WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Generally fair; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.—George Bernard Shaw.

Committee to Re-open Air Probe

Investigation Terminated so Abruptly Last Week Will Be Resumed by Vote of 5 to 1.

More Funds Discovered

Washington, Feb. 24.—After debating the matter in two executive sessions, the house aircraft committee today voted, 5 to 1, to reopen the aircraft investigation which it abruptly terminated Saturday.

Members said an apparent lack of funds caused the termination of the inquiry, but that an audit of the committee's accounts showed sufficient money remaining to complete the work that had been mapped out for the few days remaining before the adjournment of congress March 4

Plan Joint Session.

Coincident with the committee's action today, Representative Wainwright, New York, republican member of the house military affairs committee, announced that subcommittees of the military and naval affairs committees expected to meet in joint session early in the next congress to discuss the nation's air defense.

Wainwright, a former assistant secretary of war, was chairman of a special aeronautics subcommittee of the military committee, and Representative Swing, republican, California, chairman of a similar naval submittee, decided at a recent conference to postpone any action until after members had been given an opportunity to study the report of the present aircraft committee.

Unified Air Service.

Wainwright said today that if a thorough survey of the problems of the air defense was found advisable the matter might be taken up jointly by the two house subcommittees and subcommittees of the senate military and naval committees.

Swing also pointed out today that the question of creating a unified air service undoubtedly would be brought up in the next congress, as it was practically certain that the Curry bill, designed to bring this about, would be reintroduced in the new congress. Hearings on this bill have been held at the present session by the military committee.

SEVEN KILLED IN BLAST AT QUARRY

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 24.—Seven men were killed and eight injured in a premature explosion of a heavy charge of dynamite in a rock quarry on the outskirts of the village of Langtry 140 miles west of here.

The bodies of some of the victims were blown to bits. Others were hurled more than 200 yards while some were buried beneath heavy masses of rock and earth as the side of the hill toppled over on them.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—John W. Harshaw, chief engineer of the El Paso-Del Rio division of the Southern Pacific, was instantly killed by a premature explosion at the company's quarry at Langtry today, according to information received by William A. Roberts, chief dispatcher.

T. A. Dorris, quarry superintendent, also was killed, Roberts was advised, and possibly three or four workmen whose names had not been given him this afternoon.

PULLMAN ESTATE SUIT IS SETTLED

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A suit for accounting brought a year ago against Frank O. Lowden, trustee of the George M. Pullman estate by Mrs. George M. Pullman, jr., and Mrs. Sanger Pullman, sisters, and widows of the twin sons of the late George M. Pullman, sr., was settled by a circuit court decree signed Saturday, it was learned today.

According to financial agencies the widows receive $90,000 in cash, Chicago real estate worth $190,000, and property in New Jersey and California.

The settlement leaves the will without further contests, and attorneys for both sides have announced that complete harmony has been restored in the Pullman family.

Rotary District Governor to Visit Club at McCook

McCook, Feb. 24.—The first visit to McCook Rotary club of District Governor Rafelty of Sioux Falls, S. D., is scheduled for March 12.

York School Head Attends Convention at Cincinnati

York, Feb. 24.—Prof. W. G. Brooks of the York city schools is in attendance at a national meeting of city school superintendents at Cincinnati.

We Have With Us Today

Robert S. Wilson,
Manager Retail Stores
Devoe & Reynolds Paint Company.

Mr. Wilson is in Omaha on a tour of the 15 cities in the country in which his company operates retail stores. The purpose of his tour is to study trade conditions in the various cities and to explain to the retail managers a plan for granting deferred payments on house painting.

Mr. Wilson says that his tour has shown him that the paint business is returning to prosperity. Some of his stores have shown an increase of 48 per cent in January, 1925, over the same month last year.

Boy, 5, Tries Shaving; Net Result 3 Cuts

Cedar Rapids, Feb. 24.—Lloyd Hughes, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hughes, had seen his father shave himself numerous times. Today the lad decided he would play barber. He got hold of dads' tools, lathered his face and started scraping it with an old-fashioned razor. Presently his mother heard him scream. She ran to the bathroom to discover the child's face bathed in blood. She called a doctor who found three ugly razor gashes on the child's face.

