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POWER ALLOCATION IS STUDIED AT BOULDER DAM CONFERENCE

U. P. Raising Power Plant Boiler Capacity 45 Per Cent Zep Set for Second Leg of Trip COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO REPORT TOMORROW AT MEETING IN DENVER

Great Growth Of City Shown By Expansion

New 250 Horsepower Boiler To Be Added; Capacity of Another Being Boosted; New 125 Foot Stack Coming.

The great recent growth and expected growth of Las Vegas is evidenced by 45 percent increase in the capacity of the Union Pacific's power plant boiler system now in process of being added in the U. P. shops.

Installation of a new 250 horsepower boiler and raising of one of the present 212 horsepower boilers so that it will have a 250 horsepower capacity, will affect this increase.

A new 125 foot steel stack also will be erected in the railroad yard adjacent to the power house. The new boiler is being constructed by the Consolidated Steel corporation, at Los Angeles, as is also the new stack. Both of these will be installed by the steel firm.

The stack will be six feet in inside diameter and will be approximately the same height as the present one.

At present there are three boilers, each having a 212 horsepower rating. The raising of these five feet higher will increase their capacity to 250 horsepower each and the new boiler will also have 250 horsepower.

Thus, instead of three 212 horsepower boilers with a total of 636 horsepower, there will be two 212 boilers and two 250 horsepower units, making a total of 924 horsepower. This is an increase of 288 horsepower over the present capacity.

The opinion that the turbine installed but two years ago would be inadequate for power needs was expressed yesterday in the shop.

Hughes' to Open New Firm Here

Having cleared themselves of the charge that they had stolen an automobile by showing that it was a partnership car, Charles E. Hughes, formerly associated with W. H. Alkire in the Las Vegas Construction company here, will return to Las Vegas in a few weeks with his three sons to establish a construction firm, it was learned yesterday.

They left for Los Angeles Saturday to complete work on several buildings in California on which they are working, and when these are completed, will return to Las Vegas, it is planned.

Pair Given 60 Days For Dope Possession

J. E. Davis and R. L. Evans will spend 60 days each in Clark county jail for possession of narcotics, it was decreed yesterday by Judge Wm. E. Orr.

Formal charges of unlawful possession of morphine were preferred yesterday against R. L. Evans and J. E. Davis, by District Attorney H. A. Harmon. They were bound over to the district court by Judge Foley.

They were found with a quantity of morphine in their possession on August 7, according to the complaint.



It looks more like a mosquito than an airplane, but Lieutenant Alford Williams, U. S. Navy, is confident that it can smash the world speed record of 318 miles per hour at the international speed races in England in September. This is the first picture of the tiny Mercury Racer, built especially for this event. It possesses 1100 horsepower, though it weighs only 4600 pounds. The wings are so small that it would drop like a plummet if the engine failed. The motor, by the way, has 24 cylinders, 48 spark plugs, four carburetors and four distributors. A closeup of Lieutenant Williams is also shown. Experts have predicted that he may fly 400 miles an hour.

Now They'll Radio Cops Instructions While They Travel

BERKELEY, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—The Berkeley police department today was "radioized" as well. All police machines have been equipped with short wave sets, with loudspeakers at the driver's ear, tuned to the sending set at headquarters, which will transmit emergency calls and instructions as required for speedy response.

Mother, Seven Girls Killed On Picnic Trip

Thirteen of Fourteen On Returning From Zoo Die When Train Crashes Into Them; Guests Dead.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—For weeks Mrs. Sherwood B. Badgett has promised her eight young daughters a trip to the Dallas Zoo. Yesterday they loaded a truck with picnic lunches, and with H. S. Henry and his family of four as guests drove merrily to the city. On the return trip the machine was struck by a Texas and Pacific flyer and 13 of the 14 passengers killed.

Investigators believed today that a crack in the pavement near a grade crossing 18 miles east of here was responsible for the crash. According to Claude Chapman, Mesquite, believed to have been the only witness, the truck stalled in the hole. Finally, its engine roaring so loudly that the whistle of an approaching train was not heard, it pulled onto the tracks. The truck was shattered and bodies of the victims scattered along the track for hundreds of yards. The fourteenth member of the party, a daughter of Mrs. Badgett, was in a Dallas hospital today, expected to recover.

Mrs. Badgett was 42 years old; Henry was 55. The other victims ranged in age from 3 to 19. The father, Sherwood, Badgett and six brothers survive.

The Dead Mrs. H. B. Badgett, 42; Vera and Era Badgett, twin sisters, 23; Texas Badgett, 16; Emma Badgett, 9; Birdie Badgett, 9; Jessie Badgett, 6; Mary Joe Badgett, 3; E. S. "Mack" Henry, 55; Bula Henry, 16; Willie Henry, 5; a Henry girl, 8 and a Henry boy 5.

Jap Envoy Seeks Peace as Troops Clash in Asia

Chinese and Russians Fight; Border Situation Is Still Acute; Nipponese Foreign Minister Pushes Negotiations.

