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# AUTOPSY EVIDENCE IN NEGRO KILLING DAMAGING TO STEPSON

## COUNTRYSIDE COMBED FOR MAN THOUGHT TO BE SLAYER OF NETTLES

### Two Shots Entered Elderly Man's Body; Wife of Dead Negro Says They Fought Over Revolver and Shot Was Accidental; Absence of Powder Burns Shows Distance.

On the suspicion that he murdered Sam Nettles, whose dead body lies at the Las Vegas Funeral Home pierced with two bullet holes, Clarence E. Hodge was being sought by officers last evening.

Hodge, whose mother, Mrs. Nettles, wife of the dead man, asserts that the killing was accidental, fled immediately after the shooting. Mrs. Nettles stated to the Age that she and Hodge were trying to take the gun from Nettles when the shooting occurred.

Two bullets from the 38-caliber revolver entered Nettles' body. It was revealed at the autopsy held yesterday afternoon at the Las Vegas Funeral home, by Doctors Z. A. D'Amours, C. E. Bulette and Frazer. One of these pierced his heart, it was stated.

The first bullet entered the left side of his chest, and ranged into his back, while the second entered his chest, piercing his heart.

There were no powder marks on the dead man's body, the autopsy revealed, indicating the gun was not close to Nettles' body when the shots were fired.

Nettles was killed in his residence in the presence of Mrs. Nettles and his stepson, Hodge, who immediately took flight in his Dodge car.

Nettles for four or five months had been under the care of Dr. D'Amours because of cardiac asthma, acute pericarditis and general anasarca, doses of codine having been used by the patient, according to the doctors.

The taking of these relief doses often was followed by his becoming very abusive, according to Mrs. Nettles, who stated yesterday that she had feared for some time that he might get out his gun and do some shooting. Accordingly, she said she had tried to keep the gun hidden.

Just before the shooting, the two men had been sitting in the eating house conducted next door by Mrs. Nettles, and got into an argument, according to Mrs. Nettles. They got to threatening each other, it seems, and both made a run for the house, Nettles going in the back way, and Hodge in the front, followed by Mrs. Nettles.

Mrs. Nettles said the two men wrestled about the room in their struggle for the gun, and that the shots were accidental, occurring during the struggle. The revolver was left on the table after the shooting, the two bullets missing.

Asked why Hodge fled, if it was an accidental shooting, Mrs. Nettles stated she guessed he was scared, and that was why he left.

Undersheriffs R. G. McCubrey and Tony Martelletti started at 4:20 p. m. toward Salt Lake City in search of Hodge, in the county's Buick car, having heard the fugitive had fled in that direction.

## Accident Kills Man as He Is Willed \$5,000,000

REDLANDS, Calif., July 31.—(U.P.)—On the eve of inheriting an estate valued at more than \$5,000,000, Henry Crain, former Redlands police officer, died last night of a wound he inflicted accidentally.

His brother-in-law, John Stocker, found Crain on the floor of his residence with a bullet hole through his head. Investigators expressed the belief that the shotgun found near the body was discharged while Crain was cleaning it.

Three years ago Crain inherited \$100,000 from Henry Vogt, Mendocino orange grower. A year ago Vogt's brother died in Mexico City and left Crain the major portion of a \$6,000,000 estate.

Crain filed his claim in New York this month to the portion of the estate he was to get.

## Europe Ready For Communist Anti-War Move

### Reds Plan Demonstrations Today in Big Cities; Paris Prepares to Stem Possible Uprising.

LONDON, July 31. (U.P.)—Preparations were made in most of the capitals of Europe tonight for any emergency likely to arise tomorrow out of the Communist plan for widespread anti-war demonstration of a militant character, which has threatened serious trouble in various cities.

Although England made no apparent preparation, due to lack of Communist activities in London, the City of Paris presented the appearance of an armed camp in which 20,000 police and troops are ready to maintain a constant guard against parades or mass meetings.

Precautions were taken in other French towns and other capitals. All through central Europe where the Balkan governments are constantly on guard against Communist propaganda, at Prague, Belgrade and Sofia and the rest, there was evidence of preparations for any disorder which the reds may provoke.

after the occurrence of the affray. One of the fatal bullets, it was found at the autopsy, entered Nettles' body through the breast bone at the fourth intercostal space, traveled downward, went through his heart and into the lower edge of his eleventh rib on the right side, and lodged in one of the muscles of his back.

