

OBSERVATIONS
Grist from the Daily Grind
By C. P. S.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER
February 8-
Maximum, 54; minimum, 38.
Precipitation to 5 p. m., .20 inch.
METAL MARKETS
NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (U.P.)—Copper, electrolytic, 6 1/2 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.85 cents a pound. Lead, 3.75 cents a pound. Bar silver, 29 3/4 cents an ounce.

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'TIGER WOMAN' HELD GUILTY

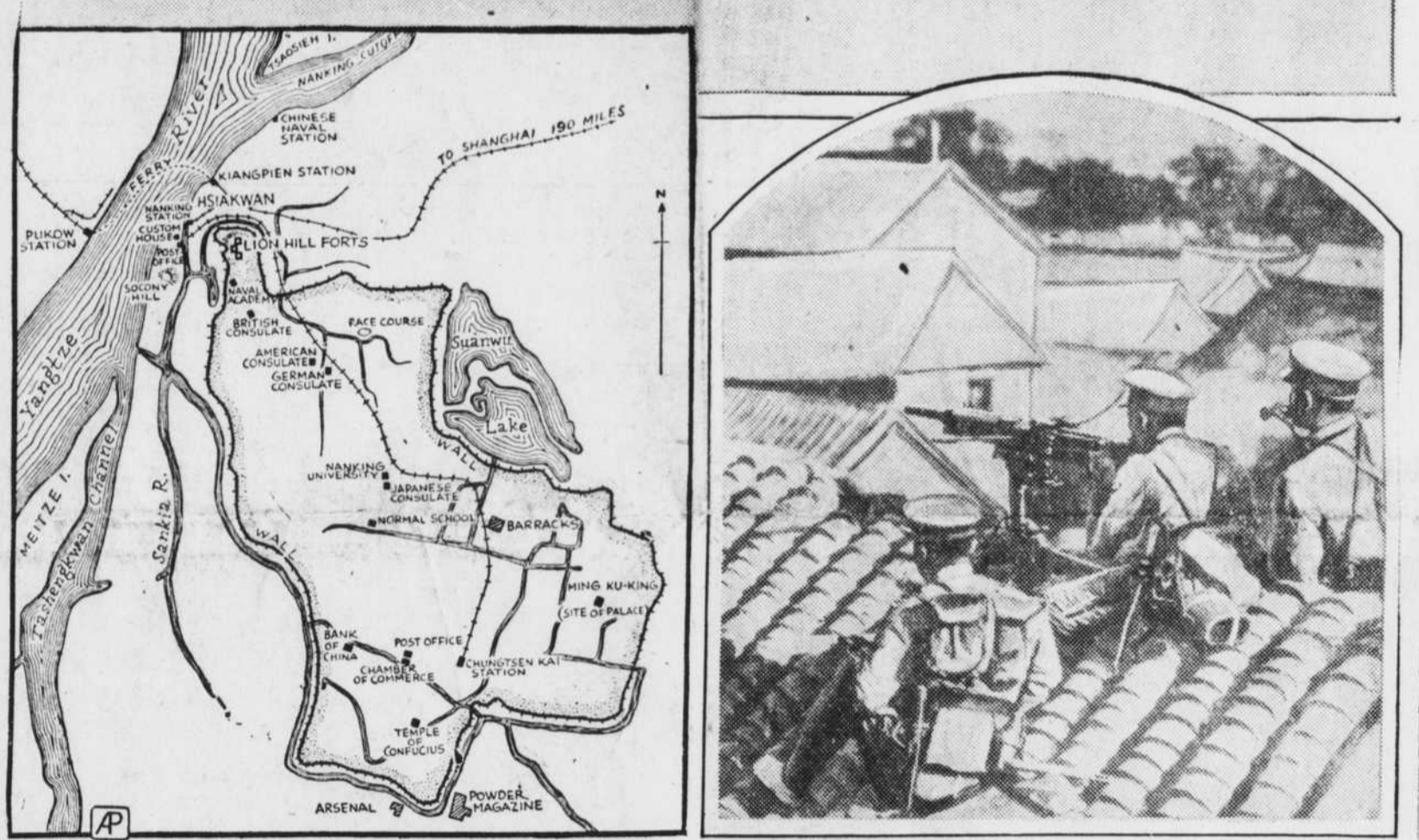
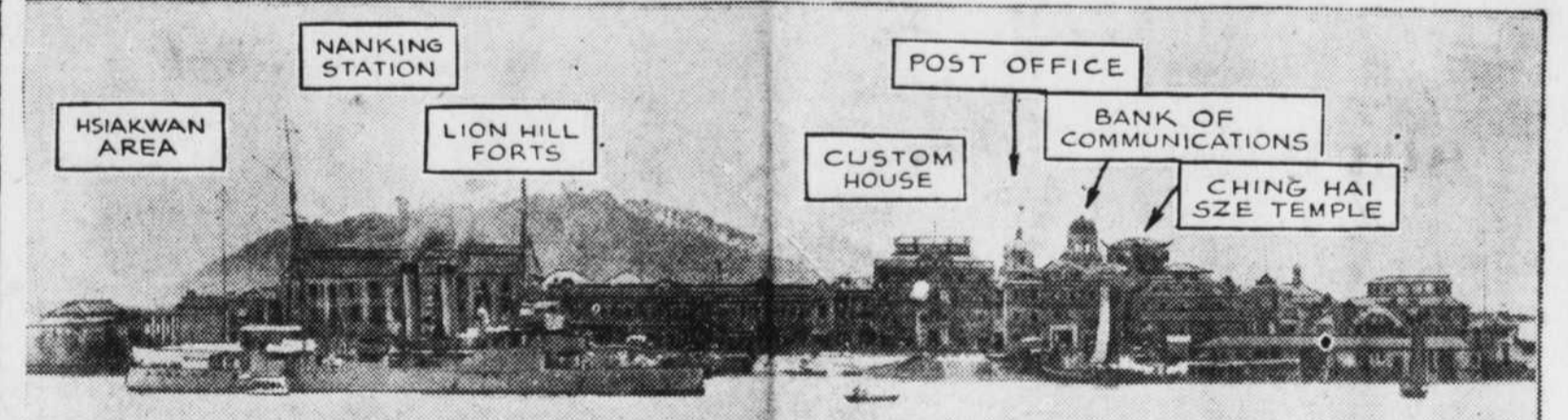
AMERICAN WOMAN WOUNDED AS BATTLE IS RENEWED

