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LITTLEFIELD DAM WASHED FLOOD SWEEPS VIRGIN BASIR

Graf Zep Refueling for Start on Round-World Flight LAD RIDES HORSEBACK Killer Hunted; Shamrock Jailed SAVEFOLK FROM WATER

Dirigible Set to Start Return Trip Wednesday

Ship Cuts Crossing Time Seventeen Hours; Ground Crew Has Difficulty In Anchoring Giant in Wind.

United Press Staff Correspondent NAVAL AIR STATION, Lakehurst, N. J. Aug. 5-(U.P)-Refueling the Graf Zeppelin for her round-the-world flight began today about 14 hours after her arrival here on a non-stop flight from Friedrichshafen, Germany. She is Scheduled to leave Wednesday.

Ninety-five hours and 20 minutes was the dirigible's flying time from the take-off in Germany until she was pulled to the ground here like lassoed steer at 6;59 p.m. (E. T.), yesterday. It was not until 12:50 a. m. today that a harassed ground crew was able to overcome a gusty wind to place the Zeppelin in the security of

The Graf brought a mixed burden of passengers, a stowaway, a chimpanzee, a gorilla, one grand piano and 600 canary birds...

Dr. Hugo Eckner, commander, bettered the time of his journey last October by 17 hours and 26 minutes. It was on that trip that the winds ripped the Graf's fabric and threatened her with disaster. The journey just ended was without accident

Like paying guests at a circus, the crowds which thronged this field for hours awaiting the Graf's arrival left before the best part of the show, which began when the Graf was unhooked from the mooring mast and headed for the

Four hundred and twelve grunting sailors tugged at hawsers. A sailor with a green flag trotted behind Lieut. Commander Vincent Clark, in charge of landing operations. The bunting showed 5.-(U.P)-With six women and one where to look for orders.

Fifty yards would be covered without difficulty when a tardy gust of yesterday's high wind

trol of the enevelope. Down the wind and around the hangar the Zeppelin was hauled about 40 children, ranging in age and shouldered. Time after time from 6 to 13 years, were housed in her nose was pointed for the han- the camp, which was said to be congar only to be swung aside by ducted on the model of a miniature

air currents. The 19 passengers, including (Continued On Page Six)

Tanker Rams L. A. Dock in Landing

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 5.—(U.P.)

—The tanker Lake Miraflores, bound for San Francisco with a full cargo today and rammed the naval landing dock at Los Angeles harbor. According to Captain Kit Gaard, her master, the tanker's steering charged with contributing to the de-

gear broke, causing her to go out linquency of minors. of control and crash into the dock. The Lake Miraflores bow penetrated about 20 feet into the wooden structure, but damage only amounted to about \$300 with the ship unhurt. She will proceed as soon as her steering apparatus is repaired.

Hoover to Speak at

invitation to visit Madison, Va., near line's offices here today. White House announced.

response to the speeches of the ing was January 26, 1911, when it man M. Smith against the county, state and county officials who will achieved 676 miles.

Aimee Plans Holy Land Pilgrimage



When Aimee Semple McPherson, famed evangelist, leads a party of 750 students and followers in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next March, her greatest dream and most pretentious project will be realized. The evangelist is shown here as she signed a contract chartering the S. S. Republic at a cost of \$500,000 for the pilgrimage. The ship will leave New York March 20 and return May 11, the pilgrims spending Easter in the Holy Land.

Alleged Communist Camp for Children Found in California

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Aug. man held in jail, six other persons were sought today on warrants resulting from an investigation of an would strain the ropes for con- alleged communistic camp for children in the mountains near here.

> The investigation disclosed that Soviet republic.

It was said that the children were in possession of communistic songs and recited a communistic

pledge each morning. Those held in jail were Isadore Berowitz, Belle Minz, Yetza Stromberg. Emma Schmeriterman, Sarah Bertowitz, Sarah Cutler and Esther Karpeliff

The district attorney has issued warrants for William Green, Fred of oil, ran wild in the channel here | Firestone, Catherine Haushack, Anna Rosenfeld. Rose Spector and Sarah Radkin.