Sweden Mourns Sudden Death of Former Premier

All Classes Express Regret at Passing of Hjalmar Branting, One of Nation's Greatest Statesmen.

Stockholm, Feb. 24.—Flags were at half mast throughout Sweden today in honor of Hjalmar Branting, former premier, who died shortly after noon. All classes expressed their regret at the passing of one who was regarded as among Sweden's greatest statesmen.

Branting had been ill for several weeks and serious complications developed during the last few days.

Gallstone inflamation set in while his vitality was already ebbing.

One of the political effects of his death is expected to be the development of a tension—if not a complete split—within the ranks of the socialist party which has been held together by the great force of Branting's personality. The former premier's nearest followers were Minister of Defense Hansson, and former Minister of Finance Wilhelm Thorsson. Both of these men belong to the more conservative element of the party while Richard Sandler, present head of the cabinet and Minister of Finance Ernst Vigfors are known as being radical in tendency.

Branting's influence was successful on several occasions in holding the party together.

The former premier had been ill since November 30, when he contracted influenza. At that time he expected to go to the Rome meeting of the league of nations council. He later contracted thrombosis and on January 24 resigned as premier.

He is survived by a widow, Anna Branting, who for 40 years has been well known as an authoress; a son, Georg, a lawyer; a daughter, Sonja, also a lawyer; and a brother, Axel, a journalist.

The reaction to Branting's death in all political camps, as reflected by the afternoon papers, is remarkable and unanimous. The ultra-conservative Aftonbladet, in its obituary writes: "He was a real patriot and his guiding star was his pure idealism."

The bolshevist editor and party leader, Zeta Hoeglund, one of Branting's bitterest antagonists says: "Lucidity of style, logic of thought and weight of opinion were his qualities as a writer; while his political judgment, theoretical knowledge and devotion to his cause gave him the position as leader."

FORMER CHINESE EMPEROR FLEES

Pekin, Feb. 24.—The former boy emperor of China has fled Pekin.

Deserting his refuge in the Japanese legation, Hsuan Tung, presumably disguised as a coolie, made his way by train to Tien Tsin. He was followed on another train by his wife and retinue.

The imperial party is now living in the Japanese concession at Tien Tsin pending a trip to Japan, it was learned today.

Threatening articles in the Chinese press are said to have precipitated the flight of the former emperor.

University Founders' Day Celebrated at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Feb. 24.—Twenty-two alumni and students of the University of Nebraska gathered at a local cafe to commemorate founders' day. A 7 o'clock dinner was served and a fine program given. During the business session reports from the officers were heard, and election of officers resulted as follows: Dr. D. G. Houlette, Broken Bow, president; Prof. W. A. Rosene, Callaway, vice president; Miss Stella Andrews, Broken Bow, secretary-treasurer. Plans were laid to entertain the county high school seniors at a "Go-to-University" affair during the county field meet.

McCoy Was Melancholy, Sports Promoter States

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, charged with robbery and assault upon patrons of the Mors antique shop the morning after Mrs. Theresa W. Mors was found shot to death in her apartment, and in connection with whose death he was convicted of manslaughter, was "melancholy, childish and shed tears over his bad luck," Herman Moss, sports promoter, testified at the trial here today.

Moss' testimony, which also added that "McCoy had an idea that he could make the dice do anything, but never proved it," substantiated other evidence of defense tending to show that the former pugilist was "irrational" when he raided the Mors shop.

Fraud Trial Ended.

New York, Feb. 24.—Prosecution and defense rested at the trial of Charles A. Stoneham, Ed Dier and others on charges of using the mails to defraud investors.

Film Star's Life Is Still in Balance

Gloria Makes Notables Progress During Day, but Outcome of Case Doubtful; She Amazes Doctors.

Beauty Smiles Bravely

By BASIL WOON,
Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Feb. 24.—Henri Marquis de la Falaise slept for four hours today for the first time in four days. His wife, Gloria Swanson, made notable progress during the day, but her life still hangs in the balance.

