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**METAL MARKET**  
NEW YORK, March 25. (U.P.)—Lead unchanged at 4.50 New York and 4.25 St. Louis. Zinc unchanged at 4.00 E. St. Louis.

# "WHISKEY PETE" SHOOTS MAN

## Woman, 4 Men Arrested In Insurance Fraud

### ARREST FIVE IN HUGE L. A. FRAUD CASE

**Wife of Louis Frank, Gangster, One of Quintette**

LOS ANGELES, March 25. (U.P.)—Four men and a woman accused of selling \$3,000,000 in fraudulent insurance to large corporations in southern California were arrested today by police, fire department investigators and district attorney's operatives.

The woman arrested was Mrs. Clara Frank, wife of Louis Frank, one of the four alleged gangsters on trial in Long Beach in connection with the kidnaping of Zerk Cates, gambler, and the subsequent wounding of a police officer.

The men were Dan F. Morey, head of the D. F. Morey Insurance company; Fred Garrigues, an associate of Morey; Otis E. Barter, 60, insurance salesman, and David E. Wilcox, apprehended in Cleveland, O., and returned here secretly.

The charges against the group includes: Destruction of an oil well, an automobile and a home and the collection of thousands of dollars in insurance money.

Burglary of a local insurance office to obtain blank policies.

Plans to spread gas over a four block area in Los Angeles in order to cover the robbery and looting of a downtown bank.

### SHERIFF TOLD SEARCH ALL SPEAKEASIES

**But Not to Meddle in Government Affairs**

RENO, March 25. (U.P.)—A Nevada sheriff should not be bashful about leaning over the back of a speakeasy and collecting a license fee for gambling tables in the place, it was indicated by action of the Washoe county commissioners today.

Barred doors and peepholes notwithstanding, Sheriff Russell Trahen of this county received orders from the commissioners to make the rounds of all bootleg joints, speakeasies, night clubs and resorts in Reno and the county where hard liquor is consumed and collect taxes. He was further instructed to inspect all the games to determine if they were being honestly conducted and were properly licensed.

Since Nevada has no state prohibition law the sheriff should not meddle with the affairs of the federal government, the commissioners said.

### Lillis Estate Property Sold

Bids for five separate parcels of real estate belonging to the late Henry M. Lillis were opened yesterday by Leo A. McNamee and Frank McNamee, Jr., attorneys for the estate, at their office in El Portal building.

Adolph Levy offered \$7,000 for the property at 116 Fremont street, occupied at present by the office of A. H. Harrington, being 25 feet on Fremont street. The bid was accepted subject to confirmation by the court.

Leland Ronnow offered \$29,500 for the lot and building occupied by the Adeock & Ronnow store at 115 Fremont street, having a frontage of 50 feet.

Two lots on South First street, 50 feet just south of the alley, brought an offer of \$4,000.

A bid of \$3,350 was made for the lot and building on Second street occupied by Judge C. D. Breeze.

### WILBUR DENIES HE'S TO RESIGN

ABOARD U. S. S. ARIZONA, AT SEA, March 25. (U.P.)—It was authoritatively stated tonight that Ray Lyman Wilbur has no intention of retiring as Secretary of Interior, as reported in Washington and Denver. Wilbur is accompanying President Hoover on his vacation trip.

### ILLINOIS TO KILL STATE ENFORCEMENT

**In Referendum Wets Show Big Majority**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 25. (U.P.)—The Illinois state senate passed a bill late today to abolish the state liquor enforcement act. The bill already had passed the house.

It now goes to the governor who is expected to sign it or allow it to become a law by no action.

The vote, 26 to 24, came after a day of exciting debate during which a spectator died of heart disease in the galleries and a previous vote killed by a narrow margin an amendment which would have referred the question back to the voters.

In a referendum on the liquor question last November the wets of the state preponderated by a large majority.

The galleries, packed all day by both wet and dry advocates, broke into a cheer when the vote was announced. Scores of women who had bitterly opposed the measure sat silently during the demonstration, then filed out to prepare petitions to Governor Emmerson asking him to veto the bill.

