

Nebraska: Generally fair; not much change in temperature.

The less people speak of their greatness the more we think of it.—Bacon.

FEDERAL JUDGE MCGEE KILLS SELF

Crevice May Lead to Man Entombed

Workmen Believe They Have Found Passage to Cave in Rear of Collins; Timber It Now.

Progress Is Encouraging

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 15.—To progress has been made during last six hours in the rescue shaft headed towards Floyd Collins' natural prison, "due to dirt falls and necessary timber work," said an official bulletin issued at 8 tonight.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 15.—Sand cave miners engaged in the work of rescuing Floyd Collins from his 16-day entrapment discovered a passable limestone crevice this afternoon leading to an unknown destination after they had completed a five-foot tunnel to the northwest of the shaft.

Crawling through the tunnel beyond the timbered portion of the lateral, miners went downward into a passageway described as two feet square until they were more than 12 feet from the shaft proper. Further exploration was halted to permit timbering the crevice.

May Lead to Cavern

Those underground at the time expressed the opinion that the newly found crevice led to the immense cavern which Collins said he had discovered and which is understood to be directly behind the point of his imprisonment.

The work of releasing Collins from his boulder trap will be simplified if it is possible to approach him from the rear.

Workmen and the men upon whose responsibility for Collins' recovery, has left a marked impression, frankly were more optimistic than for several days. The discovery was described as the most encouraging development since the first lateral in the shaft was begun.

Must Timber Passage

Samples of limestone from the natural passage were brought to the surface and eagerly examined in daylight. The specimens indicated that the crevice had at one time been a waterway, according to Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, geologist of the University of Kentucky.

One side of the crevice showed solid limestone as far as it was explored. The other was composed of loose rock and some muck which will necessitate the entire passage being timbered.

The drift excavated from the shaft had been timbered for five feet when the natural cave was discovered. At that point the crevice was found to deviate slightly from the original line of the timbering. Workmen pushed themselves seven and one-half feet more before they were recalled. Meanwhile no further excavation was being done in the bottom of the shaft.

Shaft Ahead 7 Feet.

The official statement given out at 3:15 p. m. follows:

"The total progress in the lateral during the seven days. Excavation conditions are unchanged and are unfavorable and hazardous but progress made is very encouraging. More definite signs of the anticipated subterranean cavern had been found and it is judged that that avenue developed by the core drill is not more than six feet away and probably five feet lower than the floor of the lateral heading.

Sounds tests between three men in Sand Cave at a point estimated 15 feet from Collins and a party at the end of the lateral head were reassuring as a check upon previous calculations.

"Those in the sand cave party were: Mike Brenner, Cincinnati; John Simmons, Louisville, and Lieut. Ben Wells, Bowling Green. Those in the lateral party were: Albert Marshall, Danville; Everett Maddox, Central City; H. T. Carmichael, Kyrook, Ky., and Andrew Collins, Kewanee, Ill.

Workers Brighten.

"Andrew Collins expressed himself satisfied as to the correctness of the statements made concerning the location of the shaft and the method of procedure. The next few hours will be spent in timbering the sections already open."

"Carmichael, who is in charge of the timber workers, came smiling up the incline from the shaft to the rescue camp with M. E. S. Posey, executive secretary of the Kentucky highway commission.

Rail Fare Asks "Collins of Kansas"

Mayor of Haddam Asks WOAW to Radio-Cast Appeal for Funds to Defray Expenses of Man and Sheriff to Cave Cave City, Ky.—Money Not Used to Be Returned.

Haddam, Kan., temporary home of "Collins of Kansas," would like to send its uninvited and unwelcome lodger to Cave City, Ky., but Haddam prefers that he travel at the expense of the general public.

In an appeal, sent through The Omaha Bee to radio station WOAW, Mayor E. W. Shearburn of Haddam urges persons interested in clearing up the mystery which at present surrounds "Collins of Kansas" to send him funds to defray the traveling expenses of the man and of a deputy sheriff to Cave City.

