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A Desert That Blossoms. But Don't Buy Land. Lizards, Toads, Coyotes. More Interesting Than Men.

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HODGE, Cal., Aug. 14.—This part of America is on the Mo-have desert 2000 feet above the ocean, 60 miles back from the Pacific and Los Angeles. The sky is high and clear, mountains and hills, in the distance, on all sides. Only a few inches of rainfall, per year; everything grows under irrigation.

Hodge interests you. When you motor to the Pacific, as you must some day, and take the well paved highway running parallel with the Santa Fe, from Barstow to Victorville, you will run through this oasis of dark green alfalfa.

Yellow earth, sage brush, cactus stretch in all directions. Lizards in millions dart about, land turtles drag their shell houses and summer water supply with them. Horned toads, as well satisfied with their feeble protection as Uncle Sam with his inadequate air fleet, defy all creation.

Jack rabbits abound and defy any fence to keep them out of alfalfa. Coyotes, gliding like shadows through the sage brush, live on the rabbits, and heavy lynxes take their share. The fashionable "sun tan" may be had here. The sun shines always. Summer temperature from 100 to 110 in the sun and, because of the high, dry air, not as uncomfortable as New York at 85, plus humidity.

A few years ago this writer told you of this place, and then, to test his own theories, bought a few thousand acres from the Southern Pacific Railroad Land Co. It is pleasing today to see on land recently desert men cutting alfalfa that runs a ton and a ton and a quarter to the acre, and cut, not full grown, but in early blossom, while the stems are tender, and the leaves do not fall; and, as the circus man says, "Bear in mind and remember," that you cut from six to eight crops a year, averaging seven to nine tons, about \$160 to the acre, at \$20 a ton, which is low.

The process of changing absolutely arid desert land to the finest alfalfa fields on earth is interesting. An open well, dug by hand, giving work to homesteaders, struck water at 50 feet. It was dug down to 150 feet and now a 40-horsepower

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ALL FACTS ON WATER GIVEN OUT

City Water Commission Lays Cards On Table—Official Figures of Water Waste Given—Sale of Water to Suburbs Small Item—City Charges Are Lowest.

The following statement was issued today by the Medford water commission regarding the sale of waste water to suburban districts:

"In view of the recent comments thru your paper regarding the sale of water outside the city of Medford, the water commission takes this opportunity to supply additional information that might help to a better understanding of the situation.

"This commission was created by the voters of Medford for the specific purpose of supervising the construction and operation of the water system, and to safeguard the interests of the city by exercising the best business judgment in managing the affairs of this department. No move has been made, nor any plan adopted, that has not first been carefully studied and proved to be safe, practical and workable. That was the policy of the commission during the period of planning and construction of the new and enlarged water system, we now enjoy, and has like wise been their policy in the proposed sale to outside users a small portion of the surplus water now flowing from Big Butte Springs. After an investigation extending over one and one-half years, which permitted a thorough study of the problem, outside sale was unanimously recommended by the commission, from the standpoint of direct benefit to the city in bettering health conditions, stabilizing the suburbs, and producing an income from a portion of the water now wasted.

"The question appears to have resolved itself down to an issue between sentiment and strictly business methods, and it is hoped that this statement will help to clarify the situation.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Gallons, Daily Surplus. Rows for Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May, June, July.

The above table shows an enormous excess of surplus water in every month of the year except July and August. The contemplated sale of surplus water to outside users would require half a million gallons daily all told, and this surplus would never be missed from the large surplus turned into the creek every day. The above should be conclusive proof that there would still be ample reserve for a long period of time.