Ruth Judd Must Hang, Arizona Jurymen Decide

MISSIONS ASK PROTECTION FROM RED ARMY

Will Shoot Down Any Invaders of Foreign Colony, Says General

By D. C. BESS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
SHANGHAI, Tuesday, Feb. 9. (U.P.)—Widely separated sections of the international settlement were endangered by shellfire today as Chinese and Japanese forces resumed hostilities on the Chapei and Woosung fronts.



DEFENSES OF NANKING HAVE ROCKED BEFORE TO ROAR OF FOREIGN SHELLS

Japanese guns frowning on Nanking from warships on the Yangtze river (upper photo) menace a 2,000-year-old Chinese city no stranger to tumultuous history. First capital of the Chinese republic established in 1912, Nanking four years ago became headquarters of the nationalist government and today is an important crossroads of commerce.

Probably by the time this is in print the Japanese will have battered down the forts and be in command of Shanghai and the surrounding territory, but not until after a real battle.

It is to be hoped that the million or two of Chinese residing in the Shanghai district will escape complete destruction. Fortunately the ships of the great powers of Europe and America are lying in the river ready to protect non-belligerents of all nations if possible to do so.

League Powerless
The League of Nations seems utterly powerless in this crisis in the Orient. Those statesmen gathered at Geneva are chock full of noble ideas of peace and the protection of human lives and property.

