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**LAS VEGAS WEATHER**  
January 20—Maximum, 58; minimum, 37.

**METAL MARKETS**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Zinc, 3 to 3.05 cents a pound. Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents an ounce.

# CHICAGO 'LIFESAVING' BILL OK'D

## DOPE SHIP SEIZED BY CUSTOMS

### American Aboard Smuggling Vessel

Vessel Eludes Observation By U. S. Planes And Returns For Another Load

HONG KONG, Jan. 21. (Thursday) (U.P.)—The yacht Merbella was seized by Chinese customs officers outside of Macao today after a return voyage from Mexico and authorities claimed their action was to stop the alleged smuggling of opium into America.

Several Americans are among members of the crew of the Merbella. Customs officials declared that when the Merbella reached the Mexico coast a wireless message was sent to confederates ashore, who went out in speedy boats to take off the immigrants and narcotics. Subsequently, it is believed here, the Merbella was under observation of American planes and a yacht, but managed to return to the Orient.

The Merbella was built in Hong Kong last year. It was registered under the Panama flag and was commanded by Captain Yappa, a Dutch subject, who was master of the steamer Hedwig, which was lost in the Pratas Islands while being engaged in similar traffic, it was said.

### COPS FAIL TO FIND KIDNAP VICTIM

DENVER, Jan. 20. (U.P.)—Twenty hours after two men kidnaped him from his home, the whereabouts of B. P. Bower, 62-year-old bakery official, still was a mystery tonight.

Held for \$50,000 ransom and threatened with death if the ransom was not paid, Bower was believed a prisoner somewhere in Denver.

Throughout the day his wife, nearly hysterical with fright, Stephen Knight, wealthy head of the bakery company, and detectives, sat around a phone in the old-fashioned parlor of the Bower home here, waiting for a telephone call promised at noon by the kidnapers.

The chief of police's car, engine running and filled with detectives armed with riot guns sat outside the police station throughout the day.

Despite the police activity, virtually no clues to the identity of the kidnapers, or their hiding place were uncovered.

Bowers, with his wife, W. J. McKinney and McKinney's daughter, Mrs. C. Van Landingham, were in the Bower home last night when the two kidnapers, accompanied by two women they had held up a few minutes before, appeared at the house.

Declaring themselves to be police officers, the men forced their way into the house, forced the two women they brought with them, Mrs. Hugh Winbourn, sister-in-law of the former attorney general of Colorado, and Mrs. Clara Pools, the two women in the house and the two men to lie upon the floor. They cursed the group, threatened all with death if they made an untoward move, and asked which was Bower.

### NO NEW CASES OF DISEASE REPORTED

No new cases of meningitis were reported yesterday or last night, according to City Health Officer Dr. F. R. Mildren, who added that there was an ample supply of serum now in Las Vegas, but he did not expect more than a remote case or two to develop. His office was kept busy all day yesterday by scores of telephone calls from frantic parents who did not realize that the present condition is not serious and that the cases reported were not of the extremely contagious type of meningitis.

According to local physicians, the situation is not at all alarming. With its present population, Las Vegas might regularly expect some half dozen cases each winter, they state. It is reported that there are now about eight cases of the disease in Reno.

Boulder City schools were ordered closed today, following a conference yesterday between Walker Young, Reclamation bureau engineer, and Sims Ely, Boulder City manager. This order compels the reservation tuition schools to shut down during the next ten days, purely as a precautionary measure, according to Ely, who stated that the situation was not serious.

Symptoms of the disease are said to start with a severe headache, stiff neck, sometimes tremors or partial paralysis. The variety of meningitis now reported is the type which follows other illness, usually pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, or similar afflictions. Two of the youngsters who have the disease were out of school for some time prior to contracting it. One had pneumonia, the other a touch of influenza.

### NEVADANS AT M'COY SAFE

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—The outside world learned today that all is well in the tiny mining community of McCoy, 30 miles south of here.

Supposedly marooned inhabitants were really not marooned at all, but were just staying close to home until the heavy snows melt and way to "rescue" the camp, one of the highways are opened. Just as preparations were getting under its citizens drove here today, reporting that no emergency existed at McCoy.

Governor Balzar had ordered the highway department to break open the highway to the camp when fear was expressed that the food supply might be low.