The other entered his chest on the left side a few inches below the collar bone, went downward also, and left his body just under the point of his left shoulder blade.

One of the bullets entered his "trigger finger," or the right forefinger, between the first and second joints, and came out on the back of the finger between the second and third joints.

# Graf Zep Starts for America, Racing to Escape Storm War Between Alkire, Hughes

## True Story of Many a Thrill Starts in Vegas

### Former Partners Here Involved in Sharp Differences; One Caught, Here Sought on Auto Theft Warrant.

An escape under a rain of bullets from deputies in Long Beach yesterday, the "kidnaping" of two women Sunday at Charleston Park, an auto wreck and a warrant for automobile theft, all have figured in the breaking up of the partnership of Charles E. Hughes and W. H. Alkire, proprietors of the Las Vegas Construction company, the whole affair coming to a head between Sunday and yesterday.

Rumors of financial difficulties between the two partners have been current for more than a week here. Hughes, according to latest United Press reports from California, was still being hunted with two of his sons, one of whom had been wounded, while Leslie Hughes, the other son, had been caught when two deputies surprised the four in a house in Long Beach.

W. E. Hughes was shot in the arm and shoulder as he and his father and brother escaped. Leslie escaped with them but was captured later when he returned to the house to get some belongings, according to a United Press dispatch.

Hughes was in Las Vegas late Saturday or early Sunday, with his three sons, seeking his divorced wife and his daughter, who is said to be in Las Vegas seeking a divorce. Learning they were up at Mt. Charleston, the four men went up to the park early Sunday morning, where, it is said, they found the two women and Alkire.

It is reported the men compelled the two women at the point of a gun to go back with them, taking not only their own car but also a Chrysler car said to be Alkire's. The Chrysler car is said to have been wrecked somewhere after it was taken from Mt. Charleston.

Alkire, as soon as he arrived in Las Vegas, swore out a warrant for the Hughes brothers and father through Judge Roger Foley. This was transmitted by the sheriff's office here by wire to authorities in Los Angeles, and the attempt to capture the quartet, with their escape under fire, resulted.

Wm. I. Traeger, sheriff, wired local authorities from Los Angeles that he was holding Leslie Hughes, but that the others had not been apprehended as yet, late yesterday.

## More Steel Bridges For Union Pacific

Inspection Party of Railway Expected to Reach Las Vegas on Annual Tour About Saturday.

Looking to the building of additional concrete and steel railroad bridges on this division, the bridge inspection crew of the Union Pacific is approaching Las Vegas from the east on its annual inspection tour. The group, traveling in a special motor car on the right-of-way, was at Carp, Nevada, Tuesday night, and is expected to reach Las Vegas about Saturday night, according to information from the roadmaster's office.



Besting by more than 150 hours the previous flight record, Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brine, youthful pilots of the St. Louis Robin standing beside the plane after landing from their epochal flight. The Robin stayed in the air 420 hours, 21 minutes and 30 seconds. NEA TELEPHOTO BY BELL SYSTEM

## LAS VEGAN TELLS OF HIS IMPRESSIONS AS 'SKY RAT' ON RENO-VEGAS AIR TRIP

### Beauties of Nevada Unfold to Observer's View as Passenger Plane Makes Flight Over Mine and Mountain, Volcanic Cone, Lake and Desert; Man's Mastery Is Cited.

By LEWIS A. HICKS

It may be inferred that the desert pack rat is responsible for the James "desert rats" and "river rats" commonly used in Northern Arizona and Southern Nevada. This little "trader" rodent habitually invades the prospectors' camps, from which he packs away sugar cubes or other food supplies, but for each article removed leaves a twig, a pebble, or something to evidence what he considers a fair exchange.

Prospectors have come to be known as "desert rats". The name implies one who has become "desert-wise" from experience, is honest after the desert code, which despises a man who would jump a mining claim, or move a location monument, and who is as independent in spirit as a citizen of Plato's Republic.

The words "river rat" are similarly used of those infrequent per-cultural community in Clark County, with an assured water supply from its big 150 foot dam at the narrows of the Virgin River, will be tributary to Las Vegas as to taxes and trade. The development of gas and oil there will anticipate, by many years, the production of cheap electric power at Boulder dam, and would promote the earlier development of the mineral and non-metallic deposits now dormant in Clark County.

