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METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (AP)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Zinc, 3 cents a pound. Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents an ounce.

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SENATE TO PROBE IN JUDGE'S PAST

Investigation Ordered Into Record Of Two Well-Known Jurists

Inquiry Is Outgrowth Of Promotion Plans Of President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (AP)—Senate investigations were ordered today into the records of James J. Wilkerson, Capone trial judge and author of the 1922 injunction against the railway shopmen, and Kenneth MacIntosh, of the late Wickersham law commission.

APPOINTMENTS MADE
President Hoover has made appointments to promote the two from their district judgeships to circuit judgeships, Wilkerson in the Chicago district, MacIntosh in the northwest.

Chairman George W. Norris of the senate judiciary committee appointed subcommittees, both with pro-labor majorities, to hold hearings on the numerous protests, some by leading labor leaders and organizations, including railway labor executives, who charged Wilkerson was "unfit" for promotion.

Other protests made public today charged Judge Wilkerson misused his office to help the Samuel Insull interests "grab up" Chicago surface and bus transportation lines.

Norris, who headed the famous fight which rejected Mr. Hoover's supreme court nomination of John J. Parker two years ago, named a subcommittee of five, two more than the usual number, to investigate Wilkerson's record.

SUBCOMMITTEES
On the subcommittee are Senators W. E. Borah, Repr., Idaho, chairman; John J. Blaine, Repr., Wis., Arthur Robinson, Repr., Ind., Thomas J. Walsh, Dem., Mont., and C. D. Dixon, Wash. Borah, Blaine, Walsh and Dixon are classified by labor as being distinctly friendly. The subcommittee will meet tomorrow to plan hearings, which may be held next week.

On the MacIntosh committee, Norris named Senators Borah, Thomas D. Schall, Repr., Minn., and Sam Bratton, Dem., N. M., all classified as friendly to labor. The protests against MacIntosh were not made public, and Chairman Blaine said that he would be so busy with other affairs that it would be some time before hearings could be held. MacIntosh is a Stanford classmate of the president's and ran as a Republican against Senator Dixon recently.

PROTEST MADE
The railway labor executives' protest was sent to the judiciary committee by E. J. Manion, secretary, who said the executives adopted a resolution opposing Wilkerson's confirmation. Other protests came from B. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees' department, of the American Federation of Labor; G. M. Buzigalet, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; E. G. Ballard, Chicago, general counsel of the Municipal Ownership League; Charles McAdam, Danville, Ill.; Dr. Petra Dahl, Chicago, president of the Vigilance Forum; W. E. Golden, Chicago, and John L. Metzger, of the Clean Government League.

Manion's Railway Brotherhood protest said that Judge Wilkerson has shown "clear antagonism to the legitimate exercise of the right of wage-earners" and that he has issued "sweeping injunctions without notice, depriving the workers of rights confirmed in them by federal law."

"He has shown," Manion said, "by intemperate and unjustified criticism of labor organizations a prejudice and class-conscious bias which unfits him for promotion to higher judicial authority."

WAS REVERSED
He also charged Wilkerson with attempting to extend his authority outside of his own judicial district, "in the case of the notorious Daugherty injunction of 1922" and also in attempting to subpoena a labor leader from outside of Illinois, "for which he was reversed unanimously by the U. S. supreme court."

"He has even attempted to compel men to work without a contract of employment," Manion said.

Ballard protested Wilkerson has "allowed millions in attorney's fees in receivership cases," and misused his power "to aid Insull in grabbing up all surface lines in Chicago" and "the bus lines as well."

No Depression



Everything was rosy for James Cagney, Hollywood character actor, for his \$1,000 weekly salary had been boosted to \$1,500. And then a broker came along and sued him on the claim that he got the raise for the actor, thereby performing a Herculean feat in these times of close-hauling.

MORSE DENIES PETITION IN RUM CASE

A petition for a demurrer in the case of William Wallace, charged with possession of liquor in the widely publicized case contesting police jurisdiction outside the city limits, was denied yesterday afternoon in the city court and date for the trial set for January 20 at 9:30 a. m.

Roger Foley is attorney for Wallace.