Services held for J. T. Renaux

Funeral services were held in Sawtelle, Calif., at the Catholic chapel yesterday afternoon for J. T. Renaux, former Goodsprings mine operator. Renaux, who was well known in Las Vegas and Clark county, was a member of the Las Vegas aerle, 1213. Order of Eagles still were indignant about a reso-

### SCENES IN HONOLULU 'HONOR' KILLING



Top, police guarding the automobile in which the body of Joseph Kahahawai, young Hawaiian, was found murdered. Below, right, Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue, socially prominent in New York and Washington, one of four persons under arrest, charged with Kahahawai's death. Below, left, officers removing the sheet-swathed body of the victim. Honolulu authorities charge Mrs. Fortescue and three navy men killed Kahahawai because he allegedly attacked Mrs. Fortescue's daughter, Thalia.

### ISLAND ATTORNEY TO DEMAND DISMISSAL OF MURDER CHARGE

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—Dismissal of murder charges filed in police court against Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortescue, Lieut. T. H. Massie, and two enlisted men of the navy was demanded tonight in a formal motion filed by Montgomery Winn, their attorney.

Territorial prosecutors had been forced into a defensive position previously when Winn threatened to institute habeas corpus proceedings, and the defense attorney evidently intends to keep forcing the issue in an attempt to gain either an early trial or immediate liberty for his prominent clients.

The police court charges were made on Jan. 8, shortly after Mrs. Fortescue and the three navy men had been arrested. Since that time those accused have been held on the U. S. S. Alton at Pearl Harbor "for safe keeping."

Members of the territorial legislature speeded up their action on reform bills, demanded by leading citizens to halt the growth of a lawless element which has started a "crime wave" here.

The senate received a bill proposing complete reorganization of the police department from the house and passed it on first reading. The second reading is scheduled for tomorrow, and the third probably will be Friday.

While the law makers worked strenuously on their own problems, there were indications that they were indignant about a reso-

and bullfighting as dangerous pastime. Rall was playing bridge. His chair slipped, he fell, and his hip listed hereafter along with football

### EXPERTS GIVE SUGGESTIONS TO SILVER GROUP

One Would Remonetize White Metal; Others Offer Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (U.P.)—A. B. Young, Salt Lake metallurgical engineer, today advocated two pending senate measures as a solution of the silver problem while testifying before the special silver committee of seven western house members who are seeking some program on which all members from silver-producing states can stand for legislative action.

Young said he believed silver could be stabilized at a place where it can function in trade by the enactment of both the Smoot bill for payment of foreign war debts in silver, and the Dill bill for an international agreement on the status of silver.

He said war debts could be used as a means for effecting the stabilization of silver "because they form a reservoir large enough to take all of the world's silver."

John Simpson, president of the Farmers' union, argued for "forgetting the rest of the world and remonetizing silver. Give it every privilege we give gold. We used to have free and unlimited silver coinage. Congress demonetized it and so can remonetize it," he said. He advocated unlimited coinage in a 16 to 1 ratio.

Asked whether he thought the President would approve of such an act, Simpson replied: "No, but I think Congress should go on its own and enact it anyway."

John Janney, silver expert of Pioche, Nevada, urged "working into this situation a real stabilization program," rather than take any ratio.

Dr. Henry Payne, consulting engineer to the American Mining congress, pronounced silver of paramount importance in the restoration of normal world conditions.

Chairman Colton of the silver group expressed gratification at the hearing's progress. He said he was confident they would result in some concrete plan for the betterment of the silver situation.

### FINANCE BILL IS ASSURED PASSAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (U.P.)—Up to \$200,000,000 for immediate cash advances to depositors in closed banks and at least \$50,000,000 for loans to distressed farmers were assured tonight in the final draft of the reconstruction finance corporation bill.

The \$2,000,000,000 credit bill, rewritten by senate and house banking experts after being passed by both houses, is scheduled to be passed again and become law by Friday night or Saturday.

Within two weeks it is planned to pour a stream of money into the channels of trade, through loans to railroads, financial institutions, farm credit associations, and to receivers of closed banks.

Charles G. Daves, who is to head the reconstruction corporation, has virtually completed skeleton plans for his mammoth credit organization, to be swung into action before the ink is dry on President Hoover's signature.

The bill embodies the major proposal of his economic program, designed to revitalize credit and develop a buying psychology rather than one of hoarding.