Illinois, if the governor permits the bill to become a law, will join Wisconsin, New York and other states in nullifying its enforcement of the liquor law.

### Two Lines Pass Through Reno Divorce Mill

**By EARL H. LEIF (United Press Staff Correspondent)**

RENO, March 25. (U.P.)—Two lines of people "fall in" at the county clerk's office in Reno's courthouse daily.

The line on the right leads to the marriage license ledger, the one on the left to the register of actions at a law where the divorcees get their "diplomas."

"Boss" Beemer, county clerk, has presided over these two ledgers so long he knows instinctively to which line each person belongs.

Although Reno has been the nation's divorce center for nearly 25 years the number of local residents who take their places in the left formation to secure a divorce, has always been few.

Exact figures are unavailable but many weeks frequently elapse before one local Reno person takes the "cure." The number probably does not average three per month.

The marriage license register reveals that a great many local girls march up to the altar with men whose names are to Reno for a divorce, but for some reason, few local men marry divorcees.

Reno, for the most part, is sharply divided between the native population and the divorce colony, one set scarcely knowing how the other lives, nor cares.

The local Renoite does not begrudge the divorcee her good time and has never agitated for any great reforms in the city's night life. The ministry of Reno has never waged any campaign against the divorce industry—and Reno has the largest church population of any city of its size in the United States, according to actual statistics prepared by a national church organization.

**Duke Adds to Library**

DURHAM, N. C., March 25. (U.P.)—More than 600 volumes have been added to the Brazilian collection of the Duke University library within the last two years.

### SEC. WILBUR IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN

**Denver Attorney Is Thought Possible Successor**

DENVER, March 25. (U.P.)—The Denver Post said today that advice from Washington indicate that William V. Hodges, Denver attorney and unsuccessful candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination in Colorado last fall, was slated to succeed Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur as secretary of the interior.

Wilbur's present leave of absence from the presidency of Leland Stanford university expires August. Friction among members of the university trustee board, the Post says, has developed a situation which will result in a denial of any extension of the leave. Consequently, he must choose between remaining in President Hoover's cabinet and continuing as president of Stanford.

Hodges denied any knowledge of the matter. The newspaper says Hodges' appointment is being urged by members of the Republican national committee and by leaders of the independent group of oil producers.

Friends of Wilbur predict that he will retire from the cabinet.

### CORTANGAN TRIED FOR HOLD UP

**Green Lantern Hold-Up Evidence Produced by Prosecution**

James Cortangan was placed on trial yesterday for participation in the hold up of the Green Lantern club last Christmas when a large sum of money was stolen.

The jury secured to try the case is as follows:

Jess Knight, Goodspring, John A. Tobler, Mesquite, Robert Allsop, Logandale, Howard Perkins, Las Vegas, Clarence McDaniell, Overton, Raymond Griffith, Searchlight, A. G. Blad, Las Vegas, J. W. Wilson, Las Vegas, Roy Waite, Bunkerville, Thomas Johnson, Overton, Elmer Filbey, Las Vegas.

The prosecution placed on the stand yesterday the following witnesses:

Fred LeRoy, proprietor of the Green Lantern, who testified to being robbed; Mrs. LeRoy, who was also present and who identified defendant as one of the robbers, Don Austin, Sheriff Joe Keate, and Wm. Pechar all identified money spent at the Owl club by means of the wrappers as coming from the Green Lantern. The prosecution hopes to be able to trace the money, portions of which were spent at the Owl club.

Joe Keate, just prior to taking the office of sheriff to which he had been elected at the November election, secured the evidence on which the prosecution relies to make a case.

The prosecution will continue with its testimony this morning. District Attorney Harley A. Harmon is conducting the prosecution and Louis Cohen appears for defendant.

### Storms Tie Up Air Traffic

The storm which has been general over the Pacific coast during the past 24 hours, has done considerable damage throughout the southwest. Winds of high velocity and accompanied with rain in certain sections has tied up traffic in many California cities.

The Western Air Express plane due to leave Los Angeles at seven o'clock last night for Salt Lake City was held in the southern terminal. The regular southbound plane yesterday was forced to return to Salt Lake City to await more favorable weather conditions.

