

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy today; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To write well is to think well, to feel well, and to render well; it is to possess at once intellect, soul and taste.—Buffon.

FLOYD COLLINS IS STILL LIVING

Naval Chief Suppressed Test Facts

"This Is True, but Would Ruin Navy," Admiral Says as He Wields Blue Pencil on Magazine Article.

Army Leaders Approved

Washington, Feb. 13.—The house aircraft committee today tapped a new vein in the controversy that has developed as a result of statements by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief on the value of aircraft in warfare.

W. G. Schaeffer, a lieutenant colonel in the army air reserve, told the committee that Rear Admiral Shoemaker, commanding naval office of the 1923 airplane bombing tests against the battleships Virginia and New Jersey had "blue penciled" a magazine article describing the tests to such an extent that "upon completion, there was absolutely no resemblance to the original statement."

Major General Patrick, chief of the army air arm had approved the article, Schaeffer said, before it was submitted to Admiral Shoemaker, whom the witness quoted as saying, "It's true, every bit of it, but I can't let this get out or it would ruin the navy."

Schoemaker to Be Called. Admiral Shoemaker will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee to make a statement on the Schaeffer testimony, it was indicated after today's hearing by Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey, the committee examiner.

"We would not want to leave the record as it stands now," said Perkins, who expressed the opinion that the admiral would desire to present his side of the matter.

Schaeffer explained that the article was to have been made public over the signature of General Pershing in a radio talk. General Pershing had agreed to the arrangement, he said, provided the article was approved by the admiral. When shown the article after it had been read "carefully" by General Patrick, the witness said Admiral Shoemaker remarked:

"We will have to change this some, and see if it can be put under the general's (Pershing) signature the way we want it."

Schaeffer testified he was on the same vessel with Admiral Shoemaker and "happened to be sitting on the upper deck in civilian clothes when the statement was brought to the admiral. I believe by a junior officer of the navy construction corps."

"During the next 15 minutes," he continued, "the admiral and his junior officer went over this statement, blue penciled whole paragraphs and changed the wording so that, upon completion of their job, there was absolutely no resemblance to the original statement."

Schaeffer explained that, in quoting the admiral, he had followed the wording "as nearly as possible after such a long lapse of time."

Most of his testimony was read by Schaeffer from a letter he said he had written to Chairman McKenney about the time the house military committee opened hearings on the Curry bill to create a unified air service.

In calling him to the stand, Chairman Lampert of the aircraft committee announced that the advisability of making public his testimony had been taken up previously in executive session. General Mitchell had been recalled for further questioning today, but Representative Perkins announced that the hearings opened that he would not be heard. The examiner offered no explanation for the change in plans, nor did he indicate whether General Mitchell might be summoned later.

Huskies Busy in Fields. Beatrice, Feb. 13.—A number of farmers in Cass county are busily engaged in husking the corn which they did not gather earlier in the season. It is said that about one-fourth of the crop still remains in the fields. Most of the grain now being husked will be fed to stock.

Pensions Increased. Washington, Feb. 13.—Without debate the house today passed and sent to the senate an omnibus pension bill for civil war veterans and dependents. It carries an estimated increase in government expenditures of \$19,700 annually.

Day to Day History of Kentucky Sand Cave Tragedy

Here is a day-to-day history of the heroic efforts to save Floyd Collins from his underground prison:

Friday, January 30. Collins, exploring Sand Cave, discovers marvelous subterranean coliseum 80 feet high, about 300 feet from entrance of Sand Cave. Climbing out, through tortuous crawling, a rock shift pinions his left foot.

January 31. Collins' tragic plight discovered by Jewell Estes, son of the tenant on the farm into which Sand Cave burrows.

Sunday, February 1. Volunteer rescuers use torches to heat stone that it may be chipped easily. Efforts fail to achieve much progress. Collins begs to be pulled out, regardless of chance such method might sever his pinioned foot.

February 2. Air compressor and drill brought from Louisville. Sandy nature of cavern rocks make their use dangerous. Collins harnessed, but rescuers fail to pull him loose.

February 3. Crowds of curious interfere with rescue work. Appeal sent for troops to preserve order. Electric lights taken in to cave prison, one being hung around Collins' neck.

February 4. Collins reports his foot free. As he prepares to make effort to crawl out a rock slide cuts off rescue work. State troops arrive. Dr. Hazlett of Chicago unable to get into cave. Impossible to amputate Collins' leg so he can be taken out.

February 5. Floor of cavern rises. Walls close in a few feet ahead of Collins.