TOKIO, Aug. 12. (U.P.)—Another clash between Chinese and Russian troops from the Manchurian frontier, and a move by Japan's foreign minister to end the present crisis were reported today as the border situation remained dangerously acute. Baron Shidehara, foreign minister, was said to be trying informally to terminate the conflict between Russia and China over control of the Chinese Eastern railway in Manchuria. It was understood that the Chinese authorities have expressed willingness to avoid Russian officials to the controlling offices of the railway administration, but object to reappointment of the personnel previously in charge.

The Nippon-Zempo, news agency correspondent at Manchuli on the western Manchuria-Siberian border, reported that two Chinese soldiers were killed and many wounded in a clash between Soviet and Chinese outposts Sunday morning.

Meanwhile floods which have caused great damage in southern Manchuria continued to block traffic.

By EUGENE LYONS MOSCOW, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—The menace of war continued to hang over the far east today as the Russian government reiterated its demand that China restore the Chinese Eastern Railway to a "status quo ante" as a minimum condition on which the Soviets were willing to open negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the Manchurian dispute.

Leo Karakhan, Soviet acting commissar for foreign affairs, in an exclusive interview with the United Press—the first he has granted since the beginning of the present crisis—categorically denied that there were any negotiations under way, officially or otherwise, between Soviet and Chinese officials.

Defense in Snook Trial Rests Case

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—The defense in the Snook-Hix murder trial rested its case today. The defense did not put on alienists in an attempt to prove the defendant, Dr. James Howard Snook, insane.

Fitts Says He'll Run Prosecution in Pantages Case

Case of Alleged Attack on Dancing Girl Brings Prosecutor Into Action; Bribery Charged in Mrs. Pantages Affair.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12 (U.P.)—The prosecution of Alexander Pantages, multi-millionaire theatre magnate, on charges of criminally assaulting Eunice Pringle, 17-year-old dancer, will be handled by District Attorney Byron Fitts, Fitts said today.

The announcement caused considerable surprise since Fitts has not personally directed a case since he gained the conviction of Asa Keys, former district attorney of Los Angeles County, on bribery charges. Fitts said that his chief deputy, Robert Stewart, would aid him in the prosecution of Pantages. Stewart likewise was associated with Fitts in the Keys case.

Pantages assertedly attacked the girl when she called at his office asking him to book her dancing act over his vaudeville circuit. He now is free under bond of \$25,000 pending his preliminary hearing Wednesday. The alleged assault took place late last Friday.

Fitts announced that he already had requested the board of supervisors to give him a special investigator, whose entire time is to be devoted to the case.

Dr. Earl Pringle, father of the girl, conferred with the district attorney's office for several hours this morning. He said he was not interested in any civil case for damages but only wanted to see the vigorous prosecution of Pantages on criminal charges.

Meanwhile, William "Paddy" McGee, bail bondsman, was arraigned on a charge of attempting to bribe a witness to the automobile crash which led to a second degree murder count being placed against Mrs. Lois Pantages, wife of the theatrical man.

McGee was allowed until Wednesday to enter his plea to the accusation.

The bail bondsman allegedly informed Policeman William H. Dutton that there would be "plenty of dough on the line" if he would forget his testimony against Mrs. Pantages.

Dutton saw Mrs. Pantages drive her car into one occupied by a Japanese family, J. Rokomoto was killed in the collision and Mrs. Pantages was charged with second degree murder after witnesses said she was intoxicated.

Negro Mammy Wills Girl \$20,000 Estate

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—Practically the last thought of Mrs. Ida Porter, negro, before she died was for the girl whom she had reared from babyhood.

Mrs. Helen Krusic received almost all of a \$20,000 estate from her negro "mammy."

In a letter left by the negro, she explained the bequest "because I raised her from the time she was a baby in arms, and always she has acted toward me as though she was my own child."

Ship Is Expected To Continue Trip Late Tonight

Round-World Flight of Dirigible Expected to Be Step Toward Establishment of Practical Passenger Service.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—When the dirigible Graf Zeppelin departs on the next stage of its flight around the world—the long stretch from here to Tokio—it will be taking a long step in the efforts of the Zeppelin company to develop dirigible balloon service on a practical basis.

Captain Ernest Lehmann executive officer of the Graf Zeppelin, told the United Press tonight of the plan behind the dirigible's flight and the difficulties which the big craft is expected to overcome on its flight.

He said a definite hour of departure will be selected Tuesday, but the takeoff will probably be between midnight and dawn Wednesday.

All is in readiness but last minute touches, and passengers are expected to be at the field Tuesday afternoon for instructions.

The flight actually is part of our unceasing effort to develop the Zeppelin on a practical basis, said Captain Lehmann. "We hope to gain data from which we can construct a ship which is able to cope with weather conditions in certain prescribed areas. The next step then would be to establish regular passage over these areas in order to make mail and passenger traffic profitable. The course to be followed will be entirely independent of weather, according to Dr. Eckenker's plans.