The doctors are amazed at the strength of their patient. About noon today word came from the newspaper correspondents that one agency in America had reported her dead. When Gloria heard this she said:

"Well, that makes the fourth time they have tried to kill me. Maybe they will do a good job yet."

Smiles Bravely.

Universal Service's correspondent, who is the only person thus far admitted to the sick room besides Gloria's husband, her doctors and nurses, was present at the time. For the first time in several days the famous star smiled. She looks but the shadow of her former self.

Personally, I do not believe Gloria Swanson will be physically fit to appear in another picture before summer, so severely has this sickness tried her strength, no matter what the present outcome may be.

Friends Await Crisis.

Tonight her friends await the crisis which was expected last night and during the day, but is still delayed. Four doctors in attendance are now optimistic, contrasting with their attitude of yesterday when one said:

"Only a superhuman could live more than four hours in such a condition."

But Gloria is alive and what is more she is smiling. For the first time in a week she is without pain.

From Cannes comes the word that Adolph Zukor is speeding to Paris.

OLSON PRESSING PROBE OF DEATH

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court today wrote to the national laboratory at Washington, requesting a record of all shipments of typhoid germs from the laboratory to Chicago within two months prior to the death of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan."

Judge Olson and the Chicago police are investigating a theory that McClintock's death was caused by typhoid inoculation.

A communication received by Judge Olson today advised him to get in touch with Frank P. Walsh, New York lawyer, saying he would give valuable information bearing on the McClintock case. It was recalled that several years ago Walsh defended a Kansas City physician accused of committing murder by means of typhoid inoculation, supplemented by poisons not traceable in a post mortem.

Judge Olson's mail contained communications about the case from many states, including California.

U. S. DANCER WEDS RICH ARGENTINIAN

New York, Feb. 24.—Leonora Hughes, pretty blonde dancer, known in the night clubs of New York and Paris for her artful stepping with Maurice, today became Mme. Carlos Basuldo, bride of a handsome young Argentinian whose income is reputed to be $8,000 a week.

Rev. Father Robert E. Woods, officiated at the ceremony at St. Patricks.

The couple made reservations for San Francisco on an afternoon train. They plan to spend a short honeymoon on the coast, then sail for Buenos Aires.

Boy Scouts Doing "Good Turn" Weekly

Bridgeport, Feb. 24.—Boy Scouts of Bridgeport are becoming more active and each Saturday sees them engaged in "doing a good turn." Last Saturday they turned out 35 strong and under direction of the scoutmaster and fire chief burned a fire guard on the prairie surrounding the city. The week previous they cleaned the golf courts for the country club members, and they are now planning on raking the public streets.

Trop No. 2 will be registered this week and Rev. S. H. King of the Presbyterian church has taken the scoutmastership of troop No. 1, with Dave Kelley as assistant. There are 45 scouts registered or ready to be registered in Bridgeport.

Bicyclist Hurt in Collision.

Nebraska City, Feb. 24.—James King, riding a bicycle, collided with a Ford car driven by Harold Macklin in this city and was badly injured. King was traveling at a high rate of speed when he hit the car. He was thrown on top of the hood of the car by the impact and his head struck the windshield, breaking the class and cutting his forehead and mouth.

Golden Wedding Celebrated.

Aurora, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. August Schertz celebrated their golden wedding at Aurora recently, a large number of children, grandchildren and friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. Schertz came to Hamilton county in 1893 and have lived in Aurora since 1912.

"Gotta Mush My Dogs" Is Slangdom's Latest Bon Mot; News Rules Phrases

"Sheik" Passe, Now One Is a "Rudolph;" a Girl's Beauty Becomes "The Butterfly's Fuzz;" Dumbell Is Dead Now "A Big Oof."

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have to step faster nowadays to keep your slang up to date than you do your hats. With the Collins tragedy and the Nome epidemic in the spotlight of public interest, high school students here have had to change their jargon every newspaper edition in order to keep in the vanguard of current slang styles.

Those who would "ankle on" or "teeter away" these days are classed as mid-Victorian by the younger set. There is only one approved form of breaking away from an importunate friend or insurance agent. It is: "Well, I gotta mush my dogs and get home in time for the old dried fish."

