grandparent or of an old settler; while the second group treats of a true story in the history of the community of the high school or of a historic landmark in that vicinity.

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Folsom Convict Killed By Wires

POLSOM STATE PRISON, Cal., Feb. 18. (AP)—One Folsom convict was killed and three other injured when the boom of a derrick on which they were working came in contact with a high voltage wire in the outer wall of the penitentiary today.

The dead man was Chris Thorson, sentenced from Modoc county on a bad check charge.

ARREST EXPECTED SOON IN KIDNAPPING CASE AS RESULT OF NEW CLUES

PHYSICIAN COLLAPSES AT TRIAL

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Feb. 18. (AP)—Dr. Ambrose Cowden, one of the three physicians performing an autopsy on the body of Leslie Thornehill collapsed and died after leaving the witness stand today in Mrs. Thornehill's murder trial.

If the widow is called to the witness stand she is expected to repeat previous assertions that her husband, a former Canadian mounted patrolman, was shot during a scuffle with her for possession of a pistol at a cabin leased by Milton Mann.

The defense counsel stated to the jury that Mann kept his cabin for "the debauching of men."

RECEIVER IS SOUGHT FOR B. & L. ASSN.

Receiver in Equity Is Asked For Santa Monica Outfit

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—Appointment of a receiver in equity for the Bay Cities Guaranty Building and Loan association of Santa Monica was sought here today in a petition filed in federal court by J. Ayres, a depositor.

Immediately after the petition was filed, the papers were taken by Federal Judge William P. James, who said he had the matter under advisement and would rule on it tomorrow morning.

It was indicated that the state Building and Loan Commissioner H. L. Carnahan probably would be consulted regarding the status of the building and loan concern.

In the petition of Ayres, represented by Attorneys Paul R. Smith and John R. Dunn, it was declared that a receivership in equity would be for the best interests of the depositors.

The Bay Cities Guaranty Building and Loan is capitalized at \$250,000 and is said to have deposits in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

\$114,260,461 Naval Building Program Given Approval

PARIS, Feb. 19. (AP)—The chamber of deputies passed the government's naval budget totalling the vast sum of 2,356,511,533 francs, about \$114,260,461, early today, as originally estimated.

The action came promptly in response to the government's plea in order to avoid suspension of the bigger navy building program while "Italy is rushing construction." The budget was passed after only three hours of discussing.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18. (AP)—More money will be spent by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company on its 1931 construction program than the average annual expenditure of the last 12 years. H. D. Pillsbury, president announced tonight in his annual report to stockholders.

The report showed a net income per share of \$8.06 for the year ending December 31, 1930, compared with \$11.51 per share the preceding year.

Police Search Now Centers Near Lebec, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18. (AP)—A posse of officers surrounded a ranch house near Lebec, sixty miles north of here tonight, expecting within a few hours to arrest the man suspected of kidnapping Virginia Brooks, ten year old San Diego school girl missing for a week.

An auto license number led the officers to a recently vacated house in Pomona where they found photographs of the girl and her father, John Brooks.

San Diego saragamen told the officers that a suspect had traded one automobile for another there the day the girl disappeared, saying he planned an Arizona trip.

Officers learned he had a mining claim near Lebec and he was supposed to have retreated there. Brooks said he never had seen the suspect and was unable to explain his possession of the pictures.

Butler Makes First Speech Since Apology

Marine General To Retire Late This Autumn

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 18. (AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler, who narrowly escaped court martial for a speech in which he implied that Benito Mussolini was a hit-and-run driver, said in an interview tonight that he planned to retire next autumn.

Butler added that he would submit his application soon. The marine general on a lecture tour, spoke here tonight. Butler said he had already notified officials in Washington of his intention to retire. He denied reports that he intended to "resign" from the service, reiterating that he planned merely to retire.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 18. (AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler had "a hell of a good scrap" with the "graffers" in Philadelphia, but nevertheless he's "no reformer," he told 300 members of the South Bend Knife and Fork club in his first address since he made the now famous "hit and run" charge against Premier Mussolini of Italy.

The colorful army officer, who brought about international complications by his recent reference to D. Bruce made no mention whatever of Mussolini last night in his first public appearance since the incident and only once did he even refer to Italy.

"When the crime problem is solved, Al Capone will go back to Italy," he said, then added quickly: "But I can't talk about that."

"I'm no patriot or reformer; I'm bad," Butler said in denying charges made against him after he went to Philadelphia to direct a "general cleanup" of crime conditions in that city.

"I wasn't in office 15 minutes until the Philadelphia politicians declared war on me and before two years were out the mayor was hired me was fighting me," he said.

"But it was a hell of a good scrap," continued the fighting marine officer.

VETERANS' LOAN VETO PROBABLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (AP)—Administration leaders admitted tonight that enough votes to sustain a presidential veto of the veterans' loan measure are not in sight. A probable veto was indicated today by letters from Hoover to the senate finance committee advising against the bill which would authorize loans up to one-half of the face value of ex-service men's compensation certificates.

The committee reported the bill favorably, 13 to 3, and the senate agreed to vote Thursday. Hoover objected that a greater part of the billion dollar outlay by the government, which the bill would require, would go to "those who are not in distress."

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