EX-CONVICT IN GUN DUEL

HAMMOND, La., Jan. 18. (AP)—Elmer Dunnington, ex-convict, was killed and two other men were wounded, one critically, in a fierce gun battle on a downtown street here tonight.

The shooting followed what witnesses said was an argument over tomorrow's state primary election.

"Red" Bates of Kentwood was wounded critically. Kinchen Bridges received a flesh wound.

Officers said each of the men had a gun and that many shots were fired. Dunnington's body was riddled by the bullets and Bates was shot several times.

BUILDING CODE REPORT READY

A. H. Harrington, chairman of a special Chamber of Commerce committee created to study the city building codes of several cities and to make recommendations concerning the Las Vegas building code now effective, will make the final report of his committee at today's regular Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Dr. Wm. S. Park and Architect A. L. Worswick are the other members of the committee.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce will again pose for a group picture.

ON COAST TRIP

Irving and Murray Golden, of the Las Vegas loan office, accompanied by their wives, left yesterday on a ten days' business trip to San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver.

INSANITY WILL BE PLEA IN RUTH JUDD TRIAL

Secret Documents on File May Reveal Her Past Life in East

Alienists Call on Her At Jail; Each Side Employs Three

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 18. (AP)—There seemed little doubt tonight that Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, 27, will plead insanity as one of her defenses for killing her two women friends, Hervis Samuelson and Agnes Lerol, when her trial starts tomorrow.

Herman Lewkowitz, the slight blonde slayer's local attorney, admitted to the United Press that "insanity will be a defense among other things."

He explained that under Arizona law insanity may be one of several defenses, unlike several states where "not guilty by reason of insanity" is a sole defense that carries an obligatory admission of the crime.

Mrs. Judd, who by her published "Memoirs" and the prosecution's complaint, killed the two young women and rode 500 miles to Los Angeles with their dismembered bodies scattered among her luggage, has been visited by six psychiatrists and alienists within the last month, three of them acting for the defense and three for the state.

It was unofficially understood that there is an even division of opinion among them as to her sanity.

It was not thought unlikely that her parents, the father an Indiana evangelist, would take the stand and tell incidents of her "eccentric" girlhood, notably the episode of the "burlap abduction."

As told at the time of her arrest, the story was that when she was 16, Mrs. Judd, then Winnie McKinnell, allowed herself to be "found" after three days absence in an abandoned barn, clothed only in a burlap sack, and told a story of kidnapping and seduction that led to the arrest of a neighbor youth.

She was said to have retracted the story later, with the confession that it was a fiction growing out of her passionate desire to have a child.

In addition there were two sealed packets, documents that arrived several days ago from midwestern cities and were placed unopened among records of the case. It was considered a fair conjecture that they relate to her girlhood in Indiana and Illinois.

It also was thought likely that she will plead self-defense—that Miss Samuelson fired upon her at the height of a quarrel and Mrs. Lerol advanced with an ironing board, and that Mrs. Judd shot them both to save her own life.

Want a Bride?

If you do, and have \$2,000, and are young, Miss Louise Martin of San Francisco will be pleased to consider your proposal. She broadcast her Leap Year announcement with an offer to marry a man with a job who will help pay off the mortgage on her home and is "young enough to be her life partner." Step lively, men!

POLITICS MAY BALK ISLAND ATTACK LAW PLANS

Bills Offered Which Would Make Police Chief Appointive

Six Measures Offered But No Action Taken In Either House

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 18. (AP)—Major Gordon C. Ross of the 298th infantry, Hawaii national guard, was appointed high sheriff of Oahu by Governor Lawrence Judd today.

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 18. (AP)—Called into special session to act on reforms demanded to curb lawlessness in the Hawaiian Islands, the territorial legislature convened here today.

Despite warnings from leading citizens that concentrated action is necessary to make the "Paradise of the Pacific" safe for all women, informed observers noted signs of "political jockeying" among the legislators immediately after the special session had been called to order.

Newspaper editorials and statements issued by influential civic leaders have deplored reports that politics were not being set aside when unified efforts are needed to start the "clean up of existing conditions."

Directors of the chamber of commerce have threatened to demand a new government for the islands at Washington if bills providing reorganization of law-enforcement agencies and removal of politics from these offices were not adopted speedily.

