WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Possibly snow; colder.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Self confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.—Samuel Johnson.

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Bible Class Strikes at Liquor Talk

Teachers Reply to Unexpected Attack on 18th Amendment Delivered at Annual Banquet.

Point Out Evils of Rum

N. H. Loomis, attorney and teacher of the Walter Head Bible class of the First Presbyterian church, struck back at critics of prohibition and the attitude of the church towards it, during the Sunday morning session of the class.

His talk was an answer to one made by Frank S. Howell, attorney, at the annual banquet of the class Tuesday evening in the church. Howell surprised his large audience in the church by vigorously assailing the 18th amendment, charging that some of those listening to him violated it, declaring that methods of enforcing it were contrary to the spirit of Christ and responsible for the lack of tranquillity in domestic affairs of the nation.

Neither Mr. Loomis nor A. E. Allen internal revenue collector and president of the Bible class, mentioned the name of Mr. Howell, but both admitted after the meeting Sunday morning that it was Howell's speech which led to a discussion of prohibition.

Point Out Evils of Drink.

Mr. Loomis quoted the Biblical allusion to wine being a mocker, strong drink raging and those deceived by it unwise. He harked back to 1743, a period when distilled liquors became so cheap in England that the common people were able to indulge in them and drunkenness became so prevalent that the first steps to guard against its evil effects were taken.

He then discussed the present national amendment. Churches alone, he said, could not have brought about national prohibition. The 18th amendment was made possible by co-operation of the churches, big business, which was seeking greater efficiency; and science, which uncovered the evil effects of liquor on health, morals and life, he averred.

Mr. Howell had declared efforts of the national governments to exercise control over purely domestic affairs of the government is folly.

Fight Against Enforcement.

Mr. Loomis held that the police power of the national government is charged with protection of life, health and morals of citizens.

"There can be no doubt that the liquor habit destroys life, health and morals," he said. "Hence it would seem that the government is carrying out its duty in seeking to abolish liquor traffic.

"There now seems to be an organized fight against enforcement of prohibition," he continued. "It is only a matter of time, however, until the country will realize that the prohibition law must be enforced. The memory of older men enables them to realize that conditions have materially improved. And when this realization becomes general everybody, including those who have been, or are still against rigid enforcement of the prohibition law, will be pleased to see the law enforced in spirit and in fact."

Mr. Allen, in a few remarks prior to Mr. Loomis' talk, emphasized the thought that there is frequently an honest difference of opinions in all great issues.

Reply to Attorney Howell.

"It was our thought that inasmuch as a speaker had so recently expressed his views on the matter, it might be well for one of us to set forth the attitude of our church on the subject," Mr. Allen explained.

When asked concerning Howell's charge that even some of his auditors violated the 18th amendment, Mr. Allen replied: "There was a large crowd present at that meeting, and I didn't know everybody that was there. But it is probable that Howell was talking through his hat."

Both Mr. Allen and Mr. Loomis, when interviewed, declined to comment themselves regarding alleged rough methods of enforcing prohibition, which are said to prevail in this vicinity and which received criticism from Mr. Howell.

"We are not in a position to go into that," they said.

BOY SLEEPS IN FURNACE, DEAD

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 8.—Asleep in a blast furnace of the National Forge company when the negro janitor started the fire yesterday, Albert Lee Greaver, 12, was so seriously burned that he died several hours later. Neither the janitor, John Jones, 50, nor the boy's mother, Mrs. William E. Greaver, could explain how the boy happened to be in the furnace.

We Have With Us Today

W. T. Shepard,
Vice President Lincoln National Life Insurance Company,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

W. T. Shepard, vice president of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company, came to Omaha to be present at a sectional meeting for agents of his company, to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Shepard was accompanied by J. J. Clingenberger, auditor; C. J. Dale, agency director; A. L. Dern, superintendent of agencies, and Berlin Harold, assistant to Mr. Dern.

Fifty insurance agents from points in Nebraska and neighboring states will be present at the meeting.

Balto, Canine Hero of Serum Dash Is Dead

By Associated Press.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 8.—Balto, leader of Gunnar Kasson's team of Siberian wolves and canine hero in a recent relay race from Nanana to Nome, with 300,000 units of diphtheria anti-toxin, is dead, according to a report received today from Nome.

The report added that Balto and the majority of Kasson's prize team had died from frozen lungs as the result of struggling 60 miles from Bluff to Nome for seven and one-half hours in a blinding blizzard that sent the thermometer down to 35 degrees below zero.

