

### Judge McGee Kills Himself in His Office

#### Daughter Finds Body of Federal Jurist—Called "Terror of the Boot- leggers."

(Continued from Page One.)  
Juries and, through his strict sentences, had won the title of "Ten-Year McGee."  
A bill is now pending in the Minnesota legislature, sponsored by Judge McGee, which would require \$1,000 from liquor law violators and which increases the possible prison sentences for such violators.

News of Judge McGee's death came as a shock to persons in Omaha who knew him through his term on the bench here when he imposed fines totalling \$118,000 and meted out sentences to 83 defendants which totaled 75 years.  
"I can hardly believe it," said U. S. District Attorney J. C. Kinsler.

#### Was a Hard Worker

"We heard from Judge McGee only the other day in regard to several cases. I know that he has been working very hard and that he has been deeply affected by his wife's illness."  
"He was one of the best lawyers I ever saw on the bench and one of the keenest and quickest judges to decide on a law point I ever encountered. I think all attorneys who tried cases before him will agree in this."

"That's too bad. He was a great jurist," said Assistant United States District Attorney George Keyser.

Robert P. Samardick, former prohibition chief, was deeply affected by news of Judge McGee's tragic death. Samardick, through his work with McGee, had grown to know him well and visited with him in Minneapolis recently.

#### "High Type of Jurist"

"I know that he has worried constantly over his wife's ill health," he said. "It's too bad. He was a great man and a good American citizen and a high type of jurist. He was absolutely impartial and fearless."

William Lovely, W. N. Jamieson and Eugene O'Sullivan are three attorneys who tried cases with Judge McGee sitting on the bench.

"He gave me a good break," said O'Sullivan. "When I wanted to go to the democratic national convention and asked to have some of my cases continued he agreed, although he was trying to get the cases through as rapidly as possible. He was a strict judge. When he sentenced a man he fired both barrels."

#### News Spread Rapidly

It was some time before Jamieson could be convinced that some one was not trying to play a practical joke.  
"It can't be true," he said. "I can't believe it."

Report of Judge McGee's death spread rapidly and Lovely called The Omaha Bee to learn of its truth.  
"It's a tragic thing," he said, "and hard to believe."

Judge McGee was probably one of the most highly disliked judges among the bootlegging fraternity who ever said:  
"Five years and \$1,000 fine."  
Case after case was rushed through with him as judge, and, on one day, he sentenced 36 men and women to a total of 47 years and imposed fines totalling \$75,000.

### Searchlight Turned on Broadway Plays

#### District Attorney Plans Action Against Producers of Five.

New York, Feb. 14.—Five Broadway plays were under investigation today by District Attorney Egan, and their producers may be brought to trial under a section of the state penal code, in a campaign started by the authorities to "bar indecency from Broadway."

Manuscripts of the plays, all of which were investigated after citizens had lodged complaints that some of their lines were objectionable, are being read by Mr. Egan, Detectives and stenographers, representing the district attorney, attended the productions last night and laid the results of their investigations before him today.

Mr. Egan today definitely pronounced against one of the five, "A Good Bad Woman," produced by William A. Brady, and said he would take action against the producer if the play was not withdrawn from the stage by Monday. He did not make known the names of the four other productions under investigation.

A number of players arranged today to call a general meeting of actors to augment the ranks of the Actors' Association for Clean Plays, organized last night at the initiative of Maude Granger. The 13 charter members have signed a manifesto against productions of the "type" under investigation.

Mr. Brady recently announced he would not withdraw "The Good Bad Woman" unless other productions now on Broadway, against which complaints also had been made, were voluntarily taken from the stage.

#### German Industrialists

#### Not Poor, Paper Declares

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The socialist newspaper Vorwaerz quotes from a prospectus issue by the Thyssen company in connection with an attempt to float an American loan of \$12,000,000 to prove that the big industrialists in Germany are not nearly so poor as they assert.

To duplicate the Thyssen plant, Vorwaerz declares, would take \$166,000,000 if carried out under German conditions of labor and cost of material or \$250,000,000 under American conditions.

"Such," says the paper, "is the fortune of August Thyssen whose family in 1871 started with \$8,000."  
Vorwaerz estimates that Thyssen must have earned at least \$75,000,000 since 1914.

See Want Ads produce results.

### Firemen Battle Blizzard to Quench Montreal Flames



Montreal firemen had a sub-zero blizzard as well as flames to battle when a blaze attacked the downtown district of the Canadian metropolis. Water hurled at the blaze turned almost instantly to ice. Two city blocks were destroyed before they could check the conflagration.

