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LAS VEGAS WEATHER

January 27—Maximum, 60; minimum, 31.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.90 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Bar silver, 29 1/4 cents an ounce.

SHANGHAI BOMBARDMENT NEAR

JUDD JURYMEN ILL; TRIAL DELAYED TODAY

Clergyman Father of Trunk Slayer Tells Of Daughter's Life

Baby Complex Held as Sign Of Insanity In Murder Case

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 27. (U.P.)—The illness of two jurors temporarily disrupted the trial of Winnie Ruth Judd today after her elderly father, the Rev. H. J. McKinnell, attempted to save her from the handman by admitting there was a taint of insanity in his family.

Only one alternate was selected before evidence was started in Mrs. Judd's trial on the charge she murdered her former friend, Agnes Anne Lerol, a fellow nurse.

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"I have visited Ruth in jail here," he said sadly, "and as short a time as two weeks ago she told me they were trying to take her baby away from her."

"To your knowledge, did your daughter ever have a baby of her own, or did she ever adopt one or did she ever live with one?" Paul Schenck, chief of defense counsel, asked.

"Not to my knowledge," answered Rev. McKinnell.

As he testified, the former minister glanced kindly at his daughter now and then, but so far as her actions were concerned she didn't know he was in the courtroom.

She didn't glance at him as he went on telling of her childhood and she didn't appear to hear a word he said.

The Rev. McKinnell said he was "amazed" when his daughter, a child of seven, said there was a new baby at her home when, in fact, there was not. And he was "pained" by a love affair she had in Olney, Ill., when she was 16, and by her asserted abduction when she was 17.

L. V. BUILDING ORDERED DOWN

Orders that the frame building at 111 Carson street must be torn down and removed by noon today, were issued by Paul Housman, city building inspector last night.

According to the inspector, the business house comes within the fire zone and is not of the proper construction as set forth by the Las Vegas building ordinance. The ordinance is now being investigated by a Chamber of Commerce committee.

MACHINESLUGGER SUSPECTS NABBED

Arrested on the complaint of the management of the Las-Vegas club, and found in the possession of several slugs in the size of coins of varying denomination, two men were charged with slugging slot machines last night, and held for trial in municipal court this morning.

Ray Hubley and Henry Clinton were the names given by the men when they were booked.

LEAVE ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. George Clements left yesterday for a week's vacation to be spent on a tour of the California coast. Mrs. Clements is a nurse at the Las Vegas hospital.

Key To Treasure Cache Of Bandit Owned By Vegan

By T. C. WILSON

A tale of Spanish treasure, of buried silver bullion and dusty mule trains winding across the New Mexico deserts to Mexico City, laden with wealth, was unfolded in Las Vegas yesterday when it was learned that the treasure seekers now creating such a furor near Hot Springs, N. M., are undoubtedly seeking riches described in an ancient, yellowed paper now in the hands of the Las Vegas Age.

JOURNEY OF DEATH

In the early days of New Mexico, under Spanish rule, silver bullion from the mines and smelter at Socorro was carried by mule train through the Jornada del Muerto (journey of death) down through Mexico to Mexico City. According to old records, there were 21 bandit chiefs at various times active in raids on the treasure trains, in which hundreds of men and mules were killed, and fabulous sums spirited into the sinister New Mexico desert mountains.

One of these bandits, Francisco Martinez, a renegade monk, confessed to such crimes on his death bed to a priest, and told how to find his treasures, indicating that they be given to the poor. The priest passed the information on an old parchment to a relative, who gave it to a coffee planter who saved his life years later in Mexico City. The planter in turn handed it to his son, and the treasured document was kept in the family for generations. The original parchment is now in the hands of a member of the same family, D. S. York, New Mexico rancher.

TRANSLATED COPY

York's stepson, R. A. Colton, who lives in Las Vegas, where he is employed as a truck driver, has

the only translated copy of the original Spanish manuscript. Colton and the late Howard Conklin of this city made a trip into the region described in search of the treasure in 1922. At that time they found the country was exactly as described in the old directions with the exception that, when the arroyo specified as containing the silver hoard was traced, it was found to be any one of a score of such ravines.

Starting a systematic search of them all, they had barely started when lack of time, food and water forced them to postpone further search.

Colton returned in 1927, with his stepfather, and they continued the search. Again the length of time available caused them to leave before finding the treasure, but they were more firmly convinced than ever before that they were on the right track and that the manuscript was authentic.