Last time his voice is heard.

February 6. Digging begun on shaft about 50 feet from Sand Cave entrance, aimed to strike the original cavern just above Collins. Radio tests indicate Collins still living.

February 7. Rescue shaft progressed 25 feet of the estimated 60 feet to reach Collins.

February 9. Fumes of banana oil, forced into cave, fail to reach the surface. Taken as indication no other entrance to cavern.

February 9. Military court ordered to settle rumors that cave story was a hoax, that Collins had been "murdered" by neglect, and that relief work of outsiders had been obstructed by native cave dwellers.

February 10. Court martial opens, witnesses assailing hoax theory. Shaft reaches 40-foot level.

February 11. Military court continued. Sound amplifier tests failed for first time to record noises believed to have marked Collins' breathing. Banana oil fumes detected in rescue shaft from small crevices at the bottom. Hope for early rescue. Crevices too small, hopes blasted.

February 12. Mining drill strikes limestone for first time at depth of 48 feet; limestone thought to form top of Collins' prison. Downward draft felt for first time in shaft and accepted as indicative of large crevice near shaft. New crevice found. Again hope for early rescue. Crevice explored—ends in blank wall.

Ten Commandments May Be Displayed in Schools

By Associated Press. Lincoln, Feb. 13.—Compulsory display of the Ten Commandments in all public school rooms and in state institutions received the favorable consideration of the committee on education today when Senate file 127 by Senator Johnson, Cheyenne county, was reported out for general file with amendments.

A controversy arose when Senator T. B. Dycar, Omaha, suggested that the original bill, which included private schools, "might be infringing on the right of religious freedom" as provided in the constitution. The committee then voted to eliminate the word "private" in the measure and added the words "state institutions."

Senator Johnson explained that the measure was endorsed not only by the churches, but by all civic and fraternal organizations. He said he had received letters from Chicago and New York, religious and charity associations urging him to push the bill.

Longs and Shorts Both Seek Cover in Gyrating Mart

Common Stock of U. S. Cast Iron Pipe Storms Back and Forth Within 18-Point Range.

New York, Feb. 13.—Common stock of the United States Cast Iron Pipe company continued its erratic gyrations on the New York Stock exchange today, closing 31 1/2 points higher at 223 1/2 after fluctuating between 205 and 228. The stock opened with one dip of seven points between sales, soared to 228 and then slipped back to 223 1/2.

The stock exchange firm of Hornblower & Weeks which is known to have been active in executing orders in that issue for William C. Durant, automobile manufacturer today, took the responsibility for the recent move which carried the price from the record top of \$2.50 a share to \$2.20 on Wednesday's trading.

Durant Interested. "Our own selling had as much to do with the break as anything else," said the firm's statement. "We had put the price of \$2.50 on it a few months ago and when it hit there a great many customers started to sell at once, trying to get the same price or around there. There has been no squeezing of shorts, no private settlements, no collapse of a pool. We do not think there ever was a pool in pipe. Short sellers always bring about their own embarrassment."

"W. C. Durant has never been interested in the shorts and has never believed there has been much of a short interest. He simply believes that Cast Iron Pipe is worth more than it has ever sold for and continues to hold his stock in that belief. On Wednesday when he was supposed to have made a private settlement with shorts he was on his way to Detroit attending to the affairs of his own companies and giving no attention to the stock market."

Deny Jugglery. "We say all this because we do not wish you to lose your stock on any idea that its advance has been due to financial jugglery and the most elementary knowledge of arithmetic will demonstrate that if there are only 125,000 shares of the stock in existence and one man holds at all times from 40,000 to 60,000 shares, and four houses hold an additional 40,000 shares, even though this stock is always freely loaned and hence in supply, there must be a sensational advance in it whenever fresh buying enters the market as it did following the publication of earnings for 1924."

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: O. B. Williams, Rockwell City, Ia.; Opal Harris, Rockwell City, Ia.

Cummins to Ask Halt in Rail Merging

Iowa Senator Wants All Consolidations Held Up Pending Adoption of Definite Program.

May Block 'Nickel Plate'

Washington, Feb. 13.—All railroad mergers and consolidations would be halted pending the adoption of a definite comprehensive program by congress, under a concurrent resolution which Senator Albert B. Cummins, republican of Iowa, co-author of the Esch-Cummins act, now is considering.

The proposed resolution would direct the Interstate Commerce commission not to promulgate any general consolidation policy on which it has held extensive hearings under the permissive consolidation section of the Esch-Cummins law until congress shall have taken further action. The resolution, it was stated by leaders on the interstate commerce committee, would have the effect of holding up approval by the Interstate Commerce commission of the "Nickel Plate" and Missouri Pacific-Gulf Coast lines merger.

