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WRECK BIG PASSENGER PLANE IS FOUND WITH EIGHT DEAD

Four Miners Believed Crushed to Death in Cave-in of California Shaft Many Cars Delayed By Damage to Bridge

HORSES PULL AUTOS MAROONED ALL NIGHT ACROSS VIRGIN RIVER

Motorists Consume Complete Stock of Little Store at Riverside, 75 Miles Northeast on Arrowhead Trail, Waiting for Chance To Cross; State Towed 500 Over Yesterday.

Camping in their automobiles or in tents which they happened to have along, several hundred tourists and other were held up all night Tuesday night on the Arrowhead highway 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas because of damage by flood done to the Riverside bridge over the Virgin river at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

Sturdy teams belonging to Mormon inhabitants of the Virgin valley were put to work Tuesday night pulling cars across the river, the water at that time being above the running boards of the cars.

Between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday five hundred cars were pulled across near the bridge by teams employed by the state highway department, according to C. C. Boyer, state highway division engineer who spent yesterday at the bridge. At 5 p. m. there remained a hundred cars yet to be towed over, with others arriving constantly.

Will Rush Repairs Materials were being hauled yesterday to the scene to begin repair of the bridge. Ten pilings were washed out, weakening three spans, leaving them veritable suspension bridges, over which pedestrians walked, but which would not hold the weight of a car.

It is estimated that six hundred persons lined the banks of the river near the bridge at one time yesterday.

Many who found their way blocked back to Mesquite and Glendale, while those who had to put in the night as best they could on the road near the bridge camped in cars and on the ground, many remaining awake most of the night.

"Eat Out" Store Fortunately the Riverside store, located near the Las Vegas end of the bridge was able to supply many of the individuals who came to eat to keep them from "starving"—but before yesterday had passed into history the stock of the little store had been completely exhausted.

The proprietor made coffee in fifteen pound batches for a while, to keep the hapless marooned motorists warm and cheerful as possible. Eventually even the coffee ran out, and only the fellow who had something to eat in his car was able to satisfy his hunger without backtracking to the nearest town. It is approximately 22 miles back toward Las Vegas to Glendale, and about thirteen miles back the other way to Mesquite.

Stages Meet There The Pickwick stages yesterday carried their passengers to the bridge and there exchanged with another stage on the other side, the passengers walking over the "suspension" bridge.

One driver who brought in a load from Los Angeles to Las Vegas late Tuesday, when he was told at the local station that the Riverside bridge was condemned, put his passengers on the train with their fares paid to Cedar City, where it was planned another Pickwick stage would meet them and take them on to Salt Lake City.

A wire was received at 3 p. m. Tuesday by the local stage depot, telling of the difficulty at Riverside bridge.

The washout was caused by a flood from the Beaver Dam wash, above Littlefield, which swept into the Virgin river, carrying logs and

Mechanic Tells How Wood Was Killed in Plane

Flyer Who Hoped to Win National Air Race Went to Earth with Ship as Chute Saved Miller.

NEEDLES, Calif., Sept. 4 (U.P.)—In the plane in which he hoped to capture a spectacular victory in the National Air races, Major John Wood, Wausau, Wisconsin, rode to his death.

The body of the prominent flyer, president of the Northern Airway company, was found today beneath his demolished ship in the wild desert country 35 miles from here.

So mangled were his features that the plane and his clothing were necessary for identification. The story of Ward Miller, his mechanic, who leaped to safety, and the condition of the plane told of the dramatic manner in which Major Wood was killed.

Major Wood and Miller left Los Angeles at 1:30 a. m. Monday for Cleveland, hoping to win the \$5,000 offered for the speed test hop between the two cities.

Just a short time out their plane ran into bad weather and finally west of here it ran into almost impossible conditions.

Declining to turn back, Major Wood drove his craft through the lightning and rain that flashed above the desert country.

Miller was pumping gas when he was dazed by a flash. A minute later he was thrown into the air. He pulled his parachute cord at a height estimated at 10,000 feet and floated to safety.

The explosion, the cause of which was unknown, either stunned Major Wood or else he thought he could right his ship.

In any event, it carried him down and he was crushed beneath it. Miller, uninjured, wandered thru the desert for hours before he finally reached this city.

Resolution Favoring the City Park Site For Federal Building Passed at Tuesday's Meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday noon gave most of its time to discussing the matter of a location for the proposed federal building.

The discussion culminated in the passage of a resolution approving the site in the City Park tract tendered to the government by the city commissioners more than six months ago.

The motion to approve the Park site met with but one dissenting vote. Postmaster Robert Griffith voting against the motion on the ground that he thought it advisable to take more time before deciding the matter. In requesting that his vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes, Mr. Griffith stated that he is neither for nor against any particular site, but desires to see the wishes of the majority of the people carried out.

Those present at the meeting were, President A. W. Ham, Secretary H. D. Breeze, K. O. Knudson, C. D. Baker, H. L. Perry, J. S. H. Down, Robert Griffith, O. K. Adcock, O. A. Kimball, Dr. R. W. Martin, E. G. McGriff, Dr. W. S. Park and C. P. Squires.