Colton is now planning a third expedition for the coming summer, in event that the present searches in New Mexico fail to locate the treasure, although newspaper dispatches indicate that they are in the region described by the document.

ONE ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Ending an investigation lasting several weeks and covering Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Las Vegas, members of the San Bernardino sheriff's office yesterday arrested R. H. Lacey, of Railroad Pass, on charges of issuing a fictitious check.

Co-operating with the local sheriff's office, which conducted the Las Vegas investigation, the San Bernardino officers traced Lacey through the automobile he was driving at the time he presented an assertedly bogus cashier's check for the purchase of clothing in a San Bernardino store, to the tune of \$20.

The accused man was trailed to Las Vegas when it was found that the car he drove through San Bernardino belonged to a woman business partner of Phillip L. Lacey, his brother, and from whom he had borrowed the car.

Lacey is suspected of previous bad check operations under the alias of R. J. Mason, officers said. He will be returned to San Bernardino immediately.

RITE HELD FOR CLAUDE MAHONEY

Funeral services for twelve-year old Claude Mahoney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mahoney of this city, were held yesterday afternoon, with Father O'Grady officiating.

The youngster died of spinal meningitis.

KIDNAPED MAN IS RELEASED BY GANG

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 27. (U.P.)—Howard A. Woolverton, 52, wealthy industrialist, returned to his home unharmed shortly before midnight tonight, just 24 hours after he had been kidnaped and held for \$50,000 ransom.

Woolverton apparently had suffered no ill effects from his abduction, one of the most sensational of a series that has brought \$1,000,000 in ransom to a midwest kidnap band.

The industrialist immediately went into conference with his family and attorneys. It was impossible to learn at once whether a ransom had been paid or promised.

GRAFT PROBE TO CONTINUE

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27. (U.P.)—New York City's government will be under investigation by the Hofstadter legislative committee another year.

A bill is to be introduced for an appropriation to finance the investigation which will require the governor's approval and may decide his status with Tammany hall, the dominant influence in selecting delegates to the Democratic national convention.

The house adopted tonight a resolution extending the committee's life until Feb. 1, 1933. The senate adopted the resolution last week.

RESCUE CREWS SEEK SUB IN FACE OF ODDS

36 Hours Believed To Be Limit Of Time For Trapped Men

Report Of Coastwise Skipper Awaited By Salvaging Ships

PORTLAND, England, Thursday, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—The traditional courage of Britain's navy in the face of hopeless odds rallied a rescue fleet in Dead Man's bay today to redouble its search for the missing submarine M-2, believed wrecked on the ocean floor with 60 men buried alive in her steel chambers.

In the cold glare of warship searchlights, divers dipped into the waters of the English channel to investigate every cove. Weather conditions had improved and at 2 a. m. the sea was calm.

Divers refused to accept the general verdict that the search was hopeless. Throughout the night they struggled to verify indications that "two objects" located by sloops might be the missing underwater craft. Adverse tides, a stiff breeze and early morning darkness hampered their search.

The Admiralty hastened preparations to extend the search after daylight, indicating that the M-2 must be found by dusk Thursday or all hope will be abandoned. The officials previously indicated their lack of hope by informing the wives of men on the submarine that their husbands were "missing and feared dead."

A report from the destroyer Scimitar of Nore, was eagerly awaited. The commander of the destroyer was ordered to interview the one man who may have witnessed the last dive of the M-2 on Tuesday. He is believed to be Captain Howard of the coastal vessel Tyndesir, who was reported to have said he saw the M-2 go down "stern first" a few miles from Portland Bill.

His information in aiding the rescue work. The minesweeper Tedworth, fitted with special diving equipment, steamed out of Plymouth for Portland to be ready in case the M-2 is found.

NEAR EXHAUSTION LONDON, Jan. 27. (U.P.)—After 36 hours in a submarine under water men become too exhausted to do much toward saving themselves.

Wireless Operator P. O'Grady, formerly of the crew of the M-2, said tonight, commenting on the possible activities of the men if they are now trapped in the steel shell on the ocean bottom. The submarine dived at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday and the thirty-sixth hour would be 10:30 p. m. tonight.

"When they have been under that long, the air is too vitiated to permit them to exert themselves," O'Grady said. "They can only sit around... hoping."

