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Thrill, Death In This Ride



A few seconds after this picture was taken at Merced, Calif., the rider, Perry Ivory, jumped and landed on his feet when the bull hit the corral fence. And a few seconds thereafter the bull was shot as he charged a group of persons giving aid to an injured cowboy. Ivory, 24, of Alturas, Calif., is a leader in the American Rodeo Association's contest for the year's best rider.

A WORLD OF INTEREST.

THIS "DESERT STUFF" as it is often lightly termed, is appealing more and more strongly to the wealthy class of tourist travel.

The country about Las Vegas, for example, contains a world of interest and beauty, quite in contrast with what may be found in other parts of the country.

A certain glamour attaches to "The Desert" because of the old dangers and the romance wound about it by our imaginations. Many are the stories we have read of the suffering and death from heat and thirst on the endless trails; of the poison springs and slow starvation, to say nothing of the threat of savage Indians.

But now, fortunately, those dangers have been relegated to the past by the power and swiftness of the automobile and the many miles of improved highways reaching into every corner.

It is now safe and easy to reach those wild and woolly spots which a few years ago even to think about gave one cold shivers. It is safe to assert that a traveler over the desert highways is in less danger than if he were in the crowded centers of population.

In the country about Las Vegas we have a world of unusual interest which, perhaps, even some of us here do not fully appreciate. To the traveler from the east it is a source of endless wonder.

There are the Joshua forests, weird and uncanny; the Valley of Fire with its unimaginable contrasts in form and color; the endless many hued, constantly changing vistas of valleys and mountains; the Charleston Park region, a bit of Eden hidden away in the desert waste.

Even forbidding Death Valley has been robbed of its terrors and its dangers and made safe for the lovers of the unusual to visit.

The automobile has done much for mankind, but it can boast of no greater service than that it brings to the desert. In her desert scenery Las Vegas has an asset which will become increasingly valuable with the years.

GREAT HIGHWAY WORK.

FOR YEARS we of Las Vegas fumed about the refusal or neglect of Arizona to build its portion of the Arrowhead Highway. Passing for approximately 20 miles over the northwestern corner of that state, the road wound in and out, up and down, over hills and through canyons, narrow, and in some places dangerous.

Soon that old source of complaint will have been forgotten. In its place, Arizona is building one of the finest highways in the country. It sweeps through the rugged country with easy grades, broad curves through deep cuts and over great fills. It will be featured by great steel bridges and massive culverts and will prove a wonderful attraction to travel between Los Angeles and the east.

The highway, being partly financed through federal aid, is a very expensive one to build. It is scheduled to be completed in about four months.

In the meantime to view the magnitude of the new work is alone worth the trouble of driving over the troublesome old road.

A HIGHER DAM.

SECRETARY WILBUR is considering seriously the suggestion that Boulder Dam be planned to rise above the water 575 feet rather than 550 feet which for some time has been assumed as the best and most feasible height.

The engineers at Denver are giving the matter careful study and, if they approve the idea, the increase in height will be adopted as the plans. Whether this would require an additional appropriation is not at this time quite certain. It would not, however, necessitate any delay in the beginning of the work because the preliminaries in either case would be the same.

SPOTLESS TOWN.

LAS VEGAS will soon be bright and clean, according to Commissioner Otis J. Smith. The new street sweeper will arrive within a few days and will be instrumental in keeping our pavements in much better condition than heretofore.

Odd Route to Bank President

OLIVA, Minn.—(U.P.)—When fate sent Miss Hattie S. Bordenise out to teach in a rural school where the pupils couldn't speak English it unwittingly gave Olive one of the few women bank presidents in the northwest.

"Well, I really set out to be a teacher in English in some university," Miss Borewich explained, "but it was very difficult when the children spoke one language and I another.

"So I took up a commercial course and became a speaker's clerk in the house of representatives. Then I drifted into the drug store business and eventually became half owner of the establishment.

It was after this business venture that she became interested in the banking business. Her brother-in-law just having purchased the Oliva State Bank here she was offered a position as clerk which attracted into receiving teller, stenographer, janitor, and oftentimes she was the sole official around the bank to take care of official business. In relating her story of from clerk to president she continued:

"Well, when my brother-in-law died about seven years ago I stepped into his position because of my familiarity with the work and perhaps because of the confidence of the people here made it seem the logical thing."