Members of the group were

Mauretania After Bremen's Record

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.-(U.P)-The Cunard liner Mauretania, speeding from Cherbourg to New York in Welcome Celebration to lower the Bremen's record of 4 Petroleum Corporation, and the WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(U.P.)— ing all its previous records, Cap- pany. Damage was estimated at President Hoover today accepted an tain S. C. S. McNeil advises the \$100,000.

his Rapidan fishing preserve, on age to Friedrichshafen are: Morris | COUNTY FILES DISCLAIMER August 17, to participate in a com- at 4:52 p. m. Saturday, made 680 munity welcome celebration, the nautical miles from noon Sunday to yesterday in the matter of the this noon, or an average of 27.2 quiet title suit entered some time The President will deliver a brief knots. Its best previous day's sail- ago by Benton V. Smith and Free-

gather to express their appreciation | Cunard officials here claim the | The matter will be heard at 10 said, to accept an outside position. willing to return with him and his Chrysler car, which slid off of his having selected the Shenan- Mauretania once made the westward a. m. today. Crocker has not apdoah national park site for his va- crossing in 4 days, 18 hours, 38 min- peared in answer to the summons temporarily is handling the du-

This Man Caught

With the Goods,

25 Gallons of It

Caught hauling twenty-five gallons of intoxicants into Las Vegas early yesterday evening James R. Barton is now reposing in the and a siphon, and had been under county jail, while the liquor is in the

city jail for safe keeping. Joe May, night policeman, ap-prehended him as he was driving toward Las Vegas near Ladd's on East Fremont in a Chevrolet coupe with another man and a woman accompanying him.

The man and woman were not kept in custody.

'Dope' Farm Fugitives

reported.

The group of inmates, apparently moving on a prearranged schedule smashed windows and doors and overpowered attendants in the break for freedom.

Oil Fire Endangers \$10,000,000 Property

LONG BEACH, Aug. 5 (U.R)-Endangering \$10,000,000 worth of property, an oil well fire today destroyed two derricks and 4,500 barrels of oil in three tanks at the Los Cerritos field. The derwhat may develop to be an attempt ricks were owned by the McMillei days, 17 hours, 42 minutes, is beat- tanks by the Delaney Oil Com-

> Clark County filed a disclaimer I. Crockerd, and others,

Murder Charge For Man Who Shot Whitmer

Party at Whom Bullet Was As County Is Scoured For Oklahoma Character.

"Horsefly's" name is Williams, and "Shamrock's" is McCaskell, it was learned late last night from District Attorney Harley A. Harmon.

To face a murder charge when he s captured, a certain alleged bootlegger-gambler known as "Horsefly" and "Shorty" and "High Cap" was still the object of search by the police at last reports last night, wanted for the death yesterday morning at 11:15 of Jessie D. Whitmer, whom he shot early Sunday mornng in a new liquor and gambling place out the Searchlight road four

have been aimed, was placed in the sight seers to the Boulder Dam county jail last night.

have been involved in the start of the argument between the two for- through Black canyon and were mer Oklahoma characters' dispute, approaching the boat landing on which, according to some informa- the return when a log was caught tion, was brought to a head by a in the boat's propellor, stopping remark one made about the other's progress. The boat was swept out

Heaven dance hall nearby, was shot, it is said, as he tried to quiet the brawl. The bullet pierced his lung, and he was delirious when he was taken to the Union Pacific hospital early Sunday morning.

"Horsefly." who is said to have been notorious in Oklahoma as a gambler and bootlegger, before coming to Las Vegas early this year, was the man who was found with the Oklahoman wanted by a bondsman in Oklahoma, whom Police Chief Nash held here until Oklahoma City officers came for him some few weeks ago. The pair were found together with an empty keg surveillance of the police for some time, suspected of liquor activities.

Whitmer, who was the victim of the bullet, lived with his wife on the West side, in the second house from the corner, to the right just off the Tonopah road just beyond the crossing. He is said to have been an electrician. "Horsefly" is a small, wiry indi-

vidual, blond and unpretentious 'Shamrock" is tall and a brunette The shooting is said to have taken place around 1 o'clock Sunday Are Still at Large morning. "Horsefly" jumped into an automobile and started to leave POMONA, Aug. 5 (U.P.)-Ten of as soon as he had done the shootthirteen prisoners who escaped ing, but the car became stalled in after a riot at midnight were still the sand and he took to his heels. at large today, the sheriff's office He was tracked over the desert for a distance Sunday, until the trail led to the road, and there it was lost. Various reports of his having been seen since have been traced,

but no "Horsefly" is to be found. Whitmer, who was rushed to the Union Pacific Hospital after the shooting, remained delirious, and it mobile wreck in the recent mixup was stated early by doctors that he between Charles E. Hughes and had little chance of recovery, the bullet having entered the center of

L. A. Detective Head **Quits After 20 Years**

LOS ANGELES Aug. 5 (U.P.)police force after 20 years of con- cial license. tinuous service.

the handling of the William Ed- Hughes and two of his sons as they William Desmond Taylor cases. Because of t he length of his Beach, said Hughes.

serivce Cline will receive a pension Hughes stated, further, that his ties of Chief of Dectective.

