

Today

Collins Dead, Better So. Our Feeble Imagination. Great Nation's Danger. Every Man's Business. By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

Floyd Collins' suffering is over. The rescue party found him dead, in the cave trap. How long he has been dead doctors will tell, approximately.

Better dead than living, in any case, if only one or two days of the intense suffering were escaped.

This man's death illustrates the power and the weakness of human imagination. A hundred men risked their lives to save him. Doctors went to his rescue by flying machine, but could do nothing. The entire nation followed, closely the tragic story.

Imagination showed the man lying in the low cave his leg crushed, by the 14,000-pound rock, existing day after day, for nearly two weeks, in horrible agony and discomfort.

It was possible to imagine clearly that dreadful situation. And the nation sympathized. Any legislature would gladly have voted \$100,000 to save Collins.

The same nation, through its legislatures, refuses to pass the child labor amendment that would free tens of thousands of children, from years of slow torment.

The feeble public imagination cannot see clearly on those children in the mills.

Brigadier General Mitchell, a brave man at staking his brigadier's star, as Cyrus H. K. Curtis has well said, on his fight for the national safety, deserves the thanks of this nation, and will have them.

If he has found no supporters high up in the army or navy, more shame to his superior officers that are controlled by battleship-building interests; or have idled away their time in the public service, learning nothing.

Desk men that get extra flying pay without ever flying fail to support General Mitchell, quite naturally. He flies and risks his neck in our inferior machines constantly. That puzzles them. But men that flew in the war are back of him, 2,000 of them, and whatever other heads of the army and navy may do, it is quite certain that President Coolidge, the real head of the army and navy, will see that Mitchell is properly treated.

Men of every branch of service, in the late war, saw with their own eyes the power of aircraft. Every one of them should write to the president, if only 10 lines, urging an adequate air defense. President Coolidge will be glad to hear from any ex-service man, or any other citizen.

Every American should read the testimony before the congressional committee yesterday by Gen. Amos E. Fries, chief of the army chemical warfare service.

"There is no real answer to gas attacks except airplanes with which to stop the enemy's onslaught, and gas him in turn."

General Fries further testified that gas warfare with the new chemicals would be 50 times as deadly as it was in the last war.

And as for anti-aircraft guns, smoke curtains, and sprinkled smoke, combined with persistent gases and rained down from the clouds, would make anti-aircraft artillery worthless. The marksmen would be firing at a sky filled with smoke, while the fliers rained down their explosives and deadly gases.

The people's business is to realize what the next war will mean, and see to it that the nation is prepared for defense. Nice old maids in the navy quote Captain Mahan's book on the sea power, and his statement that command of the sea means command of the world.

Captain Mahan, a great sea captain, knew as little about modern war, when he wrote his book, as Napoleon knew about transporting troops by rail, or using submarines to attack England.

Air power is now the only power. Who rules the air can rule the world. The great cities, the dwelling of every ruler, president or king, is at his mercy.

This country needs fighting aircraft, 10,000 of them, the most efficient fleet in the world, to be used for the mails and other public use in peace, for fighting in war.

And whether they "pay" or not, is of no importance. Safety is cheap at any price. One efficient fighting aircraft, if a war came, could cost this nation more than all the flying machines necessary to save us from foreign aviators, from any home-bred corporation and individual grafters. If you believe that, write to the president and tell him so. You'll help to pay the grafting bills and get your share of gas from the sky, if war ever catches us unprepared.

You may say "too much aircraft talk in that column. I'll skip for awhile."

All right, skip. If a war finds us lacking an adequate air force, you will remember this warning:

