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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.

Yesterday They Fought; This Morning Play Cards Again

And now they're all friends 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 club.

"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 seeking him on the head with a bottle, cutting his forehead and causing him to bleed profusely.

And all Tony 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.

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 "house-gow" awaiting his recovery. But now all's well. They've "kissed and made up," and are enjoying another little game occasionally.

Las Vegas Will Have Building Inspector Soon

Office Created By Board With Passage of Code, Copies of Which Will Be Available Soon.

Las Vegas will have a building inspector soon, this office 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 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 board.

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.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED A decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Clifford E. Woods and Augusta F. Woods was granted the plaintiff, on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. The parties were married in Golden, Colorado, on the 4th day of May, 1911. J. S. Thompson acted as attorney for the plaintiff.

Prison Burns as Convicts Riot



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 pentagonal walls, vainly fighting the blaze, while guards inside the prison quadrangle bat (red inmates who had armed themselves with guns and ammunition from the prison arsenal. Fire destroyed the furniture plant, the canteen 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 been recently filled to capacity with hay.

The stock yards are located on the west side of the main line about three-quarters of a mile southwest of the Union Pacific station, and the great blaze of the burning structure was visible for a great distance in all directions.

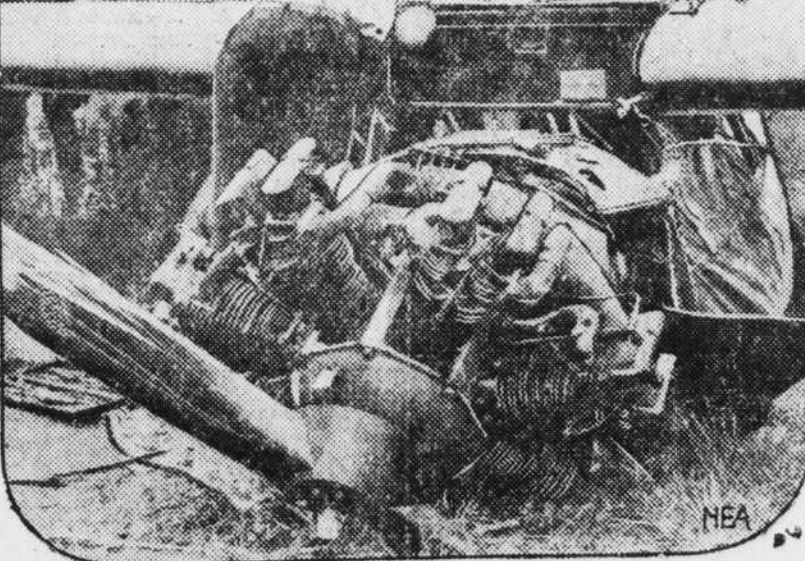
The city volunteer fire department responded quickly to the alarm but their efforts were of slight avail because there were no high pressure hydrants within reach of the hose.

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 says: "The Union Pacific Company is setting an example which should be followed by every citizen of Las Vegas—getting 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 heed?" "How about a "Readiness Committee of 100?" Mr. Owen's long experience in affairs makes his suggestion worthy of special consideration.

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.—(U.P.)—Walter F. Huston of Seattle, Washington, was declared the winner of the Edison scholarship contest here today. As winner of the "brain race" Huston has the privilege of attending, at Edison's expense, any technical school he selects. There has also been the suggestion that the genius thus chosen might one day become the successor to the electrical wizard.

The announcement was made at Llewellyn Park here, and contained the additional word that four other boys would receive four years' tuition in a technical college. The added four are: Charles H. Brunissen, Connecticut; Ivan A. Getting, Pennsylvania; James Seth, New Mexico; and Bernard Sturges, Indiana. Huston receives not only his tuition but all his living and incidental expenses. Huston is the 16-year-old son of an Episcopal Bishop. His scholarship will be used to cover tuition and other expenses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will specialize in chemistry engineering. When young Huston graduates he will be given an opportunity to enter the Edison laboratory if he wishes and if his scholastic record is satisfactory to the inventor.

Reclamation Service Wants Light Truck

A. C. Grant of the Western Service Garage has received notice 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 Bureau.

Accident Kills One of Leavitts

The death of one of the Leavitts near Mesquite yesterday in an automobile accident took municipal Judge Roger Foley, ex-officio, corner, to the Moapa Valley in a hurry last night to hold an inquest into the occurrence.