HEROIC STRUGGLE SAVES BOAT ON THE COLORADO RIVER

Aimed Held By Officers With Flesh Torn From Hands and Arms, Murl Emery, River Boatman, Brings Boat and Passengers to Safety

> Murl Emery, well known Coloralo River boatman, saved his power boat with two passengers from almost certain destruction Saturday afternoon at the cost of painful injuries which will incapacitate him from activity for some time, Except for his courage the boat with its human freight would have been swept to almost certain destruction in the rocky canyons

drift wood. Emery, a veteran in Another gent called "Shamrock" Colorado River navigation, who at whom the fatal bullet is said to has safely carried thousands of site, had as passengers that trip Liquor and gambling are said to two women, tourists from Denver.

They had made the trip down into the great whirlpool in the Whitmer, who was watchman little bay and around again close for the cars parked at the Blue to the rocks below. Emery, with the rope used for mooring the boat, jumped to the rocks and attempted to bring the boat to shore. The swirling current seemed about to tear the rope from his grasp. Emery wound the rope about his hands and arms to make a better grip, set his feet against a con-

venient rock and the struggle between man and the forces of nature began.

The current relentlessly pulled on give. Inch by inch the rope was that the safety of his passengers

The river was running with a the rope slipped more and more. flood of about 55,000 second feet. Inch by inch—feet by feet it went. Inch by inch—foot by foot it went, tearing the flesh from his hands, wrists and arms. Yet like the hero

carried the boat close to shore into ty. The vineyard was totally de-

It was not until Sunday afterto be brought to Las Vegas, where Dr. Frazier at Hewetson's hospital dressed his injuries.

Yesterday Emery was almost his own self again, but it will be some time before he has entirely re- feet. covered from his injuries. But he has regained his humor and his stoic Colorado River philosophy. (Continued On Page Six)

Hughes to Deny Charge of Auto Sends Cruiser Theft Tomorrow

Contractor Was Half Owner Of Car Alleged Stolen, He Says; Awaits Arrival of Two Sons for Hearing.

Awaiting arrival of two of the sons of Charles E. Hughes, preliminary hearing for the case of the four men was postponed yesterday by Judge Foley to to-

morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Leslie Hughes, taken into custody in California, was brought to Las Vegas by Deputy Sheriff R. G. McCubrey, and is being held in jail here. J. P. Lewis is attorney for the four defendants.

There was no theft of another man's car, no kidnapping of women against their will, no gun battle in Long Beach and no serious auto-W. H. Alkire, partner contractors according to Hughes, who came his chest and pierced one of his back to Las Vegas to clear up the charge of grand theft against him desert. late last week.

In the first place the car, the warrant for alleged theft of which caused the Long Beach excitement, belongs to the partnership, Alkire and Hughes, according to Hughes' Chief of Detectives Herman Cline statement, although it is in Alkire's today retired from the Los Angeles name because of the state commer-

The asserted "gun battle" was Cline gained nation-wide pub- no battle at all but simply four licity through association with officers firing withut warning on ward Hickman, Clara Phillips and arrived at the scene of their labors automobile and found the wreckage in building a residence in Long and Cline's body.

of \$200 monthly. He retired, he divorced wife and daughter were Police Inspector Joseph Taylor three sons when they went to Mt. road and into a yucca and was Charleston for them a week from damaged but slightly, was left at Sunday. Furthermore, he said, the

firm

he is Murl refused to yield.

China Typhoon Adrift With 20

Four French Officials Said Aboard Boat Which Driftings Broken.

typhoon which struck a large area torrent scorning the puny confines division engineer. in China and Indo-China last week of the usual channel, spread over had severed a mooring of the the surrounding country and be- in Clark county was felt, none of French cruiser Stadon, which had gan to wreck its havoc. drifted out to sea. Officials have been unable to find a trace of the the little town of Littlefield may vessel since the typhoon. It had be is not yet known, but it is bemore than twenty persons aboard, lieved that all ranches are ruined, including four French officials.

Flyer Killed as Plane **Explodes Over Desert**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Aug. 5. (U.P.)-Virgil Cline, San Jose, Calif. aviator, was killed near here Sunday when his airplane exploded in mid air as he flew over the Mojave

The news of the unusual accident was brought to the sheriff's office by Oliver Phillips, superintendent of a mine in the Osdick region. Phillips said he heard the plane but was unable to see it due to the

dense clouds. As he listened he

heard the motor sputter and an instant later an explosion. When Phillips saw the plane tumble from the clounds he and a party of miners drove three miles in an

Aviators believe the explosion was caused by a leaky gasoline tank.

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LIKE PAUL REVERE, TO

Eighty-six Foot Dam Demolished When Torrent Sweeps Down Upon It; Farms Are Deluged, Livestock Swept Away; Structure Cost \$100,000 to \$150,000.

With a roar that warned the inhabitants of the little town of 200 inhabitants seven miles below of their danger, the 86-foot dam in the Virgin River sev8en miles above Littlefield, Arizona, went out at 12:55 yesterday afternoon, causing widespread damage to the country below, but no loss of life, according to Claude Curran, an employee of the State Highway Department, who brought the news to Las Vegas last evening.