However, under certain circumstances you may "trek on" without forfeiting the respect of the moderns.

Even the Collins tragedy has been capitalized by the youthful language revolutionists.

"I'm sure gonna Floyd Collins my girl friend Hazel tonight," remarks the high school modernist. "She Ritzed me last night at the dance because I didn't have on my Tux."

And another wise cracker will exclaim "hard luck in Algebra I sand caved twice."

up to the minute in no longer is a sign of mental laziness, as English pedagogues once charged.

To talk intelligibly in the slang set requires a constant alertness to the latest news events and to the patter of musical comedy and vaudeville. And it requires a deftness of brain and rapid fire thinking to coin the timely slang bon mot before the other fellow beats you to it. The unofficial degree of wise cracker carries far more weight today in scholastic circles than that of doctor of philosophy.

Cross word puzzles, while becoming slightly passe, still influence slang styles to some extent.

"George is about the biggest oaf I know," remarks the girl in galoshes.

"He's worse than that," responds her girl friend of the half hose. "He's a four-letter word meaning something that lives under water.

"Sheiks" now are "Rudolphs." Anything chic is "the worm's undershirt" or "the mole's chest protector." Anything sharp and shrewd is designated as "the beaver's front teeth." The last word to be said in admiration of a girl's beauty is that she is "the butterfly's fuzz."

Montana Judge Explains Death of John F. McGee

Federal Jurist Declares Flooding of Court of His Contemporary Caused Him to Slay Self.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—A statement that he had seen a letter from Judge John F. McGee of the United States district court in Minneapolis, who committed suicide recently, which said that the jurist was contemplating self destruction because his court had been turned into a police court by prohibition cases and "congress had placed him in a position where he could not see the end," was made from the bench today by United States District Judge G. M. Bourquin of Montana.

"I have no intention at all that my court shall become so crowded," Judge Bourquin said. "I am not going to kill myself."

Judge Bourquin said in his statement:

"I have seen a letter written by the late Judge McGee giving his reasons for contemplating suicide, in which he spoke of his court becoming crowded with police court matters and that congress had placed him in a position where he had no hope of seeing the end."

The statement was in connection with a minor prohibition case where the judge objected to certain technicalities that would have delayed a decision on the issue.

ADMIRAL URGES NEED FOR NAVY

Washington, Feb. 24.—In an unusually frank speech, in which he dealt with present day world policies, Rear Admiral W. W. Phelps, member of the general board of the navy, declared here this afternoon that the United States required a strong navy because British shipping and trade policies so conflict with those of America that only a strong navy can prevent conflict.

The admiral's speech was made before the Women's Conference on National Defense as Peace Insurance.

COOLIDGE GREETS MEXICAN ENVOY

Washington, Feb. 24.—Resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico was accomplished today when President Coolidge received Manuel Tellez, new Mexican ambassador, at the White House. Tellez presented his credentials.

Indian Bureau Report "White Wash" Is Charge

Washington, Feb. 24.—Representative Howard, democrat, Oklahoma, who originally suggested the house inquiry into the Indian bureau, today told the house that the recent report of the special investigation committee was a "whitewash" of Charles H Burke, the Indian commissioner.

Although not a member of the committee, Howard said he had heard most of the evidence and had concluded that the committee "attempted to place a halo around all concerned except the American citizen who had the temerity to call attention to affairs in the Indian bureau.

He asked his colleagues not to take seriously legislative recommendations contained in the committee report, which he declared had been "dominated" by bureaucratic officials.

Swing Provided at School.

Nebraska City, Feb. 24.—At the regular meeting of the Home and School association of the Fourteenth street building last night it was decided to purchase a steel swing for the playgrounds to be added to the other equipment already installed.

Solon's Car Hits Youth.

Washington, Feb. 24.—An auto driven by Representative Barkley of Kentucky struck a young man but he was not seriously injured.

