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LAS VEGAS WEATHER  
JANUARY 23—Maximum, 49; minimum, 28.

### METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic 7 1/2 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.00 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents an ounce.

## DETAILS OF CRIME ARE TOLD AT TRIAL

### Ruth Judd Asks Food As Gruesome Tale Of Trunks Told

### REMAINS STOLID

### Experts For State On Stand During Day; Prosecutor to Rest

By GEORGE H. BEALE  
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PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 23. (U.P.)—Winnie Ruth Judd, 27-year-old minister's daughter, listened unmoved and apparently uncaring today as the state unfolded a tale of horror in her trial on the charge she murdered Agnes Anne Leroi, her former friend.

SPECTATORS in the courtroom gasped as Los Angeles officials told of the unpacking there of the bodies of Mrs. Leroi and Miss Hedvig Samuelson and the description of the manner of their deaths, but Mrs. Judd was not concerned.

After the recital she told Sheriff James MacFadden she was very hungry. He said it was the first time in three months that she had exhibited any great interest in food.

Dr. A. F. Wagner, autopsy surgeon of Los Angeles, gave the most gruesome testimony, but the veteran physician did so in such a manner as not to be revolting.

"There was a bullet hole through Mrs. Leroi's head," he explained, "and that was the only sign of violence on her body. It caused death, passing from her left temple almost through to the other side of her head."

"Her body was in a bad state of decomposition."

Over a defense protest he was permitted to estimate from what distance the death bullet was fired. "I would say the gun was held directly against her head," he told the court.

Dr. Wagner said a gunshot wound in the head also caused Miss Samuelson's death, although there was another wound and her body was dismembered. Mrs. Judd may later face trial in her slaying.

"A wound in the head caused Miss Samuelson's death, no doubt," he testified, "but there was another wound in her side and that bullet passed on through. Also her middle and ring fingers of the left hand were creased as by a bullet."

Dr. Wagner judged that the gun was held quite close to Miss Samuelson's head but not directly against it.

He then went into a description of where and how Miss Samuelson's body had been severed. He thought it was done with a knife. He explained that, because the blood had drained from her body through the dismembering process, she was not in a decomposed state.

GOES INTO DETAIL  
The state defense made Dr. Wagner go into the greatest detail of the various wounds and the things he guessed. The defense claimed from this questioning to have gained a great point in disproving any of the purported confessions Mrs. Judd made and in showing that Miss Samuelson's body was dismembered within a few hours after death.

Det. Lt. Frank Ryan, of Los Angeles, gave the first gruesome testimony when he explained how he examined the contents of two trunks allegedly sent there from here by the defendant three days after the slaying.

"In the larger trunk," he said, "there was the complete body of a woman. It was in a bad state of decomposition and the features couldn't be made out very well because they were bloated. She had brown hair, though."

Ryan said he also found a bloody strip of carpet, some bloody clothing, a quilt and some photographs and letters in this trunk. It was through the letters and photographs that the body was identified as that of Mrs. Leroi, a nurse in a clinic here.

REST OF BODY  
"In the smaller trunk," Ryan continued, "was the upper part of a woman's body to her abdomen. The arms were crossed across the breast. There were two bundles, one on each side of the head. Each of them contained a leg from the knee down. The body from the abdomen to the knees was missing. I have since learned this was the body of Miss Samuelson."

Ray Pinker, Los Angeles police chemist, opened the suitcase and hatbox which the state claimed Mrs. Judd carried with her as she rode from here to Los Angeles.

The suitcase held the missing portion of Miss Samuelson's body and the hatbox held a gun, three shells and a flattened bullet.

# SINISTER POISON HITS NINE

## JAP FLEET AT SHANGHAI

### BATTLE FOR \$1,000,000



Harold Lloyd, Hollywood screen comedian, and Mrs. H. C. Witwer, widow of the late author, came face to face in appellate court in San Francisco when attorneys for the two argued Lloyd's appeal in a \$1,000,000 plagiarism suit instituted by Mrs. Witwer. The widow of the famous writer claims the plot for Lloyd's picture, "The Freshman," was stolen from one of her husband's stories. Mrs. Witwer won in the lower court.

## HUEY LONG'S GOVERNORSHIP ENDS; TWO FIGHT FOR POST

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23 (U.P.)—Huey P. Long's career as governor of Louisiana came to a dramatic and tumultuous end tonight, as he boarded a train for Washington to take his seat in the U. S. Senate.

Behind her left confusion, with two other "governors" fighting for supremacy.