"All we do not use in paying railroad fare and expenses for Collins and an accompanying officer; we will pay back to the senders of the contributions," the mayor told The Omaha Bee.

WOAW Refuses.

Officials of WOAW were duly notified and announced that radio station WOAW had never radio-casted appeals for funds and had no intention of doing so, even though "Collins" was an interesting personality and might create quite a stir in Cave City.

And, while the mayor seeks to rid his little town of this increasingly expensive charge on the public funds for another resident all who will listen that "I'm Collins, that cave business is the bunk."

In fact, "the bunk" is proving a useful means of replying to many embarrassing questions.

"They say Collins had no tattoo marks on his arm."

"That's the bunk."

Marshall Wearies.

"Gerald wires that Collins had no scars on his stomach."

Certain unkind persons have intimated to "Collins" that he, himself, "is the bunk," whereupon the man retires into a shell of taciturnity from which he emerges only after the questioner has left the room.

Each night "Collins" climbs the stairs of Haddam's hotel and prepares for another restless night, with the expense of Haddam's taxpayers. With him is the town marshal, who is becoming a bit tired of trailing the "cave explorer."

Perhaps, when the rescue workers at Sand Cave have reached the imprisoning tunnel, the marshal will be relieved. And then, perhaps, Washington, Kan., can entertain "Collins" for a brief spell. That is, if the threat of a Washington (Kan.) newspaper man to prosecute him for obtaining money under false pretenses is carried to the courts.

RUSSIAN FAMINE GROWING ACUTE

By O. D. TOLINCHUS, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Soviet Agriculture Commissioner Sverdlovsk announces officially that nearly 8,000,000 of the population of Russia are starving, according to a dispatch from Moscow. Reports indicate that the famine is growing acute in large areas.

Relief measures are being increased by the soviet government as fast as possible.

President of Chile Given Banquet Before Return

Paris, Feb. 15.—Arturo Alessandri, president of Chile, who came to Europe after the coup d'état which overthrew his government and who has been recalled home by the recently formed government, was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet tendered him by the *Ere Nouvelle*, organ of the left party in parliament.

"I am returning to Chile without either hatred or rancor," said Alessandri in a speech, "for they have no place in the soul of a real chief of state." He added that he was going home to work out a program for human solidarity and social justice.

The banquet was attended by a distinguished gathering of Frenchmen and South Americans.

New Treason Bill Scored by Eamonn de Valera

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 15.—Eamonn de Valera, the republican leader, in a speech today at Carrick-on-Shannon, described the treasonable and seditious offenses bill just introduced in the gall stream by the Free State government, as the first great step towards the transfer of the body of Jean Jaurez, the famous French socialist, to the Pantheon last November, was 450,000 francs. There was much criticism when the government last summer asked parliament to vote 650,000 francs for the transfer of the ashes, although it was asserted that it did not necessarily follow that the entire appropriation would be used.

Auto Show Doors to Be Open Today

Latest Products of Car Makers Art Stand Awaiting Inspection of Public.

140 Models Displayed

Omaha's 26th annual automobile show will formally open at 2 this afternoon at the Auditorium. The show will remain open until 10 tonight. On other days in the week the doors will be thrown ajar at 9:30 in the morning and remain open until 10 at night. There will be music every evening. Hugo Heyn's orchestra playing Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Edwin Kahn and his orchestra on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Exhibits Ready.

The last minute touches on the Auditorium were made Sunday. Workmen put in the final lighting effects, automobiles were given their last glistening touches. Every bit of metal, woodwork and glass was given attention. Members of the Auto Trades' association, under whose auspices the show is being put on, made a last minute inspection of their exhibits. Those exhibits were:

A. B. Waugh, commissioner of the association and manager of the show, said last night he expected 1,500 out-of-town dealers and thousands of visitors from all parts of the Missouri valley.

Dealers' Day Wednesday.

Wednesday will be dealers' day and a dealers' frolic will be held that evening in the grand ball room of the Hotel Fontenelle. The program will include Dan Deudone's band, the Kiwanis quartet, Dorothy Devere's dancers and an address by William Moelle, of Columbia, O., chief motor combustion expert of the British government during the war.