Farm Legislation Given Preferred Place by Senate

Program Rearranged After Borah Demands Extra Session to Take Up Problem.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Farm legislation in the form of the Capper-Haugen co-operative marketing bill was given preferred status today on the senate legislative program, behind the general omnibus pension measure, which has the right-of-way after the pending banking legislation has been disposed of.

Action of the republican steering committee in rearranging its program was taken after Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, had made another demand for an extra session of congress to consider a comprehensive program of farm aid Characterizing the Capper-Haugen measure as a "makeshift," he said failure to enact real farm legislation promptly would be a betrayal of trust by the republican party.

Republican leaders, in making public the program tonight, said the farm relief bill had not been placed at the top of the list because those in charge of this legislation desired to await action of the house so that the measure passed there might be substituted for the pending senate bill as a means of expediting final action.

The rivers and harbors authorization bill is third on the legislative list and proponents of the Cape Cod canal purchase bill and the Gooding long and short haul measure are planning to make an effort to attach these proposals to it as riders.

The deficiency appropriation bill now under consideration in the house is placed fourth on the new list, followed by the Cramton bill for reorganization of the prohibition enforcement agency, the French spoliation claims proposal, the naval omnibus bill and the public buildings proposal.

The Muscle Shoals report, expected this week, was not considered, but senators pointed out that under the rules it would have privileged status whenever made

Miner Killed in Blast.

Wheatland, Ind., Feb. 24.—One miner was killed and another severely burned when gas exploded today in the Standard coal mine here. One hundred and twenty-five other miners escaped following the blast.

Marriage Licenses.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Dean McGrew, Lincoln, Neb.	22
Vera Baker, Lincoln, Neb.	18
Andrew M. Nielson, Howells, Neb.	40
Amelia M. Benecke, Minneapolis	34
Clarence Peterson, Council Bluffs	32
Evelyn Hayne, Council Bluffs	19
Otis Campbell, Council Bluffs	45
Josie Vance, Council Bluffs	38
Glen Kimball, Council Bluffs	25
Edith Lidgett, Council Bluffs	21
Paul T. Luenberger, Omaha	32
Lydia Barsballe, Omaha	21
James Pavlicek, jr., Schuyler, Neb.	29
Mary Groulik, Schuyler, Neb.	23
W. H. Buras, Omaha	21
Florence P. Glazik, Omaha	19
George H. Hunteman, Hooper, Neb.	21
Alice Hoefner, Hooper, Neb.	21
Charles Anderson, Oakland, Ia.	21
Violette Miller, Oakland, Ia.	19
Irwin Healey, Lincoln, Neb.	22
Frances Marie Miller, Lincoln, Neb.	21
Anker Bierge, Neola, Ia.	21
Dagmar Jensine, Weston, Ia.	19
William Thayer, Monroe, Neb.	27
Alice Shuler, Monroe, Neb.	15
Herman Christ, Herman, Neb.	42
Ella Finch, Tekamah, Neb.	31
Mark H. Stahlhut, Nebraska City, Neb.	24
Margaret T. Gaskill, Nebraska City	22
David James Lee, Omaha	21
Mabel Frances Lee, Omaha	21
W. D. Wonderscheck, Atkinson, Neb.	28
Sephern Syoberg, Newman Grove, Neb.	21
J. C. Henry, Holbrook, Neb.	48
Elizabeth Bustard, Holbrook, Neb.	49
Adolph Dahlin, Sioux City, Ia.	22
Louise Kreds, Cresbard, S. D.	22
Harry Lempke, Emerson, Neb.	29
Ellen Gustafson, Wakefield, Neb.	25
Ivan Dale Buckingham, Red Oak, Ia.	24
Mabel May Allshouse, Red Oak, Ia.	18
Darle Eugene Buckingham, Greenwood	21
Fern Robinson, Ashland, Neb.	18
Arthur Kenneth Murphy, Omaha	21
Elizabeth Patricia Ford, Omaha	18
Ivan J. Richert, Clay Center, Neb.	24
Hildred McNeal, Independence, Kan.	26
William McKnight, Omaha	44
Alice Westhoff, Omaha	37
Joe Reyzlik, Herman, Neb.	28
Rose Sklenar, Tekamah, Neb.	25
Jonathan Leonard Long, Silver City, Ia.	28
Berly Beatrice Fender, Silver City, Ia.	21
Stephen Cook, Ottumwa, Ia.	21
Beulah Kuhn, Omaha	21

Switchman Slain, Says Inquiry Jury

Fight Which Preceded Discovery of Body Related by Six Witnesses at Coroner's Inquest.

