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### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 17—Maximum, 85; minimum, 44.  
March 18—Maximum, 87; minimum, 47.

### METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, March 18. (U.P.)—Zinc, prime western, 4.00 E. St. Louis. Lead unchanged at 4.50 New York and 4.25 St. Louis.

# NEW ILLINOIS PRISON WRECKED

## Legislature In Rush To Adjourn Tonight

### LEGISLATURE ACTS ON IMPORTANT MEASURES AS SESSION END NEARS

#### Night Sessions Help Clear Decks For Adjournment

CARSON CITY, March 18. (Special)—The legislature is having a night session tonight and will probably continue in session through Thursday night, to permit adjournment some time on Friday, Thursday, the 19th, is officially the end of the legislative session, but by the simple expedient of stopping the clock the members are able to de-duc themselves into the belief that it is still Thursday all day Friday.

#### Silence Saves Holdup Victim Watch and Cash

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18. (U.P.)—Two bandits forced Raymond Strange to drive over to the curb and stop. At the point of a gun they searched his pockets and found 71 cents. "That all you got?" demanded one. "Mm-mm-ph," responded Strange. "What's ailing you? Gotta cold?" "Mm-mm-ph," repeated Strange. "Must be a Russian," said the other bandit. "Come on, let's go."

### SEA PLANE TO AID IN HUNT OF SURVIVORS

#### Cold and Heavy Sea Makes Rescue Difficult

BOSTON, March 19. (U.P.)—Bernt Balchen, noted aviator who flew with Rear Admiral Byrd over the South Pole, will pilot a Sikorsky amphibian plane from Boston airport to Horse Island, off Newfoundland, to search for survivors of the ill-fated sealing vessel Viking, it was learned early today.

### N. Y. Mayor Charged With Administration Failure

#### Death Valley Scotty Fails to "Crash" Walker's Gate

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 18. (U.P.)—Mayor James J. Walker of New York today declared that he intended to engage in "no long distance bantering" over charges filed in Albany by the city affairs committee, which requested his removal from office.

#### Police Officers Get Relief When Fellow Officer's Car Stolen

TOPEKA, Kans., March 18. (U.P.)—Policeman Charles Connell was so proud of his automobile that he often bored fellow officers by boasting of its merits. The boasting has, however, ceased abruptly.

### ROCK ISLAND DESERTED FOR HOOVER DAM

#### Workers Leave One Dam Job For Another

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 18. (U.P.)—As work on Hoover dam is about to commence, scores of men who sought work on the Rock Island dam here, are leaving daily for the south, despite warnings that employment on Hoover dam will be limited.

### Last Minute News Flashes

#### Washington, March 18 (U.P.)

President Hoover and his vacation party, including two cabinet members, left tonight by special train for Norfolk, Va., at 11 p.m. They will embark early tomorrow on the battleship Arizona for a ten day trip to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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### TELEGRAPH CATERS TO AIR PLANES

#### Western Union Will Make Airline Reservations Free

The Western Union Telegraph company has completed arrangements whereby it becomes an important adjunct of air travel. Under the new arrangement Western Union will receive fares and arrange for seats on the passenger planes of a number of airlines without charge to the traveler, according to an announcement made by Newcomb Carlton, president of the company.

### PLANNING FOR ALL-AMERICAN CANAL WORK

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### TWO HOLD UP GAS STATION IN R. R. PASS

#### Force Owner to Accompany Pair in Getaway

Two holdup men, a Mexican and a white man, put a gun in the stomach of Fred Groat late Tuesday evening and made off with three slot machines. The holdup took place at the Railroad Pass service station.

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### VETERANS' BALL WAS SUCCESS

#### The ball given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Elks' hall on the evening of St. Patrick's day was largely attended and altogether a happy and successful event.

The affair was in the nature of a carnival dance with decorations in St. Patrick's green, favors, confetti, etc., to liven the occasion. A very substantial sum was realized. It is said that over 300 couples were on the floor at one time.

### Junior Prom To Be Year's Big Event

#### The biggest event of the high school year, the Junior Prom, is to be held April 10th at the new high school gym.

Miss Rolline Mosbach has been selected to be queen of the prom and the biggest class ever to march in a promenade in Las Vegas will be there.

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