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OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

SAFE IN SOUND

It is a relief and something of a comfort to know that another long distance hop ended, before it really began, without any loss of life, when Browne and Brooks landed safe in Puget Sound.

Nat C. Browne and Frank Brooks, hopping off from Seattle and attempting to take additional fuel in the air, were forced to jump when the plane went to pieces at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

Both men were saved by their parachutes, but Browne's ship was totally destroyed.

Which leaves one less thing to make us wrothy nights.

A FRAME UP
Fred Frame, Los Angeles boy, won the great 500-mile automobile race at Indianapolis yesterday making an average speed of more than 104 miles an hour.

It was a great race to which records were broken plentifully.

An interesting feature of the race is the fact that the winning car was front wheel drive.

And the starting feature the fact that nobody was killed.

Los Angeles seems to be doing well in the matter of speed, two of her cars placing among the first ten.

DEER CREEK
The writer Sunday for the first time visited the Deer Creek country. For quite a number of years we have been told of its remarkable beauty, but somehow always thought the enthusiastic praise it received was a little bit of exaggeration.

Deer Creek canyon is one of the most delightful places in the whole county. The stream flows down through a canyon clothed with heavy pine forest creating an endless number of little waterfalls, rapids and pools which are perfectly delightful.

The wonder of it is that all during the heated spell there is a fine little stream of ice cold water flowing down the canyon for a few miles, finally to sink into the thirsty earth.

In the upper portion of Deer Creek Canyon at an altitude of 8,500 feet, the stream is beautiful and it creates many charming little water falls as it hurries down the steep canyon.

The timber there is large and fine. Great pines furnish plenty of shade and will shelter many charming summer homes.

The distance from Las Vegas is about 40 miles and the road not at all bad. Heretofore the lack of a good road has kept people from visiting Deer Creek, but since the U. S. Forest Service started to establish a public camp there the road has been improved to the point where the drive from Las Vegas is made in from one hour and fifteen minutes to one hour and forty minutes, depending on car and driver.

It is the intention to have the road considerably improved this season. In which case the time of travel would decrease.

Those who are inclined to complain that the road should be up to Deer Creek. The altitude is 8,500, although one can hardly believe it so gradual is the rise. And there is snow in the canyons the year round.

BALLOON CREWS BATTLE STORMS

OMAHA, Neb., May 31 (U.P.)—Six balloons were somewhere over north America today, competing for distance honors in the National balloon race.

The six big gas bags sailed off last night in the teeth of a wind that pilots said meant "suicide." The wind velocity was 25 miles an hour when the first balloon swayed crazily, tore down a barbed wire fence and then bounded over a clump of trees while its crew worked frantically, throwing ballast overboard.

The six balloons were after the Litchfield trophy and the right to represent the United States in the International contest in Switzerland. Their crews also were out to beat the present record for free flight, 961 miles.

FR. DEVLIN WILL FILL POST HERE

The Reverend Father James O'Grady, pastor of the St. Joan of Arc Church, will sail from New York on the night of June 14, for Ireland, where he will attend the Eucharistic congress of the Catholic church this summer as a representative of the Diocese of the state of Nevada.

While in Ireland, Father O'Grady will visit his aged mother who lives in Tipperary, Castle county, Ireland. This will make the first trip to his native country he has made for a number of years.

During the four months absence of Father O'Grady, Father W. J. Devlin, formerly assistant rector of the St. Thomas Aquinas cathedral in Reno, will officiate in the St. Joan of Arc church. Father Devlin has spent many years in the southwest and is well known through the state of Nevada. He will leave for Reno upon the return of Father O'Grady.

While abroad, Father O'Grady may visit London, Liverpool, and continental Europe.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Maximum, 86; minimum, 49

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, May 30 (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 3/4 cents a pound. Bar silver, 27 1/2 cents an ounce. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.87 cents a pound.

DEATH INVESTIGATOR SLAIN DISASTER AGAIN STRIKES FLIER

PACIFIC PLANE CRASHES IN SOUND AT START

Jinx Scores Coup On Cowboy-Flier: Men Take to 'Chutes

By ARTHUR HENDERSON

United Press Staff Correspondent SEATTLE, May 30—(U.P.)—Nat C. Browne, hearty Texas cowpuncher, leaped to safety in a parachute today when his heavily loaded monoplane Lone Star crashed into Puget Sound at the start of his second attempted non-stop flight across the Pacific in quest of \$29,500 in prizes.