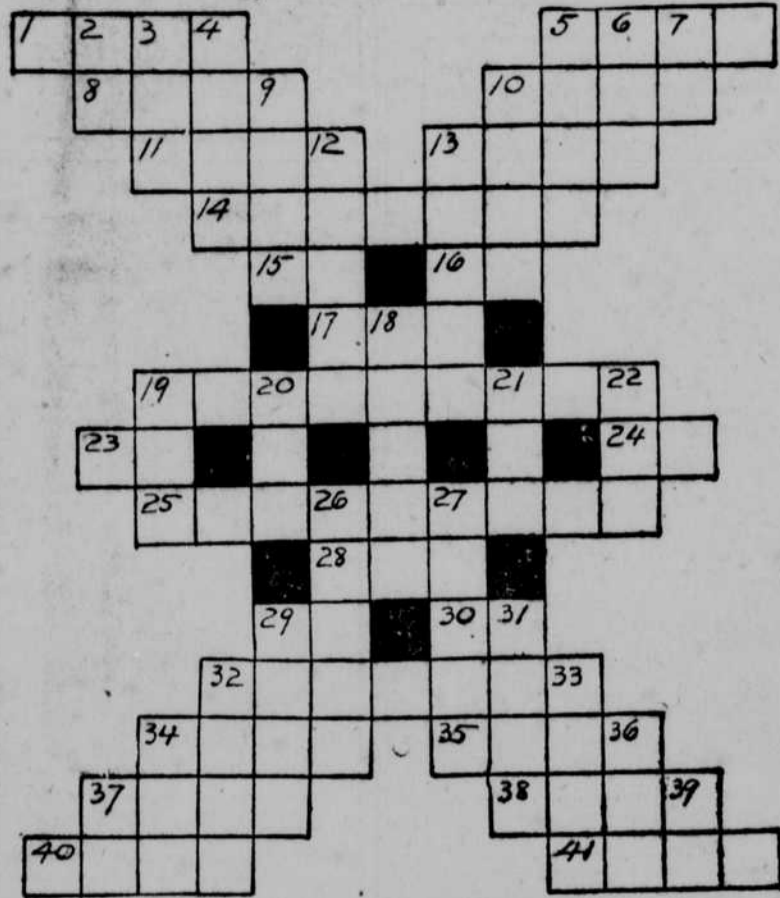
This country is unprepared, as defenseless as Germany was, when

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY



- Horizontal:**
- A slight puff of air.
 - Ho! there! (nautical).
 - The ground.
 - A national banner.
 - A common law term in two words meaning "and others" (abbr.).
 - To kill.
 - To jabber.
 - A Southern State (abbr.).
 - The Egyptian sun god.
 - Anger.
 - Prevailing wind near the equator.
 - Musical note.
 - Toward the top.
 - A rope sling for handling barrels.
 - Part of the verb "to eat."
 - Otherwise.
 - An article.
 - Lubricated.
 - An exclamation of despair.
 - Unbleached.
 - A pointer.
 - An osculation.
 - Fearless.
 - A servant in Mexico.
- Vertical:**
- The land in which we live.
 - An enemy.
 - Spasms.
 - Wing-shaped.
 - Cattle fodder.
 - King of Bashan (Biblical).
 - Wraps around.
 - A tiny insect.

The solution will appear tomorrow.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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the French marched into the Ruhr. Any one of four nations, in a sudden attack, could destroy every great city in America, and hold the nation to ransom.

The oceans no longer protect us. The Pacific coast is only 30 hours from Asia, and the Atlantic coast 10 hours from Europe, by airplane.

First would come the swift high-power planes, throwing our cities and our unprepared government into confusion, with attacks on half a dozen cities at once, including Washington. Then would come the slower, heavy bombing machines, to force conviction upon us.

And finally would arrive in very safe machines, plenipotentiaries, with power to fix terms for us.

If they happened to be very polite gentlemen, with exquisite manners and slanting eyes, courteously expressing their regret, and bringing us a new set of ready-made immigration laws, we should not like it.

But that would not help us. Flying machines would help us and nothing else would.

Our lumbering battleships would be a ghastly joke. And the government official that defends and urges reliance on the battleship in defiance of common sense, because his friends make millions in building battleships, is a dangerous traitor, and needs to have the truth told plainly.

God help those responsible, from top to bottom, if an attack from the air ever finds this nation defenseless.

RADIO

(Courtesy of Radio Digest.)
By Associated Press.

WBB, Atlanta Journal (428.3), 10:45, harmony boys.
WBEF, Boston (419.5), 7 orchestra; 7:30, musical; 8, opera; 9, Mary Dyer; William Hughes; 9:30, Griffith, McGinley; 10, music.
WGR, Buffalo (319), 7:15, specialties, philharmonic concert; 10, dance.