ADJOURN
By the time adjournment until Tuesday was ordered, it was apparent that there was a strongly organized movement on foot to pass a bill for an appointive chief of police, and to sidetrack a companion measure calling for an appointive city and county prosecutor.

Technicalities were raised to divorce the two measures and have them introduced as separate bills. Some members of the house made open charges that efforts were under way to drop the city and county attorney measure after the bill providing for an appointive chief of police had been approved.

The measure that would remove most of the power now held by Patrick Gleason and invest it in a police chief appointed by the city council was introduced in both houses and was passed after the first reading.

The prosecutor bill was introduced in the senate but failed to make an appearance in the house.

STAND UNKNOWN
Asked whether he anticipated any possibility of the prosecutor bill meeting serious opposition, Speaker Roy A. Vitousek of the house said: "I don't know how any of the members stand. In fact I don't know how I stand."

Six proposed measures were introduced during the day. Each of them is intended to correct conditions that were brought to international attention when Mrs. Grace Enbiabua Fortesque, social leader, her son-in-law, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, and two navy enlisted men were arrested on charges of killing Joseph Kahahawai, Hawaiian, who had been accused of attacking the naval officer's wife, Mrs. Thalia Massie.

The unsolicited testimony to jail fare may cause officials to relegate guests desiring space to make reservations ahead. Some six men were picked up by police in two hours last night.

Another drive on looters of parked cars, has also resulted in a jail increase.

HELD BY U. S. FOR FORGERY

Oscar Robert Blaney of Los Angeles is being held in the county jail today following his arrest yesterday by city police officers, acting in cooperation with federal secret service agents from Salt Lake City. Blaney is being held in connection with the forgery of a government check in southern California.

It is alleged that the name of David H. Murdock of Los Angeles was forged to a federal check for the sum of \$15.52 and it is believed that Blaney will be arraigned today before United States Commissioner W. J. Flowers on a charge of forgery.

Federal officers declare the government is waging a relentless warfare on forgeries, sparing no expense to prosecute each and every case to a conviction if at all possible. In their effort to make the forging of federal checks extremely hazardous to the forger, the government is said to have recently spent more than \$2,000 in prosecuting a forgery case involving \$5.00.

BERDOO GAS AGENT SLAIN

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 18. (AP)—Her head nearly severed from her body, Mrs. Ida L. Heald, 55, was found murdered in her service station home on the Poo-hill boulevard 14 miles west of San Bernardino, late today.

Sheriff's officers investigating the crime believed robbery had been the motive. The woman was killed by a blow from an axe or other sharp instrument.

The body was found by Walter Shockey, 18.

OIL FLAMES PERIL CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 18. (AP)—Three crude oil storage tanks exploded in the thickly populated district of Oklahoma City bordering the oil field late today.

One of the five members of a welding crew was killed. The others were seriously burned, perhaps fatally.

Seven fire companies and chemical wagons, answering alarms, battled the flames vainly for an hour but at 4:45 p. m. the fire was under control. The greatest menace was a flaming high pressure gas line leading to other tanks.

DENIES NEW HARLAN TRIAL

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 18. (AP)—Judge Henry R. Prewitt of Montgomery county circuit court today overruled motions for new trials for two mine union officials convicted on charges of conspiracy to murder and sentenced both to life imprisonment.

The defendants, William High-tower, president of the Evert, Ky., local, United Mine Workers of America, and W. B. Jones, secretary of the Earts local, were accused of plotting the alleged ambush of last May 5 in which Deputy Sheriff Jim Daniels of Harlan county, another deputy, a mine commissary clerk and a miner were killed.

CHINA, PILLOWS ARE STOLEN HERE

Stolen articles reported to the police yesterday included a black leather handbag taken from the car of Fred Day. Thieves broke a window as the car was parked near the city library.

China, cutlery, glassware and other household articles valued at \$30 were taken by a thief who entered the home of W. J. Rose at 714 Carson street. Pillows also were stolen.

MAY ENTER BUSINESS

Oren L. Cox, resident of Chico, Calif., arrived in Las Vegas last night and will spend several days at the home of his brother-in-law, Harry Johnson, of South Seventh street. Cox is contemplating entering the building business in this city.