The planes of the Nevada Airlines, operating from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, via Reno are of Lockheed-Vega manufacture, four passenger, high speed monoplane, streamlined to the last detail, with cantilevered wings above the body designed to carry their own stresses without supporting braces. The Aquarius in which we are to make the trip looks trim, airyworthy and safe, and the certified pilot in charge is a veteran of reputation.

Tunnel Mouth Seen

We get away from the Reno Airport, promptly on schedule, at 1:30 p.m., rising gradually over the beautiful metropolis of Nevada, with its pleasant homes marked by tree lined streets, and set our course southeast for Mina. In a few minutes we are passing through the Constock Mining District, and from our lofty position can see on one side, the mouth of the Sutro

Start in Reno

The story properly starts at the Riverside Hotel in Reno, where Frank Gesell, banker and president of the Virgin Oil and Mines Corporation is making his headquarters while disposing of the remaining treasury stock of that corporation. His request that I examine the agricultural and oil possibilities of his company, in the eastern part of Clark County, practically coincided with an invitation from Ex-Governor Scruggs to accompany him on an air trip to Las Vegas. Both invitations were acceptable and accepted.

The interests of Las Vegas people in the Virgin Oil and Mines Corporation is primarily that the early development of a large agricultural

## GERMAN SHIP STARTS FLIGHT PRELIMINARY TO TRIP 'ROUND WORLD

### Dirigible Begun Second America Journey at 3:22 This Morning, With Crew of 41, Two Gorillas, 600 Canaries, Grand Piano, and 1,200 pounds of Mail Aboard.

## NEA Brings Photo St. Louis Flyers To Vegas In Day

Once more NEA Service makes it possible for the Age to present its readers a picture of an event which occurred on the other side of the continent within an astonishingly short time.

The St. Louis Robin landed at 7:49 Tuesday evening. The picture of its pilots, appearing on this page, was taken after they had landed. After being developed and printed, it was telephoned to Los Angeles, where mats were made and sent, by airmail to the Age last evening, only a day after the flyers landed, to be printed in this morning's edition.

any other plane that ever flew. Jackson and O'Brine brought the plane to a perfect landing with the power on, unconquered and unwilling, still believing "we could take the same ship and break the record we have set." They landed under orders from Major William B. Robertson, chief sponsor of the flight, after it had been decided that all objects of the flight had been accomplished, and a record far in advance of all expectations had been set.

Estimated earnings of the pilots were \$31,250 jointly. So many different awards are waiting for them that the exact amount they will realize from the flight is unknown. It will average about \$2 per minute it was estimated. That includes a bonus of \$100 per hour on a basis of 300 hours, promised them by the Curtiss airplane manufacturing company, makers of the challenger motor.

The spic-and-span condition of the flyers after 18 days aloft, was due to the facilities the Robin carried for comfortable living. The flyers shaved and took a sponge bath every day. Their meals were lowered to them hot and fragrant, fresh from the kitchen of the O'Brine home near the airport. "Ally" and "Elsie" did the cooking.

Examinations by field surgeons immediately after the flight revealed that both flyers were in splendid physical condition. Jackson weighed the same as he did when he climbed into the Robin to take off. O'Brine had gained two pounds.

Today the flyers were guests of honor at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce. Tomorrow they will head a huge civic parade, at which such a demonstration as will rival Lindbergh's homecoming is planned.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31. (U.P.)—Allan Hoover, youngest son of President and Mrs. Hoover, was confined to his bed at the White House tonight with an attack of acute intestinal trouble. Reports that young Hoover suffered a light attack of appendicitis were denied by Commander Boone, White House physician.

NEWARK, N. J., July 31.—(U.P.)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh met with their second airplane accident of the day when they landed at the Newark airport late last night.

It was almost a repetition of the mishap that occurred at Columbus, Ohio, earlier in the day. As they came down to the airport here, the flood lights at the field were thrown on. A tire on Lindbergh's plane blew out, and the left wheel and left wing of the ship were broken.

Neither Lindbergh nor his wife was injured. Without commenting on the accident, the Lindberghs went by automobile to the Morrow estate at Englewood, N. J.

## Lindy Has Another Plane Mishap; Tire Blows Out, Landing