"Providing the M-2 sank at an even keel, part of the crew should have tried to communicate with the outside world by telephone floated to the surface on a buoy or by tapping the sides of the craft in Morse code, hopeful that divers could hear them."

MRS. BILMAIER BETTER Mrs. E. P. Bihlmaier, of the Oasis cafe, who has been confined to her home by illness for the past three days, was reported improving last night.

JAP CONSULATE BOMBED FIRE HITS KANSAS CITY

500 BUILDINGS DAMAGED BY LATEST BOMB

3-Story Structure Is Razed; No Injuries Reported Yet

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 28. (Thursday) (U.P.)—A heavy explosion shook Kansas City's entire north end early today, damaging more than 500 buildings and destroying one three-story structure.

AMBULANCES CALLED Although a general call for ambulances was sounded, police said they believed no one had been injured.

The three-story building evidently the seat of the blast, caught fire after being totally wrecked.

Almost every building north of Eleventh street, in the heart of Kansas City's metropolitan area, was damaged. Windows were blown out for the radius of almost a half mile.

Police were unable to determine the cause of the blast immediately. Damage could not be estimated, inasmuch as officers had not made a thorough survey of the stricken section. It will amount of thousands of dollars, they said.

FIGHT BLAZE All available equipment was rushed from nearby fire stations to fight the blaze and keep it from spreading.

VEGAS, B. C. TO OPEN SCHOOLS

Las Vegas and Boulder City schools are opening Monday after remaining closed since January 12 due to cases of spinal meningitis among local children.

Coming on the heels of the decision yesterday morning of the Las Vegas school boards to reopen Monday, Boulder City Manager Ely stated that the situation in the reservation city no longer warranted the shut down and that the tuition schools there would be permitted to open Monday morning.

City Health Officer Dr. F. R. Milden stated yesterday that only two cases of the disease had developed during the shutdown, that most of the cases are now improving rapidly, and that the situation was not serious enough to warrant further closing of schools in his opinion.

RUNAWAY BOY CAUGHT HERE

Udell Haslam, 16, said to be a runaway boy from Cedar City, was apprehended by Officer Ott near the Tower Service station early today. City police got in touch with the sheriff at the Utah town and the boy's father, John Haslam, will probably come here for the youth.

WHAT A TUNE THIS CAN PLAY?



Frank Merill, rated the best harmonica player in all Montana and part of Arizona, who can play 210-count "em-pieces on this biggest of all harmonicas. Frank works in Great Falls, Mont., and performs on the mouth organ in off hours.

BOARD SIGNS WOULD QUASH PAPERS FOR SEWERS

Removing the last formality encountered before the actual starting of work on Las Vegas' new sewer system, the board of city commissioners yesterday signed the contract for the construction of the principal portion of the sewer system, with the Fuller Construction company, of Dallas, Texas.

The contract, covering the erection of the disposal plant and the laying of the mains, amounts to a total of \$106,514.34, and provides for the immediate start of work.

Bids have not as yet been advertised for laying of the laterals of the system, which will complete the job, but the contract for this work will be let as soon as it is possible to get representative bids in the hands of the commissioners.

WAR HERO IS HELD IN JAIL

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 27. (U.P.)—A World war hero, blue-eyed, grinning A. R. "Buck" Simpson, who "thought I was fighting for liberty," was in jail tonight, charged with stealing a calf.

Simpson, 32, was awarded the distinguished service cross, the French croix-de-guerre and the medaille militaire of Italy for turning back a German advance single-handed at Somme-y in 1918. Since the war, he has been working at odd jobs here. He was arrested when officers claimed to have found the body of a slaughtered calf on his farm.

Russ Deny Japs Train For Troops After Harbin Clash

MORE WARSHIPS SHANGHAI, Thursday, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—A new Japanese squadron of 13 ships arrived today, joining the 10 Japanese naval vessels already standing by.

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Thursday, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Soviet officials of the Chinese Eastern railway today refused to furnish a train to transport Japanese troops to Harbin, where fighting between Chinese factions has endangered Japanese lives and property.

A bomb, hurled at the offices of the Japanese consulate general in Shanghai, appeared today (Thursday) to be the opening shot in an eventful day in modern Chinese history.

The Japanese fleet, backing up a threat of drastic action if anti-Japanese activities are not halted in China, was ready for action on the waterfront and Japanese marines were in readiness in the great commercial city. Shortly before noon in Shanghai the Japanese flagship Ataka moved up the Wangpoo river and anchored near the Japanese consulate.