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 Judge Foley.

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 Viola Burns, by the Las Vegas Office Supply Company.

The desk formerly used by the clerk will be moved to the new municipal court and police station building, for use by Chief of Police Percy Nash.

MISS DOUGLAS TO "SUB" 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 Springs Home, is formerly a graduate of Newark College of Commerce, and having been for three years private secretary to the president of the Resnard School of Rational Living, at Newark, probably a liar.

Arguments Are Framed For Murder Trial

"My God, Hattie, Clarence has shot Dad! Go get the doctors and the law!"

This exclamation is expected by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon to be one of the strong points in his prosecution of Clarence Hodge, Las Vegas negro, against whom he filed charge of murder 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 away 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 sitting during the affray, and made the exclamation about the shooting. This coupled with other evidence available is expected to establish the fact that Hodge did the shooting.

"Life Not In Danger" The self-defense plea which the defense is expected to enter will be 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 of 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 the time when the fatal bullets were fired into Nettles body, will be the contention of Harmon.

"He had no business, in the eyes of the state, to go into that house at that time," said Harmon yesterday.

Both Mrs. Nettles and Hodge wrestled with Nettles to take the gun away from him, Mrs. Nettles testified at the inquest.

Circumstantial Evidence The angle at which the bullets struck Nettles' body, piercing his upper chest and traveling in a 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 shot was fired after Hodge was out of danger from his stepfather, 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 Hodge.

The three were sitting in the calling house which Mrs. Hodge runs next door to the Nettles' home, and in the course of a dispute, the defense will endeavor to show, Nettles threatened the lives of both Mrs. Nettles and Hodge.

This led to the break for the house, and, it is said, the elderly man got to the gun first, and Hodge took it away from him.

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 Nettles residence, according to Engle, bullet holes alleged to have been made by shots fired by Nettles during one of his "spells."

Nettles, who is said to have been a user of dope, has had such delusions that he imagined he was in Africa hunting lions, and that he was in South America, according to Attorney Engle, who will introduce evidence to prove this when the case comes up for trial.

This, he says, will be in substantiation of the contention that the young man killed his stepfather to defend himself and his mother, who, it will be contended, were endangered by Nettles' spells.

RADIO STATION IN U. S. GETS O. K. MESSAGE

(Associated Press) The Graf Zeppelin completed half of the journey to Lakehurst in forty-five hours from the time she started, having made an average speed of approximately fifty-six knots.

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 forty-five knots an hour against a light wind.

This was the first message received by the naval wireless station from the Zeppelin. Henceforth she will report her position to the navy, first at eight and then at four hour intervals.

GONTAZELGADA Azores Aug. 2 (U.P.)—The Graf Zeppelin dropped mail over the Santa Maria Island at 8 p. m. local time, 5 p. m. eastern standard time, today, a dispatch from that island said tonight.

Santa Maria is due south of San Miguel Island, of which Gontazelgada is the principal town. Both islands are at the eastern end of the Azores group.

By FRANK E. NICHOLSON Representative Columbia Broadcasting Co., and United Press Special Correspondent.

ABOARD THE GRAF ZEPPELIN, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Our progress, retarded for a while by the bad weather along the Rhone valley, was satisfactory during the night, with the five new motors functioning perfectly and pushing the dirigible along at a high rate of speed.

For the most part the passengers on board were calm and confident when the Graf passed through the stormy area yesterday, 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, over the salon burst, saturating the whole ceiling. This was soon repaired and our bridge games in the salon continued. We had an excellent session of bridge during the afternoon.

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 huge crowd was at the field to see us off. Joachim Rickard arrived at the hangar at the last minute and got on the ship just a few seconds before she was ready for the take-off. We left the ground at exactly 3:55 a. m., German summer time, and as soon as the ship was off we began to open bottles of champagne, which, of course, resulted in a late breakfast in the morning.

Railways Cut Lumber Rates

Lumber rates on the Union Pacific system will be greatly reduced beginning September 1. It was announced yesterday by railroad officials.

The rate from San Francisco to Las Vegas, for instance, will be 51 cents instead of the present combination of locals. From points north of Portland, Oregon, rates will be reduced from the combination of locals, to 61 1/2 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. in the field again, starting in Las Vegas. He will bring his family here from Los Angeles soon, he stated yesterday.