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LAS VEGAS WEATHER

January 4, 1932—Maximum, 54; minimum, 29.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Zinc, 3.12 1/2 to 3.15 cents a pound. Bar silver, 30 1/2 cents an ounce.

Divorce Business Here Shows Gain

VEGAS HAILED AS MECCA BY VICTIMS OF CUPID

More Marriages Than Divorces in City During 1931

County Commissioners Have Busier Year; Court Cases Soar

Marriages in Las Vegas for 1931 were almost twice as numerous as divorces, according to a report issued today by the Clark county clerk's office. In 1931 marriages totaled 584, and in 1927, five years ago, they totaled 169. Divorces went from 92 in 1927 to 203 in 1930, and to 526 in 1931.

MINDS CHANGED Evidence of the famous "woman's privilege" was clearly indicated when 17 marriage licenses issued during 1931 were never used in this county. Less romantic officials hinted that after the 17 sobered up the prospective partner might have not "looked so hot."

An interesting shift in criminal cases appeared. While juvenile delinquencies rose from 7 in 1921 to 8 in 1930, they dropped to 2 in 1931. Criminal cases rose from 19 five years ago, to 26 in 1930, and nearly doubled in 1931, reaching 48.

Civil suits filed reached 785 for 1931. Not all divorces were granted, some 127 out of 653 filed being denied. Five annulments were granted, two to girls and three to boys. While Reno is reported to be kindest to wives, Las Vegas was partial to husbands in 1931, the wives getting 258, the husbands receiving 268, ten more. Some 161 of the 526 decrees granted affected children.

BOARD MEETS 43 TIMES Clark county commissioners appeared to be working just about twice as hard in 1931 as in 1930. They met 43 times last year and only 26 the year before. In 1927 they gathered 40 times.

September was the most dangerous month of 1931 to unwary males. Some 121 husbands were snared here that month. There were only 117 June brides, October ranked third with 109 marriage licenses, and April and May (springtime) tied with 100 each.

February last year was lowest, with 48 marriage licenses, and January came next with 51.

RACE FEELING FANNED AFTER SHOOTING OF NATIVE BY COP

SAVING MADE AT STOCKADE

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Fatal shooting of a Filipino seaman by a police officer added today to the serious possibilities of a smoldering rebellion by Honolulu residents aroused by recent attacks on an American woman, a situation that has resulted in invocation of the rigid territorial law.

The city and vicinity virtually was in a state of martial law. An autopsy revealed that Miguel Barabas, the Filipino seaman had been shot in the back, and there was great agitation among residents of the Filipino colony. Prominent leaders of that section were charging with "police hysteria" in connection with the widespread search for an escaped convict. The officer, Patrolman James Pokipala, insisted that Barabas acted suspiciously, flashing a gun and attempted to flee.

The missing prisoner was Daniel Lyman, 22, sentenced on a charge of second degree murder. Lyman was joined by Louis Kaikapu, 23, an Hawaiian, in the prison break. Later Kaikapu, according to his own admission, entered the home of an American couple after the husband had left for work, and attacked the wife. He was caught a short time later but his act, coming soon after riots that followed an attack on the wife of an American naval officer, brought new threats of serious disturbances. The territorial law was ordered into effect.

New many citizens of the city fear the possibility of innocent persons being hurt by some of the special officers who are patrolling the city with guns and other weapons.

SISTER VISITS Miss Suster Wren, local grammar school teacher, is enjoying a visit from her sister, who returned with her from California where she spent the holidays.

Sued Over Teeth



Helen Twelvetrees, petite movie ingenue, who was sued for \$11,112 damages by Peter C. Fowler, house painter, on the claim that he lost three teeth when Mrs. Twelvetrees allegedly drove her automobile into his.

BOARD PASSES NEW LICENSES

Three additional gaming licenses were issued by the city commissioners at their meeting yesterday afternoon after a resolution increasing the number of places to be licensed from ten to thirteen had been adopted by the board.

The Apache club, a corporation, with its casino located on the ground floor of the new Apache hotel, Second and Fremont streets, was one of the newly licensed places. The casino is to be located in the rear of the stores which front on Fremont street and west of the hotel lobby which will be on the second street side of the building.

Joe Morgan was granted a new license for the room on First street, two doors north of the police station.

H. E. Faxon and E. Noon were granted a license for the Arizona club.

WILL EXTEND STREET LIGHTS

Sixth street will enjoy the convenience of street lights as soon as the plans of City Commissioner Len Hansell can be carried out.

It is Commissioner Hansell's intention to place lights on Sixth street from Carson street south to Garces street. The commissioner is extending the city street lighting system as fast as the city funds will permit.