During the short time required for the mad torrent to race its way down the canyon to the open valley where the heavy boat. Emery, powerful Littlefield is located, the inhabitants had time to flee to and skilled in his work refused to higher ground. The poultry, hogs and cattle on the forced through his hands, cutting farms, were swept away and water approximately three away the flesh. Emery knowing feet deep swept through the houses. The truck farm depended upon his victory, stood and ranch of Joe Reber and those of almost the entire population were covered with silt and practically destroyed.

Mrs. Reber, who was in the vineyard band of children heard the roa of the dam seven miles above as Then after 60 feet of the cruel, it gave way. She knew the great rope had gnawed its way through danger threateneing and succeedhis flesh a fortunate side-current ed in guiding her charges to safestiller water. In terrible pain from stroyed by the wall of water his injuries, Emery helped his which overflowed the river channel passengers ashore and secured his and spread its destruction over the adjacent lands.

Sunday nigtht and Monday mornnoon that Emery was in condition ing, torrential rains in the Virgin valley in the country between George and Cedar City, Utah, sent a large volume of water down the river, filling the uncompleted Littlefield dam to a depth of 76

> The dam, now owned by the Virgin Oil and Land Company, of which Frank A. Gessell of Los Angeles is president, was designed to be 150 feet in hight when completed, but had reached the height of 86 feet at the time it went out. At 11:00 o'clock yesterday forenoon, another cloudburst a few miles above the dam, poured another great volume of water into the mile long reservoir behind the unfinished structure. The water con rose the ten feet reaching the top of the dam, then overtopped it First a section of the north end of the dam began to go down

the entire country being left buried under a deep bed of silt.

The flood reached Mesquite at race in 1 hour and 53 minutes. By this time it had spread widely lost much of its depth. Nevertheless it came with frightful velocity in three waves, the first feet deep; the second 519 feet; and the third reached and submerged the Mespuite bridge over the Virgin by nine inches. For 45 minutes the bridge was entirely submerged in the muddy flood. when the waters subsided (Continued On Page Six)

Two Killed When Car Takes Plunge

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (U.P)-Two men were killed and a third ing brought from the oiling job was seriously injured when their near Dry Lake, which is now finautomobile plunged from the high- ished, will be on the job this way over a 200-foot embankment morning, working toward the other in San Francisquito canyon.

he was unable to give deputy crosses the road. This will be com-sheriffs any account of the crash, pleted shortly, according to Boyer,

Highway Damage From Washouts Repaired Soon

Traffic Moves on All Roads Out of Las Vegas; Wash Dips to Supplant Three Wooden Bridges Which Went Out.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(U.P.) The sheriff's office at El Centro was investigating a report that a man had been drowned near Niland. Three Mexicans escaped rushing flood waters near here by abandoning their car.

Southern Pacific trains to Imperial Valley and Union Pacific trains to Nevada were running on time tonight after delays earlier in the day. Many miles of highway were reported impassable.

Repairing of the damage done by under the torrent of falling waters washouts Sunday to roads near then with a noise that was heard Las Vegas is being pushed by the ed Out to Sea After Moor- for many miles, the entire dam State Highway Department and will melted away and the 86-foot wall be completed in a few days, traffic of water began its mad race down having been delayed very little if the narrow canyon. Just before any since the actual washouts Sun-HONG KONG, Aug. 5.-(U.R)-Dis- reaching Littlefield, the canyon day afternoon and evening, accordpatches today from Hai Fong said a opens into a valley. Here the ing to C. C. Boyer, state highway

A minimum of delays to traffic the washed out places being im-Just how serious the damage to passable after the subsiding of the water slightly after midnight. Cars were held up for three or four hours three miles northeast of town on

the Arrowhead highway. Before the rainstorm had reached serious proportions the local office 2:48 p.m. making the 22-mile of the highway department had men on the Tonopah road where washouts were likely to occur, and at the point where Las Vegas wash crosses the Salt Lake highway. These are the points where the greatest damage was done, and flags and lanterns were posted as soon as damage was done by the torrents to the extent of making passage of cars impossible or dangerous.

Wash dips will be constructed where the three small wooden bridges were washed out between Las Vegas and Indian Springs. These are now being negotiated by detours. One crew with caterpillar and grader was started from Indian Springs, working the road toward Las Vegas. This crew last night had come three miles and was 17 miles from town. Another crew, be-

crew, away from town. L. F. Fleming and Dean Kaegy Three teams are at work filling were dead when they were pulled in the washed out shoulders of the from the wreckage and Joseph road at the point, three miles north-Russo was so seriously injured that east of Las Vegas, where the wash