One, Alvin O. King, was entrenched in the executive mansion at Baton Rouge, and the other, Dr. Paul N. Cyr, was enroute to his home in Jeanerette to "perfect his administration."

## WARRANT OUT VEGAS YOUTH IN LASSO SENT TO JAIL

CHARGING him with assault and battery, a warrant for the arrest of Darrell Burgess was issued last night from the district attorney's office. It had not been served up to one o'clock, although it is said to have been issued around nine o'clock.

It was believed that ball would probably be in the neighborhood of \$1,000, although no official information relative to it was issued. The charge is the result of the roping and dragging Friday of four youngsters by Burgess.

Explaining the dragging of four youngsters Friday at the end of his lasso rope, when he had caught them after allegedly mistreating one of his horses, Darrell Burgess, of the Pastime club, related the facts of the incident as an accidental overdoing of what he planned to be a lesson to the boys.

"Time and again I have reported to probation officers and authorities that the boys were mistreating my stock of the Old Ranch," Burgess stated. "Nothing done to them proved effective."

"He related how older boys had cut the fences, caught up horses and ridden them until several of them were seriously if not permanently injured."

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## When G. B. S. Likes Anything It's News; He's Pleased With Air Ride

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Jan. 23. (U.P.)—George Bernard Shaw took his first airplane ride today and described it as "the most thrilling experience of my 75 years." His wife accompanied him in an hour's cruise over the peninsular cape.

## NIPPONESE ON CHINA SOIL; REAL WAR FEARED

### Japanese Staff May Occupy Barracks Of Local Garrison

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SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 23. (U.P.)—Japanese troops landed in Shanghai today and a fleet of Japanese warships lay at anchor off the city, ready to back with armed force Tokyo's demands for cessation of anti-Japanese activities in China.

MILITARY ACTIVITY  
Extraordinary military activity went on in Nanking, the Chinese capital, where government leaders conferred on their course of action. It was feared actual war between Japan and China was imminent, climaxing the irregular fighting during which Japan drove the Chinese out of Manchuria.

It was widely rumored here, without confirmation, that the Japanese staff intended to occupy the Chinese barracks in Shanghai, the airdrome, arsenal and the Wooting forts that guard the city. Such action would be tantamount to capture of the city, with the exception of the foreign element.

Apparently, however, even the foreign settlement, where the Americans, British and other nationalities are quartered, was not altogether immune. Rear Admiral Koichi Shiosawa, commander of the Japanese fleet in Chinese waters, made a promise that he would give advance warning if any action involving the settlement was planned.

ANOTHER PROMISE  
The promise did not apply to Chinese territory and Japanese occupation might drive thousands of refugees into the settlement, with serious consequences.

American and other consular authorities were watching the situation closely. Edwin S. Cunningham, United States consul-general, announced after a conference with other consuls and authorities of the settlement yesterday, that "the Japanese must stay out of the settlement."

"If they stay out, there will not be any trouble," he said. The Japanese cruiser Ohji and eight other Japanese warships were in the harbor. The aircraft carrier Noto was due tomorrow. The Ohji landed 500 Japanese marines, fully equipped with field pieces and machine guns, in the city today.

They were quartered on Japanese private property after the municipal council, of which Sterline Fessenden, an American, is secretary-general, had refused the use of the volunteer corps rifle range.

Landing of the marines brought the number of Japanese troops in Shanghai to 1,400.

## NO NEW CASES ARE REPORTED

No more cases of spinal meningitis were reported yesterday to city health officials, who felt the situation was improving and that there was now no cause for alarm.

The two Sanderson children were reported last night by their physician, Dr. R. D. Balcom, to be showing marked improvement in response to serum treatment.

## VEGAS BOUND AIR VISITORS RETURN

Uneasiness over the failure of Los Angeles water district officials to arrive here by airplane yesterday during the high wind, was dispelled when the local chamber of commerce received word that the plane had encountered such strong winds at El Centro, that it had been forced to turn back.

Extensive plans for the entertainment of the flying officials had been planned, but will now be postponed until the later visit is made.

HAS NO LICENSE: FINED  
S. Fernandez, who believed that as long as he made no money in cleaning establishments, he needed no license, was fined yesterday in city court \$20 for operating his establishment without a license.

### She Likes To Ski



Winter sports are much to the liking of Miss Audrey Blodgett, daughter of D. A. Blodgett of New York. Here she is enjoying a skiing jaunt at Lake Placid, N. Y., winter playgrounds for society of the east.