BOTH BAIL OUT
Frank Brooks, professional parachute jumper and stunt man who was in the Lone Star's cabin, likewise took to his parachute and together the airmen fell into the water. Both parachutes failed to open until the fliers were dangerously near the surface.

Browne, victim of a series of jinxes, was attempting to refuel over the sound when a weighted hose from the refueling ship, piloted by Frank Whaley, struck the Lone Star's stabilizer.

The big cotton Fokker dived crazily, out of control. Browne desperately tried to right it. A wing collapsed. Then the ship seemed to fall to pieces.

Seeing all hope of saving the plane was gone, the two men jumped. A speeding motorboat picked them up and they were taken to Ballard general hospital for examination.

Browne had a dislocated left shoulder. Brooks was uninjured. The latter had planned to descend in a parachute after refueling the Lone Star.

"Browne came too close under Whaley's re-fueler," Brooks explained, laughing at the experience which cost Browne a coveted award and an expensive plane.

700 FOOT VOISE DIVE
The plane nose-dived about 700 feet from an altitude of 2,000 feet. When Nat tried to bring her out of it, she started breaking up.

"Boy, the air was filled with wings, struts, wheels. We weren't anxious to jump immediately in all that stuff."

But when we got free in our parachutes it was fun to see who would land first. I beat him about 200 yards to the waters of Puget Sound."

The Lone Star carried 650 gallons of gasoline when it rushed down the elevated ramp at Boeing field and climbed into the air. The heavy load, to which Browne planned to add 300 gallons for the 5,000 mile flight to Tokyo, aided in causing the craft to collapse.

Brooks was strapped in a back compartment. When the 50 pound weight which had been fastened to the refueling hose to steady it in the air struck the stabilizer, Brooks immediately cut the straps. But Browne, whose instinctive reaction to emergencies was developed when he punched cattle on the Texas plains and when he flew with the army air corps, was the first to jump.

The 36-year-old pilot tried to right the diving plane. When that failed he came to a standing position on the seat, then leaped outward into space.

Brooks jumped a few seconds later.

CHUTES ALMOST FAIL
"It seemed their parachutes would never open as they hurtled towards the sound," said Whaley, who (Continued on page six)

Killer Imported From New York Is 'Rubbed Out' By Chicago Mobsters

CHICAGO, May 30 (U.P.)—A gangster firing squad took a young man into the "moonshine suburb" of Burnham before dawn today, forced him to stare into the darkness and shot four bullets into his back and one into his head.

A motorist found the body of the swarthy, dark-haired victim several hours later, face downward. The bullet holes revealed to police the manner of his slaying. A New York label in his hat-band indicated the possibility of his having been an imported killer, said officers in pushing their efforts to identify him.

WORKS BY MILE



Miss Clara Johnson, stewardess on a United Air Lines plane, figures her service in terms of miles rather than the usual months and years. Traveling between Seattle and San Diego, she will complete 200,000 miles of service early in June.

Deadly Gas Diffused By Giant Toad Found In Arizona, Mexico

WASHINGTON, May 29—(U.P.)—A monster Mexican toad capable of killing animals from a distance with a mysterious effusion from its body is described in the latest scientific monograph of the Smithsonian Institution here.

This long range killer inhabits the hottest portion of the North American continent. It ranges over the Mexican border into Arizona and California. Although the exact nature of its poison is still unknown, according to Dr. Remington Kellogg of the Smithsonian staff, some of the accounts of persons who have come in contact with the toad indicate that it may diffuse a deadly gas when frightened or in pain.

One such incident included in the monograph is described by M. E. Musgrave of the United States Biological survey. Musgrave said his terrier attacked one of these toads and shook it to death. Musgrave himself was an eye witness standing about five feet away. When the terrier dropped the toad a large police dog came up and barely touched its nose to the dead creature before it was again seized by the terrier.

In his account of the incident and of what followed Musgrave writes: "I thought no more about it and started home, the police dog following. He had gone no more than 100 feet when his front legs crumpled under him and he pitched forward. His legs and body appeared paralyzed. I immediately realized that something was wrong and looking over to where the little terrier had been I saw her lying on the ground, her face in the dirt. I felt her heart and found the action slow. She could get no air into her lungs. Within two or three minutes from the time she first bit the toad she died. Bloody foam oozed from her mouth and nose."

"About this time," Musgrave continues, "I became very sick myself. My head was swimming and there was a lifting feeling in my lung cavity. It affected me peculiarly. I wanted to walk and keep on walking. The effect did not wear off until about a half an hour. The police dog revived in about forty-five minutes."