MRS. BROWNER TO BE BURIED TODAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Velma Browner will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Las Vegas funeral home chapel. The Rev. Sloan will conduct the ceremony and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

Wolf at White House Door; Motor Cop Gives Chase and Captures Him

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—A wolf was chased away from the White House door today. Gordon Rains, riding his motorcycle along 16th street in the early morning

HEIRESS IS ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING LOVER

Protests Innocence During Recess of Court

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Sitting superbly at ease in luxurious furs, Helen Joy Morgan, love-mad heiress who killed her garage mechanic sweetheart during a spring-time tryst, went on trial for murder today before a judge, jury and an eager mob which tore a 100-pound door from its hinges in its anxiety to get into the tiny courtroom.

FACES LIFE TERM The attractive 27-year-old girl, facing a maximum penalty of life in prison, watched with impassive eyes as Circuit Judge James S. Parker directed the choice of 13 jurors. An alternate juror is selected in case of illness.

The crowd kept its eyes on the brown-eyed defendant. They were wondering whether, as the state contends, they were seeing a destructive spider-woman who had the cold nerve to crush out the life of her 33-year-old sweetheart, Leslie Casteel, when she learned he planned to leave her for another, or, as the defense declares, they saw a girl courageous enough to snatch a revolver from her 200-pound friend and defend her own life.

The jury practically was complete tonight and the state will begin presentation of its case early tomorrow, it is expected. There are more than 100 witnesses to be called and the case promised to continue for several weeks.

INSISTS ON INNOCENCE With her characteristic, open-minded way of discussing the case, Miss Morgan insisted during recess late today that she was not guilty of murder.

"Sure, I was madly in love with Les," she said, "and I shot him. But I did it to protect my life and only after he drew a gun and began to act like a madman. I couldn't help it."

The defense contention is that while riding in Miss Morgan's automobile last April 23, Casteel drew his revolver and said he would kill his sweetheart. During a struggle for the gun, it claims, Miss Morgan obtained the weapon and shot Casteel. She tossed the body into a ditch and returned home.

The state has witnesses, it claims, who will prove that Miss Morgan and her sweetheart quarreled because he was intending to leave Flint; that she set fire to his house in another effort to cause his death, and that she had taken the revolver with which she shot Casteel to a hardware store several days before the shooting. There, Prosecutor Ralph Freeman said he would show, she received instructions on how to shoot it and had it loaded.

MOTHER PRESENT An interested spectator today was Mrs. Carrie P. Morgan, 63, mother of the defendant. Her estate is estimated to be worth \$50,000. It was who posted a \$15,000 cash bond on which Miss Morgan has been set at liberty. She is almost totally deaf.

LENZ LOWERS BRIDGE LEAD

NEW YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 5. (U.P.)—Sidney Lenz and Commander Winfield Liggett, Jr., made a net gain of 3.385 points in the seventeenth session of the contract bridge match with Dr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson which ended at 12:20 a. m. today. This left the Culbertsons still 16,835 points ahead, however, with only 21 rubbers left to play.

The Lenz team won six and the Culbertsons three of the nine rubbers played during the session.

BANK CLOSED IN NEVADA VILLAGE

WINNEMUCCA, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—State Bank Examiner E. J. Seaborn took possession today of the Winnemucca State Bank and Trust company, which has been weakened, he said, by frozen excess loans and gradual withdrawals. The bank is capitalized at \$100,000 with a surplus of \$20,000 and deposits of \$256,000.

WRITING HELD FOR MRS. A. P. DENNING

Funeral services for Thomas Edward Denning, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Denning, of 711 Wilson street, Westside, who died Sunday of cerebral spinal meningitis, were held yesterday afternoon.

hours, saw an animal approaching the executive mansion. He gave chase. An hour later he captured a full grown prairie wolf.

She Fools 'Em



Miss Carla De Vitti, Italian novelist, told customs officers she had "whiskey and sodas" in her trunk on returning from the Orient aboard the liner Asama Maru. Inspectors avidly tore open the trunk and found only books—and all of them were "Whiskey and Sodas," Miss De Vitti's latest novel.

CITY BOARD BANS 80-BALL

At the meeting of the board of city commissioners yesterday the application of the Northern club for license to operate their "80-ball keno" game was denied.

The denial was based upon the ruling of City Attorney Stevens, to whom the question had been referred for legal study, who rendered the opinion that the game in question is not a lawful gambling game, but is "illegal because it is of the nature of a lottery."

Louis Cohen appeared before the board as attorney for the Northern club and argued that the 80-ball keno game in question is not essentially different from the game of keno which has been held by the courts not to be a lottery.

The members of the board in voting on the issuance of the license followed the advice of the city attorney to the effect that the game in question is not a legal game under the law.

Attorney Cohen announced the intention of his clients to take the matter before the courts for final decision.