Reports state that the storm is passing on and fair weather, but colder, is predicted for the next 24 hours.

### Boulder City Furnishes Its First Marriage

Boulder City contributed its first couple for the marriage vows yesterday when Rev. C. S. Reynolds performed the ceremony at the M. E. parsonage which united Ray Rutherford, 21, and Elsie Phillips, 16. Consent to the marriage was given before the county clerk when the license was issued by Myrtle Phillips, mother of the bride, who, with the bride's brother, Jim Phillips, were the official witnesses to the ceremony.

### DEFENDANT PLEADS HIS OWN CASE

**Clancy Convicted After Acting As His Own Lawyer**

William Clancy was found guilty by the jury at 8:30 Tuesday evening after having conducted his own defense. He refused to allow the court to appoint an attorney to assist in the defense.

Clancy was charged with burglary, the testimony showing that he was caught in the Second Street grocery after he had entered the store unlawfully.

Judge Orr set the time for passing sentence as Friday morning at ten o'clock.

The jurors serving on the case were David A. Abbott, George Huntsman, Lester E. Mills, Opal E. Moccock, Thomas Johnson, John A. Tobler, Robert Allsop, Dell Hinckley Robinson, John F. Perkins, William George Elmer Filbey and Raymond Griffith.

District Attorney Harmon conducted the prosecution.

### HOOVER SAILS FOR HOME AT END OF VISIT

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, March 25. (U.P.)—Terminating his visit to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, President Hoover sailed for home today aboard the U. S. S. Arizona.

The visit made a red-letter day for the island. Prior to a reception given by Governor Pearson and municipal councilmen, President Hoover reviewed a parade reflecting native enthusiasm, industries and social life. The governor had a long conference with Mr. Hoover. It was made known that early withdrawal of naval forces in Porto Rico, except the radio detachment, is planned.

### RENO'S MARRYING PARSON SAYS MORAL, RELIGIOUS LIFE THERE SURPASSES ANY CITY OF ITS SIZE

**Brands Statements of Dr. Wilson as Only "Hot Air"**

RENO, March 25. (U.P.)—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, militant Methodist churchman, might think that Reno is leading the way to perdition, but in the opinion of Dr. Alfred A. Case, "Marrying Parson" of Reno's only Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. Wilson's condemnation is only "hot air."

Informed tonight that Dr. Wilson, secretary of the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, said in Washington today that Nevada is acting "as though she would advertise to the world that she was a three-fools compound of Sodom, Gomorrah and perdition." Dr. Case exclaimed: "That's just a forensic display of hot air."

"Reno has finer church buildings than any city its size anywhere in the nation," he said. "Aside from

### BIDS OPENED FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

**Isbell Bros. Low Bidders on Two North-South Projects**

CARSON CITY, March 25. (Special)—Bids were opened here this afternoon on two stretches of the north-south highway. Isbell Brothers of Carson City were low bidders on both projects.

For the reconstruction of twelve miles of the highway along the west side of Walker lake on which the department estimate was \$280,000, the low bid of the six submitted was \$208,770.

On the project from Gardnerville south, the low bid was \$74,840.

### SLAYER OF WIFE KILLS SELF IN RENO

**Leaves Note Telling Wife Was Unfaithful**

RENO, March 25. (U.P.)—Dave Pinkes, Seattle salesman, charged with murdering his wife, Florence, in San Francisco Monday, poisoned himself in a hotel here today.

A note to the police found beside the body said he had killed his wife because she "cheated, lied and could be true to any one man."

Witnesses at the inquest in San Francisco yesterday said that Pinkes was jealous because of his wife's intimacies with other men while he was in Los Angeles.

### THREE DIVORCE DECREES

There were three decrees of divorce granted by Judge Orr in the district court March 24 and 25.

Bert A. Stevens, plaintiff, vs. Clara Faye Stevens, defendant. Decree of divorce for plaintiff, J. R. Lewis, attorney for plaintiff.