Weeks Will Fire Next Bombshell in Aircraft Row

Secretary of War to Reply Soon to Statements of General Mitchell—Raps "Supercilious Criticism."

Washington, Feb. 8.—The source of fuel for the aircraft controversy appeared today to have shifted temporarily from the capitol to the War department, where the reply of Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, to Secretary Weeks' demand for substantiation of testimony before congressional committees, is before officials for consideration.

The house aircraft committee, which last week made public the general's letter before it had reached the secretary, is in recess until Thursday. Secretary Weeks announced he would issue a statement on the matter as soon as he had time to examine the reply, which reiterated some of the statements objected to as having "seriously reflected" on the department.

Appointment Withheld.

In a statement made public yesterday, Secretary Weeks declared those charged with the drafting of army policies, including General Pershing, and who differed with the Mitchell air program, had been subjected to "supercilious criticism," but he made no direct reference to the assistant air chief's letter, and another statement dealing with this is expected.

The question of General Mitchell's reappointment to his present assignment which expires next month, is being held up, pending the outcome of the present controversy. If Mitchell is not reappointed he will automatically revert to the rank of colonel.

Upon resumption of its inquiry Thursday, it was announced by Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey, aircraft committee examiner, several "fliers" with world war experience, but not now in governmental service, will be called for testimony.

Johnson Tells Story.

The committee yesterday examined Capt. A. W. Johnson, assistant chief of the naval air service, who asserted that General Mitchell had disobeyed orders in the 1921 bombing tests off the Virginia capes, and declared that he would have court-martialed him if he had possessed the authority.

Captain Johnson, whom General Mitchell referred to in testimony before the committee as the "junior" naval officer in charge of the bombing tests, also declared that the general had cast "slurs" at the naval air service and denied that General Mitchell was qualified "to speak with accuracy about naval matters."

IOWA MAN GUEST UPON MAYFLOWER

Washington, Feb. 8.—Guests of President Coolidge on an afternoon and overnight cruise down the Potomac today included Representative Dickinson, Iowa, a leader of the house farm bloc who has been prominent among the critics of the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission.

Representative Dickinson, in a recent address in the house, charged attempts were being made "to Hooverize" the department of agriculture, referring to reports that the president intended to consult Secretary Hoover in the selection of the new secretary of agriculture and criticizing activities of the department of commerce touching on agricultural matters. The president yesterday had a lengthy conference with Hoover, but whether a connection existed between this conference and Representative Dickinson's inclusion in the Mayflower party was not disclosed.

Other members of the Mayflower party, in addition to Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Dickinson, were Ray Benjamin, one of the leaders of the Coolidge pre-convention campaign in California; Senator Butler of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns.

WOMEN TO CONFER UPON U. S. DEFENSE

Washington, Feb. 8.—Sixteen women's national patriotic organizations have been asked by the American legion auxiliary to send representatives to Washington for a women's conference, February 22 to 25, on national defense as peace insurance.

The call for the meeting, announced today by Mrs. O. D. Oliphant, of Trenton, N. J., national president of the American legion auxiliary, proposes discussion of the operations of the national defense act and of pending legislation for universal military draft in wartime. Organizations invited include the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, National War Mothers and Woman's Relief corps of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Six Hurt in Train Crash; Fog Is Cause

Passenger and Freight Trains Collide Headon Near Albert Lea, Minn.—Five Men, One Woman, Victims.

Doctors and Nurses Sent

Albert Lea, Minn., Feb. 8.—Six persons were seriously injured early this morning when a passenger and a freight train, each obscured by a heavy fog, crashed head on six miles south of here.

The colliding trains were Minneapolis & St. Louis passenger train No. 4, which left Albert Lea at 3:15 a. m., and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific freight train No. 913. The passenger train was detouring as the result of a freight wreck near Forest City, Ia.

The injured:

George Trusty, Fort Dodge, Ia., engineer on passenger train; leg broken and badly crushed.

H. E. Nason, Marshalltown, Ia., conductor; badly bruised.

Mrs. Mylen Busch, Minneapolis, passenger; bruised and one leg badly hurt.

Robert Murphy, Manly, Ia., brakeman on freight, ankle badly sprained.

Dave Roy, Manly, Ia., engineer on freight, neck and back hurt.