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Woodmen of the World

The Acorn Press
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W. O. W. City Tax for Year \$31,336

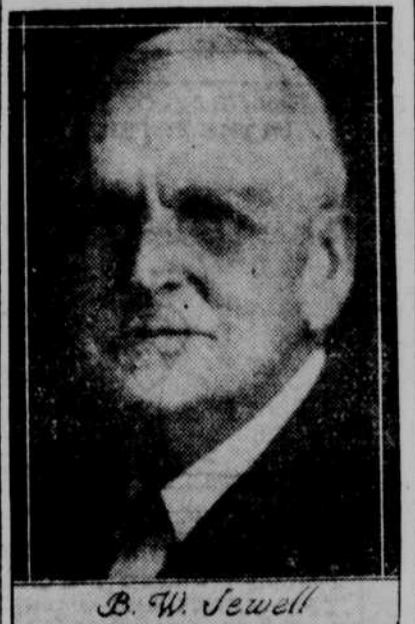
Assets of Order Total \$119,906,674; Monthly Business Over \$10,000,000.

"In 1924 the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association paid to the city of Omaha \$31,336.32 in taxes," said W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the association.

"We bear a certain part of the expense in the running of this community," said Mr. Fraser, "and we are glad to do our share in this way because we know that the money is used to develop Omaha."

The Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association is one of the largest brotherhood insurance associations in the world, according to Mr. Fraser. This association has assets amounting to \$119,906,674.66, and does a business of approximately \$10,000,000 a month throughout the United States. Its individual bank clearings in Omaha for 1924 were \$35,527,968.36, and it received and sent out in Omaha during 1924 12,167,292 pieces of mail, according to Mr. Fraser.

Jewell Helped Found W. O. W. in Omaha



B. W. Jewell was present at the meeting in the Paxton hotel, Omaha, June 5, 1890, at the founding of the

Woodmen of the World and was elected a member of the sovereign executive council at that time, continuing as such.

Jewell was nominated and confirmed as sovereign adviser February 1, 1924.

WOODMEN HOLD VAST SUM IN BONDS

The Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association has invested in securities \$67,248,958.33. These securities consist of government, state, county, road, school and municipal securities. They represent securities from state, city and counties all over the United States.

"We do not invest in speculative stocks of any kind," said W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, in commenting on the securities held by the association.

According to Mr. Fraser, the Woodmen of the World accounts are audited by state insurance commissioners periodically, just as banks are examined. If surpluses funds are accumulated in excess of the reserves required by state law, the full amount is refunded to its members, and up to date the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association has re-

funded to its members over \$6,000,000 since January, 1921, said Mr. Fraser.

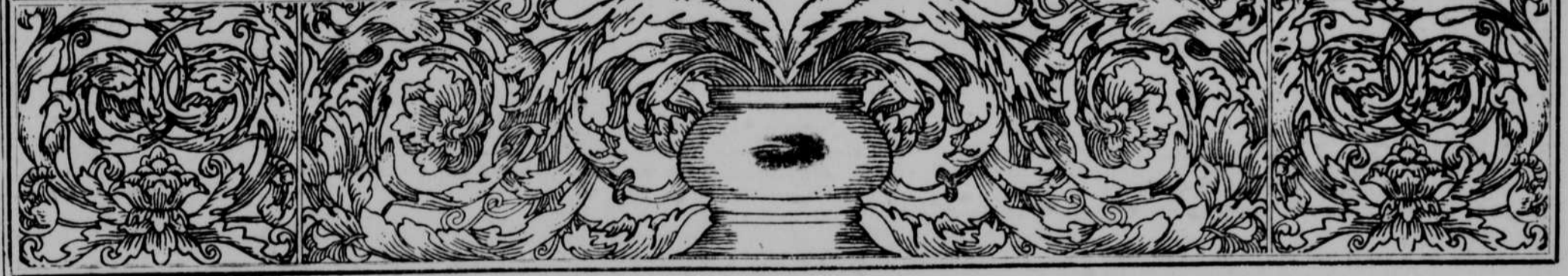
Choked to Death.

Laurel, Feb. 17.—Funeral services were held here for E. E. Burns, who choked to death in a paroxysm of coughing at his home here. For several years Mr. Burns has been troubled with asthma and recently contracted a severe cold.

To
W. A. Fraser
and the **W. O. W.**
Insurance Association

we extend congratulations and thanks for their achievements and assistance in the making of Omaha a City.

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If is with great pleasure that we congratulate the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Association upon the celebration of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

We also congratulate Omaha and Nebraska in the possession of this wonderful institution and its nationally known radio broadcasting station.

They have truly informed the world that this is "The city surrounded by the United States."

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