## VEGAS YOUTH INJURED IN CRASH

Glen Griff, 14, of 223 Garces street, suffered three fractured ribs and a laceration of the lung which may prove serious due to possibility of traumatic pneumonia yesterday afternoon at 5:55 o'clock when he was hit and run over by a light delivery truck on Fremont street in front of the Western Union.

The truck was driven by Glen Jarrett, and is owned by the Las Vegas Hardware company, according to police records.

In the report given to police immediately after the accident by Jarrett, the boy ran out across Fremont street from behind two "double parked" cars. He appeared so suddenly and was screened from view so completely by the parked autos, that Jarrett did not have a chance to stop his truck.

The left rear wheel is said to have passed over the youngster's body. Jarrett immediately rushed him to the hospital and then reported to the accident. According to spectators, the accident was unavoidable, and due in large measure to the two double parked cars.

Police are said to be planning a drive against this particular traffic violation.

## MEMORY COURSE PLAN OF POLICE

Two excited car owners hastily reported their cars stolen yesterday to police; and then were embarrassed to remember that they had merely forgotten where the automobiles had been parked.

Local police are thinking of teaching a memory course, as this has become an almost daily occurrence.

STAGE LIQUOR RAIDS  
Two liquor raids yesterday afternoon netted Sam Thompson, 47, at the Paris Club and a quantity of alleged whiskey and wine, and Joe King, 41, of 609 Wilson, at the Blue Goose club with some alleged beer and whiskey.

Both were charged with possession of liquor. The raids took place at 5:30 p. m.

## U. S. MAY HELP IN BREAKING KIDNAPING RINGS

### Death Penalty Or 99 Year Sentence Will Be "Teeth of Law."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (U.P.)—Secret civic societies in large cities have obtained congressional support for a plan to enlist the federal government in a campaign against kidnaping racketeers and to punish them with death.

Senator Patterson, Rep. Mo., has introduced a bill striking directly at kidnaping gangs which seize victims and hurry them across state borders to evade the law. The measure would hold over the heads of interstate kidnap racketeers, the death penalty or permit any sentence up to 99 years.

Patterson said today he had been informed by a Chicago newspaper in a long distance telephone conversation last night that there had been a plot to kidnap Charles G. Dawes, president of the \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation. Vigilance on the part of the Chicago anti-racketeer organizations were said to have frustrated the plot. Patterson had no other information concerning it.

Col. Isham Randolph, a member of the "Secret Six" anti-racketeer organizations in Chicago conferred with Patterson yesterday to expedite action on the kidnap bill.

At Dawes' office it was said that the general had no knowledge of any kidnap plot. No guard has been sought or assigned to him.

"He'd just yell, 'To Hell with it,'" one of Dawes associates said.

Patterson cited the Dawes report as indicating the growing boldness of kidnapers.

"This thing about Dawes," he said, "indicates they are going after the big ones. Now they have gotten to the place where they grab Jack Johnson, son of the St. Louis shoe manufacturer and some time ago the grandson of August Busch."

Patterson said many kidnapings never were reported to the police or to police records.

"The enormous ransom that the kidnapers are able to extort," Patterson said, "enables them to corrupt any dishonest local officials."

The cruelest, the most heartless, designing, ruthless and intelligent criminals that we have are engaged in this racket. All the power of the state and nation should be brought to bear to break up this heinous practice."

The senator said Newton had reported 262 racketeer kidnapings. He explained that kidnapers evade local officials by crossing state lines and the only way to reach them and compel the attendance of witnesses from another state is to give the federal government authority to punish the criminals.

Patterson said Newton had reported to him that the following racketeer kidnapings were known to have taken place: California, 25; Indiana, 20; Illinois, 40; Kansas, 12; Michigan, 20; Massachusetts, 15; New Jersey, 10; Oklahoma, 9; Wisconsin, 8; and Mississippi, 6.

"There are numerous instances in cities like Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, all close to state lines, where the victim is kidnaped by a professional gang of kidnapers, carried to another state and confined in a jurisdiction where the officials are either in league with the kidnapers or incompetent to cope with them," Patterson said.

## CALIENTE MAN IS IN L. V. HOSPITAL

E. "Shorty" Sanford, employe of the Public Utilities of Caliente, while employe unloading a plant load of pipe at the old power plant had his right leg broken six inches above the knee by a falling pipe. He was brought to Las Vegas Friday night and is confined to Las Vegas hospital.

Miss Margaret Potter ruled gracefully as queen of the evening, attended by courtiers and surrounded by her subjects.