Friday night will be a special music night at the Auditorium.

GIRL KILLS SUITOR; CLAIMS ACCIDENT

New York, Feb. 15.—Dorothy Peckins, 17, charged with killing a suitor, Thomas Templeton, of Jersey City, N. J., at a party at her home early today, was held without bail for examination tomorrow in homicide court.

The girl told police the shooting was an accident caused primarily by the attempts of her parents to make her marry Templeton and their opposition to her friendship with another man.

At the party Templeton upbraided her for her attentions to his rival and during the argument her father entered the room and tried to strike her, she said. He hit a revolver concealed in her sleeve, she asserted, and discharged it. The bullet entered Templeton's heart.

Anti-Christian Feeling High in Southern China

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Anti-Christian and anti-Christian feeling said to be inspired by bolshevik propaganda is running high in southern China, according to word received by friends here from Bishop Wallace E. Brown of the Foochow, Kuikien, area of the Methodist Episcopal church in China. Officials of the Anglo-Sinai Christian college at Foochow closed the school last month as a precaution against outbreaks of the feeling, letters from Bishop Brown reported.

A native serving as a go-between for a foreign firm at Foochow was established because he refused to pay a toll asked by one of the Chinese students spreading soviet propaganda, a letter from the bishop's wife said.

Electric Lights for Birds and Beasts in London Zoo

London, Feb. 15.—Fog affects the birds and beasts at the London zoo to such an extent that it has been decided to install electric lights to temper the dampness and darkness caused by the misted haze and fog which has been cresting into cages when fogs are at their height. Birds particularly suffer from the impurities in the atmosphere.

The monkeys detest the fogs and often crawl into their corners, where they remain for hours at a time. Only the snakes do not seem to mind the fog.

Republic of Poland to Borrow American Cash

New York, Feb. 15.—The republic of Poland tomorrow will be added to the list of central European countries which have turned to the American investment market for assistance in their financial rehabilitation. Public offering of a \$35,000,000 25-year 8 per cent loan will be made through a banking group headed by Dillon Read & Co. The bonds will be priced at 95 to yield the investor more than 8 1/2 per cent.

Terrific Storms Play Havoc Near Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 15.—Terrific storms have played havoc along the coast and inland during the last three days. Several ships have been wrecked. Vessels have had to keep outside the bars at Lisbon and Oporto as the Portuguese pilots could not board them owing to rough seas.

Woman Translator Dies at Her Home in Germany

Rostock, Germany, Feb. 15.—Frau Mathilde Mann, translator and specialist in Scandinavian literature, died suddenly today. She was the first woman in Germany to receive an honorary doctor's degree. She had translated more than 500 volumes of Scandinavian literature.

Connecticut's New Governor in Office



John H. Trumbull (above) set a new record when he took office as governor of Connecticut only one day. The governor, Hiram Bingham, resigned immediately after his inauguration to become United States senator.

Tribute Is Paid to Late Senator Lodge

Washington, Feb. 15.—The house paid a two-hour tribute to the memory of three republican New England senators—Lodge of Massachusetts, Brandegee of Connecticut and Colt of Rhode Island.

Speaker Gillett led nearly a dozen house members in eulogizing the deceased senators, emphasizing the learning, oratory and political mastery of Lodge; the analytical mind, conversational powers, parliamentary ability and fidelity of Brandegee; and the judicial standing and friendship for the immigrant, of Colt.

Senator Lodge's success rested primarily upon his vast fund of knowledge. Mr. Gillett declared, comparing his attainments in this respect to those of President Roosevelt and Ambassador Juseurand.

Representative Tilton, republican, Connecticut, eulogizing Senator Brandegee, asserted that "the tragedy of his passing was and is still a mystery as impossible of solution as death itself."

Senator Colt's judicial career of 22 years was recalled by Representative Brandegee, republican, Rhode Island, who described him as "a judge, by temperament, by training, by experience," and "a statesman by his love for his country and his unalterable determination never to let personal or party considerations determine his course on public questions."