Tourist 'Party'

When Miss Lottie C. Dingeman of Detroit wants to go some place she goes in style. She decided to visit Hawaii and the South Sea Islands and so retained a tour conductor from a travel bureau to conduct her party of one, instead of the usual 25 or more. With the conductor, Robert O. Forknall, she is en route to Hawaii aboard the liner Sonoma.

N. J. DRY LAW IS REPEALED

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 18. (AP)—The state assembly tonight passed a bill repealing the New Jersey prohibition enforcement act. The vote was 42 to 15.

Two weeks ago at a special session of the 1931 legislature a similar bill was defeated. The assembly at that time was Republican, while the present house is Democratic.

The original repealer was introduced by Assemblyman Anthony City, Republican, and lacked only two votes of passage. Syracuse tonight voted for the new Democratic bill, saying that he was willing "to go along with the Democrats on this."

The people, Syracuse said, demand action on prohibition.

"I voted for the repeal of the Hobart (dry law enforcement) law because the people of the country should know that New Jersey is the wettest state in the union, and also as a means of impressing the country's representatives in congress," the assemblyman said.

BREAKS AWAY IN BRUSH WITH COP, TO SERVE TERM

Dan Harrington, who was arrested early yesterday morning in the Las Vegas club on a charge of disturbing the peace, and who escaped from police officers after being arrested, knocked down a deputy sheriff, and was finally rearrested and jailed, was fined \$50 or given his choice of serving 25 days in jail yesterday in police court.

MEMORY FAILS IN TRIAL HERE

Solution of the Boulder Drug store robbery, expected in the trial of Henry Alexander, who was charged with the crime, did not materialize when the entire case of the state, based on information given officers by the boy's step-mother, "fell through." The step-mother, Mrs. H. L. Alexander, suddenly discovered she could not remember any of the testimony she previously told officers.

Police officers report that she had given them a complete story and that the entire case was practically constructed on her expected testimony. Her failure to testify let the prosecution down, almost without a case. Alexander denied all connection with the robbery and the case was dismissed.

JAIL, STOCKADE BOTH FILLED UP, SAYS WILLIAMS

Chief of Police Williams' hotel, the city jail and the stockade were filled to capacity last night, with 29 "guests" at the latter and 18 in the bastille.

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ABBOTT TO LEAVE

J. W. Abbott, Las Vegas jeweler, closed business here yesterday and plans to leave for Susanville, Calif., where he has an attractive offer, he announced. Abbott has been in business here for four years, and regrets having to make the change, he said.

Woman Is Found Dead In Tucson

Police Puzzled By Strange Death Of Former Vegan; Foul Play Hinted By Officers

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 18. (AP)—Veiled in deep mystery, the horrible and baffling death of Nora Smithson, formerly of Las Vegas, was the object here last night of an intricate and deeply involved police investigation.

The fire charred body of the 60-year old woman, who came here three months ago from Las Vegas, and who has been cooking for a Tucson family, was found tonight in the basement of the residence in which she worked.

The body was in a sitting position on the cement floor of the furnace room in the A. J. Fine home in this city. Her shoes and stockings were untouched by fire and police confess themselves mystified as to how she was burned.

CLUES SCARCE
An examination of the furnace, in which a small fire was burning, revealed that it was so constructed that the woman could not have burned inside it. There was no indication either, that she had fallen against it.

According to police surgeons, she had not moved after the flames had seared her body, although the body rested on a clean spot on the cement floor. There was no coal or kindling near the body, and no trace of ashes.

The body was discovered by police after Mrs. Fine had reported that she had not seen her cook since shortly before noon. When officers entered the basement they detected a faint odor of burned clothing.

MYSTERY LIQUID
A mysterious kind of dark yellow liquid, not inflammable, was found by the body and has been sent to a chemist for analysis. Mr. and Mrs. Fine said they had never seen the can before.

An examination of the woman's personal effects revealed that she had bank accounts in the First State bank of Las Vegas, Nevada, and in the Helman Bank in Riverside, Cal.