Officer's 'Cover Up' Attempt in Woman's Death Investigated

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—An autopsy was ordered today on the body of Mrs. Grace Emission, wealthy Honolulu woman, believed to have committed suicide with an overdose of sleeping powder.

At the same time high police officials started an investigation of the alleged attempt of Detective Lieutenant R. L. Stillwell to "cover up" the facts concerning the case.

Captain of Detectives Ray Cato is informed that the death of Mrs. Robinson, wife of a wealthy merchant, was not officially reported on office records for more than 24 hours.

It is charged that Alexander Robinson, a captain of the Los Angeles fire department, called Dr. H. B. Osborne to the woman's apartment. Dr. Osborne called police.

Lieutenant Stillwell answered the call and took the facts of the case, it was said.

In a brief statement today Stillwell explained his stand as follows: "Owing to the fact that Captain Robertson's position was one connected with the city, I tried to save him from newspaper notoriety."

Hoover May Visit Mexico in December

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—It was reported semi-officially tonight that President Hoover would visit Mexico in December.

Doctor Elwood Mead States Meeting Is For Examination of Allocation Propositions; Other Matters Not to Be Taken Up; Corporations, States and Cities Represented.

DENVER, Aug. 12. (U.P.)—Committees were appointed late today to report on Wednesday regarding the plans for distributing contracts for electric power from the Boulder Dam at a conference in the offices of the United States Reclamation service, where Dr. Elwood Mead, the chief, and Raymond F. Walter, chief engineer, met with representatives of the companies and municipalities desiring service.

Two of Original 20-Mule Team Wagons Here

With wheels as high as a normal man's head, two of the original 20-Mule Team Borax wagons are in Las Vegas.

A hundred yards south of the Union Pacific sit the two old relics of a bygone day, with a water tank trailer. Sturdy and heavy, the old wagons loom in the air "way out of reach, impressing one with the figure they must have cut as they lumbered over the hot sand trails of Death Valley behind their twenty-mule team, their driver perched atop the foremost one cracking them with his long leather whip and shouting the names of the animals that lagged.

The Union Pacific runs special tours to Death Valley every Tuesday and Friday, to the locale where these wagons used to travel, according to a sign displayed on the side of one.

Temblors Make Skyscrapers In Gotham Sway

Eastern States Tremble As Earthquake Shocks Felt; No Damage Is Reported; One Tremor Lasts Full Minute.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—Earthquake shocks centering around Buffalo rocked all of New York State and parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Ontario at about 6:24 E. S. T. today.

The shocks were registered strongly on seismographs at John Carroll University, Cleveland, and Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Estimates of the duration varied from a few seconds to a full minute for one of the temblors.

Skyscrapers in New York City swayed slightly and many persons felt the earth shake under them, but no reports of damage were received.

Pictures Shaken As far away as Sayre, Pa., pictures were shaken from walls and glassware was overturned.

At least two persons were injured indirectly in the quake.

Gus Merile, a farmer living near Attica, N. Y., was reported to have been milking a cow in a field when the shocks occurred. The stately bovine was so upset by the tremors that she promptly sat down on Merile and upset the milk pail. The farmer suffered a wrenched back.

Shaving, Man Cuts Face A resident of Grand Island, New York, was shaving when the tremors unsteadied his razor hand. He suffered minor cuts about the face.

The shocks were registered on seismographs at Cleveland, Washington, D. C., and Cambridge, Mass. At some places it was 10 minutes before the quaking of the earth ceased, and in some localities the heaviest temblor lasted a full minute.

Windows and glassware were shattered as houses rocked in cities nearest the quake center. From Ohio to Massachusetts and from New York City to Ottawa light sleepers were awakened by the shaking of their bedrooms.

Patrons Stage Fight and Barkeepers Pay

Two barkeepers suffered to the extent of \$100 each early Sunday morning because of a free-for-all staged by a number of patrons and visitors.

How the battle started is not clear to much of anyone now, but how it ended is quite definitely known. Three of the "visitors" were locked in jail for fighting and for drunkenness, W. M. Hayes, of the Green Lancers, and James Callahan of the La Salle posted bail of \$100 each for possession of liquor.

Officer Seizes Pair Impromptu Battlers

Ed Mitchell may have been the one who was knocked down at about 9 a. m. yesterday, but he's the one who remained in jail all day and then some.

George Thompson is the man who knocked him down, and he's the one who is out, on bond furnished by C. W. Aplin, and James Officer Fred Northern arrived on the scene as the rough stuff was in progress on the north side of Fremont near First, and it was he who won, the battle, landing both the others in jail.

The difficulty, it is stated, started because of remarks said to have been made by Mitchell.

'Floated' Floaters Float Back to Jail

A couple of the "floaters" whom Police Chief Percy Nash "floated" out of town last week floated back during the week end.

One of them, sometimes known as "Backie" found his way to the city jail under Nash's expert guidance.

He was found Sunday morning prospecting around an old house on the West Side, where 25 cubes of morphine had been found by officers within the past week.

Senator Key Pittman is expected to visit Las Vegas before leaving for Washington, D. C., for the session of congress.