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Women Fight Forest Fire in Bucket Brigades With Men to Save Homes

MIDNIGHT BLAZE THREATENS TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS

FALMOUTH, Mass., Aug. 2.—(U.P.)-Village of Hatchville, near here was threatened with destruction by a forest fire which was racing toward it at midnight.

Women of the village of about 200 inhabitants had formed bucket brigades and were helping the men in trying to stem the advance of the flames, which had crept to within half a mile of the village.

Western Air Plans Airport In Las Vegas

Las Vegas will soon have two airports, one owned by Western Air Express and handling all Western Air Express traffic, the other owned by Las Vegas Nevada Airport Incorporated, and handling traffic for Nevada Airlines, Inc., operating from Las Vegas to Reno and other points, including Los Angeles, Western Air is no v seeking a 20

year lease on the 320 acre tract six miles southwest from the postoffice, which tract had been withdrawn from entry by the Department of the Interior in the name of the city of Las Vegas for use as a municipal airport on December 22, 1928, at the request of the aviation commit-

tee of the chamber of commercs. The board of city commissioners at the request of Western Air Express, passed a resolution to relinquish their rights to this tract "so that the Western Air Express may lease same from the Department of the Interior for use as an airport.

Expenditure of \$20,000 to \$30 000 in the building of the airport, with up-to-date hangar and other facilities, is expected. The airport will be modern and first-class in every respect, and wi't be operated under the rules of the Department of Commerce it is stated.

The site, which is one mile long and half a mile wide, lies on a sort of "bench" six miles from Las Vegas, out the old road which goes to the stone quarry, by niggens' ranch.

This site has been approved by Philip H. Philbin, Jr., assistant to the President of Western Air Exress, and by the company's technical adviser, Lieptenant Hegenberger, one of the Hegenberger Maitland team which flew to Honolulu from San Francisco in the Dole race two years ago.

Permission to use its present landing field until the owner of the land, Leigh Hunt, desires to terminate this permission, has been given Western Air Express, but the great volume of business which the company expects to do here, and the fact that Hunt eventually will, in all probability, demand they cease using his land, have brought company officials to the point where they deem it best that they build their own airport.

Work on the Las Vegas Nevada airport, eight miles north of the city, is going ahead, under the direction of P. A. Simon, assisted by Thompson, formerly field manager here for Western

The Reno-Las Vegas planes land on the new airport three times a

Board Refuses Slocum Demand

The Board of City Commissioners at their meeting Thursday afternoon turned thumbs down on the demand of A. P. Slocum for \$400 alleged to be due him for 16 days

services as engineer at \$25 per day. The demand for the \$400 was made by Slocum in addition to the amount of approximately \$6,000 paid him in connection with the ich, Mr Slocum's activities, for which he demanded \$25 er day for 16 days, consisted chiefly in trying to induce the board to field. California, are the other accept the paving job which he reported "all right", notwithstanding the fact that the investigation by City Street Superintendent King, made at the request of the board, and the observation of the members of the board themselves, showed

that the job was not "all right."

Yesterday They Fought; S'morning Play Cards Again

After spending a day in hospital and jail respectively as the result of a melee yesterday morning following a card game dispute, three of "the boys," all released and not so much the worse for wear, were playing cards together again this morning at 1 o'clock in the Northern

"Just a friendly little fracas," the battle was styled. All Barney Steel, big railroad fireman, did was challenge little Alfred "Tony" Marra to a battle after throwing a few chips about, and socking him on the head with a bottle, cutting his forehead and causing him to

And all Toney did was accept Barney's challenge to fight and do his best to show the rest of the boys how it should be done. And all H. E. "Blackie" Howard did was "throw" Barney out of the Northern club so they wouldn't bust up the furniture. as any good referee would have done under the circumstances.

bleed profusely.

But it did look serious for awhile there, when it was a question whether Tony was going to pull through, after his loss of blood and his bruises. He was pretty low for awhile, and the other two sat in the "hoosegow" awaiting his recovery.

But now all's well. They've "kissed and made up," and are enjoying another little game oc-

Las Vegas Will Have Building

Office Created By Board all directions. Available Soon.

Las Vegas will have a building inspector soon, this orfice having been created by the city board.

Copies of the new building code, which was passed Thursday by the city council, will soon be available at a nominal sum at the office of the city clerk, Mrs. Burns stated yesterday

The "Uniform Building Code, created by the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference, at Long Beach, contains the rules by which building will be carried on in Las Vegas henceforth.

The building inspector will be named by the board, will hold office at its pleasure, and at a salary or compensation to be named by the

LAS VEGANS SECURE

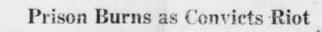
LICENSES TO MARRY Marriage licenses were issued Thursday and yesterday to three couples, in which were represented three Las Vegas residents.