R. S. Reed, pilot on passenger, Marshalltown, Ia., head and chest injured.

Five Iowa Persons.

Less than a half hour after the wreck, a special train bearing doctors and nurses under the direction of Dr. H. D. Burns, left Albert Lea. After receiving first aid, the injured were brought to a hospital here.

Passenger Detoured.

On account of the fog, the engineers of the two trains did not see each other until they were a few rods apart, it was said. The passenger train, because of the wreck at Forest City, was detouring via Mason City, Ia., over the Rock Island.

Through a misunderstanding of orders, it is said, the freight train, in charge of Conductor Mahoney and Engineer Dave Roy, started for Albert Lea.

The freight crew jumped in time to save their lives. The engine plowed half way through the passenger engine. Engineer Trusty was pinned underneath.

The mail car and baggage car, of wood construction, telescoped, imprisoning Conductor Nason in one end of the baggage car. It was nearly an hour before he was freed.

Several loaded coal cars were destroyed.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 65 IN CHICAGO

By Universal Service.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Spring, away ahead of schedule, landed in Chicago today.

The mercury climbed to 65. Overcoats went over arms and fur coats of the ladies were thrown far back over the shoulders or discarded altogether.

The oldest inhabitant scratched his head but couldn't recollect another February day just like it.

The most remarkable weather conditions in 50 years or more extended generally over the middle west.

Icebound rivers and lakes sent melting ice floating away. It was what river men call a "genuine spring breakup."

Three small boys, Johnny Zell, Clarence Smith and Charles Miller, were carried away on a floe of ice on Lake Michigan. They were rescued by the coast guard before their ice raft melted.

Rivers throughout the country were reported at flood stage, due to water from melting snow. Country roads were converted to mud holes and even city streets were an inch deep with ooze.

LINCOLN MAN DIES OF POISON LIQUOR

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 8.—The body of Fred G. Plummer, 54, traveling man, who was found dead in a hotel room here Saturday night, was shipped to his old home at Lincoln, Neb., this afternoon for burial. Coroner R. A. Vorphal, in making further investigation today of Plummer's death, found a bottle partly filled with redistilled denatured alcohol, an empty bottle that had contained alcohol and two other bottles that bore gingerale labels.

The coroner said poison liquor had caused death.

Years ago Plummer was a noted buck and wing dancer with the Thatcher, Primrose and West minstrels. After leaving the stage he became a ball player with a Pennsylvania team in the Eastern league. Plummer was to have been married in two or three weeks to a Des Moines girl, a friend here said.

Sun-Yat-Sen Holding Own.

By Associated Press.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—The condition of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, South China leader, who was operated upon for cancer recently, remained unchanged today. He has been critically ill since January 26.

Senate Clerk Dies.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Harry H. Gilfry, parliamentary clerk of the senate for 42 years, died at his home here today, aged 81 years. He was a former resident of Oregon.

AMERICAN SHIP SEND S. O. S. CALL

By Associated Press.

London, [illegible] signal from the [illegible] steamer President Harrison [illegible] in distress in the Aegean sea [illegible] dispatch received [illegible] Athens.

[illegible] the steamer was giv[illegible] 33.53 north, longitude [illegible] east, which is in the Mediterranean sea between the Greek archipelago and the coast of north Africa.

The President Harrison left Alexandria last Thursday for New York.

New York, Feb. 8.—The steamer President Harrison, reported from Greece today as being in distress in the Mediterranean sea, is a United States shipping board vessel of 10,533 tons. The steamer sailed from New York on November 13 for Alexandria by way of San Francisco and other Pacific ports.

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Serum Saves Many Lives in Epidemic, Halted for 2 Days

No New Cases of Diphtheria Reported in Nome in 48 Hours—All Patients Expected to Recover.

By E. R. HYLDAHL,
Universal Service Special Correspondent.

Nome, Feb. 8.—Nome is quiet today with no new cases of diphtheria reported in 48 hours. Many of the patients who were so seriously ill that it was not believed they would live until the supply of serum arrived, are now convalescing.

A landing field for Lieutenant Darling, who is flying here with additional medical supplies, is being prepared by the American Legion under the direction of the board of health. It is believed with the arrival of the additional serum which Darling is bringing Nome will return to normalcy.

The sourdoughs are interested in the airplane flight to the rescue of the stricken city, but the chances of another dog relay ordered by Governor Scott Bone from Nenana shows a new effort to speed relief. It is believed that a good effort will be made to beat the former relay time.