Our idealism is fine, to be sure. But a nation without the strength of arms to protect its rights may just as well keep quiet. The League may have a certain restraining moral effect but when nations are aroused against each other as are Japan and China, war seems the only way to settle things.

Not that it really does settle things permanently, because the defeated nation never ceases its efforts to come back and get even.

Fight seems to be the basis of all existence and probably always will be. We observe it not only in the affairs of mankind, but in every manifestation of nature. The strong live and the weak die in this never ending struggle for the survival of the fittest.

One Life for Two
Winnie Ruth Judd was found guilty of murder in the first degree and the penalty is death by hanging.

Slashing Around
April showers early in February is our experience just now. All day yesterday the warm rain came down in a silent drizzle which did not amount to very much in inches of rain, but which wet things through generally, including the ground.

Smith and Roosevelt
The Democrats seem to be planning to drive a double team. At least Governor Roosevelt and Al Smith are both being groomed for the presidential candidacy, and as neither is of the disposition to take second place the only solution seems to be to play the presidency as a brother act, just as they used to play Uncle Tom's Cabin with two Uncle Toms.

Blond Film Beauty Will Campaign For Seattle's Candidate For Mayor
SEATTLE, Feb. 8. (U.P.)—Mayoralty Candidate Victor Aloysius Meyers, jazz band builder, planted a manly kiss on the lips of Laura La Plante, film beauty and Vic's campaign manager, to start the newest phase of his drive for votes tonight.

BURGLARS LOOT THREE MORE HOMES; GET GUNS AND CASH

Burglars and prowlers continued to hold high carnival in Las Vegas last night, entering three more residences between eight o'clock and midnight. The first "job" to be reported to police was the home of Mrs. William McKenzie, 517 South Third street.

Shortly after the McKenzie report, a call came from the home of Mrs. Abbott, 424 Ogden street, where the house breakers had gained entry by slashing the screen of a bedroom window.

Other robberies Sunday included: Irving Golden Residence at 18 Bonnevill, which was entered through a bathroom window, after the burglars had slashed the screen with a sharp instrument. Jewelry and a watch, totaling in value more than \$500, were stolen.

Two apartments in the Pico group on South Third street were entered and ransacked, nothing being taken from that occupied by H. A. Taylor, but articles of value being removed from the apartment occupied by Lee Dennis.

An Elgin watch was stolen from the Charles Beckerman residence on South Third street.

FLOODS THREATEN COAST
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8. (U.P.)—Heavy rainfall in the lowlands and snow storms in the mountains of the Pacific coast region tonight brought the threat of floods and hardships to a country already oversupplied with moisture.

ROOSEVELT AND SMITH ARE MUM

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (U.P.)—In the face of nationwide belief that they have declared war on each other over the 1932 Democratic presidential nomination, Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith, the two foremost contenders, conferred for more than an hour today at Roosevelt's town house.

UTAH COMPANY SUES L. V. FIRM

Filing a suit yesterday in municipal court, the Strevel-Patterson Hardware company of Salt Lake, also had an attachment issued against the Las Vegas jeweler.

ELY YOUTH DIES IN SNOW SLIDE

ELY, Nev., Feb. 8. (U.P.)—His neck apparently broken by the force of a huge snowslide when it rushed over him and a companion, the body of Ross Hillman, Ely youth was found three miles from the town of Ward today.

CROWD AWAIT'S LEGION PARTY

Wednesday night will be a red letter night at the Meadows, when the American Legion will be hosts at their annual dinner dance.

NEVADA'S SNOW BATTLE COSTLY

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8. (U.P.)—To bring the full strength of her snow-fighting force into action costs the state of Nevada approximately \$500 a day during such storms as the last one. The state now owns twenty-eight snow plows and to fully man and operate them involves the daily expenditure of that amount, highway department officials said today.

DR. BUTTE DIES AT L. V. HOME

Dr. J. W. Butte died shortly after six o'clock last evening, his death caused by double pneumonia and septicemia resulting from recent wounds.