Miss Smithson had worked here before, leaving Tucson five years ago for Las Vegas. So far as now known by authorities, she had no relatives. It is believed that an inquest will be held tomorrow by a coroner's jury, which was impaneled tonight. An autopsy has been ordered.

JAPS BATTLE CHINESE TROOPS

TOKYO, Jan. 18. (AP)—Dissolution of the Japanese diet and general elections within a month is expected soon after Feb. 21.

Premier Inukai discussed the political situation with the cabinet members today and will reconsider the problem tomorrow. The present diet, elected prior to establishment of the Premier's Seiyukai cabinet, is dominated by the opposition Meinseito party, which holds some 267 seats as compared to 170 Seiyukai seats out of a total of 466.

Unofficial reports from Manchuria said Japanese troops had dispersed 300 Chinese irregulars, near Chien-shiaoai, killing 139 and wounding scores. At Tungliang the Japanese scattered 1,000 Chinese, killing 90 and capturing 22.

Other advices said Japanese had defeated 400 Chinese bandits and occupied the walled town of Wang-tai, five miles north of Tang-shan-Cheng, on the Mukden-Aning railroad.

As a result of efforts by Chang Ching-Hui, who is friendly to the Japanese, it was announced Ting Chow's troops at Pienshien had agreed to recognize the authority of the Kirin government, set up by Hsi Chia, thus stabilizing the situation in the vicinity of Harbin.

COMMUNISTS KIDNAP YANK

PEIPING, Jan. 19. (Thursday)—(AP)—Charles Baker, American captain of a barge, and six Chinese of the crew were captured by alleged Communists west of Hankow, according to advices received here today. They were carried away to be held for ransom. The U. S. gunboat Oahu was sent to rescue Baker.

At the same time reports were received of the shelling by bandits of the American steamer Chita in the upper Yangtze river, with one Chinese member of the crew being killed and another wounded.

Traffic on the Yangtze has become increasingly difficult due to bandit forays.

HARMON BACK FROM CARSON

Probably sixty days will be required before a decision is handed down in the legal battle of the state of Nevada to collect taxes from Six Companies, Inc. It is believed by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon, who returned Sunday from Carson City.

A transcript of the arguments in the case was demanded and it is thought that several days will be required to prepare the documents.

Arguments for the state were made by Harmon and W. T. Matthews, deputy attorney general, according to Harmon. Six Companies has asked to file an amendment saying that the contracting company is an agent of the federal government and is not subject to taxation.

POWER OFF WEDNESDAY

The electric power will be cut off from the lines of the Southern Nevada power company between the hours of ten a. m. and noon tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20.

The break in service is because of the necessity of "cutting in" new feeders or main lines connecting the company's distributing system with the new power installation.

According to Harold Case, construction engineer, the new feeders will be of much greater capacity than the old and will make the service more efficient than it has ever been.

The constant growth of the city has required constant expansion on the part of the company to meet the demands of the service.

GOES HOME

Orville Hyde, who recently underwent an appendectomy, returned last night to his home in Nelson.

VEGAS STUDENTS BURN MIDNIGHT OIL FOR QUIZZES

All this week Las Vegas youngsters told their weary way to school, long faced, tight lipped, worldly weary and aged beyond their years. Lights burn late in more than one home... the library is reported to be well filled nights with reference readers. And more than one youngster is realizing that all "ponies" are not small horses. This is examination week.

SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ronnow of Hollywood are the happy parents of a baby boy born at 8:30 Monday morning, Jan. 18. The young man is the first child and weighs 6 pounds 4 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ronnow, parents of the happy father, who are keeping in touch with the situation by telephone, report that all concerned are doing well.

Gangster Goes On Trial In Texas For Slaying Of Houston Couple

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 18. (AP)—with her husband, Chester A. Jones, W. S. "Shilo" Scrivner went to trial today for the gangland murder of Mrs. Jane Jones, shot to death

Seattle People Like Their Liquor, Throng Building To Sign Petition

SEATTLE, Jan. 18. (AP)—Citizens who wanted to sign petitions for an initiative repeal of the state dry law so jammed the city-county building today that the number of circulators had to be limited. More than 20,000 signatures had been obtained tonight.