Charles Russell Klingensmith, plaintiff, vs. Rose Frances Klingensmith, defendant. Decree of divorce for plaintiff, Roger Foley, attorney for plaintiff.

Oliver Thomas vs. B. E. Thomas. Decree of divorce granted defendant on his cross complaint, J. R. Lewis, attorney for plaintiff; Roland H. Wiley for defendant.

### WINTER IN ITS DEATH THROES IN MOUNTAINS

**Wyoming and Montana Scenes of Violent Storms**

DENVER, March 25. (U.P.)—A blizzard gathered momentum on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains tonight as it blustered through Montana and headed south. Leaden skies over Wyoming and Colorado gave a warning that winter expects to make at least one more rally before giving way to spring.

Montana was hit by a snow storm and sub-zero temperatures were reported from Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The weather bureau said Wyoming was due for snow from two directions.

The center of one storm was located over Utah and the other was approaching from Montana.

Temperatures started down at Cheyenne. The Utah snowstorm extended into southern Idaho. The weather bureau at Salt Lake City, where snow fell, reported snow as far west as Nevada and east into Colorado.

### HOLDUP MEN RELIEVE TWO OF WINNINGS

**Force Car Off Road on North Main Street**

Two men Tuesday night held up and robbed C. A. Jewett and Ralph Anderson of \$70.00. Jewett and Anderson were on their way to the Oasis Auto Camps just north of Las Vegas when their car was forced off the road by two men in a model A Ford coupe. The two men jumped out and at the point of a gun relieved Jewett and Anderson of the money.

According to officers, Jewett and Anderson had been playing roulette in one of the gambling clubs and had made a winning. It is thought that the holdup men watched them leave and then followed. The hold-up took place just over the bridge on north Main street.

One of the bandits is described as being tall, of slight build and dark complexion and the other is short, wearing a brown sweater and waist overalls.

### Stollen Car Is Recovered

The stolen Chrysler touring car belonging to Maurice J. Fink, which was stolen last Saturday morning from where it was parked on Main street near the Nevada Hotel was recovered Tuesday morning at a garage at Baker.

The car is in a much damaged condition, having turned over several times on the grade just north of Baker. Two men are reported to have taken the car to the garage, stating that they would return later and get it or have it repaired. The matter was referred to the local police department who made a check and found that the car belonged to Fink.

According to officers, the car had been traveling at a high rate of speed and had been unable to negotiate a turn in the road. Description of the men leaving the car has been broadcast to officers in San Bernardino and nearby cities.

### AGED WOMAN FINDS MANY JOBS DURING DAY

CROMWELL, Conn., March 25. (U.P.)—Kate Ralph, 83, has no sympathy for lazy folks.

Every day for the past 66 years she has risen at 5 a. m., worked on her farm for an hour or so and then walked three miles to work in a toy factory.

When the whistle blows she walks home, delivering papers on the way, finishes her chores and calls it a day.

M. H. Davis, from Miami, Fla., is now connected with the F. H. Youngquist Real Estate company.

### MAN HURT BADLY IN COLLISION

Traveling at a high rate of speed, two cars came together, head-on on the highway near Erie shortly after two-thirty this morning.

A man giving his name as Joe W. Amos, living at 3050 Victoria Ave., Los Angeles was the most seriously injured. Amos was rushed to the Ferguson-Balcom Hospital by passing motorists. He is suffering from severe cuts and a deep scalp wound with possible internal injuries.

All the other occupants of the cars are more or less shaken up and cut by flying glass.

At press time this morning few details of the accident could be learned. According to Officers Dave Mackey and Joe May the two cars, one carrying two women going south on the highway and other carrying three men came together on a curve. Both cars after the collision were overturned on the road. Passing motorists succeeded in caring for the wants of the less injured and rushed Amos to Las Vegas for medical assistance.

A brother of Amos was communicated with in Los Angeles and stated that he would leave at once for Las Vegas.

**ADJUSTERS HERE ON LIPKIN FIRE**

Insurance adjusters are in Las Vegas making a survey of the fire loss in the Metro store fire.

It is believed that damage to the stock and fixtures will probably exceed \$10,000.