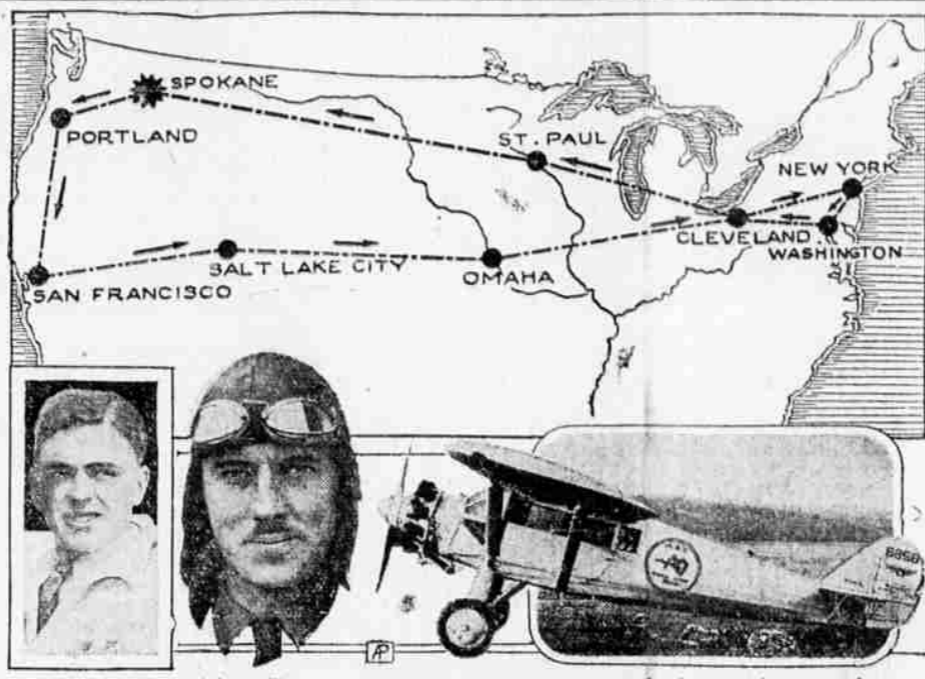
"The commission feels that there is no better way to assure sound value of city property than to help build up the country surrounding Medford, for our city can only progress as the outside areas become developed.

"Water System Pays Its Way. The water department receives \$29,000 per year from the city as rent for 337 fire hydrants for fire protection, 7 sewer flushing tanks, 14 drinking fountains and water service at city buildings, parks, playground, etc., and all service equipment is maintained by this department. This rental is very much less than would be charged by a private corporation for similar service and upkeep. While this money is raised by tax, it is to pay for a direct water service rendered the city, the same as payment for lights, police, street cleaning, etc., therefore, the water department is self-sustaining and operated entirely within its water revenues.

"Outside Pay More. Comparative costs show that the water users inside the city pay less than eleven cents (11c) per thousand gallons (1000 gallons) average cost, whereas, the water users outside the city pay over twenty-three cents (23c) per thousand gallons (1000 gallons) average cost. Every home outside the city that uses city water must pay \$2.50 per month for five thousand gallons (5000 gallons), then twenty cents (20c) per thousand gallons (1000 gallons) for the next 42,000 gallons, or \$3.00 more if the use is that much, however, the average use is less than six thousand gallons (6000 gallons) per month.

"The average use per user within (Continued on Page Six)

Coast to Coast Round Trip Goal of Non-Stop Aviators



N. B. Mamer (right) will attempt a coast to coast non-stop round trip over the route shown on the map, August 15, using the plane pictured below. Art Walker (left) will be co-pilot. Refueling will be done in the air.

DOUBLE SUICIDE IS AFTERMATH DRINKING PARTY
SPOKANE TEST PLANE TO FLY OVER MEDFORD
GIRL UNSHAKEN BY PANTAGES LEGAL FORCES

Pretty Divorcee and Wealthy New Yorker Found With Bullet Wounds In Heads—Had Been Hunting Bats With Auto.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Testimony concerning a quarrel after a drinking party and a nocturnal hunting expedition was the only explanation authorities had today for the double suicide of Miss Mansfield, pretty divorcee, and Gail Hamilton, wealthy New York employment agency operator.

Miss Mansfield, who was 37 years old, and Hamilton, who was 29, were found dying with bullet wounds in their heads yesterday by other guests at Miss Mansfield's rural home at Salt Point, N. Y. Rudolph Backert, one of the guests, was held for a time for questioning. He told the authorities that Miss Mansfield and Hamilton had engaged in an argument over one of the guests.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Police today arrested a suspect in connection with the slaying of 12-year-old Dorothy Ann, a man recently released from the insane asylum at St. Peter, Minn. His identity was not disclosed but police said he was wearing shoes apparently stained with blood and was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of his movements Wednesday, when the body of the girl, bound in gunny sacks, was found by two women in a vacant lot in the vicinity of the Milwaukee railroad yards in south Minneapolis.