Senator Cummins introduced in the present congress a long bill providing for a comprehensive consolidation policy and hearings have been had on it. It was found, however, that it would be impossible to complete the hearings and get action this session and the measure was laid aside by the interstate commerce committee. To meet the situation caused by this delay Cummins has informed members of the committee he has the concurrent resolution plan in mind. If he finally decides to follow this course he will press for action before adjournment March 4.

SLAYER SEEKS ANOTHER TRIAL

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 13.—J. E. Williams, attorney for Donald Ringer, 10 years old Hastings youth convicted yesterday of first degree murder in connection with the death of Carl W. Moore, automobile salesman last October, and for whom death in the electric chair was recommended by the trial jury, announced today that he will file a motion for a new trial tomorrow.

Sentence on Ringer has not been passed and will be deferred until after a hearing on the motion for retrial, District Judge Ditworth announced. Young Ringer held up remarkably well throughout the trial, denying every accusation that was brought against him, until the jury returned its verdict at 2 yesterday afternoon. Then he broke down and wept as his mother rushed to him sobbing violently.

Search Call Sent Out for Missing Farmer. Columbus, Feb. 13.—The disappearance of Sam Richards, farmer, living northeast of Humphrey, is causing relatives no little concern. Richards left home Monday noon, saying that he was going to a neighbor's and would return soon. Instead he went to Humphrey, bought new clothes, had a shave and caught a ride on a truck bound for Norfolk. Up to last night he had not returned and relatives had appealed to the Humphrey marshal to locate him.

Bridge Piers Rebuilt. DeWitt, Feb. 13.—A Rock Island bridge gang, under Foreman Abrahamson, has completed rebuilding piers under the railway bridge over the Blue river at this place after several months' work. The old piers were replaced, new ones being built of cement resting on solid rock in the river bed. The bridge gang moves from here to Meadows to build another bridge for the railway.

Man Cowers in Freight Car After Stripped of Money and Clothing

Warms Inner Man With "Canned Heat" After Samaritan Furnishes Coat and Trousers, Then Falls Into Hands of Fremont Police; Accuses I. W. W.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Feb. 13.—The flux of the 13 had its eye on Charles Wagner, 29, wanderer, who was forced to make a "February morn" appearance in Fremont when I. W. W.'s stripped him of his clothes and left him, nude, in a box car as their train pulled into the city. Sans clothing, sans money, sans everything but his modesty, Wagner huddled in a corner of the chilly box car, waiting for daylight and a chance passerby who might relieve his distress, according to the story he told police.

The I. W. W.'s who had stolen his clothes and \$48 in money were peeved because he failed to carry one of their cards, he said. Dawn brought a section hand, whistling merrily as he strutted forth to labor well protected with comfortable clothing from the bitter February atmosphere. He couldn't help but pity Wagner in his serious plight after he recovered from the sight of the nude prisoner. In quick time he procured overalls, shirt, sweater, shoes and socks from a neighboring bunk house. Covered sufficiently to satisfy the censor, Wagner sought something to warm the inner man. The "canned heat" he succeeded in getting revived his chilled body, but his condition attracted a policeman. He was taken to the police station, where he told his story, showed his filmy raiment in proof and was later permitted to go his way.

Howell Attacks Rail Labor Board Body Has Outlived Whatever Usefulness It Ever Had, Nebraska Senator Says.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The railroad labor board was brought under attack in the senate once more today after it had occupied an inconspicuous place in the debates of that body for several months. Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, offered an amendment to the pending independent offices appropriation bill to strike out all items relating to the board which, he contended, had "outlived whatever usefulness it ever had." Cases filed before the board have decreased by 75 per cent in the last year, he said, and complaints filed with it have contained "almost entirely of trivial matters."

He attributed the decline he saw in the importance of the board to loss of confidence on the part of railroad unions, the increased number of "company unions" and the "substitution of more efficient and more economical means of arbitration." Senator Howell still had the floor when the senate recessed under a special order requiring that it meet at 8 tonight to discuss bills relating to the District of Columbia.

SCHOOL BOY HIT BY TRUCK, DIES

Thompson, Neb., Feb. 13.—Earl Mann, 8, son of Mrs. Ira Mann, living three miles from here, was run over by an automobile truck carrying a load of wheat near his home today and was so badly injured that he died while being taken to the hospital at Fairbury. With another boy he was riding on the truck and fell under the wheels.