Commissioners Mundy, German and Hansell and His Honor, Mayor Cragin, being all the commissioners except Commissioner Thomas, who did not attend the meeting, voted to refuse the license.

1,100 S. P. MEN BACK AT WORK

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Eleven hundred men who have been employed intermittently for the past few months went back to work in Southern Pacific shops here today on a four-day week basis.

Approximately 6,000 men returned to work on that basis in the Pacific division of the company, extending from Portland on the north to Tucuman on the south and Ogden on the east, according to announcement of the company.

OFFICERS LIVES SAVED BY PHONE

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The letter, from Police Chief James E. McCarthy of Detroit, said that Detective John McGahn of New York telephoned a warning to Detroit headquarters just as three detectives were preparing to open a suspicious package in the Hotel Gotham.

SENATE OKAYS FREE WHEAT FOR NEEDY FOLKS

Election of President Pro-tem Deadlocked After Another Vote

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Forty million bushels of farm board wheat was appropriated by the senate today to feed the nation's unemployed. It was the first direct federal relief proposal approved by either house.

SENT TO HOUSE The senate passed and sent to the house the Capper joint resolution directing the farm board to place this amount, one-fourth of its great store, at the disposal of the red cross and other relief agencies to be milled and furnished free to destitute and needy persons.

The action followed testimony by Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, and John L. Lewis of the united mine workers, telling of dire suffering in Pennsylvania and other mining states. Lewis demanded relief for "a destitute population of more than 1,200,000" and Pinchot attacked the administration for its opposition to federal relief.

After passing the Capper bill, the senate passed a measure by Senator C. C. Dill, Dem., Wash., to transfer to the radio commission all the radio activities which the 1927 act left in the Commerce department.

Afterwards two more futile ballots were taken in an unsuccessful effort to break the deadlock over the election of a senate president pro-tem. The western independent Republicans continued to refuse to support Senator George H. Moses, Repn., N. H., of wild "jack-ass" fame and the ballots gave none a majority.

ASKS RELIEF ACTION President Hoover sent to the congress when it reconvened at noon after a two-week holiday recess, a new message renewing his demand for immediate action on eight points of his economic program.

Meanwhile the house itself showed its teeth in the matter of economy, by slashing several millions from the first of the appropriation bills. The new democratic control brought out the first deficiency bill, carrying more than \$100,000,000 to run the government for the next six months, with many funds heavily reduced. Then the membership took it up on the floor and directed a heavy fire of criticism against the George Washington bi-centennial commission for its elaborate and expensive plans for a celebration here this year.

The democratic joint policy committee drafted and ratified its tariff revision program for immediate passage by the house.

ANNIVERSARY IS SPENT IN JAIL

SHAWNEE, Okla., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Orel Bach, young Nashville, Tenn., confessed bank robber, spent his first wedding anniversary in jail tonight.

He was arrested at Fort Smith, Ark., after a daring escape attempt from the First National bank at McCloud which he had robbed of \$600 Saturday.

Burch told officers he would plead guilty to a charge of armed robbery before Superior Judge Leroy Cooper who was a guest on his flight in a chartered airplane paid for with part of the bank loot.

Burch told of a wife at Nashville who soon will become mother of his first child and who was without funds to employ a physician.

SCOTTY PASSES THROUGH VEGAS Bucking snow and muddy roads, Walter "Death Valley" Scott, mysterious man of the lowest valley in the country, arrived in Las Vegas yesterday. He took a breath, some gasoline and started for Los Angeles where he will spend a few days.

WESTERN ROADS WIN COURT CASE

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HACKENSACK, N. J., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—John Luongo, a flying state trooper, flew a bi-plane over the wooded sections of Bergen county and saw suspicious vapor rising through the trees. He reported his findings and today two stills, valued at \$12,000, were raided.

Police Miss Desperadoes By Narrow Margin; Hunt For Cop Killers Spreads

JAPANESE ARMY DRIVES SOUTH TOWARD CHINESE COAST CITY

Heavy Fighting Seen As Chinese Force Blocks Path

TOKIO, Tuesday, Jan. 5. (U.P.)—Japanese forces today began an advance southward from Chinchow, closely pressing on the heels of Chinese forces evacuating Manchuria. It was announced that their objective is Shanhaiwan, an important seaport and the spot where the great wall meets the sea.

Heavy fighting is expected as there are considerable Chinese forces at Hungchian and Sunshang. It was announced that the southern movement was ordered in order to effect a juncture with a large Japanese garrison at Shanhaiwan, recently augmented by the arrival of several Japanese warships.

Shanhaiwan is considerably south of what is generally regarded as Manchuria and but a relatively short distance north of Tientsin, although the great wall is historically considered the northern boundary of China proper.

CITY PAROLE PLAN OFFERED If an ordinance now held under consideration by the board of city commissioners becomes a law, the chief of police, the municipal judge and the city attorney, will be empowered to parole city prisoners.