"Sun-God" Starts Refueling Flight at 6 O'clock Tonight—Will Go To Oakland For First Gas Contact At Dawn Friday.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 15.—(AP)—The nose of the gliding "Spokane Sun God," which N. B. Mamer and Art Walker hope will carry them to a new refueling endurance record, pointed toward the west today while preparations for the hop-off at 6 p. m. (P. S. T.) were being completed.

The Spokane Indians, headed by the picturesque chief Garry, himself, according to legend, a descendant of the sun, planned to speed the ship with the ritual used by the tribe for countless generations to send their warriors into battle.

From here the flier planned to head toward Oakland, Cal., by way of Portland and Medford, to refuel at dawn Friday over Dumbarton bridge. Heading eastward they expected to make their second refueling contact at Cheyenne, Wyo., where two Spokane refueling ships landed yesterday afternoon. The third contact was to be made at Cleveland, the final end of the eastern passage at New York at 8:30 p. m. (E. S. T.). On the westward trip contacts were to be made at Cleveland, St. Paul and Spokane. Flights after the first round trip had not been definitely settled to day.

Dancer Maintains Story of Attack By 54-Year-Old Theatrical Magnate—Girl Suffers Third Collapse During Quiz.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Cross examination of Eunice Pringle, 17-year-old girl, in an attempt to break down her story of an alleged criminal attack by Alexander Pantages, 54-year-old theatrical magnate, was begun by the defense at the resumption of preliminary hearing today.

The girl's story remained unshaken after an hour of questioning when court was adjourned for thirty minutes to permit Municipal Judge Leonard Wilson to obey a subpoena in another case.

Pantages, who is charged with a statutory offense and attacking a young girl by force and violence appeared nervous. The girl was calm in contrast to her condition at the opening of the hearing yesterday when she fainted twice.

Baseball Scores table with columns for American, National, and ADD NATL. Rows for various cities and teams.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(U. S. A.) Pear auction: 14 California 1 Alabama cases arrived, 25 California, 1 Alabama unloaded, 15 California, 2 Alabama on track. California Bartlett's 29,869 boxes; \$2.50-2.99; low high as \$4.30; ordinary \$3.10-3.45; common and rip \$2.10-2.20; best \$2.25-2.35; average \$3.15.

AIR QUEEN HEADS FOR FAR JAPAN

Graf Away At Dawn—Should Reach Tokyo Monday—Lady Drummond Hay Is Only Woman Aboard—Will Traverse Wildest Country of World In Ural Mountain District.

RIGA, Latvia, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Graf Zeppelin crossed the Soviet frontier near Dvinsk (Dunaburg) at 9:50 p. m. (3:30 p. m. E. S. T.)

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Striking north and eastward toward a vast and little known region, the Graf Zeppelin, mistress of the air, today cruised across Germany, en route to Tokyo, Japan, on the second lap of its round-the-world journey.

Leaving its home port here at 4:24 a. m. (10:24 p. m. E. S. T. Wednesday) the giant dirigible headed directly for Berlin, 377 miles distant. It circled Nuremberg (Nuremberg), Bavaria, having traversed the 150 miles in two hours and 11 minutes.

Ahead of the Graf lay a devious course across European Russia and over the Ural mountains and the broad, barren steppes of Siberia to northeastern Asia, where it must turn southward to Tokyo.

It was expected about 6,000 miles would be covered in a journey of about 120 days, with arrival in Tokyo on Monday afternoon, Japanese time.

Aboard the Graf Zeppelin were 49 persons, 29 passengers—19 men and one woman—49 officers and crew, and about 50,000 pieces of mail as freight.

The start from Friedrichshafen was made in full moonlight, an hour before dawn, with a few hundred persons gathered near the Zeppelin's hangar, who cheered loudly as its ground crew loosened their hold, and it rose gracefully, circling the port before heading northward.

Lady Hay First. It was 4:05 a. m. when the Graf's motors were first started. Within a few minutes the passengers were aboard, with Lady Grace Drummond Hay, only woman passenger, first. At 4:18 a. m. Dr. Hugo Eckenker, master, who had been standing by the side of the gondola with Frau Eckenker, entered the ship, and at 4:19 a. m. the order was given which started it from the hangar.

Last minute effort by an American, Nelson Morris of Chicago, to get aboard the Zeppelin failed. Morris previously had bought a ticket for the trip from the Hamburg-American tourists agent but had been told later there was no room for him and he could not make the trip.

Woman Aestriean Is Hit & Led By Wild & Wheel

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary McCormick of Huntington, W. V., may die from injuries suffered in an unusual accident.