Warrant Issued for Alleged Oil Promoter. Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—A United States commissioner's warrant for the arrest of Jess L. Tomberlin for alleged schemes to obtain money and property by false pretenses in the promotion of an oil syndicate at El Dorado, Ark. In 1922, was issued here today. The complaint naming Tomberlin as "an independent oil operator," certified an indictment against him on the charge at Texarkana, Tex.

Forger Paroled to Father. Beatrice, Feb. 13.—Jake Esau, who is alleged to have forged the name of Charles Pyle to a check for \$25, was paroled by the judge, Gerhard Esau, by Judge Moss, pending good behavior. J. A. McGuire of Wynmore was appointed counsel for Jake Sturgeon, who was also bound over on a forgery charge.

Fast Mail Hits, Kills Theater Man

Mangled Body Is Hurlled 500 Feet by Force of Impact; Auto Stalled on Crossing.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13.—J. S. Lewis, 40, theater owner, is dead, the loser in a race for a railway crossing. Lewis attempted to cross the Union Pacific right of way ahead of No. 5, a fast mail train. The engine of his automobile stalled and, before he could leap clear, the train struck his machine and hurled his mangled body 500 feet up the track.

Lewis had been attending to some business details at his motion picture theater here and was on his way to his home in Gothenburg at the time of the accident. The mail train, running on a close schedule, usually travels at a speed of 70 miles an hour through this section. There are few stops scheduled.

It is believed that Lewis heard the train coming, but believed it far enough away so that he could cross the track before it reached the intersection with the road. As his car reached the center of the track the motor died. Before he could start it again the train was on him and before he could leap clear it was too late.

The tangled mass of wreckage which had a moment before, been an automobile, was carried more than a mile on the front of the engine before the train could be stopped. Lewis' body was so mangled that it was unrecognizable when it was picked up. Lewis is survived by a wife and several children.

ADVANCE OF TRADE STILL LEISURELY

New York, Feb. 13.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "The trade advance still is very leisurely and while there is very general agreement that business is about equal to that of last year there is some disappointment visible because January business was not larger than it proved to be. Buying still is reported cautious and this week as last, weather conditions have not been wholly favorable."

In this connection it might be well to remember that sentiment of many observers often takes its key from speculative conditions and these latter have recently showed evidence of a subsidence of the buoyancy visible throughout most of January. The stock market displayed some irregularity this week, with some marked differences in action as between various stocks and the wheat market witnessed further liquidation with wheat down nearly 30 cents from the top in late January. Weekly bank clearings, \$7,750, \$16,000.

Firemen Entertained. Emerson, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the Emerson fire company plans for new equipment were discussed and it was voted to turn over to the town fund \$100 derived from the occupation tax on insurance companies. After the meeting the members were served with an oyster supper by Mr. and Mrs. M. Giffert I acknowledge the of the valiant work of the fireman in saving their property from heavy loss in a recent fire.

Farmers Harvest Corn. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 13.—W. R. Sparks, farmer, living northwest of town, returned today from the western part of the state, and reports that so many farmers are husking their corn that it looks as though little or no grain was gathered earlier in the winter.

Police Pleased as Convicts Flee

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Feb. 13.—The initial attempt to test out the revival of Fremont's "ball and chain" ordinance, which transfers inmates of the city police station to the street cleaning gang, met with perfect success. Tony Medina and Gus Arndt, from nowhere in particular, were the first to be hooked on vagrancy charges since Chief Nagel issued his edict to rid Fremont of its undesirable guests. Judge F. W. Vaughn, in response to a request from the city council, sentenced the pair to the street gang.

For two hours the prisoners, unguarded, worked with the rest of the street men doing their duties with an ardor that was surprising, then, suddenly, they disappeared. Co-workers said they suddenly threw down their tools and took to their heels. The police were satisfied, because they feel that the city is well rid of the alleged vagrants and that they won't return. Should they be picked up again they will be eligible to return to the work crew.

McNary-Haugen Bill Lauded by Former Leader

Charles E. Hearst of Iowa Charges Hoover With Seeking to Dominate Agriculture of America.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The report of the president's agricultural conference was considered from different angles by the senate and house agricultural committees today in pressing forward with plans to complete hearings on the subject next week and begin consideration of proposals to recommend to their respective chambers.

Organizations opposing the conference's report will be given an opportunity to present their views before the senate committee next week while the house committee plans to invite Department of Agriculture experts to discuss the report and present information on the department's work in fostering cooperatives and grading agricultural products.