## Judge Decides Prohibition Agent Can't Speed—Even Chasing Booze

ATLANTA, Jan. 23 (U.P.)—It is unlawful for a prohibition agent to exceed the automobile speed limit in an effort to catch a fleeing bootlegger, Attorney General George N. Tattle, New Orleans dry agent,

## Starving Family Steals Grain; No Remedy Known

### One Child Is Already Dead And Physicians Know Of No Antidote For Others

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 23 (U.P.)—Thallium poison, which chemists and physicians say has no known antidote nor remedy, today claimed its first life here when Lidia Nunez, 7, died about noon.

A total of nine Mexicans, four of them children, were expected to die eventually of the poison. Physicians say there is nothing can be done for them.

Ten days ago the nine ate of tortillas made from stolen barley poisoned by the thallium and intended for killing squirrels.

Physicians say all nine have since been slowly dying, although they expressed hopes that at least two might survive. The victims suffer from a creeping paralysis.

The five adults in the group of nine poison victims comprised a small segment of California's unemployed farm workers when they ate the tortillas 10 days ago. They were not affected until two days after the meal, when every member of the party was cramped with abdominal pains. Since then the condition of the patient in every case has grown gradually worse from the paralysis that soon set in.

NEAR DEATH  
Four of those nearest death were members of Lidia's family. They were her sister, Lupe, 5, two brothers, Manuel, 6, and Ignacio, 10, and the mother, Nicholasa Nunez, 32. The father, Ysobel Nunez, 34, was reported approaching the critical stage which had laid his hold on Ajaio Alessandro, 33, and Celia De-la, 22. Bernard Ries, 20, was seriously ill but had not yet reached the critical stage.

The nine had been ill since January 15, but it was not until yesterday that the nature of their ailment was suspected. The physicians had diagnosed the cases as lead poisoning, which gives very similar symptoms.

One of the men victims late yesterday, feeling death was near, told Hospital Director Dr. H. M. Ginsburg that under pressure of extreme hunger the party had stolen the grain and made it into tortillas, which they ate. Samples of the grain were obtained from the place where the party had stayed in Selma, 15 miles southeast, and the poison was soon identified as thallium.

State and federal experts appealed to for remedies or antidotes messaged today that none was known. All authorities agreed that thallium poisoning was fatal. They said its effect was cumulative, that the effect increased with the number of times the poison was taken. The group of nine apparently ate several meals of the poisoned tortillas.

ALWAYS FATAL  
Chemists say thallium is a metallic element discovered in recent years. They say it has few ordinary uses, but that lately the federal government has been experimenting with it in rodent-control work. Few farmer-supply or even drug stores sell it.

Roy Womack, inspector in the state division of chemistry, said that of the few cases of thallium poisoning on record, each had ended fatally.

Dr. Lee A. Stone, Madera county health officer who was instrumental in barring thallium as a rodent-control poison in that county, said: "I saw 65 sheep poisoned with it last spring near Chowchilla. They all died."

## WILD DRIVER CAUSES STIR

Charlie Smith, who Friday night navigated his car over the Boulder highway in such a manner that other motorists took to the sagebrush for safety, while he drove with lights out, with improper license plates, and without driver's license, brought his maneuvers to a grand and dramatic climax when he drove down north First street on the left side of the street and crashed into a police car parked in front of the station.

He was fined \$10 yesterday in city court for drunken driving.

## MANY ENJOY M. I. A. DANCE

In a hall lavishly decorated for the largest dance of the year given by the M. I. A. of the L.D.S. church, scores of couples, mostly young people, danced to the strains of music furnished by an exceptionally good orchestra last Friday night at the Green and Gold hall.

Miss Margaret Potter ruled gracefully as queen of the evening, attended by courtiers and surrounded by her subjects.

## MOAPA MAN BETTER

Louis Snyder of Moapa who was brought to Las Vegas Hospital Friday night after an automobile accident, is reported to be slightly improved. He is suffering with a badly sprained back.

## HAS POSITION

Miss Laurel Decker has accepted a position with the Las Vegas Cafe.

## STORE ENTERED

Burglars early today broke into Gilbert Brothers Westside store but were frightened away by a patrolman before they could obtain more loot than a handful of pennies from the cash register. A stolen slot machine was dumped, unopened, near the store.

## STOLEN CAR

Rushton left his car, while he was allegedly intoxicated last Sunday night, on the Boulder highway, where it was hit by another car and James A. Reed killed. As Rushton lacks \$100 for the fine, it is probable that he will serve about five months in jail.

Justice of the Peace Frank M. Ryan also delivered a stiff lecture to Rushton on operating or using a car while drinking.