Police Urged to Action

Ed Hareld came to his death as a result of injuries "inflicted by parties or a party unknown" the coroner's jury which investigated his death Tuesday reported.

The jury's verdict urged police to use every possible means to discover the identity of the person or persons who slew Hareld.

The verdict did not recommend that the persons now held for investigation be detained, but police said that the prisoners would be held pending further investigation of the drunken brawl Sunday night at 707 South Sixteenth street, when Hareld was last seen alive.

Participants Present.

All known participants in the brawl were present at the inquest Tuesday afternoon, and they all agreed that Hareld had left the room, leaving his suit coat and cap while the fighting was still in progres. They declared that he did not take part in the brawl.

According to the composite story which the witnesses told, Hareld came to the room of Arnold Liggett about 5 p. m. Sunday, and asked permission to leave his suitcase there. He said that his wife had threatened to leave him because he was drinking so hard.

After talking to Liggett for a short time, Hareld asked permission to bring a woman friend to the room. He then went out, and returned a short time later with Myrtle Karnes, 724 South Sixteenth street.

Drink All Evening.

The party then in Liggett's room consisted, the witnesses said, of Liggett and his common-law wife, Mrs. Laura Craig, and Mrs. Maude Swanson, the landlady, Lucille "Bobbie" Bailey and Hareld and Myrtle Karnes. They sat about all evening, drinking, the witnesses said.

Late in the evening Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Liggett engaged in a fight. They were quieted, and Lucille Bailey applied cold packs to Mrs. Liggett's eye. While she was doing this, the witnesses said, Myrtle Karnes attacked the Bailey girl.

Leaves the House.

It was at this time, it was agreed, that Hareld left the house. None of the witnesses saw him again.

Dr. Earl Connolly, who performed the autopsy Monday, said that it would have been possible for Hareld to have walked from Liggett's room to the spot where his body was found before the fracture of the skull would cause his death.

Mrs. Craig, who said that she had taken Liggett's name since she took

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FREMONT WOMAN DIES IN MISSOURI

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—Just 11 days after her husband's death, Mrs. Robert Cramer, wife of the late well-known Dodge county stock raiser, died this morning at Excelsior Springs, Mo., according to word reaching here.

On February 12 Robert Cramer died suddenly at the family home as he sat down to read a letter from his wife who was undergoing treatment in Missouri. The wife was too ill to come to Fremont to attend the funeral.

Two days ago, their three small daughters and one son went to Missouri to join their mother. They were with her when she died. Death followed an illness of about a year.

Jones Paving Assessment Is Reduced to $2,000

Aurora, Feb. 24.—The suit of the Jones estate to cancel about $10,000 of paving taxes was finally settled Monday when a reassessment of $2,000 was made by the city council in place of the $10,000 canceled by the district court several weeks ago.

This assessment is an acreage property in the south part of the city. The owner was a resident of California and did not make his objections to the city council when it sat as a board of equalization. In fact, the evidence showed that Jones had suffered a stroke of apoplexy and could not transact business.

The evidence showed the property, after the paving was completed, was not worth half of the assessment.

Richardson County Pioneer, 90 Years Old, Dies at Salem

90, who came to Richardson county in 0, who came to Richardson county in 1854 and was therefore one of the first residents of the county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Babb, southwest of Salem.

He was born in Kentucky September 25, 1834, and came to this county 20 years later, homesteading near Salem. At the time of his retirement 10 years ago he owned 500 acres of the best land three miles west of Salem.

He is survived by five children: Mrs. Ruth Babb, Mrs. Ed Davis, living near Salem; Mrs. Ora Davis of Falls City, Thomas Brinegar, mining engineer in Mexico, and William Brinegar, living near Salem.