Carey Explains. While Chairman Carey of the conference was explaining the report of his colleagues to the senate committee today, representatives of agricultural organization advocate speedy passage of the new McNary-Haugen farmer's export corporation measure before the house committee.

The conference report was attacked at the house hearing as a political document and defended as the basis for a worth-while agricultural legislative program, while Secretary Hoover was charged by Charles E. Hearst of Iowa, chairman of the legislative committee of the American Farm Bureau federation with "seeking to dominate the agriculture of America."

Hoover's department also was mentioned briefly at the senate hearing Carey answering a question about "feeling" between government agencies with a statement that he thought "there was a fine line between agriculture and commerce on some points."

Delay Protested. Hearst, in his testimony, urged that the McNary-Haugen measure be enacted and protested against any delay in action on agricultural legislation. A. Sykes of Iowa, vice president of the legislative representative of the National Livestock Producers' association, told the house committee that he opposed only certain sections of the conference report in conflict with his organization's program and objected to further governmental regulation beyond that already provided in the packers and stockyards act.

Breathing of Prisoner Heard by 4

General Denhardt Convinced That Cave Captive Survives After Hearing Story of Rescuers.

Shaft Nearing Its Goal

By Associated Press. Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—Floyd Collins has survived his two weeks imprisonment in a natural trap in Sand cave, Brig. Gen. H. H. Denhardt, in command at Sand cave, announced after an executive session of the military court of inquiry this afternoon.

The announcement was based upon statements made by witnesses before the court that they had heard Collins breathing when they entered the main passage to the cave this morning. It was the first indication in two days that the victim was alive and came on top of a discouraged report from those digging a shaft toward the cave that a natural tunnel found at the 55-foot level of the shaft which was expected to lead to the early extraction of Collins was a "blind passageway."

Believes Him Alive. Ed Brenner, a miner of Cincinnati, and A. Blevins of Louisville, testified that they heard Collins breathe when they went into the "natural passageway" of the cave this morning for soundings from the rescue shaft. Their statements were put into the records. Brenner and Blevins had gone into the cavern five hours previously with Andy Blisg and John Schickle of Louisville, who had reported hearing Collins cough twice at the scene.

At the conclusion of the executive session, General Denhardt called newspapermen together and had the court stenographer read a transcript of the miners' testimony. He announced that he believed the witnesses' statements and on the basis of their testimony believed Collins was alive.

Heard Deep Gasp. Brenner and Blevins reported that they had penetrated the natural passage to the slide, which last week blocked the way just ahead of the trapped explorer. "I heard Collins give one long, deep gasp like a groan," Brenner said. "It was no loud cry."

"Floyd! Floyd! Floyd!" I yelled, but got no answer. "Hold out; we're coming," he said he shouted and then proceeded with the soundings according to pre-arranged signals. Brenner estimated he was within 10 feet of Collins when he heard the sound. The soundings for the shaft itself indicated, as near as he could guess, that the workings were between 10 and 15 feet from where he was stationed. He could not say whether the shaft was in a direct line with the cave passage or to one side.

By Associated Press. Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—Edward Brenner, of Cincinnati, one of the two men who told military court of inquiry they heard Floyd Collins breathing in his trap in Sand Cave, has been working at the scene several days. While exploring a crevice 150 feet from Sand Cave, Brenner saw two tiny eyes blinking in the darkness. He placed his hand over them and captured a bat, which he is keeping as a memento to the Sand Cave tragedy.

Cave City, scene of more activity now that it has experienced in all its years, was a practically deserted village today at the height of the excitement at Sand cave, when it was thought the rescue of Collins was imminent. Johnnie Gerald, one of the leaders in the early rescue work, was one of the few who stayed in town. Because of his persistence in attempting to go in the cave after he had been told it was dangerous, and then ordered away by the military police, he didn't join the throng.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The senate approved a measure to prohibit pullman surcharges. President Coolidge's electrical riding horse got into house debate. The house passed an omnibus pension bill for civil war veterans and dependents. More witnesses testified before house and senate committees on agricultural needs. The house aircraft committee heard testimony of Edward W. Rickenbacker and a number of naval officers.

The budget bureau requested an appropriation of \$30,000,000 to carry out the naval construction program recently authorized. Representative Madden of Illinois disavowed a statement issued from his headquarters, inviting Representative Longworth, Ohio, to retire from the speakership race. The democratic steering committee agreed not to place obstacles in the way of the republican organization in presenting its legislative program.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. February 13, 1925. Precipitation, inches, and hundredths; relative humidity, per cent; wind velocity, miles per hour.

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