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AUTOPSY EVIDENCE KILLING DAMAGING TO STEPSON

COUNTRYSIDE COMBED FOR MAN THOUGHT TO BE SLAYER OF NETTLES War Between Alkire, Hughes

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

Two bullets from the 38-calibre 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 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.

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 had 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 Martiletti 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. City Police Chief Percy Nash and

Officer Fred Northern searched the roadways nearer Las Vegas for several hours.

Then, on a lead furnished by Officer Joe May, a party of city officers started out for a point not far after the occurrence of the affray. from the city to which it is believed he was likely to have gone. The city officers are working on the tles' body through the breast bone theory that he did not go far, and at the fourth intercostal space, trav-

The coroner's inquest will be eleventh rib on the right side, and held at 10 a. m. today, at the Las lodged in one of the muscles of his Vegas Funeral home, Judge Roger back. Foley, ex-officio coroner, announced yesterday evening.

son, is the son of Mrs. Nettles by a

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 inflieted accidentally.

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

Europe Ready For Communist

ble Uprising.

parations were made in most of the and Alkire. capitals of Europe tonight for any the two women at the point of a emergency likely to arise tomor- gun to go back with them, taking widespread anti-war demonstration Chrysler car said to be Alkire's. The of a militant character, which has Chrysler car is said to have been zona and Southern Nevada. threatened serious trouble in var- taken from Mt. Charleston.

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

One of the fatal bullets, it was found at the autopsy, entered Netwill be found somewhere near Las eled downward, went through his heart and into the lower edge of his

the left side a few inches below the inspection crew of the Union Pacific Nettles was 49 years old, and had collar bone, went downward also, is approaching Las Vegas from the lived in Las Vegas for about twelve and left his body just under the east on its annual inspection tour. Hodge, who is Nettles step- 'point of his left shoulder blade.

former marriage, and lives with his "trigger finger," or the right fore- at Carp, Nevada, Tuesday night, and wife in the house just south of the finger, between the first and sec- is expected to reach Las Vegas about Nettles home. He is 37 years of age, ond joints, and came out on the Saturday night, according to infor-Dr. D'Amours arrived at the scene back of the finger between the sec- mation from the roadmaster's Corporation is primarily that the one side, the mouth of the Sutro for 420 hours 2132 minutes-or 173 of the shooting at 2::50 not long ond and third joints.

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.

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

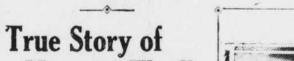
Anti-War Move

Although England made no apparent preparation, due to lack of through Judge Roger Foley. which 20,000 police and troops are cape under fire, resulted. ready to maintain a constant Wm. I. Traeger, sheriff, wired lo- and rapids of the Colorado River, narrows of the Virgin River, will be guard against parades or mass

About Saturday;

Looking to the building of addi-

One of the bullets entered his motor car on the right-of-way, was



Many a Thrill Starts in Vegas Former Partners Here In-

volved in Sharp Differenc-

es; One Caught, hree Are

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 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 Sat-Reds Plan Demonstrations urday or early Sunday, with his Today in Big Cities; Paris three sons, seeking his divorced wife and his daughter, who is said Prepares To Stem Possi- 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, LONDON, July 31, (U.P.)-Pre- it is said, they found the two women

row out of the Communist plan for not only their own car but also a wrecked somewhere after it

> Alkire, as soon as he arrived in Las Vegas, swore out a warrant for

that he was holding Leslie Hughes,

More Steel Bridges For Union Pacific

Expected to Reach Las Frank Gesell, banker and president without supporting braces, The Ac-Vegas on Annual Tour

tional concrete and steel railroad The other entered his chest on bridges on this division, the bridge The group, traveling in a special

CHAMPIONS OF THE AIR

Graf Zep Starts for America, Racing to Escape Storm



wounded, while Leslie Hughes, the Besting by more than 150 hours the previous flight refueling 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

Tunnel Mouth Seen

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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 .names "desert rats" and "river rats" commonly used in Northern Ari-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

the Hughes brothers and father implies one who has become 'desert-wise' from experience, is honest after the desert code, which despises a man who would jump a min-Communist activities in London, was transmitted by the sheriff's of- ing claim, or move a location monument, and who is as independent in the City of Paris presented the ap- fice here by wire to authorities in spirit as a citizen of Plato's Republic. The words "river rat" are simipearance of an armed camp in Los Angeles, and the attempt to larly used of those infrequent per-ocultural community in Clark Councapture the quartet, with their es- sons who have habitually braved ty, with an asured water supply the dangers in the canyon gorges from its big 150 foot dam at the

cal authorities from Los Angeles and have thus become 'river-wise'. tributary to Las Vegas as to taxes It was recently my good fortune and trade. The development of gas but that the others had not been to receive from a former Governor and oil there will anticipate, by Precautions were taken in other apprehended as yet, late yesterday. of Nevada, himself a Master of des- many years, the production of cheap ert craft, with whom I have made electric power at Boulder dam, and many desert trips, that accolade of would promote the earlier develophonor, "You are a good desert rat." ment of the mineral and non-me-Having also wandered somewhat in tallic deposits now dormant in skyways, I am initiating the phrase Clark County, "sky rat", and to justify myself in The planes of the Nevada Airso using it, am leaving this record lines, operating from Los Angeles of the impressions I have taken to Las Vegas, via Reno are of Lock-

from the deserts on a recent trip heed-Vega manfacture, four pasfrom Reno to Las Vegas by plane, senger, high speed monoplanes, Start in Rene

Inspection Party of Railway Riverside Hotel in Reno, where designed to carry their own stresses of the Virgin Oil and Mines Cor- quarius in which we are to make poration is making his headquart- the trip looks trim, airworthy and ers while disposing of the remain- safe, and the certified pilot in ing treasury stock of that corpora- charge is a veteran of reputation. tion. 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-Both invitations were acceptable and accepted.