Walking yesterday on South Canal street, she was struck on the head by an automobile wheel which had slid off the front axle of a passing machine.

The wheel was retrieved and replaced on the car which then was used to take Mrs. McCormick to a hospital.

LARGER SUPPLY OF EGGS MUST BE ENCOURAGED

Farm Bureau Co-operative Urges Plans For Increased Production To Meet Demands—Storage Level At Low Figure.

Plans for placing of the poultry and egg industry of the Rogue River valley on a basis where the supply will at least equal the demand, as urged by the Farm Bureau Co-operative and Dr. S. C. Westerfield, poultry expert, are proceeding slowly.

The Chamber of Commerce is approaching the subject with caution. The support of the organization was asked and has been assured.

Professor Westerfield plans to establish a poultry hatchery with a capacity of 25,000 eggs. No site has been selected, but one is sought where the soil is gravelly and the drainage good. Poultry raisers with 2500 hens have signed up for the project.

It is expected that some steps looking toward the assurance of the project will be taken up at an early date.

The poultry raisers of the valley are taking an interest in the project. The past year have practiced the scientific feeding and rearing of chickens with good results. They have reached the point where expansion is close to vital.

Poultry raisers argue that their present, with community support, can be placed on a highly paying basis and are backed by the Jackson county granages.

The Farm Bureau Co-operative has developed a rich egg business in the Klamath country and this section is the chief source of supply. Filling the local and Klamath demand the past six months has kept the storage supply of this valley down to the lowest level in years. They naturally do not want to lose any of this business because of inability to fill orders and the present hen population must be increased if this is not to happen, it is pointed out.

BRITISHERS STAND FIRM IN DEMAND

Ultimatum On Young Plan Unbroken—Snowden To Demand Action On Revision Resolution—Delegates Seeking Means To Break Deadlock—Other Creditors United.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 15.—(AP) The British delegation, by 60th and otherwise, within the past 24 hours has made known to other nations participating in the conference to make the Young plan effective, that its ultimatum still stands and it will not accept the Young plan without an increased share of German reparations.

It was made known also that Philip Snowden, British chancellor of the exchequer, intended to demand action on his resolution for revision of the Young plan, and would brook little further delay, intimate personal conversations between the delegates continued anyway with the hope of finding some way out of the deadlock.

The situation arising as a result of this development was all the more serious by the resolution of the other creditor nations, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan, yesterday to stand together in opposition to Chancellor Snowden.

If the Snowden resolution came up for action Saturday at the meeting of the financial committee announced, it undoubtedly will be rejected and the chancellor will be faced with the necessity of going home or backing down.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters stated today that the naval disarmament negotiations between London and Washington were proceeding satisfactorily.

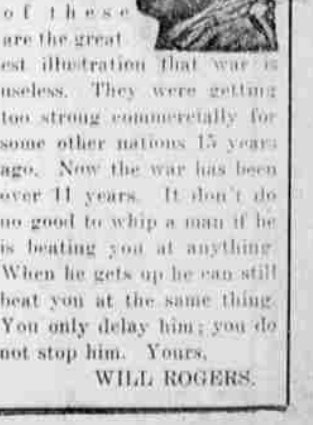
It is hoped that Premier MacDonald will go to the United States in October after a visit to Geneva for the meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations. It is expected that he will then be able to discuss tentative arrangements for a five-power conference.

It is presumed that further arrangements will be made when Premier MacDonald meets Ambassador Dawes at Elgin on August 25, when they probably will be present at a luncheon given by that municipality.

VARNEY AIR LINE GETS PASCO MAIL CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Varney Air Lines, Inc., of San Francisco, with an offer to carry mail for nine cents per pound today was low bidder for the contract to operate the air mail from Pasco to Portland and Seattle and from Pasco to Spokane.

The bid of 9 cents a pound is the lowest ever received by the postoffice department.



Will Rogers Says: SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 14.—The German Zeppelin started on its round the world trip today. The German steamship Bremen broke the world's record in crossing the Atlantic. Their commerce is getting better and better. All of these are the greatest illustrations that war is useless. They were getting too strong commercially for some other nations 15 years ago. Now the war has been over 11 years. It don't do no good to whip a man if he is beating you at anything. When he gets up he can still beat you at the same thing. You only delay him; you do not stop him. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

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