The parole will be granted under such terms and conditions as the mayor may impose, to any person confined in the city jail under sentence for a term of not less than ten days for violation of any city ordinance.

The ordinance, if passed, will offer a means of keeping the city jail fairly free of petty offenders.

BOMB WRECKS ITALIAN HOME ELIZABETHA, N. J., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—An explosion of undetermined origin late tonight wrecked the home of Carmine Peretti in the Italian section.

Fire followed the blast, and police and firemen as yet have been unable to learn whether Peretti and his family were killed.

Force of the explosion could be felt for blocks. It blew out the north wall of the two story building in which the Peretti's lived. Later more of the building caved in, injuring one fireman.

DEAD HUSBAND IS SILENT, SO WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Mrs. Eileen Soaper, 25, an English girl who believed in spiritualism, waited three days for her dead husband to communicate with her from "beyond." She received no message, so today she committed suicide by gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Soaper were married Nov. 2.

On Christmas eve Soaper had a cold. A doctor was called. "I'm spreading your holidays," he wept, "I could kill myself."

Christmas night she caught him with a knife, trying to cut his wrists. She took away the knife and comforted him. On New Year's day he died.

The first three days of the new year she was alone, waiting. Last night friends came and tried to persuade her to stay with them until after the funeral today.

"Leave me alone," she cried. "I am waiting for him to speak to me. He will speak; I know it. Maybe he is lonely and needs me."

The friends departed. The neighbors smelled gas. The janitor called a policeman, who broke down the door. They found Eileen Soaper dead, seated on a chair in the gas-filled kitchen beside a range with all jets open. On the table was her note of explanation.

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BOLD VISIT TO RELATIVE IS NEW CLUE IN HUNT

Mother Thinks Sons Should Be Punished; Widow Now Sheriff

DOZENS OF "HOT TIPS" Sent to Authorities Seeking Young Boys

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 4. (U.P.)—Two desperate, wounded gunmen, hunted as murderers of six Missouri peace officers, were sought tonight throughout the hills and plains of southern Texas.

DARING VISIT Harry Young, 29, made a daring visit to his sister's home here this afternoon, but escaped just four minutes before policemen reached the house. His brother, Jennings, 33, seen with Harry last night at Streetman, Tex., was believed hiding in the same place.

Relatives predicted the fugitives, with the price of six murders on their heads, never will be captured alive.

While a posse of Houston officers continued to search for the blonde, hard-eyed Harry along the dark and misty docks of the Houston ship canal, Texas rangers were guarding a 200-mile stretch of country in south Texas. The peace officers patrolled all highways leading to the Mexican border.

Wounded, muddy and blood-spattered, the two brothers rode here from Springfield, Mo., scene of the massacre in automobiles they either commandeered or stole.

LEAF ON BUS Harry was known to have boarded a bus here for the ship canal, a direct waterway to the Gulf of Mexico. His desire to see his bride of only a few weeks was believed to have brought him here.

Search for the desperadoes in south Texas climaxed a day of conflicting reports, placing the hunted men in four states of the southwest.

At 3 p. m., acting on a fresh tip, they went to the home of a relative of Young, shouting for him to "come out with your hands up," they walked toward doors and windows, their guns at their shoulders. His family opened the door.

"You're just late," she said. "He was here just a few minutes ago. He asked for Lillie (a sister) and then left. He headed toward the ship canal."

Later the sister was questioned. "I hope to God you hear they've committed suicide," she sobbed, when told her brothers were reported in hiding here.

"They're desperate. They'll never be taken alive."

At half a dozen other points, meanwhile, members of the gang were reported seen.

POWDER BURNS From Picher, Okla., came word that a man identified as Jennings Young, accompanied by a young woman, entered a drug store last night to obtain salve to treat powder-burned hands.

Near Springfield, Mo., posse still beat widely through the wooded slopes of the Ozarks for the possibility that some of the gang still were in hiding there.

Four men were believed to have been in the house from which the desperadoes poured their fatal fire on a squad of officers late Saturday.

Two of the group were Harry and Jennings Young. Identity of the others has not been established.

For a time Kansas City police took up the search after a tire dealer reported three men, one of them wearing a blood-stained bandage, visited his shop and attempted to secure parking space for their car.

The tire dealer said one of the men resembled Harry Young, but later developments here discredited his identification.

Another man the tire dealer identified as Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw sought in at least four murders. Authorities had no reason to connect Floyd with the Young brothers.

NO TRACE FOUND Citizens of King City, Mo., told, too, of seeing three men whom they believed were members of the gang there today. No trace of them could be found there. Springfield police placed their chief hope of finding the slayers in the Texas hunt. Other clues gradually were fading. From Springfield came reports that citizens there were inflamed.

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