Musgrave is uncertain whether he received the poison dose while the terrier was shaking the toad or when he was trying to revive the dying dog. Later he reports handling without bad effect, a toad of the same species sent to the headquarters of the Biological survey.

BROMLEY FORCED TO LAND PLANE

AMARILLO, Texas, May 30 (U.P.)—Harold Bromley landed his red and black Lockheed Vega monoplane here tonight at 9:30 o'clock after discovering a leak in a rear fuel tank had caused loss of nearly all the fuel he needed for his New York to Los Angeles nonstop flight.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Wren of Susanville. She is a graduate of the University of Nevada with the class of 1927. While attending the University, she took a prominent part in various campus activities. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Campus Players and Cap and Scroll. Her work in dramatics was especially outstanding.

Duborg is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Duborg of Reno and a nephew of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Frandsen who visited in Las Vegas Sunday. He graduated from the University of Nevada one year, prior to his entry in the United States Naval academy at Annapolis. At the present time he is attached to U. S. S. Lexington.

HOME FROM L. A.

Mrs. Bert Ayers returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with relatives in Los Angeles.

COAST DRIVER IS WINNER OF SPEED EVENT

Three Hurt Slightly In Accidents; Best Time In Years Made

By STEVE RICHARDS

United Press Staff Correspondent INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY, May 30—(U.P.)—Whirling around the two and one half-mile brick oval at the fastest speed in the history of the 500-mile International Automobile race, Fred Frame, tall, rangy Los Angeles driver, won the 20th American Grand Prix today before a holiday throng estimated at 155,000.

THRILLING DUEL
Frame, driving an eight-cylinder, front-wheel drive Miller-Hartz Special, flashed across the finish line 23.67 seconds ahead of Howard Wilcox of Indianapolis after a thrilling duel which lasted throughout the last 75 miles of the race.

Frame's time for the 500 miles was 4 hours, 48 minutes, 13.79 seconds, an average speed of 104.144 miles an hour, bettering by more than 8 minutes the former time record of 4:56:39 and by more than three miles an hour the former average speed of 101.13, both set by Peter de Paolo in winning the 1925 race.

Frame, who finished second to Louis Schneider last year, drove a steady, conservative race. He started in the tenth row, forged his way up among the first 10 at 100 miles, and was well up among the leaders until the 300-mile mark when he went into second place behind Wilbur Shaw, Indianapolis. When Shaw was forced out of the race with a broken axle on the 157th lap (about 392 miles, Frame assumed the lead and held it until he received the checkered flag of victory on his 200th time around the treacherous oval.

Only ten out of the original field of 40 starters finished the grueling grind, but four others were flagged down after the first ten prize winners.

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IS CLEARED OF B. B. JOB

The innocence of Charles H. Nelson, in connection with the holdup of the B. & B. club in this city some weeks ago was established when the bartender at the club failed to identify him yesterday.

However Nelson must serve the sentence imposed upon him when convicted of carrying concealed weapons.

The prisoner was arrested several days ago by Officer Louis Ford, on the complaint of a private citizen. When searched he was found to be carrying a fully loaded .25 calibre automatic pistol and an empty .32 calibre six-shooter.

When given a hearing in municipal court, Nelson was found guilty of the concealed weapon charge and sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or spend 100 days in the county stockade. Unable to pay the fine, the elderly man immediately began serving his sentence.

Organizations participating in the parade were: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Legionnaires, Eagles, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Ladies of the Legion Woodcraft, Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary, Spanish American War

VEGAN IS HURT BY HIT-RUNNER

Jack Wilson of Las Vegas was struck and painfully injured by a hit-and-run driver on the Boulder City highway Sunday afternoon, suffering a bad gash on the back of his head and a lacerated ear. While a complete diagnosis has not been completed, it is believed that he suffered internal injuries.

Wilson lay on the road for six hours before being picked up by A. Fletcher who brought him to this city and took him to County Physician H. I. Vander Meulen, who gave him emergency aid and ordered his removal to the county hospital.

SCREEN STAR HURT



Beautiful Joan Crawford, above, Hollywood film celebrity, suffered an injured ankle while filming a picture at Catalina island. X-ray pictures were taken to determine the extent of her injuries.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN IS AMONG OBSERVERS OF MEMORIAL DAY

Organizations of L. V. Hold Services For War Heroes

Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal organizations of Las Vegas combined in making the Memorial Day observance the most memorable in the history of the city. Approximately two hundred Legionnaires, Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Woodcraftsmen and civilians participated in the parade which officially opened the Memorial Day observance.