Dr. O. D. Thomas, who was present as a guest spoke briefly, drawing an interesting picture of the agricultural and mining possibilities of the future in Clark county.

"I have never seen a mining district abounding with so much mill ore as in Clark county and the

ONE MAN SAVED, OTHERS ARE IMPRISONED 1500 FEET DOWN

Rescue Party Works Feverishly, Spurred on By Fact That Screams, Groans Were Heard in Faraway Stope of California Mine

ANGELS CAMP, Calif., Sept. 4 (U.P.)—Four men were believed to have been crushed to death when a mine tunnel in which they were working caved in here today.

The imprisoned men are 1500 feet below the surface in a tunnel of the Copperopolis mine. At noon one of the men was brought out alive, but badly crushed. The fate of the other four was unknown while desperate rescue efforts were being launched.

Belief that possibly one of the miners is alive was expressed by rescuers, who declared they heard screams and groans of a man in one of the stopes which they could not reach.

Tons of rock suddenly fell on the 500 foot level this morning 75 feet off the main shaft. The miner rescued is Ompre Valle, a Mexican.

FARM BLOC PERILS TARIFF BILL AS CONGRESS MEETS

By PAUL R. MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U.P.)—With a bi-partisan farm bloc coalition threatening to overturn the whole structure of the new Republican \$600,000,000 tariff bill, the senate half of President Hoover's special farm relief session of congress reconvenes here at noon today to take up the issue where it was dropped last June.

The house will return September 23. The tariff bill will be reported today by Chairman Reed Smoot of the senate finance committee with the revisions made by the committee. Under the rules it must lie on the table for a day, but Smoot wants to get debate started tomorrow if possible, because he realizes a long hard contest is in prospect.

The farm bloc leaders think it will not be very long. Nine Republicans from the middle western states organized late yesterday in a meeting held in the office of Senator Borah of Idaho. They expect more of their group to be present at a second gathering later today, where they will decide how to proceed toward eliminating the industrial rate increases granted in the Republican bill, and preserving only the increased duties for agriculture.

Last June their movement was defeated by a one vote margin, 38 to 39, with many absent. Borah, who sponsored the movement at that time, says he has not lost a vote, and claims to have gained "at least one or two." One would enable him to sweep the whole structure of the new bill into the discard.

By WILL C. HIGGINS LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4—Operations at the present time at the Gold Ace mine at Cararra, Nevada, are confined to attaining greater depth in the performance of development work, according to G. Ray Boggs, general manager, who states the main working shaft, at a depth of 200 feet, is still in milling ore after passing through forty feet of the bedded vein, a replacement in limestone, most of which is ore of commercial grade.

Shaft sinking is being continued, he says, to get below the sill rock of monzonite schist under which, at a depth of about 300 feet, it is believed, a large body of highgrade ore, on the contact, will be penetrated. At the 200-foot level a stave is being cut, from which level a lateral will be sent out into the ore body.

The mill at the mine is in commission one shift daily, on an average, treating ore taken out in the performance of development work only, and about 600 or 700 ounces of gold bullion are being marketed monthly.

The milling plant on the ground is soon to be replaced by an open end rod mill and other improvements are in contemplation. About 30 men are employed at the mine and mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanding and children, Helen, Rosemary and Harry, returned Tuesday from their summer vacation at Long Beach.

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Miss Frazier Will Organize Honor Society

Class Advisors Named By High School Principal; Registration Already Nearly One Thousand.

For the first time in the history of Las Vegas high school, a general honor society will be organized this year, under the personal direction of Miss Maude Frazier, principal, with nineteen members of various societies as the nucleus.

A new policy of having two class supervisors for each high school class, one a man and the other a woman teacher, has been adopted by Miss Frazier, who yesterday announced the names of the advisors for classes and clubs.

The fact that the enrollment in the various classes has become so large has prompted the adoption of this innovation, she explained.

Class advisors are as follows: Seniors, Miss Eva Adams and Mr. Raby J. Newton. Juniors, Miss Angie Roosa and Mr. Robert Scott.

Sophomores, Miss Mabel Mariani and Mr. Harold Brinley. Freshmen, Miss Mildred Scott and Mr. W. E. Barr.

Miss Helen Haines will be faculty advisor for the school paper, "The Desert Breeze," while Mr. George E. Harris will be advisor for the "Boulder Echo," the school annual.

Miss Mabel Mariani will be advisor for the Spanish club, Mr. Harold Brinley for the Science Club, Mr. Robert Scott and Miss Eva Adams for the Debate Club, Miss Bertha Akin for the Home Economics Club and Lewis E. Rowe for the Art Guild and Glee Clubs.

Coach Frank Butcher will be advisor for the Boys' Letter Club and Miss Beulah Drom for the Girls' Letter Club, while Helen Haines will have charge of the Short Handed Club.

Miss Frazier, who will take personal charge of the honor society, said yesterday that she is keeping this responsibility for herself because it is her particular hobby in school work.