### Kidnaping Plot Hinted in Note of Missing Girl, 14

#### Parents Scoff at Theory; Police Search Depots, Hotels and Dance Halls Fruitlessly.

Omaha police visited and checked all Omaha depots, dance halls and hotels Saturday night in an effort to find Doris Wood, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald A. Wood, who disappeared from her home, 532 South Thirtieth street, late Saturday afternoon.

The girl left a weird note, intimating she was kidnaped. Her parents scoff at this theory, however. The note, which was scribbled on small pieces of blue paper, follows:

Dear Mother:  
My dream came true. They made me take \$10 from the tin box. They think that's all there is.

All I can find from their whisperings is that we leave town on the first train that leaves Omaha. I have known this two weeks, but I didn't tell because they would kill you and daddy.

I am going to take Tike (her dog) and teach him new tricks. Goodbye till we meet again.

Your loving daughter,  
DORIS.

P. S.—Take care of yourself and don't get sick.

According to her mother, Doris told her parents Saturday morning of a dream she had Friday night in which two men kidnaped her.

The girl urged her mother to go to a show when Mrs. Wood went downtown shopping Saturday afternoon, telling her that she needed time to complete a surprise. When Mrs. Wood returned at 8 Saturday evening she found the note.

The Woods could advance no reasons for the girl leaving home, but discredited the police theory of an elopement, claiming that to their knowledge Doris had never gone with a boy.

Doris attends Farnam school. She is five feet, five inches tall, weighs 100 pounds and is of slender build.

She was wearing a knit dress, buff shoes, black stockings and dark brown coat when she left home, and carried a Gladstone bag.

### SHOALS BILL UP ON WEDNESDAY

Washington, Feb. 14.—A tentative agreement was reached today by senate leaders to call up the conference report on the Underwood Muscle Shoals private leasing bill Wednesday.

The plan to bring it up today was abandoned because of an appropriation law. Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, then insisted that his bill providing for the retirement of emergency officers be called up in the regular order and so it was agreed to bring up the Bursum bill next with Muscle Shoals legislation following immediately.

### Merchant Suffers 3 Losses in Less Than Year

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Columbia, Neb., Feb. 15.—In the burning of his big clothing store here disaster upon disaster seems to be coming to Emil Peckrandt as in less than a year he has suffered three heavy losses by fires and a tornado.

Last summer a large barn, lightly insured, on his farm, near here, was destroyed by fire and later in the season a wind storm almost totally destroyed his crops. The last loss, estimated at \$15,000, was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

#### Educator Dies.

Harlan, Ia., Feb. 14.—John Newby, pioneer school teacher of Shelby county, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roy Keop of Kearney, Neb., according to word received here. The body will be brought to Harlan for burial.

### FIRE DAMAGES BLUFFS STORE

Council Bluffs police are investigating the origin of a fire which was discovered at 10:55 Saturday night in the I. & F. clothing store, 409 West Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 by I. P. Farnow, proprietor, 206 Park avenue, Council Bluffs.

The blaze was discovered by Eric Thornton and Marie Schenberger as they were passing the store.

Firemen found a rear door unlocked, but learned from Farnow that it was locked when he left the store at 10:10 Saturday night.

J. J. Thomas, block watchman, said the door was locked when he tried it at 9.

### Filibuster Delays Senate Program

#### Administration Leaders Fear Move May Kill Important Measures.

Washington, Feb. 14.—What both republican and democratic leaders characterized as a filibuster got into full swing today in the senate, with a promise that it would be continued during at least a part of next week.

While the independent offices appropriation bill was made the vehicle of obstructive tactics on both sides of the chamber, leaders said the real opposition was directed against the emergency officers retirement bill, the measure for purchase of the Cape Cod canal and the French spoils claims bill. The first two have been given privileged status.

Senator King, democrat, Utah, and others who have been leading the fight for amendment of the independent offices bill, denied that there was any filibuster. While conceding that more time had been consumed in the consideration of this one measure than was given to all of the other six appropriation bills passed by the senate, they said the bill was important and contained many provisions that challenged attention.

Republican leaders, with whom rests the responsibility for carrying out of the administration program, would not venture an opinion as to the probable effect of the delay on their program. With only two weeks more to go, however, they feared that a continuation of what they claim is a filibuster will result in killing several of the measures they have selected for preferential treatment in the senate.

### BUILDING FALLS; 2 PERSONS HURT

Pittsburgh, Feb. 14.—A man and a woman were seriously injured and eight other persons had narrow escape from death or serious injury, when a six-story brick building at 141 Pike street, suddenly caved in and crashed to the ground.