Mervyn C. Conner, of Las Vegas, secured license to wed Emma M. Luksch, of Buffalo, New York. Earle James Hilton and Alice C. Parry were the other Las Vegans, and they planned to be married

Thursday evening. Vernal James McCarty and Bettina Jane Hale, both of Bakerscouple, having secured their license

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

A decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Clif-ford R. Woods and Augusta F. Just why the city should pay the Woods was granted the plaintiff, on engineer for trying to put an in- the grounds of cruelty and deserferior job over on the property tion. The parties were married in owners, is something that the Com- Golden, Colorado, on the 4th day missioners apparently could not of May, 1911. I. S. Thompson acted as attorney for the plaintiff.





Burning of the Auburn, N. Y. prison in the spectacular mutiny of 1700 convicts, who set fire to a half-dozen buildings in a sensational break for freedom, is strikingly portrayed in this exclusive Las Vegas Age's NEA Service aerial photo. Firemen are shown on the high penitentiary walls, vainly fighting the blaze, while guards inside the prison quadrangle but tled inmates who had armed themselves with guns and animunition from the prison arsenal. Fire destroyed the furniture plant, the cane shop, the prison kitchen, the machine shop, the State shop and the finger-printing office, with its Bertillon records. Two convicts were killed and more than twenty men wounded in the fighting. Four prisoners escaped,

Fire Destroys Stock Yards Storage Barn

Fire at 8:30 last evening destroyed one of the large hay storage barns at the stock yards of the Union Pacific. Several cars on the adjoining siding were pulled to safety

by the switch engine. The cause of the blaze had not been ascertained up to the time of going to press.

The loss is several thousand dollars, the barn having but recently been filled to capacity with hay. The stock yards are located on the west side of the main line about Inspector Soon of the Union Pacific station, and the great blaze of the burning structure was visible for a great distance in

With Passage of Code, The city volunteer fire department responded quickly to the alarm, but their efforts were of slight avail because there were no proper fire hydrants within reach of

Owen Approves Ready Policy

The following letter from F. V. Owen of Los Angeles, who has for years been interested in Las Vegas, is a fair indication of what those who keep close contact with developments are thinking.

It also is an indication of the care with which hundreds are reading the columns of the Age. Los Angeles, Cal., August 1, 1929

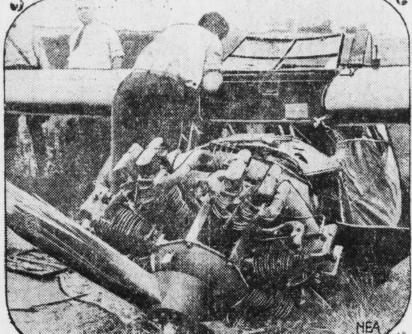
"Editor Age: "Your issue of Tuesday, July 30, contains a statement that should be carried permanently on the front page, in black type so everybody could read it every time they pick up the paper. It

"The Union Pacific Company is setting an example which should be followed by every citizen of Las Vegasgetting ready. If Las Vegas people would profit to the full extent by the great events which impend, they should place themselves now in a position of readiness."

"If the people of Las Vegas were ever told the truth in print, that's it. Will they take "How about a "Readiness

Committee of 100?" Mr. Owen's long experience in affairs makes his suggestion worthy of special considera-

Crash Kills Endurance Flyers



This picture shows the tragic ending of the refueling endurance flight undertaken by Captain P. L. Crichton and Owen Haughland at Minneapolis, Minn., which resulted in death for both flyers when their plane crashed after being in the air 154 hours. Captain Crichton, piloting the ship at the time, was killed instantly and Haughland died in a few hours.

WASHINGTON BOY WINS EDISON 'BRAIN RACE,' SCHOLARSHIP

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 2.-

boys would receive feur years' tuition | good. in a technical college. The added four are: Charles H.

Brunissen, Connecticut: Ivan A. Getting Pennsylvenia; James Seth, New Mexico, and Bernard Sturgis, Huston receives not only his tu-

ition but all his living and incidental

Huston is the 16-year-old son of an Episcopal Bishop. His scholar- tenna in radio? ton graduates he will be given an please write his name down here.