The progress made by Nome's one doctor and nurse since the receipt of the first quantity of antitoxin shows the futility of fighting diphtheria without the serum. Several of those who were at death's door are now sure to recover, and none of those who are now ill are expected to die unless they suffer a relapse from being in some way careless.

UNFAIR METHODS IN SUGAR TRADE

Washington, Feb. 8.—Charges of unfair methods in competition are made by the federal trade commission against the Larrowe Milling company of Detroit and 17 manufacturers of beet sugar, in a complaint made public today by the commission.

The complaint charges that the respondents are engaged in a wrongful combination and conspiracy to suppress competition in the marketing of beet pulp a by-product of beet sugar manufacturing.

The manufacturers named in the complaint are: American Beet Sugar company, Oxnard, Cal.; Garden City Sugar and Land company, Garden City, Kan.; Columbia Sugar company, Bay City, Mich.; Continental Sugar company, Detroit, Mich.; Great Western Sugar company, Denver, Colo.; Holland-St. Louis Sugar company, Holland, Mich.; Owosso Sugar company, Owosso, Mich.; Toledo Sugar company, Toledo, O.; Minnesota Sugar company, Owosso, Mich.; Toledo Sugar company, Toledo, O.; Minnesota Sugar company, Minneapolis, Minn.; Michigan Sugar company, Saginaw, Mich.; Northern Sugar corporation, Mason City, Ia.; Ohio Sugar company, Ottawa, O.; Menominee River Sugar company, Menominee, Mich.; Spreckles Sugar company, Spreckles, Cal.; Santa Ana Sugar company, Santa Ana, Cal.; Utah-Idaho Sugar company, Salt Lake City, Utah; Iowa Sugar company, Waverly, Ia.; Iowa Valley Sugar company, Belmont, Ia.

SLEUTHS TO SEEK HOUSE OF SLAYER

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Systematic search for the house or shack in which authorities now believe May and Nina Martin were held captive before they were murdered and flung into a shallow grave on Angeles Mesa in the suburbs, was set in motion by the sheriff's office today.

Discovery at some distance from the grave of shoes missing from the feet of the little girls when their bodies were found last week convinced investigators that the sisters were dead when they were taken to the mesa months ago; that the shoes dropped from inert feet while the bodies were being dragged or carried to the spot.

S. C. Stone, former private watchman in the residence district from which the girls, aged 12 and 8, disappeared last August 23, was still held in the county jail tonight in connection with the case. He told deputy sheriffs who arrested him Friday night that he had no criminal knowledge of the girls' abduction or death, and to this denial he has clung through repeated questionings.

Bluffs Man Held on Liquor Charge

Ben Darnell, 32, 732 First avenue, Saturday waived hearing in Council Bluffs police court on charges of maintaining a liquor nuisance and was bound over to the grand jury. Bond was set at $600.

France Has Churchill Debt Note

British Chancellor Outlines Terms for Payment of French Obligation to Nation He Represents.

Fixed Annual Payments

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 8.—Great Britain's note to France explaining the Baldwin government's viewpoint on the question of the repayment of France's debt to Great Britain proves to be a much shorter document than had originally been expected. It lays down succinctly the principles on which Great Britain hopes France will agree to meet her obligations without going into details or figures. The idea is advanced that details may be threshed out in conference here should Premier Herriot or Finance Minister Clementel, or both, come to London for this purpose.

Apparently when the British draft note was under consideration in the British cabinet it was found difficult to arrive at an agreement on many details, and hence it was decided to confine the note to broad principles. The main points of the note are: First, that Great Britain declines to agree that France's payments should be dependent upon Germany's full payment of the Dawes plan annuities.

Accept Fixed Payments.

Second, that, with a view to facilitating repayments, Great Britain is willing to accept fixed annual payments, irrespective of the Dawes proceeds, with a further annual charge on the French share in those proceeds, and, third, that Great Britain will devote any surplus beyond requirements for her American indebtedness to diminish the burdens upon Great Britain's allies.

The note was published just in time to be discussed by parliament which will reassemble next Tuesday for the first real legislative session of Premier Baldwin's second administration—the short session before Christmas having been a mere prelude to swear in members-elect and to hear the king's speech.

The session beginning next Tuesday which will open without any special ceremonies, should prove of absorbing interest, both in the home and the foreign field. Up to Eastertide, however, the center of the stage will be held by the conservative party's newest recruit, Winston Spencer Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, for during this period there will be little time to debate anything except the nation's finances, including the question of the French debt.