### Rail Men Would Prevent Damage to Moving Freight

Emerson, Neb., Feb. 15.—An important meeting to discuss measures to prevent damage to freight in transit was held here by the freight claim prevention committee attended by 45 railroad men of Emerson and officials of the M. & O. railroad.

The officials included J. A. O'Brien of St. Paul, chairman of the committee; E. C. Blondell, division superintendent, Omaha; J. J. Prentice, division superintendent, St. James, Minn.; and G. L. Wright of St. Paul, superintendent of the safety bureau.

### Solon Would Tax Single Man to Support Maids

Harlan, Ia., Feb. 14.—George Miller, Shelby county representative in the legislature, has announced that he is considering a bill which would tax bachelors for the support of old maids.

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### Child, 8, Flees From Assailant When Attacked

#### Cripple Had Bothered Girl Before, Mother Says; Police Have Suspect.

Freemont, Neb., Feb. 14.—Police today were attempting to identify a suspect under surveillance as a result of the charges of Galt, W. G. Schaffler, a former army aviator, that the admiral had changed a story written on the air bombing test which was to be printed under the signature of General Pershing.

Schaffler quoted the admiral as saying "It's true, every bit of it—but, my God, we can't let it go out—it would ruin the navy."

"The man who made that statement about me," said Schaffler, "must have been dreaming, or else drawing on his imagination."

"The paper was not changed as to fact in any way. The entire first part giving the details of the actual bombing was left intact. Anyone who imagines you can fix a report by General Pershing must be ignorant of the man and what he has done."

The admiral then explained the statement was submitted to him by courtesy of General Pershing and that he had added two paragraphs because he believed it written all right from the standpoint of aviation, but not from the standpoint of the navy.

### ROAD BOOSTERS MEET TUESDAY

The joint good roads committee of Omaha together with the good roads committee of the Greater Omaha association will attend a mass meeting of the Nebraska Good Roads association in Lincoln Tuesday.

The meeting is in opposition to the bill now in the legislature calling for a "spill" in the proposed gasoline tax of 2 cents a gallon. "The bill asks that the gasoline tax be equally divided between the state and the county. The Nebraska Good Roads association wants all the money derived from the gasoline tax to be given to the state to meet its more than \$4,000,000 of federal aid coming to Nebraska during the next two years."

### DANBAUM LOSES NEW YORK PITCH

Captain of Detectives Ben Danbaum will return to Omaha from New York Monday without his man, according to a telegram received Saturday by Chief of Police Charles Van Deusen.

Danbaum was sent to New York to return Isaac Sunshine, who is alleged to have defrauded Harry Fellman, Omaha grocer, of \$45,000.

According to Van Deusen, Sunshine has successfully fought extradition. In his telegram Danbaum maintains the amount Sunshine is said to have received from Fellman to be \$45,000, although the grocer has declared his loss to be but \$1,500.

### ALLEGED GESE THIEVES WAIVE

A. E. Lamb, 22, 3708 Second avenue, and Ed Smith, Tenth street and Fourteenth avenue, charged with the theft of three geese, waived hearing in Council Bluffs police court Saturday and were bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Bond was set at \$700 each.

The two men were arrested Thursday afternoon at Eighth street and the Rock Island tracks when police officers recognized the number of their car. A third man escaped by running into the railroad yards. The geese had been sold in Omaha, but were recovered by police.

Sweat the house fly in the Autumn, Every egg she lays in August Means a million in the spring.

### U. S. Open to Raid From Air, Former Army Flyer Avers

#### New Fuel Added to Wrangle in Aircraft Hearing; Ses- sions May Last An- other Week.

Washington, Feb. 14.—New fuel was added to the aircraft controversy today with such rapidity that the congressional inquiry into the nation's air defenses is likely to continue for another week or more, possibly until the adjournment of congress.

### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.  
Who finds he cannot stand the pace May by his wit vie with the hare.

#### Jumper the Hare's Race for Life.

These were hard times for every body. Perhaps this isn't quite true. There were a few who, like Prickly Jerky and Paddy the Beaver and Jerry Muskrat, had little or nothing to worry about. Living on banks, Prickly Jerky could always get a good meal when he needed it. Being protected by the thousand little spears in his coat, he was afraid of no one. Paddy the Beaver and Jerry Muskrat, living in their snug houses and getting their food beneath the ice, didn't even know it was bad weather. They didn't have a single worry. But with the others it was very different. Jumper and Hare

could find enough to eat, but he didn't know a moment of restful peace. Hunger kept his enemies constantly searching for him. He never moved without the feeling that the next second he might have to take to his long heels for his life. Reddy Fox, Old Man Coyote, Yowler the Bob Cat, Terror the Goshawk and Hooty the Great Horned Owl spent a great deal of their time hunting for Jumper. He slept with one eye open, as he was saying to Hare.