Forty-nine boys worked for five (U.P)-Walter F. Huston of Seattle, hours over the questions yesterday. Washington, was deciared the win- They found the examination not ner of the Edison scholarship con- only was a test of knowledge but also of ideals and the ability to rea-As winner of the "brain race" fos- son. The candidates were unanitered by Thomas A. Edison, Huston mous in admitting the examination has the privilege of attending. at was difficult, and long after the test Edison's expense, any technical was over they were arguing with school he selects. There has also one another over the answers to been the suggestion that the genius some of the queries. One of the thus chosen might one day become questions which came in for conthe successor to the electrical wiz- siderable discussion was "when do you consider a he permissible? The announcement was made at Most of the boys said they answered Llewellyn Park here, and contained it was permissible to lie when the MHSS DOUGLAS TO "SUB" the additional word that four other truth would do more harm than

Other questions of a general nature were:

Who invented the cotton gin? What did James Watt do? Who wrote "Treasure Island?" Who was Jenny Lind? What is a meteor?

What is the underlying principle of an internal combustion engine? What is the function of the an-

ship will be used to cover tuition Is the present relation of capital and other expenses at the Massa- to labor reasonably fair? chusetts Institute of Technology. If there is a boy at your school where he will specialize in chemis- whom you consider to be superior to try engineering. When young Hus- you in intelligence and character, probably a liar.

opportunity to enter the Edison "That was a catch question," said Thomas A. Edison were Colonel laboratory if he wishes and if his Frank Richmond, Jr., of Virginia. Charles Lindbergh and Henry Ford from 1921 to 1926. Results of an Vegas. He will bring his family scholastic record is satisfactory to "If you put yourself first, you were and George Eastman, Dr. Lewis automobile accident kept him inac- here from Los Angeles soon, he honest but conceited. If you named Perry and Dr. S. W. Stratton,

Reclamation Service Wants

Light Truck vice Garage, has received notice upper chest and traveling in a that the Reclamation Service Office in Denver is asking for bids on a one and one-half ton truck for use here in connection with Boulder

Dam work. The truck, it is understood, will be used by the crew in charge of the material sampling laboratory to be built here by the Reclamation Bu-

Accident Kills One of Leavitts

near Mesquite yesterday in an automobile accident took municipal Judge Roger Foley, ex-officio coroner, to the Moapa Valley in a hurry last night to hold an inquest into

Word of the fatality was wired to Las Vegas yesterday afternoon, and Judge Foley left shortly after six o'clock, planning to return this morning early. No details of the accident were contained in the wire, according to

New Fireproof Desk In City Clerk's Office

A new desk, all metal and fireproof, was installed yesterday afternoon in the office of City Clerk Attorney Engle, who will introduce breakfast in the morning. Viola Burns, by the Las Vegas Office Supply Company.

the desk formerly used by the clerk will be moved to the new tiation of the contention that the Railways Cut municipal court and police station building, for use by Chief of Police

DURING MISS KING'S TRIP

During the month's absence of Miss Louise King from the district attorney's office on her vacation with her family in Texas, Miss Helen Douglas will take Miss King's place. Miss Douglas, who is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Anna Parks, of the Palm Funeral Home, is formerly of Newark and Logan, Ohio, being a graduate of Newark ollege of Commerce, and having been for three years private secretary to the president of the Reynard School of Rational Living, at Newark,

shot Dad! Go get the doctors and

District Attorney Harley A. Harmon started, having made an average to be one of the strong points in his prosecution of Clarence Hodge, Lag Vegas negro, against whom he filed charge of :nurder Thursday because of the shooting to death of Hodge's stepfather, Sam Nettles, Wednesday afternoon.

Hodge is still being hunted by officers both locally and in adjoining states, no definite trace of his whereabouts having been run to earth out of all the rumors which have been current since the negro jumped into his Dodge car and sped way after the fatal shooting.

Mrs. Hattie Hodge, common law wife of the hunted man, testified at the coroner's inquest that Mrs. Nettles ran out of the house to the porch, where Mrs. Hodge was sit-ting during the affray, and made the exclamation about the shooting. This, coupled with other evidence available, is expected to establish the standard time, today, a dispatch fact that Hodge did the shooting.

"Life Not In Danger" defense is expected to enter will be gada is the principal town. Both is-met by district attorney with evidence to show that Hodge's life was not in danger at the time he is alleged to have killed Nettles, one of the prime essentials to the success Representative Columbia Broadcastof a self-defense plea.

That the alleged slayer had plenty of time to "cool off" between the time of the threat to kill him, said to have been made by Nettles, and Aug. 2 .- (U.P.) - Our progress, retardthe time when the fatal bullets were ed for a while by the bad weather fired into Nettles body, will be the along the Rhone valley, was satiscontention of Harmon.

"He had no business, in the eyes of the state, to go into that house feetly and pushing the dirigible at that time," said Harmon yester- along at a high rate of speed.

testified at the mouest.