Nebraskans Wed at Denver.

Liberty, Feb. 24.—Lester Maguire, former Liberty resident, was recently married to Miss Fay Johnson of Denver, at the latter place, according to word just received here. The bride also lived in Liberty in her girlhood days.

SANITY OF NAVAL OFFICER PROBED

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—A writ of habeas corpus to effect the appearance in court of Lieut. Frank E. Kennedy, U. S. N., an inmate of the State hospital at Napa, in order that he may be examined into his sanity, has been issued by the superior court in Napa county, it was announced today by the lieutenant's counsel here. The writ was made returnable on Monday, March 2.

In a statement at the Napa hospital Lieutenant Kennedy said that his plight was due to a conspiracy on the part of his fellow offices.

Zanni Threatened With Arrest If He Alights in Russia

Argentine Aviator Has Difficulty in Planning World Flight, According to Aide in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Patricio D. Murphy, who is arranging landing places for Major Pedro L. Zanni, Argentine army aviator, said here today that although Russia and Argentina are formally friends, Zanni was warned unofficially that he would be arrested if he alighted in Siberian territory in his flight around the world.

Murphy, an Argentine formerly represented the Buenos Aires Nacion in London. He arrived today to spend a month on the Pacific coast of North America arranging for lighting places, supplies and communications when Major Zanni resumes May 1 his journey, which was halted by winter.

Murphy said that negotiations were being carried on through French diplomatic channels, France being friendly to Argentina, and Russia, and that Major Zanni would probably break his air voyage in Siberia at Petropavloovsk, Kamchatka, and Nikolski, Komandorski islands, after leaving the northern end of Japan to skirt the Aleutian islands and the rest of the southern coast of Alaska to cross the Pacific ocean.

Russia Reluctant.

Reluctance of Russia to aid the Argentine aerial project was ascribed to action in the senate of Argentina which was understood to reflect unfavorably on the Soviet government and the bolshevik political party in power in Russia.

Maj. A. Stuart McLaren, leader of a British party flying in one plane that was wrecked, August 2, as it approached Nikolski, had made stops at Petropavlovsk and at another place in Kamchatka.

Three American army planes under command of Capt. Lowell H. Smith, two of which completed a circuit of the globe last summer, were scheduled to omit Siberian stops, making one jump of 878 miles from the eastern end of the Aleutians to the northern end of Japan. But they descended in Nikolski harbor under covers of a snow storm, May 15.

Americans Landed.

The Elder, a small vessel of the United States bureau of fisheries, was in Nikolski harbor. The Elder's men refueled and tended the planes while the six American flying men rested aboard her overnight, and the next morning, just as the cutter Haida of the United States coast guard hove in sight, the three planes rose and winged their way to Paramashiru Island, at the northern extremity of Japan.

Russian authorities of Nikolski where there was a wireless station in communication with Moscow, had visited the American fliers, and Captain Smith had informed them that he would be delighted to leave their country just as soon as he could.

Murphy said that he would spend about a month between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., and might visit San Francisco before returning to Tokio.

RAIN LOOSENS UP RIVER ICE

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 24.—As result of Sunday's rain which recorded .8 of an inch and two inches near Spalding and Fullerton, ice in the Platte and Loup rivers here began breaking up in earnest yesterday afternoon.

Dynamiters were hurried from Columbus by the Union Pacific to break the ice jam that had formed in the Platte at North Bend, sending the water over a dyke that the company had built to protect its tracks there. Though the rivers were said to be several inches higher than Sunday, no immediate danger threatened here last night.

It was estimated both rivers would clear themselves of ice by the end of this week. The Cedar river overflowed at Belgrade yesterday, the water reaching the Union Pacific tracks, but caused no damage.

Vets League Probed.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The banking affairs of the National Disabled Soldiers league were delved into by a house committee investigating the organization after S. T. Brown, a Department of Justice accountant, had testified that between December, 1921, and January, 1925, a total of $213,994.10 was deposited by the league in three Washington banks.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. February 24:

Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0.0; total since January 1, 1.41; excess, 0.09.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	28	1 p. m.	52
6 a. m.	28	2 p. m.	55
7 a. m.	28	3 p. m.	56
8 a. m.	28	4 p. m.	56
9 a. m.	38	5 p. m.	54
10 a. m.	43	6 p. m.	50
11 a. m.	46	7 p. m.	49
12 noon	51	8 p. m.	