Debate Expected.

There is little doubt the opposition will provide debate on Churchill's note to M. Clementel and it is not unlikely that the chief point of the attack will be that, under the stipulation that the French repayments can not be dependent upon a full yield of the Dawes plan, France would, in the event of a German default, find herself in the position of paying reparations to Great Britain.

The attitude hitherto has been that France can only pay either Great Britain or the United States if she gets reparations from Germany and this attitude probably will find a deal of support among the liberal and labor members of the house of commons.

Should the hoped-for conference in London materialize, it probably will be found that Chancellor Churchill advisedly omitted details from his note to France in order to give an open field for negotiations. As chancellor of the exchequer, Churchill is

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SOCIAL WORKER GOES TO EUROPE

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hartington, Neb., Feb. 8.—Miss Mildred Scoville, who for several years has been active in Red Cross and social service work, has gone over seas in the interest of the Commonwealth fund of which she is executive assistant. She will spend six or eight weeks in Austrian cities, Vienna, Graz and Salzburg, making a survey in mental hygene.

The Commonwealth fund is similar to the Rockefeller foundation, established by a millionaire philanthropist named Harness, and Miss Scoville's study of the children in these cities will determine whether or not work in mental hygiene will be taken up in Austria by the organization. Miss Scoville will travel in Italy and Switzerland after completing her mission in Austria. She has a sister, Bernice Scoville, a student in New York, and her mother resides here.

COURT ADVANCES SCHUERMANN CASE

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—The supreme court has entered an order sustaining the motion of attorneys for Edward Schuermann, Saline county farmer to advance the habeas corpus case he instituted in the district court against Superintendent Griffin, of the state hospital for the insane. His hearing was set for the court session beginning April 6.

Schuermann killed George Rheinmiller, whom he accused to alienating the affections of his wife. He was tried at Beatrice, and the jury acquitted him on the ground that he was insane at the time of the killing, but recommended that he be committed to the asylum. The contention of Schuermann's attorneys is that he had since become sane. The lower court ruled against this contention.

20,000 Curiosity Seekers Crowd About Entrance to "Collins Cave"

Four Extra Coaches Required to Handle Rush to Kentucky Cavern—Tourists From Six States Line Road Leading to Rescue Drama.

By Associated Press.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 8.—Gigantic holiday crowds came to Cave City today and made the six-mile trip to Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins passed the ninth day of his entombment.

Long before noon a continuous stream of automobiles wound over the rough road to the rescue camp. At 11 a. m. there was two solid lines one going and one returning.

Farm yards and open fields were turned into temporary parking places for hundreds of machines. The field between the road and the scene of operations was crowded with cars bearing license tags of various states. People motored from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and Tennessee to witness the scene.

During the morning the crowd standing outside the barbed wire enclosure which protects workmen from unwarranted intrusion numbered 5,000 and was constantly changing. The first hands arrived early in the morning, almost with the dawn. A religious service was held. The group participating moved to a hilltop northwest of the cave entrance and began their worship, with prayers for Collins.

Additional lunch stands made their appearance in order to accommodate the large crowd. There were several thousand, however, who brought their food with them.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad added four coaches to the morning train from Louisville and estimated about 2,500 extra tickets had been sold. The railroad company's estimate of the total number of visitors today was 20,000, most of whom came by automobile.

Floyd Collins Still Lives, Radio Experts Say After Elaborate Test

Hundreds Kneel in Prayer, Thousands Cheer as Message Spreads Like Wildfire—Even Soda Pop Vendors Hush for Moment, Awed by Solemnity of Occasion.

By SAM BLAIR,
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 8.—Floyd Collins still lives.

A powerful radio amplifier demonstrated this fact to the satisfaction of radio and electrical engineers this afternoon, when a series of instrument tests were made within the subterranean cavern, at the bottom of which, more than 60 feet below the surface, Collins was entrapped nine days ago.

The experiments were of an order with one conducted several days ago. They are based upon the assumption that a sound impulse can be received across the lighting wires that connect the outside with a bulb that rescue workers placed under the cave captive's shirt early Wednesday, just before the buckling walls of the passageway were cut off.