EAGLES MEET IN VEGAS TONIGHT

Non-resident members of the Order of Eagles are especially invited to attend a meeting of the Las Vegas aerie, 1213, to be held this evening at the Eagles' hall.

WILL HOLD RITES FOR J. L. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for J. L. Williams, Las Vegas carpenter, who died Saturday, will be held at Palm Funeral home this morning at 11 o'clock. Williams, a resident of this city for about three years, is survived by his widow.

Major Operation Completed Under Flashlights When Power Goes Off

CALDWELL, N. J., Feb. 8. (U.P.)—A major operation was performed by flashlights tonight after the regular lighting system in the Butler private hospital had broken down.

FOUR VEGANS INJURED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Deliberation Of Less Than 3 Hours Ends In Decision
By GEORGE H. BEALE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
COURTROOM, PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 8. (U.P.)—Winnie Ruth Judd, 27-year-old minister's daughter, must die on Arizona's gallows for the killing of her one-time friend, Agnes Anne Leroi.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER

This decision was reached tonight when a jury that considered evidence in her case less than three hours found she was guilty of first degree murder and fixed the penalty at death.

Superior Judge Howard Speakman who came from his home to accept the verdict shortly before 9:30 a. m., set February 23 as the date for reading the sentence and marking the date of execution.

The attractive blonde defendant showed no emotion as she heard the jury's verdict. Just as through her trial, when things were breaking the worst possible way for her, she appeared not to realize the significance of the event.

Her husband, Dr. William C. Judd, who stood by her through the trial, patted her gently on the shoulder but she paid no attention to him or anyone else. She continued to twist her handkerchief nervously, a stereotyped movement which the defense claimed was a symptom of dementia praecox, and to stare idly around Judge Speakman's courtroom.

SIX BALLOTS TAKEN
George B. Thompson, a serious young man, served as foreman of the jury. He said only six ballots were taken and that no time did the question of the defendant's insanity enter the consideration.

The chief defense plea was insanity and Mrs. Judd's attorneys pleaded with the jury that she was insane "whether she committed the crime or not" and that she should be sent to an insane asylum for life.

Thompson said that on the first ballot all the jurors voted her guilty. "The second ballot we took up the degree of guilt," he said, "and the vote was 10 to 2 for first degree murder and the death penalty. On the sixth ballot we voted unanimously for the death penalty."

Dr. Judd was the only member of Mrs. Judd's family present in the courtroom when the verdict was read. Her aged parents, the Rev. H. J. and Mrs. McKinnell were not called to court.

JUDD NERVOUS
The physician was much more nervous than his wife who remained calm throughout. The matron who escorted her to her cell after the death sentence said Mrs. Judd changed not at all.

"Her conduct was fine," the matron said, "and she said good night to me casually."
Paul Schenck, chief of Mrs. Judd's case, said a motion for a new trial would be filed Feb. 23 and that if it was refused an appeal would be taken to the supreme court.

"The verdict was incredible, unbelievable," Schenck said. "The jurors never even considered the matter of insanity. Naturally, we will fight it through to the highest court."
County Attorney Lloyd Andrews said he considered the verdict completely justified.
"It was the only thing the jury could do," he said.
Andrews said that since the state had been successful in getting the death penalty in Mrs. Leroi's death, the indictment charging Mrs. Judd with murdering Mrs. Leroi's roommate, Miss Hedvig Samuelson, would be dropped.
The girls were shot to death the night of Oct. 16 when Mrs. Judd became jealous of attentions they paid to J. J. Halloran, wealthy Arizona lumber dealer, the state claimed through alibis.
Providing defense attorneys are not successful in their effort to obtain a new trial, Mrs. Judd will be the second woman to die on Arizona's gallows. The first was Mrs. Eva Dugan, who was decapitated when she dropped through the trap at Florence penitentiary in February, 1930.