Circumstantial Evidence The angle at which the bullets A. C. Grant of the Western Ser- struck Nettles' body, piercing his downward direction, and the fact that there were no powder burns near the wounds, will be used by the prosecution to prove that the revolver shotst were fired after Hodges was out of danger from his step-

father, according to Harmon. That Hodge shot Nettles because of threats the latter had just made to shoot both Hodge and Mrs. Nettles, is the contention upon which the defense will base its case, according to B. J. Engle, who will have charge of the defense for

The three were sitting in the eating house which Mrs. Hodge runs next door to the Nettles home, and Nettles and Hodge.

house, and, it is said, the elderly afternoon. man got to the gun first, and Hodge took it away from him. That Nettles had threatened

their lives before, while in one of his fits of temper, will be shown by the defense. Bullet holes will be exhibited in the kitchen of the huge crowd was at the field to see Nettles residence, according to En- us off. Joachin Rickard arrived at ale, bullet holes alleged to have been the hangar at the last minute and made by shots fired by Nettles dur- got on the ship just a few seconds ing one of his "spells,"

a user of dope, has had such de- 3:55 a. m., German summer time, lusions that he imagined he was in and as soon as the ship was off we Africa hunting lions, and that he began to open tottles of champagne, was in South America, according to which, of course, resulted in a late evidence to prove this when the case comes up for trial.

young man killed his step-father to defend himself and his mother, who, it will be contended, were endangered by Nettles' spells.

He was in a terrific rage just efore the fatal shooting took place. is stated, cursing and threatening his wife and step-son, who were the only ones present during the shoot-

Hodge's wife, who was on the premises at the time of the fatal affray, was on the front porch at the time of its occurrence, running into the house only after it was over, it has been established.

Engle, who was engaged by Mrs. Nettles to defend her son, came to Las Vegas, July 21, to establish himself in law practice here. He practiced law in Newton, Iowa, for 25 years, during which time he won nine out of fourteen murder cases The judges who worked with the defense for which he handled.

Arguments Are RADIO STATION Framed For IN U. S. GETS Murder Trial O. K. MESSAGE

The Graf Zeppelin completed half of the journey to Lakehurt in forty-This exclamation is expected by five hours from the time she speed of approximately fifty-six

> WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.— (U.P.)—The Graf Zeppelin reported to the Navy Department at 7:05 p. m. Eastern standard time that she was 90 miles out of Pico, one of the Azores islands, and making fortyfive knots an hour against a light This was the first message re-ceived by the naval wireless station

will report her position to the navy, first at eight and then at four hour GONTAZELGADA, Azores, Aug. 2 U.P.—The Graf Zeppelin dropped mail over the Santa Maria Island at

from the Zeppelin. Henceforth she

8 p. m. local time, 5 p. m. eastern from that island said tonight. Santa Maria is due south of San The self-defense plea which the Miguel Island, of which Gontazellands are at the eastern end of the Azores group.

By FRANK E. NICHOLSON ing Co., and United Press Special Correspondent.

ABOARD THE GRAF ZEPPELIN factory during the night, with the five new motors functioning per-

For the most part the passenger Both Mrs. Nettles and Hodge on board were calm and confident wrestled with Nettles to take the when the Graf passed through the gun away from him, Mrs. Nettles stormy area vesterday, although the women were slightly nervous when we encountered strong headwinds before lunch, winds which buffeted the ship about considerably for an

hour or so along the Rhone. It was along the same stretch that we encountered so much stormy weather during our last start for the United States several weeks ago, when we were compelled to land at Toulon. France. Our progress was retarded for a while yesterday, but now we are sailing along smoothly.

Our route across France and the Mediterranean was not what Dr. Hugo Eckner, the commander, had planned. But it was necessary for us to make the detour in order to avoid a storm from the north and east sections of Spain. There was much excitement on

board yesterday when a water tank, in the course of a dispute, the de- over the salon burst, saturating the fense will endeavor to show. Nettles whole ceiling. This was soon rethreatened the lives of both Mrs. paired and our bridge games in the salon continued. We had an ex-This led to the break for the cellent session of bridge during the The report that a stowaway had

jumped into the Graf Zeppelin when we took off from Friedrichshafen is untrue, or at least, we have been unable so far to find anyone.

When we left Friedrichshafen a before she was ready for the take-Nettles, who is said to have been off. We left the ground at exactly

Lumber Rates

Lumber rates on the Union Pacific system will be greatly reduced be-ginning September 1, it was announced yesterday by railroad offi-

The rate from San Francisco to Las Vegas, for instance, will be 51 cents instead of the present combin-

ation of locals. From points north of Portland Oregon, rates will be reduced from the combination of locals, to 611/2 cents, via Salt Lake City, over the O. W. R and N.

A complete scale of rates has been published, and is now available for reference.

Engle practiced in Los Angeles in the field again, starting in Las tive for a long period, but he is now stated yesterday.