The lamp, a 25-watt, carbon filament type, fits loosely in its socket. The theory is that when the light current is switched off the sudden surcease of its heat will have an effect upon the breathing and heartbeat of Collins and that this variation can be registered across the wires upon an amplifier. The uncertain contacts of the globe in its socket will show fluctuations. The theorists contend that will be commensurate with the heart and breath fluctuations of the man.

H. G. Lane and C. W. Williams, electrical engineers, arranged and carried out the tests. The experiments were repeated a dozen times and several positive results were registered.

The results were reported to the 200 workmen who are toiling in hourly relieffs to get down a 60-foot shaft, by means of which probably before the end of the week, the earth-entombed man will be brought forth dead or alive.

"Boys," they were told by H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the evacuation, "Floyd is breathing down below us and we may get to him in time."

And the rhythm of the swinging picks moved faster.

Hundreds Chant Doxology as Experts Report

At the 25-foot level the shaft which is being put down suddenly opened into a subterranean chamber this afternoon. Sounding proved the cave chamber or fissure to be eight feet deeper than the shaft bottom. Dynamite was exploded and preparations made to lower a man to explore it.

"Floyd is alive."

The message was carried out of the hillbound declivity on which the workers congregated to the number of 10,000 and more men and women, who were massed about the brink. These who had come as spectators for a thrill got it with the news. And those who had come to offer up prayers in behalf of Collins promply fell upon their knees.

Several hundred voices lifted in the chanting of the doxology. Other voices about the hilltop rim shrilled exhortations to the singers. The shouted prayers of a dozen gospel workers comingled and became indistinguishable. Volunteer soloists vied with one another, and produced a babel of religious hymns. And piping at intervals through this conglomeration of sober thanksgiving came the calls of cenders of souvenirs and the mongers of hot dogs and soda pop.

"Floyd is alive."

The assurance was passed back from the massed throng to the lines of Sunday-dressed men, women and children who were plodding from the roadway to the edge of the natural arena. The cheering message went on for seven miles down the road toward the city where visitors' automobiles were wedged together so tightly that those who walked were forced into the fields.

Hysterics Sweep Crowd; Many Women Faint

"Floyd is alive."

The announcement reached Cave City, which today is populated by 30 times its normal size of 500. Strangers in town, unable to get to the scene of action because of the traffic-blocked road, displayed as much rejoicing as did the natives, most of whom have been on cave-exploring expeditions with Floyd Collins.

Such a concourse of people never has been here before, and seldom any place has such a hysterical and noisy scene been enacted as that at Sand cave today.

Women and men, overwhelmed with fanatical zeal, fainted and were carried to the hospital tents, given restoratives and then moved on to make way for other patients. Revivalists, mounted on stumps and soap boxes, harangued all who would listen.

Tots' Howls Mingle With Cries of Rescuers

Fervent amens resounded from almost every square yard section of humanity. Babies and children howled. Other youngsters, their mouths stuffed with sandwiches or cake, were picked up in a swirling maelstrom and swept away from grip of their guardians.

"Let us pray!"

"Souvenirs from Sand Cave. Genuine rocks taken from the——"

"Repent thee, for the day of judgment!"

"Mama! Ma-a-h-ma!"

"Hamburgers, hot dogs, 15 cents, two for a ——"

"Praise be ——"

"Let us all join in singing—"

And mingling with this human bedlam on the hilltop, came from floor of the working stage the continuous snort of engines and the shouts of the begrimed men who are inch by inch driving the shaft nearer, slowly but inevitably, nearer to the man held in the vise of rocks.

PONCA CONSIDERS MUNICIPAL POOL

Ponca, Neb., Feb. 8.—G. H. Mangold of Sioux City, Ia., representative of the Sanitary Swimming Pool company, presented before a community meeting here a proposition whereby this city might become the owner of a municipal swimming pool.

The pool would be constructed of reinforced concrete, 60x120 feet in size, would cost $7,400, and would be paid for out of a small admission charge.

Nothing definite was decided at the meeting, but a general campaign of education to show the benefit of such a propect to the community is to be carried on, and it is hoped eventually to finance the proposition.

Lodge Members Are Instructed in Ritual

Harvard, Neb., Feb. 8.—Miss Crabtree, a state worker in the Rebekah lodge, conducted instructional courses in the lodge's ritual work last night at the Harvard branch's regular meeting. The local organization, which is active in ceremonial work in this district, received instructions in several new branches.