> The interests of Las Vegas people in the Virgin Oil and Mines from our lofty position can see on ing remained in continuous flight

'Sister Plane' Given Pilots of 420-Hour Flight

Jackson and O'Brine Receive Plaudits For Feat; for the Wear.

hree epic weeks bowed late today with "the reverence we pilots have or one another" before the bier of fallen comrade Dale Jackson and Forrest O'Brine.

cclaimed for their amazing flight of 420 hours and 21 minutes in the to the memory of George Lea Lam-

ship last Monday that prompted Jackson and O'Brine to terminate be present at his funeral service. The funeral followed by a few iours a gala luncheon to the endurance pilots at the St. Louis City club, where the backers of their flight presented them with a sister ship of their craft, and representatives of their city gave each of them

By PAUL WEBER

United Press Staff Correspondent. ST. LOUIS, July 31.—(U.P.)—Aviastreamlined to the last detail, with tion's newest heroes-two grinning O'Brine had gained two pounds The story properly starts at the cantilevered wings above the body young men who look as if they were going to a party"-received the plaudits of the world today, having made the longest airplane flight since mankind learned to fly Out in a hangar at Lambert St.

Louis airport, a slim orange mono- is planned. plane stood, its motor silent and its We get away from the Reno Air- wheels on the earth for the first port, promptly on schedule, at 1:30 time in eighteen days,

p.m., rising gradually over the The boys are Dale "Red" Jackson, beautiful metropolis of Nevada, and Forrest "Obie" O'Brine. And the Governor Scrugham to accompany with its pleasant homes marked by monoplane is the St. Louis Robin. him on an air trip to Las Vegas. tree lined streets, and set our course. Those three names today were as southeast for Mina. In a few min- famous as any in America. utes we are passing through the The Robin landed at Lambert

Comstock Mining District, and field last night at 7::49 o'clock hav-

GHT 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

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 spic-and-span condition of land. Nevers, and La Rochelle, their flight last night. They knew the flyers after 18 days aloft, was France and thence straight west Lambert intimately and wanted to due to the facilities the Robin car- over the bay of Biscay over the Atried for comfortable living. The lantic following the 46th parallel. flyers shaved and took a sponge bath every day. Their meals were tions will be unchanged Thursday lowered to them hot and fragrant, and Friday, thus making this middle fresh from the kitchen of the course the likely one if the ap-O'Brine home near the airport. "Al- proaching storm does not hinder the

> Examinations by field surgeons immediately after the flight revealed that both flyers were in splendid Lindy Has Another physical condition. Jackson weighed the same as he did when he climbed into the Robin to take off. Today the flyers were guests of honor at a luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce. Tomorrow Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lind-

at which such a demonstration as accident of the will rival Lindbergh's homecoming

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31. (U.R)—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 left wing of the ship were broken. that young Hoover suffered a light attack of apendicitis were denied by Commander Boone, White House went by automobile to the Morrow

away to the west in an effort to es-To Vegas In Day

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 telephotoed 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. Bay of Biscay, flying almost straight Jackson and O'Brine brought the west. plane to a perfect landing with the power on, unconquered and unwillng, still believing "we could take the same ship and break the record we have set." They landed under They're None the Worse orders from Major William B. Rob-ST. LOUIS, July 31.—@—Two airmen who flew to world fame in vance of all expectations had been complished, and a record far in ad- nounced today,

ferent awards are waiting for them that the exact amount they will the Atlantic is again puzzling Dr. realize from the flight is unknown. Eckner. He had hoped to follow the It will average about \$2 per minute northern route, which has been his St. Louis Robin, paid their respects it was estimated. That includes a long desired aerial pathway, because bonus of \$100 per hour on a basis it is much shorter. Weather condiof 500 hours, promised them by the tions now, however, make the north-It was young Lambert's death in Curtiss airplane manufacturing ern route difficult. erash of a dual control training company, makers of the challenger

ly" and "Elsie" did the cooking.

they will head a huge civic parade, bergh met with their second airpl

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, The mighty German dirigible Graf Zeppelin departed at 3:22 this morning on its second flight to America, racing rapidly

ape a menacing storm area decending from the North sea. Determined to beat the approachng "blow atmospheric" area. Dr Hugo Eckener, commander of the dirigible, started the flight in spite of some criticism, rather than risk a delay of several days on account of dverse weather due here shortly

The Graf Zeppelin rose ghostike from the misty field and sped out along the dark shore of Lake Constance. It is due at Lakehurst, New Jersey Saturday night or early Sunday if all goes well. The dirigible carried a crew of 41

men. Its cargo included 600 canaries, two gorillas, a grand piano, four pigeons, a Rubens painting and 1,200 pounds of mail. The course probably will take the ship over Switzerland and across the

By MAURITZ A. HALLOREN United Press Staff Correspondent

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, ily 31-(U.P)-The Graf Zeppelin ertson, chief sponsor of the flight, States, a preliminary to a voyage after it had been decided that all around the world, at 3 a. m. tomorobjects of the flight had been ac- row, Commander Hugo Eckner an-

Three women will be among the passengers on the dirigible's third Estimated earnings of the pilots attempt to fly the Atlantic westwere \$31.250 jointly. So many dif- ward. The second attempt failed.

Present winds favor the middle

course, flying over Basle, Switzer-Meterologists believe that condi-

Plane Mishap; Tire

Blows Out, Landing NEWARK, N. J., July 31 .-- (U.P)--landed at the Newark airport late

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

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