"The result was that after awhile he ran a much shorter distance each time. He was growing tired. Old Man Coyote didn't seem to be tired at all. Jumper saw this and it frightened him more than ever. He tried all the tricks he knew to fool Old Man Coyote.

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### Guards Save Crew of Submarine S-48

#### Huddled together in one of the compartments of their vessel, to escape the deadly fumes of escaping chlorine gas, the 46 half-frozen officers and men of the U. S. submarine S-48, which struck on the rocks off Portsmouth, N. H., have been rescued by coast guard men.

The S-48 had another disaster in 1921, sinking to the bottom of Long Island sound. The heroism of a sailor, who was shot to the surface through a torpedo tube, resulted in saving the vessel and her crew.

Freemont, Neb., Feb. 14.—A charge of dynamite, used in an attempt to break up an ice gorge in the Platte river, at Valley, east of here, today wrecked one of the piers of the bridge across the river so badly that the bridge was ordered closed to public traffic. The blast almost completely swept away the pier, leaving that part of the span without support. After one or two motorists ventured across the weakened span the authorities declared it unsafe.

Union Pacific railroad crews and farmers are fighting the ice gorges formed in the Platte at North Bend, 15 miles west of here. Airplanes have been patrolling the river and dropping bombs wherever gorges seemed imminent. The channel here is comparatively clear.

### 12 PERSONS HURT AS CARS COLLIDE

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 14.—Twelve persons were injured here today when a street car was derailed at Mission and Second streets, crashing into a street car going in the opposite direction. The injuries, which are not believed at the hospital to be serious, consist chiefly of cuts and bruises.

Rail Consolidation Seen. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Crofton, Neb., Feb. 15.—Train crews on the M. & O. railroad have been provided with Chicago & North-western railroad rule books which they will be required to pass examinations on.

An examination car is visiting Crofton, Bloomfield and other points on the M. & O., which are indications that the proposed consolidation of the latter with the Northwestern will soon be effected.

Omaha crews are now handling through freight from Omaha to Sioux City over the Northwestern on the east side of the Missouri river as that road is almost water level, having no grades while the Omaha road has hills to climb, cuts to pass through and 20 miles longer distance. Crews with one engine can haul more tons on the Northwestern than can be hauled by three crews with six engines on the west side. Now the Northwestern may be double tracked for the added service.

Old Man Coyote was after him instantly. If the snow had been soft Jumper could have escaped without any trouble. But it was covered with an icy crust, and on this Old Man Coyote could run as easily as Jumper. Now Jumper is one of those foolish people who, when they are frightened, lose their heads, as the saying is. If he had run easily he could have tired Old Man Coyote out. But he didn't run easily. He ran with all his might until he was out of breath and had to stop. Then when Old Man Coyote would come in sight Jumper would race away again in a great panic.

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### Soldier Owned Still for Which Girl Was Jailed

#### Fort Omaha Man Admits Pro- prietorship After Arrest on Robbery Charge; Clears Alice Schneider.

Private Paul Stadnick, 25, stationed at Fort Omaha, combined "soldiering" and bootlegging, according to a statement obtained by police from Stadnick Saturday.

Stadnick was ordered held for investigation by Detectives Robert Munch and Ed Goralski, who arrested him in connection with the theft of plumbing from a vacant house recently.

The soldier admitted the theft and implicated Mike Gorinsky, 2341 J street, who, he says, participated in the robbery. Goralski also is held by police.

Stadnick declares that he distilled liquor and sold it at the home of his mother, Agnes Stadnick, 4119 South Thirty-fifth street.

A still was seized at that address three months ago and Alice Schneider, 22, the only person in the house at that time, was arrested.

Mrs. Schneider, whose husband is said to be a soldier, told officers that she was not the owner of the still but that she would plead guilty to the charge rather than divulge the name of the real owner.

Accordingly, she was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail by Judge James Fitzgerald two months ago. Stadnick told detectives that he was confined to the Fort Omaha guard house at the time or he would have given himself up.

Mrs. Agnes Stadnick was fined \$100 in police court Saturday on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

Our Nellie's grades are very poor—And study she avoids: The doctor says that he is sure It's due to adenoids.

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