Whilom Friend Of Czar Toils

LONDON.—(U.P.)—Working as a carpenter in a small London shop is a former Russian czar who was a close friend of the late czar.

He is Admiral Barakoff, before the revolution one of the most powerful men in Russia. Today, however, he is only "Mister" Barakoff, a courteous old carpenter, who works hard in his shop throughout the week.

Barakoff is nearly 80 but he will accept help from no one. He has been approached several times to publish his memoirs, especially his letters from the czar, but has refused to do so.

"I work for my living," he told the publishers. "I do not sell private letters."

Huge Box Falls Kills Employee

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—When a cable slipped and released a huge packing box containing 750 pounds of telephone equipment from a height of six stories, P. T. Murphy, 30, was killed instantly late today.

The box, more than 18 feet in length, struck Murphy when he was unable to get out of its path. He was an employee of the Southern California Telephone Company.

"SCENIC OR SIGN-IC?"



The photograph, according to the Standard Oil Bulletin, illustrates a motorist viewing California Mountain Scenery." The Standard Oil Company of California is now conducting four prize contests with a view to finding a solution of the problem of the defacement of the scenery of the Pacific Coast by objectionable advertising signs. Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 are being offered for the three best 1500-word or less answers as to how the evil can be corrected; of \$500, \$250 and \$125 for the best 500-word or less statements on why it should be corrected; of \$250, \$125 and \$75 for the three eight-word or less slogans which will most effectively rouse public sentiment on the question, and additional prizes of \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the five best amateur photographs of actual signs which best portray defacement.

Getting Ready For Dam Travel

New 25-Pasenger Boat Built For Colorado River Traffic—Cashman Plans Ferry Service.

A new 25-passenger power boat to accommodate officials, engineers and tourists in their desire to visit the site of Boulder Dam has been built for James Cashman and will be placed on the river as soon as it arrives in Vegas, which probably will be within a few days.

The new craft is 30 feet in length and is powered with a 100-h. p. marine type motor. It was built at Long Beach by Oscar Pike, veteran boat builder and is believed to be the swiftest craft on the lower Colorado, having made better than 20 miles per hour on tests.

In addition to the new passenger craft, Mr. Cashman plans to cooperate with the Kingman people in operating a ferry across the river for automobile traffic.

The Arizona people have built their highway extension from Chino to within five or six miles of the dam site. The road will be completed to the river during the next few months and although it is of a temporary character it will serve as a connecting link between Kingman and Las Vegas until an improved highway is built by the government.

By means of the new highway when completed, tourists will be bound on the Old Trails route will be able to detour by way of the dam site and Las Vegas, adding only about 25 miles to their distance to Los Angeles. The route will become immensely popular as the work on the Boulder Dam project progresses and the ferry will furnish the connecting link across the river until the dam is completed and the highway is routed across its top.

The Kingman-Las Vegas highway in time will be one of the notable tourist routes of America and will serve countless thousands who in future years wish to view the greatest engineering works on the western continent.

Bandits Capture An Armored Car

Forcing Way Into Car, Robbers Kidnap Two Employees and Escape With \$12,000.

SACRAMENTO, Cal. Sept. 23. (U.P.)—Authorities throughout the Sacramento Valley tonight were asked to search for two unmasked bandits who stole an armored automobile containing \$12,000 from the heart of the city's business district at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The two bandits forced their way into the armored car just as it was leaving a department store and forced the driver and a representative of the company to accompany them. The two kidnapped men were made to leave the automobile three miles north of Sacramento.

Bandits Secure \$60,000 In Gems

SEATTLE, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—A salesman for Rothstein Bros., Seattle diamond brokers, was held up and robbed of diamonds valued at \$60,000 today, according to police reports.

J. J. Lawenstein, the salesman, was delivering the diamonds to the office when accosted by two bandits in the hall of the Lergett building.

The salesman said he was able to identify one of the bandits as a well-known prize fighter.

NEW DITCHING MACHINE USED IN WARDIE ADDITION

The Desert Construction Company has added a new Barber-Greene ditching machine to their heavy duty equipment. The ditching machine is now being used on the Wardie addition where water mains are being installed.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Closing Bids and Asked Quotations LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS Monday, Sept. 23, 1929.