### POLICE HUNT LAS VEGAS FOR POISON DRINK

**Samples of "Bootleg" Sent to Los Angeles To Be Analyzed**

Poison bootleg whiskey has made its appearance in Las Vegas during the past week and has already sent several men to hospitals for treatment.

The liquor, said by officers to be rank poison, has been responsible for a number of cases called to the attention of the police department during the past few days. Several men, crazed with the liquor, have been taken into custody and given medical treatment. The police have sent samples of the whiskey to Los Angeles for analysis.

A close check is being made by the officers to learn where the liquor is coming from.

RAID P two by Chief of Police Nash and Joe May readed a speakeasy known as the "Scrap Iron" on North Main street last night. They are charged H. L. Scribner, said to be in charge of the place and confiscated a half gallon of bootleg.

Scribner was released on \$100.00 bail.

### Gambling Club Permit Asked

Theodore Peterson yesterday made application to the board of city commissioners for a gambling permit for 22 Fremont street. This location is the store building occupied at the present time by the Bogg's grocery store.

Information given by Mr. Peterson at the time the application for the gambling license was made, was to the effect that he held an option on the property and if the city would grant him the requested license, he would remodel the store into a high class gambling club.

Just what disposition will be made of the Bogg's store in case Peterson is granted a license is not known.

Mr. Peterson is from California and was accompanied by Mrs. Peterson.

Mrs. Will Beckley was a delightful luncheon hostess Wednesday when she entertained the members of her bridge club. High score was held by Mrs. J. M. Heaton.

### POSTMASTER AT ELGIN IS SHOT IN ARM

**Bradshaw Shot Down As He Reaches For Paper**

"Whiskey" Pete, who operates a service station near the state line south of Las Vegas, was taken into custody early this morning by Sheriff Keate and Deputy Sheriff Bodell. After Pete is said to have shot Rube Bradshaw, Elgin postmaster, in the arm with a six-shooter.

Bradshaw was on his way to Barstow and stopped in at Pete's service station for gas and a cup of coffee. Bradshaw is said to have reached into his pocket for a paper, when Pete, without warning, pulled his gun and fired point blank at Bradshaw.

Bradshaw was rushed to the Ferguson-Balcom hospital here where his wound was treated. The bullet made a clean wound through the fleshy part of Bradshaw's left arm, near the shoulder. Doctors stated that Bradshaw would suffer no ill effects from the wound.

"Whiskey" Pete has been under investigation on a number of occasions during the past year. The altogether too free use of firearms is said to be Pete's failing.

In last night's affair, Pete is said to have been drinking.

### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SUSPENDED

**Five Arrested Charged with Possession Of Liquor**

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25. (U.P.)—Steve Hokuf, University of Nebraska football, basketball and track athlete and several other students were suspended from the university as a result of a raid Saturday in which five students were arrested, charged with possession of liquor.

Dean Thompson did not name the students suspended, but said the young men responsible for the matter of the apartment where liquor was found being manufactured were suspended.

Hokuf admitted he had been suspended but said he was not in the building when it was raided and was not arrested.

### Habeas Corpus Hearing Today

The hearing of the habeas corpus petition filed by Attorney Cohen on behalf of James Ferguson met an unexpected snag in the district court.

The case had been set for hearing by the court for seven o'clock last night. When the case was called, District Attorney Harmon objected to a consideration of the matter on the grounds proof of service of the habeas corpus on the sheriff was not a matter of court record.

Judge Orr continued the case until nine o'clock this morning.

Ferguson is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bonds for his alleged participation in the holdup of the Green Lantern club last Christmas.

Judge and Mrs. C. D. Breeze expect to leave for Los Angeles Friday morning. Mrs. Emma Morse of Beverly Hills, who has been their guest, will accompany them. They will return Sunday, bringing Dean, Jr., who will spend his Easter vacation in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Frank DeVinney has recovered from her recent illness.

The members of the Inter Se club met with Mrs. R. W. Martin Tuesday. After luncheon, the ladies spent the afternoon sewing for the hostess. Purple and white lilacs and golden nasturtiums added much to the charm of the occasion.