The attention of the spectators of the parade was centered around Jim Ladd, 93 year old veteran of the Civil War, who occupied the spot of honor in the entourage. Ladd is believed to be the only survivor of the war between the states living in this section of the Southwest. He has lived in Las Vegas for many years and yesterday marked the 25th Memorial Day service in which he has participated in this city.

With the military bearing and demeanor that characterizes the true soldier, this venerable veteran bore himself proudly and was as active a participant in the services as any man present.

Much attention was drawn to the Grammam school band, made up of youngsters, few of whom were more than ten years old. Two little colored boys drew particular attention to their musical efforts, and were not unrewarded, as evidenced by the applause.

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JOB FOR EIGHT ON SEWER SYSTEM

City Engineer A. R. Thompson states that a couple of "jack-hammer men" and about six laborers are needed for sewer construction.

It is the intention of the City Engineer to select those who are residents and property owners in Las Vegas.

Applicants are requested to apply this morning to the office of City Engineer A. R. Thompson, in the Auxiliary, Spanish American War

Field Of Chinese Opium Poppies Is Found In South; Engineer Arrested

NEW ORLEANS, May 20 (U.P.)—A field of Chinese opium poppies near Effie, Avoyelles parish, said to be the first of its kind ever found in the United States, was discovered and destroyed today by New Orleans narcotics agents. Claude Fauga, chemical engineer and former Texas A. and M. college football star, who was arrested by federal agents Saturday, was said by the officers to have been established as the owner of the farm.

Narcotics agents said the plants showed scratches and cuts, indicating that opium had been taken from them.

BOULDER DAM PROJECT

The Progress of this vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

SANTINI'S PAL FOUND SHOT IN DEATH CABIN

Knew Too Much, Many Believe; Death Is Second In 6 Weeks.

Police officials of Las Vegas are almost unanimous in the belief that the sinister and mysterious moves that inspired the killing of Joseph Santini more than a month ago, were again at work when Vittorio Decimo, close friend of Santini's, who came here from Lincoln County to investigate the murder of his friend, met his death at the hand of an unknown assailant early yesterday morning, in a cabin near Stewart and Second streets.

GAPING WOUND
Decimo was found dead in his bed a gaping bullet wound in his head. He was lying in a natural position, his hands crossed and clasped over his stomach and the gun was lying on the floor with the cylinder open. The revolver, a .38 calibre six-shooter, police said, belongs to Harry Bennett, close friend of the murdered Joseph Santini, who said he loaned it to Decimo who was "afraid" to stay in the death cabin.

The underworld of Las Vegas was afire with rumors last night, the gist of which seemed to be that Decimo, in coming here to investigate the death of Santini, had incurred the hatred and fear of the perpetrator of that crime with the result that Decimo was put on "the spot" before he had a chance to learn the killer's identity.

This latest slaying is similar in many details to the shooting of the aged Santini and makes the investigation to die in the cabin previously occupied by Santini. Decimo's body was found at 7:30 yesterday morning by a patrolman who had been called to the cabin, when two other occupants could not gain access to the place.

RUMORS THICK
There have been consistent rumors current in the underworld and outside circles since the Santini killing, to the effect that if the murderer were sifted and a thorough investigation made, powerful figures in the local liquor racket would be incriminated by the resultant evidence and allegedly close friends of the slain Italian would be found as the instigators of the murder.

Yesterday these rumors assumed a more tangible form and the story on the lips of every character not involved or under suspicion in the double murder, was that a friend of Santini's, who had access to all the personal effects of the dead man, had hired a gunman to do away with the Italian, and, when Decimo put in an unexpected appearance, repeated his gruesome performance. They say further that the two men who killed Santini were not unknown to him, therefore he was not alarmed when they approached him on the night of the murder, in the guise of friendship.

When after a lapse of several weeks officials have been unable to apprehend the killer, the curiosity and resentment of the residents of Las Vegas was aroused, the instigator of the sordid killing became alarmed, doubly so when he found out about Decimo's appearance on the scene, and ordered his execution.

TALKED TO BENNETT
When police sought to find Harry Bennett, close friend of Joseph Santini and who filed the estate of the murdered man for probate two days after the killing, claiming that the Italian was indebted to him, yesterday following a report that Decimo had told Bennett he was going to kill himself as he was despondent, since the death of Santini; they were told that he was out of town. However, at seven o'clock last night, a local business man stated that he had been talking to Bennett during the day.

The theory of suicide in the death of Decimo was discarded by the police as, it would have been almost impossible for the dead man to have fired the shot that ended his life.

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