Utilities Lead Slow Market

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—A slow but rising market featured trading on the Los Angeles Stock and Curb exchanges this morning with public utilities leading in the number of sales. New York money was at 10 per cent. In the utilities Pacific Public Service went up 1 1/2 at 35 1/2 sold 3800 shares. Southern California Edison common sold 2,900 shares at 88 1/2 up 1 1/2. Edison set a new high during the early part of the trading, rising to 88 1/2. In the industrials Douglas Aircraft sold 600 shares at 24 1/2 up 1. Security First National in the banks was up 1 1/2 to 139 1/2 opening at 140. 700 shares were delivered. Pacific Western ed the oils with 1900 shares at 24 1/2 opening at 24 1/2 off 1/2. Rio Grande with 100 shares at 28 1/2 was off 1/2. Union Associates sold 400 shares up 1/2. Union Oil up 1/2 at 50 1/2 sold 600 shares. In the miscellaneous issues Trus American sold 300 shares at 66 up 1/2.

Art Gobel Only Pilot to Arrive

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. Sept. 23. (U.P.)—Art Gobel, the only American entry in the Mexico City-Kansas City air derby, battled his way through storms in Mexico and landed here at five twenty-five this afternoon after an uneventful flight from Tampico, the first stop en route.

Gobel said that terrific storms raged in the mountainous country between Mexico City and Tampico and that he had to climb to fifteen thousand feet altitude to avoid one storm.

In Tampico Gobel learned that four Mexican pilots had turned back to Mexico City because of the storm and that one Mexican was reported lost. It was believed that the latter pilot was forced down at Huejutla, State of Hidalgo. Gobel expected to complete the trip to Kansas City tomorrow.

Lindy Completes 2,590 Mile Hop

MIAMI, Fla. Sept. 23. (U.P.)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, at four twenty o'clock this afternoon, completing the establishment of the new air mail line bringing the Northeastern coast of South America closer by fourteen days than heretofore.

The arrival at Paramaribo completed a two thousand five hundred ninety mile flight since Lindy took off from Miami last Friday morning to inaugurate the mail route.

U. P. Requests Time Extension

Beginning of Actual Construction On Boulder Dam Branch Must Await Government Action.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23. (U.P.)—Preliminary details for the new branch line of the Union Pacific System to the site of Boulder Canyon Dam practically have been completed and actual construction work awaits further action by the Federal government, Carl R. Gray, president of the railroad, said yesterday upon his arrival in Los Angeles.

Accompanied by a party of five Union Pacific officials, President Gray arrived at 6 a. m. aboard a private car from the national parks in Southern Utah on his annual inspection tour.

Delay Necessitated Branching off the main line about seven miles south of Las Vegas, the Boulder Canyon Dam line will extend twenty-two miles and cost approximately \$750,000, according to specifications. Construction work, according to arrangements made by the Interstate commerce commission, was to begin October 1, next. However, due to incomplete details in charge of the Federal government, the railroad porforce will be compelled to seek an extension of time for the commencement of the work, Mr. Gray said.

As planned, the branch line will proceed to the head of the canyon, where it will connect with a seven or eight mile extension into the canyon which will be operated by the dam builders. Providing transportation for materials as well as tourists to what will be one of the most outstanding engineering feats in history, the branch line presages much for the railroad, Mr. Gray intimated.

Beginning its tour from Omaha, headquarters of the Union Pacific System, the inspection party upon its return will have traversed the entire area covered by the railroad.

A decrease somewhat in corn and wheat crops in the middle West and in fruit and vegetable crops in Northern California have resulted in shipments below those reached at the peak of shipping activities last year, Mr. Gray said. Comparatively good climatic conditions east of California this year also have had a tendency to affect tourist travel to California during the months of August and September, he said.

No new mechanical improvements of a pronounced change are contemplated by the system, the equipment and devices now in use representing the most modern, the executive said. It has been the policy of the Union Pacific System to improve its holdings from year to year, he said. In this connection he cited the tunnel-building program of the railroad, twelve of which out of a total of eighteen either are completed or under completion. While only one of the tunnels is in California all are on the line between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, it was pointed out.

The official party, which is scheduled to depart for Omaha on Wednesday, includes C. D. Seger, chairman of the finance committee; W. M. Jeffers, vice-president in charge of operations; J. L. Haugh and E. E. Adams, recently appointed vice-presidents, and H. C. Mann, chief engineer.

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