FAMOUS MOVIE DIRECTOR HERE

Cecil B. de Mille, noted director of motion pictures, was in Omaha Sunday morning, en route from Chicago to Los Angeles, with his party, which occupied 13 automobiles.

Mr. de Mille is supervising the production of 12 motion pictures in 1925 for the Producers Distribution Corporation, an agency handling the output of independent picture producers.

Franco-German Commercial Pact Still Considered

Paris, Feb. 15.—The possibility of prolonging the Franco-German commercial treaty negotiations seems to be held out by an official note today. The note says Deputy Raymond, for France, has sent a letter to Dr. Trendelenburg, the chief German delegate, saying the French delegation, before reaching a decision on the latest attitude taken by Germany, deems it necessary to request in writing further information and precise details on certain points, notably with regard to the German references to the general lines of France's future customs regime.

Former Chancellor Bauer Expelled by Socialists

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Gustav Adolf Bauer, former imperial chancellor, has been expelled from the socialist party. His expulsion may have to his alleged connection with the Barnat financial scandal.

Forgeries of Ancient Ceramics Discovered

Buenos Aires, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to La Nación from La Paz, Bolivia, says that Professor Arturo Penascky, in the relishing of the demand, there, has discovered important forgeries of Tiahuanaco archaeological ceramics. Authentic ceramics from the Tiahuanaco region are said to sell for high prices in certain scientific centers in the United States and Europe.

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Fight Looms in House on Gas Tax Bill

Legislative Adherents of Measure Doubtful Now if Majority Can Be Mustered.

Child Labor Coming Up

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—Nebraska's lawmakers convene for their seventh week's sessions tomorrow, after a three-day vacation, they are prepared to debate the merits and demerits of some of the most important bills introduced.

Whether a 2-cent gasoline tax to provide revenue for good roads construction will get a majority to pass remained doubtful in legislative circles tonight. Supporters contend that it will pass with a "comfortable vote."

In the senate the debates will be confined probably to two major propositions, that of the child labor amendment ratification bill and the confirmation of the reappointment of H. E. Reische as a member of the state normal board. Supporters of the ratification bill are intent upon pushing it to a decision by both houses during the next week.

What may develop into a party fight is the report of the senate committee, headed by Senator Griswold, appointed to investigate Governor McMullen's appointment of Reische. The latter was paid a salary of \$25,000 a month and \$250 a month for expenses by the normal board to look after the interests of the normal schools' appropriation. Reische's vouchers for \$450 are held up by State Auditor Marsh. Pending this the senate has refused to confirm his reappointment.

Governor McMullen has made it known that he knew nothing of Reische's extra salary when he made the appointment. Reische's salary as secretary of the normal board is \$300 a year.

Repeal of the blue sky law as proposed in Representative Pollock's bill, which passed the house after a sharp debate, by a vote of 54 to 25, will be one of the major topics of wrangling in the house Tuesday.

Both houses will convene tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

House Continues Aircraft Probe

House leaders have made no plans for night sessions.

Satisfied that all of the appropriation bills, including a huge deficiency measure still to be passed, will be in the hands of the president well in advance of adjournment on March 4, leaders of both the house and senate are concerned as to the fate of several other measures, notably the postal pay and rate increase bill and farm relief legislation. The situation in the senate is complicated by contests over a number of appointments recently made by President Coolidge. The chief fight center around the nominations of Charles E. Warren of Michigan to be attorney general, and Thomas Woodlock of New York, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

May Force Issue.

While some administration leaders are inclined now to force the issue on these two appointments, it may be they will be left for action by the new senate, which the president called yesterday in extra session for March 4.

Efforts will be made during the coming week to put through the house the Wadsworth-Garrett constitutional amendment resolution proposing a change in the method of ratifying additions to the federal constitution.

Farm legislation still is in the formative stages, and until the house and senate agriculture committees come to an agreement on a bill to embody the recommendations of the president's agricultural conference, leaders can make no specific plans as to time for consideration.