Gas Tax Plan of Governor Is Approved

Committee Recommends That Proceeds Be Used to Match Federal Aid Funds.

Triumph for McMullen

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Lincoln, Feb. 24.—All proceeds from the 2-cent gasoline tax will be used in meeting federal appropriations for state highways under terms of a bill reported out today by the house committee on revenue and taxation.

Only one audible "no" was heard when committee members voted on distribution of the tax. It came from Thomssen of Alda. After the vote was taken Regan of Columbus announced that he, also, is opposed to the bill. Members of the committee are: Harrington, Taylor, Kuppinger, Wildman, Steuhenson, Regan, Densmore, Rundle, Dick, Thomssen and Lawson.

The adoption of this plan of distribution was looked upon in political circles as a distinct triumph for Governor McMullen. Yesterday the house committee on roads and bridges reported out a bill reducing auto licenses. Both committees in handling admittedly the most important bills of the session have followed the governor's suggestions.

Today the house worked on the general appropriation bill. Only minor changes were made in the bill reported out Monday by the appropriations committee. An increase of $5,000 was voted in cattle scabie appropriation and repairs for the penitentiary power plant were increased $25,000. There was some dissension over voting small appropriations for the state parks at Chadron, Nebraska City and Broken Bow. A cut of $10,000 was made in an appropriation for a new building at the Soldiers' home at Grand Island.

Fight on Clerk Hire.

The only real fight was on an item of $70,200 for clerk hire by the supreme court, waged by McLellan of Grand Island.

McLellan pointed out that the court did nicely with a $53,000 appropriation for this item two years ago and at first asked for only $64,000 for the next biennium. Later, according to McLeelan, a request was made for $70,200. Lawyer members of the legislature proved too much for McLellan adn the appropriation of $70,200 remained intact.

The governor has no jurisdiction over the supreme court. It is a separate branch of the government for whose expenditure the legislature, alone, is responsible.

In the senate today there was a hot fight over the Johnson bill calling for posting of the Ten Commandments in all public schools and institutions maintained by the state. Griswold of Gordon, led the fight against the bill. He stated the bill or rights provided for protection of minorities against majorities and while he believed if the proposition were submitted to a vote of the people at this time it would carry engendering a religious row in the state would do more harm than good.

Tramway Bill Postponed.

Consideration of the Omaha tramway bill was scheduled, but was postponed at request of Senator John W. Robbins of Omaha, who stated he had certain amendments to propose which were not ready. The principal amendment calls for a vote of 35 per cent of the people voting at the general election when the franchise is considered. If less than 35 per cent express their desires, the franchise fails to carry. Under terms of the bill the franchise election must be held at the same time a general election is held.

The senate advanced the Cooper "anti-sheik bill" to third reading. It provides penitentiary sentences for third angles in eternal triangles. The only objection heard came from senators who feared such a law would open the way to blackmail. Those voting against the bill were Banning, Dysart, Griswold, Hoye and Jeary. If the bill passes the house this state will have the most drastic alienation of affection bill on its statutes in existence in the United States.

The house has repealed a law forbidding smoking of cigarets in public dining rooms. This law has been on the statute books for several years.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The house aircraft committee voted to reopen its hearings

John H. Edwards of Indiana was nominated for assistant secretary of the interior.

Agreement was reached by senate and house conferees on the postal pay and rate increase bill.

Senator Wheeler, Montana, appeared before the federal grand jury investigating charges against him.

Senator Borah, Idaho, again demanded an extra session of congress to deal with farm and other legislation

The right of the house to express itself on certain international policies was upheld in a report prepared by Representative Burton, Ohio.

Secretary Wilbur told the women's council on defense as a peace insurance that the navy was organized solely to fight.

Tentative agreement was reached to dispose of the Isle of Pines treaty in the special senate session after March 4.