A Japanese ultimatum expires at 2 a. m. Thursday, PST., after which direct action to end the anti-Japanese boycott at the point of bayonets is expressed by Chinese military officials, who are prepared to resist.

CONSIDER BOYCOTT Meanwhile, it was learned in Washington that the United States and Great Britain are considering the possibility of economic pressure as a means of ending the Japanese threat in China.

From Manchuria, where the Japanese army is in almost complete control, came alarming reports of a Japanese troop movement north toward Harbin, center of soviet influence in the country. Rumors of Russian mobilization of troops near the Manchurian border were circulated, while fighting between pro-Japanese troops of Kichia province and Chinese troops at Harbin marveled the city and threatened the most serious complications.

By H. R. EKINS (United Press Staff Correspondent) SHANGHAI, China, Thursday, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—A bomb was hurled at the offices of the Japanese consulate general today, a few hours before expiration of a "final" Japanese ultimatum demanding cessation of the anti-Japanese boycott on threat of drastic action against the city of Shanghai.

The bomb struck the wall of the building in which Japanese prisoners were detained. It exploded but caused little damage. The assailant fled.

Japanese marines, who took their posts in the consulate compound at 6 a. m., did not witness the bombing.

An unidentified assailant who made his way along the Whangpoo road of the international settlement, which is under heavy guard of police and troops, threw the bomb at the Japanese office.

TERRORISM This act of terrorism, which was perhaps the most serious outrage of the recent series of anti-Japanese incidents, occurred shortly after Shanghai had awakened to the cold sunshine of a day which may be historic in the modern history of China.

Japanese warships and landing parties are expected to act against the city, probably occupying it after a bombardment if such action is necessary to overcome the resistance of 24,000 Chinese troops in the area. The Japanese ultimatum expires at 6 p. m. (5 a. m. E. S. T.) after which action by the powerful naval force in the harbor is expected.

There is no definite information as to the nationality of the man who threw the bomb at the offices of Japanese Consul General Murali, but the resentment which has mounted steadily among the Japanese residents of Shanghai in recent days was fanned by the rapidly circulated reports of the bombing. The incident was believed to be a prelude to a more serious attack.

Forger Says Bob White, Lethal Cell Victim, Innocent

DALHART, Tex., Jan. 27. (U.P.)—A charge that an innocent man was executed in Nevada's lethal gas chamber was made here tonight by J. B. Robbins, wanted in half a dozen states for forgery.

Robbins declared that his partner, L. B. Varner, was responsible for the slaying in Elko, Nev., during 1928 of Louis Lavell, Greek gambler, for which Robert H. White was executed.

The youngest died of spinal meningitis. Authorities were inclined to doubt the veracity of Robbins' charge, inasmuch as his story varied with each retelling. Robbins at one time was adjudged insane in Amarillo, Tex.

Robbins and Varner were arrested here in connection with the \$12,000 robbery of a Louisville, Colo., bank. It is believed they were not involved in the robbery, but charged of passing fictitious checks in this city are to be preferred against them, authorities said.

Varner denied his partner's charge that he killed Lavell. He admitted that at the time the Elko man was slain he was in the Nevada city. He said he had worked there for a time as a cook and for four and one-half months had been a member of the police department.

Robbins said Lavell was shot down with a machine gun, his clothes saturated with gasoline and a match applied to the fuel. The merchant's charred body was recovered from the ruins of his place of business.

Varner assertedly obtained the machine gun from Eddie Torphino, said to have at one time been a member of Al Capone's forces and was to have left Chicago because he was too "hot" in that city.

The two men, officers said, are wanted in New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado for issuing bad checks, and believed to be wanted in numerous other states.

White always believed executed her husband for a murder of which he was innocent, returned last night to Mrs. Bob White, now seriously ill in Las Vegas. White was executed two years ago for the murder of a Greek gambler in Elko, Nev. He was the first white man to die in Nevada's lethal gas chamber.

Mrs. White's unshaken faith in her husband's innocence was suddenly substantiated last night when it was charged that L. B. Varner had committed the crime for which

White died. The United Press dispatch received by The Age was placed in the hands of Mrs. White, who is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

White insisted upon his innocence until the last. His widow, heart broken by the tragedy, moved away from Elko and took up a quiet, unobtrusive existence in this city where her identity was only known to a few intimate friends. The case has been a forbidden subject in her presence since his death.

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