Ship Goes Ashore, But Crew Rescued With No Life Loss

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The marine department of the Chamber of Commerce received a wireless message today from Vancouver, B. C., saying the Savage Chief had gone ashore near St. Mary's island off Vancouver.

The message said the crew had been landed in safety.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., Feb. 8, 1925:

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, .01; total since Jan. 1, .81; deficiency, .12.

Hourly Temperatures.

8 a. m.	20	1 p. m.	32
9 a. m.	21	2 p. m.	32
10 a. m.	24	3 p. m.	33
11 a. m.	24	4 p. m.	33
12 m.	28	5 p. m.	32
10 a. m.	13	6 p. m.	32
11 a. m.	21	7 p. m.	31
12 noon	22		

Hint of Hoax Spreads at Sand Cave

Father of Victim Passes Out Advertising Circulars—Natives Hint at Food Cache; Rescue Work Goes On.

Collins Shiftless, Said

Sand Cave, Cave City, Ky., Feb. 8.—"Is Floyd Collins the victim of a tragic cave trap or the perpetrator of a publicity hoax?"

Half whispered, this question ran through the crowd of 20,000 curiosity seekers here today and joined the swelling chorus of doubt that comes wherever men gather and discuss Sand Cave and its rock pinned victim.

Like prompters in the wings, Collins' neighbors gave the cue when the more credulous faltered.

"Floyd was a shiftless fellow," they say. "Always crawling around caves and letting his old father support him."

May Have Food Cached.

"But he may have food cached away somewhere," they urge when the credulous stammer their belief in Collins' horrible predicament.

And weaving in and out between pop vendors, hot dog merchants and fanatics, with a message to tell wherever a crowd will listen, is Lee Collins, father of Floyd, offering circulars advertising crystal cave, a subterranean cavern discovered several years ago by Floyd Collins.

Neighbors Express Doubt.

By Associated Press.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 8.—Many of the cave country folk, long accustomed to the cave obsession of Floyd Collins, were more pronounced today in asserting their doubts that Collins really is trapped in Sand Cave. The other tunnel discovered Saturday by Homer Collins, his brother, leading in the general direction of the huge cavern Floyd Collins has described to rescue parties, inclines many of those who know Floyd Collins well, to the belief that there may be exits known only to Floyd or that he may have a cache of food hidden somewhere.

But the few outside rescuers who actually reached Collins are firmly convinced that his leg is caught so he can not release himself.

The near neighbors of the Collins family are outspoken in their characterization of Floyd Collins as a shiftless fellow, supported by his father, although he was 38 years old, who spent all his time crawling around the numerous tunnels and caverns of the region. His principal achievement, they say, in earning a living was the discovery in 1917 of Crystal cave on his father's farm, and its commercial exploitation as a show place for tourists.

Family Quarrelled.

It is this cave, Crystal, about which the neighbors say a dissension sprung up in the Collins family. Equal owner with his father in Crystal cave, the natives tell of differences over division of the guide fees from tourists which caused Floyd to stay away from home for long periods. When his exploration of Sand Cave led to his imprisonment, he was staying at the home of the tenant on whose farm Sand cave is situated. Floyd's father last summer had agreed to lease Crystal cave to one of the more enterprising natives, who might make more out of it instead of spending his time in search of other caverns.

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ELEVEN JAPANESE SAILORS DROWNED

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 8.—Eleven sailors of the Japanese cruiser Idzuma, one of three vessels of the Japanese navy training squadron here on the last leg of a 20,000-mile tour, were drowned in the harbor shortly after midnight this morning when the motorboat Pinnace of the Idzuma towing a barge of sailors, collided with a Canadian Pacific tug Nanoose towing a car ferry.

Five men, including a midshipman, were saved. Two bodies have been recovered.

Diving equipment to recover the bodies and apparatus to raise the Pinnace were rushed to the scene by the Vancouver harbor commissioners.

The Pinnace left the deck towing a barge with a number of sailors who had attended a banquet ashore. On nearing the cruiser Idzuma the tug Nanoose, towing a car ferry, approached the Pinnace. In the mixup of the tug and the Pinnace, the two barges and the Pinnace were sunk. The Tug was badly damaged.

Masonic Temple for Ord.

Ord, Neb., Feb. 8.—Ord Masonic lodge is planning on the erection of a new Masonic temple this summer.

Mohawk Cagers Seek Games.

Mohawks, semi-professional basket ball team, want out of town games. Call Lester Givgater, Webster 1700.