Nearly 1,000 Enrolled There were 237 students enrolled to study in the present high school building yesterday evening, after two days of registration, the total registration for the city being nearly 2,000.

Registration by classes was as follows yesterday: Ninth B, 63; Ninth A, 12; Sophomores, 69; Juniors, 36; Seniors, 28, and special students, 10. A greater increase than ever before is predicted by Miss Frazier.

The grammar school registration was as follows: West Side, third and fourth, 29; second, 31; first, 37, and kindergarten, 22. Las Vegas Grammar School: Eighth, 55; seventh, 69; sixth, 86; fifth, 95; fourth, 69; third, 57; second, 57; first, 84, and kindergarten, 72.

The sixth grade will have to be broken, according to K. O. Knudson, principal, because of the fact that it is much larger than was expected. Many more students are expected to enroll next Monday.

Factory Blast Kills Seventeen BRESTIA, Italy, Sept. 4 (U.P.)—Firemen and soldiers looking through the wreckage of a fireworks factory which was destroyed by an explosion and fire near Montichiari this afternoon, tonight had recovered seventeen bodies.

Fifty workers, most of them women, were in the factory when the explosion occurred. Twenty were injured.

A search for further victims continued.

CRASH OF T. A. T. SHIP IS BELIEVED CAUSED BY BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Great Tri-Motored Plane Trying to Avoid Violent Storm in New Mexico When Tragedy Occurs; Trucks Sent to Bring in Bodies of Five Passengers, Crew of Three.

Vacation Passing? Fifty - one Come Here on One Train

Fifty-one persons stepped from U. P. train No. 22 at 6:15 Tuesday morning to remain.

Vacation is almost over and they're arriving back in Las Vegas with sunburned noses and big smiles, having disported themselves on the beaches and golf courses of California and in the mountains of said state for what-ever time bosses and businesses would permit.

Fifty-one came back on one train! (So said the conductor.) Not a Las Vegas special, either. But they're coming back. And the population of the city will soon be back to normal.

L. A. Police Rum Graft Expose Is Threatened

Bootlegger Says Officers Crew Exorbitant In Their Demands for Hush Money, Is Jailed

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (U.P.)—The sensational charges of Harry McDonald, arrested as a liquor law violator, that certain Los Angeles policemen were involved in a prohibition "pay-off" ring will be taken before the grand jury at a special session, it was announced today.

At least ten witnesses will be called to tell what they know about McDonald's assertions, according to Deputy District Attorney Percy Hammond.

Hammond said that special investigators have been assigned to the case as in some instances efforts have been made to intimidate witnesses or cause some of them to leave the city.

While the state was preparing its case for the grand jury, McDonald was trying to obtain his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

The present investigation started last Friday after McDonald was arrested on a charge of violating the state dry law. He was said to have told the district attorney he had operated as a bootlegger for five years and had been "protected" by paying thousands of dollars to certain police officers.

According to McDonald's story, the officers became so exorbitant in their demands that he was driven almost to bankruptcy.

Deploping the "graft-ridden" conditions of the Los Angeles police department, the police commission yesterday asked the city council for a permanent fund to conduct secret investigations within the department.

PALO ALTO, Cal. Set. 4 (U.P.)—Still exceedingly weak, but "slightly brighter," Dr. David Starr Jordan, 78, chancellor emeritus of Stanford University was resting easily at his home today. He was born ill since July 3.

Plane Tail Spins, Kills Testers PALLULAH, La., Sept. 4 (U.P.)—While testing a plane to be put into passenger service, two employees of the Southern Testing company were killed today when the ship went into a tailspin and crashed three miles north of here.

The crew are John Cason, 23, of Pallulah, and Eugene Scholdor, formerly of Syracuse, New York.

73 Drown When His Ship Sinks



Here is Captain A. F. Asplund, skipper of the ill-fated steamer San Juan, which was rammed by an oil tanker 50 miles south of San Francisco and sank immediately, with loss of 73 lives. Thirty-seven persons were rescued. It was one of the worst marine disasters in recent years.

Boulder Dam Effect Imperial To Be Studied

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 3 (U.P.)—The water requirements of the Imperial and Coachella valleys, and the effect the building of Boulder Dam is likely to have on their development, will be studied by Thomas A. Havel, assistant commissioner of the U. S. general land office, who left Monday on a tour of inspection.

Peter Rosentower of Goodsprings has returned from Las Angeles and visited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. McIntyre yesterday in Las Vegas.

The debris is said to have caused the washing out of the piling, and much wood and other floatam was banked up against the bridge, at latest reports.

The water, which was still high yesterday, was slowly going down, and last night was not up to the runningboard of the cars which were towed across, as it had been Tuesday night.

Six teams worked all day yesterday pulling motorists across that they might go on their way.

This bridge, it will be remembered, is one of the two which withstood the onslaught of the huge flood when the Littlefield dam went out several weeks ago, the water going over the first rail of one of them during the crest of the flood.

Roads are said to be in good condition outside of the one point where the bridge is condemned.