Argentine May Settle Difficulty With Vatican

Buenos Aires, Feb. 15.—Although no official announcement is available regarding a reported solution of the difficulty between the Argentine government and the Vatican, La Nación says it is understood the controversy will be withdrawn by the Vatican of Nuncio Bedia Cardinale and his auditor, Monsignor Silvani, who more than a month ago were declared persona non grata by the Argentine government.

Simultaneously, the appointment of the papal nuncio at Rio de Janeiro will be announced. The vacancy will be filled, according to the newspaper.

La Nación says this solution, while complying with the Argentine government's desire, will have the appearance of being merely a retirement of the nuncio necessitated by a new appointment.

Nonpartisan Leader Dies

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 15.—John H. Bloom, 69, editor and manager of the North Dakota Nonpartisan, organ of the nonpartisan league of North Dakota, died suddenly here today of heart disease.

Federal Judge Who Dies by Own Hand



Police authorities said there was no question but that he had killed himself and indicated that no inquest would be held.

Search for Judge McGee was instituted by his daughter when he failed to return home for dinner after leaving the house for his office at 10. At 2 she went to the federal building, but found it locked. Summoning the custodian she went at once to Judge McGee's chambers and there found the door locked. It was opened by the custodian and they entered.

Find Body in Vault.

The judge's hat and coat were found hanging in his office, but there was no trace of him. Investigating further, they found the door of his vault open and Judge McGee lying inside.

Friends of Judge McGee tonight attributed his act to the prolonged illness of his wife.

"He was devoted to her," they said.

It is known that Judge McGee has also been affected by higher court reversals of his decisions given both in federal court here and in Omaha.

Decision Reversed.

Only a few days ago the appeal court cut a 15-year sentence meted out by Judge McGee to a drug law violator to five years and it is said, he felt it greatly.

Judge McGee had always been news at a loss to explain his disappearance and fear that he may be suffering from amnesia.

Meeting Held in Memory of Dead World War Veterans

Paris, Feb. 15.—President Doumergue, General Nollet, minister of war, and Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, were present today at a mass celebrated in the church of St. Louis of the Invalides in memory of the Americans and French killed in the fighting in Champagne during the world war. The mass was held at the request of the committee which inaugurated the monument at the Marcan farm last September. Queen tin Roosevelt, is one of the three soldiers depicted on the monument.

SEARCH GOES ON FOR MISSING LAD

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lexington, Neb., Feb. 15.—An appeal to any person seeing Harry M. Morgan, missing student of Valparaiso university, Valparaiso, Ind., to hold the youth and notify Joe Morgan of Lexington was sent to newspapers today.

The boy disappeared several weeks ago and, to date, no trace has been found of him. University officials were at a loss to explain his disappearance and fear that he may be suffering from amnesia.

We Have With Us Today

Herbert H. Fish, Jr., General Manager Great Western Paper Company, which owns and operates huge paper mills in Wisconsin. The largest is at Ladysmith, where Mr. Fish has his headquarters. He is an Omaha-reared boy, and attended the public schools of this city.

Incidentally, the Ladysmith mills are making the paper on which The Omaha Bee is being printed.

Mr. Smith says that the business outlook is growing brighter every day.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. February 15, 1925.

Hour	Temp	Wind	Clouds
12 A.	20	W 5	100
1 A.	18	W 5	100
2 A.	16	W 5	100
3 A.	14	W 5	100
4 A.	12	W 5	100
5 A.	10	W 5	100
6 A.	8	W 5	100
7 A.	6	W 5	100
8 A.	4	W 5	100
9 A.	2	W 5	100
10 A.	0	W 5	100
11 A.	2	W 5	100
12 M.	4	W 5	100
1 P.	6	W 5	100
2 P.	8	W 5	100
3 P.	10	W 5	100
4 P.	12	W 5	100
5 P.	14	W 5	100
6 P.	16	W 5	100
7 P.	18	W 5	100
8 P.	20	W 5	100
9 P.	22	W 5	100
10 P.	24	W 5	100
11 P.	26	W 5	100
12 M.	28	W 5	100