Individual corporations under the completed bill will be able to borrow up to \$100,000,000 each, but only on good collateral approved by Daves and his board of directors. The board will include himself and three other appointed members, Democrats, Secretary of Treasury Mellon, Chairman Eugene Meyer, jr., of the federal reserve board and Farm Loan Commissioner Paul Bestor. Meyer will be chairman of the board.

### Windy City Sees New Life; Taxing Machine Upheld

Senate Passage Of Bill Is Assured Today And Chicagoans Celebrate Forthcoming Rejuvenation of City

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—The Illinois house of representatives passed tonight by a vote of 114 to 31 a bill to reorganize completely the taxing machinery of Cook county.

The bill, supported by Governor Louis L. Emerson, Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago and many Chicago bankers, now will go back to the senate where it originated. It was passed in the senate by a vote of 48 to 1, but two amendments were added in the house and it now must go back to the senate in its slightly revised form for re-consideration.

The bill was an emergency measure intended to provide means for America's second largest city to fight its way out of unprecedented financial difficulties.

As passed, the bill provides that all present taxing bodies in Cook county be swept out of existence and that in place of them the governor and president of the Cook county board shall appoint a committee of three men to reorganize completely the whole taxing machinery. These three will serve until November, 1934, when three will be elected to take their places.

One of the amendments added in the house provides that all three men must be citizens of Cook county.

The bill was passed with 10 votes to spare, only 102, a majority of the full membership, being required. A similar bill recently was defeated in the house.

Excitement followed passage of the bill in the house. Hundreds of Cook county residents were here urging that the bill be put through. They hailed it as the beginning of the "rejuvenation" of their city.

"Let's get it going without any more delay," shouted one man and immediately there began a rush to get assurance from senators that the bill would get action in the upper house tomorrow.

Within an hour after the house took its vote, enough senators had signified their willingness that it appeared certain the bill would come up before their body for a vote tomorrow. There was little doubt, because of the previous 48 to 1 vote, the bill would pass.

Thousands of Cook county taxpayers have refused to pay their taxes for 1929, 1930 or 1931, contending that politically controlled taxing bodies had shown favoritism in tax levies. One woman recently won a court decision that she need not pay her taxes because they had been assessed "fraudulently."

With thousands of property owners refusing to pay taxes and the courts backing them up in it, the city of Chicago and Cook county have been threatened with bankruptcy. More than 14,000 school teachers have received only six weeks' pay since last April. Other city and county employes have been paid irregularly.

Several times during recent years tax anticipation bonds were sold to Chicago bankers, but for more than a year now the bankers have refused to lend any more money on this basis.

The bankers refused to make promises, but intimated to Cermak and other political leaders that if the taxing machinery were reorganized on a sound basis more money would be forthcoming.

### NEVADA SHEEP DIE IN SNOWS

ELKO, Nev., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—District Judge E. P. Carville returned here today from a trip through the desert range country to the south, reporting nearly ten per cent of the sheep being wintered there by Idaho and Utah shepherds had perished in the recent heavy snows.

Approximately 100,000 sheep from outside Nevada are wintered each year in the region. The judge said snow had covered the forage so deeply that the sheep were unable to feed.

BULLET HOLE EVIDENCE HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—A bullet-riddled square taken from the floor of the apartment in which Chester and Jane Jones were slain last summer, was introduced in evidence by the state in the murder trial of W. S. (Shilo) Scrivner yesterday.

There will be no meeting of the Mesquite club Friday afternoon, it was announced by officers last night.

FIREWORKS SELLER DIES DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 20. (U.P.)—M. K. Hogue, 26, Denver, died today in a hospital here of burns suffered New Year's eve. He was trapped that night in his downtown fireworks stand when it was ignited. He had lived here only a few weeks.

DAUGHTER BORN An eight pound baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Davidson at their home, 429 South Fifth street, yesterday. Dr. Balcony was in attendance.

### Mexican Soldiers Rescue U. S. Miner From Lair Of Bandit Kidnap Gang

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Jan. 20. (U.P.)—H. Coxwell, manager of the Bolanos Canyon Mining company, near Mezquital del Oro, was rescued by soldiers today after three days in the hands of bandits who demanded 10,000 pesos (about \$3,000) ransom from the consul.