

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday; probably showers extreme west portion; not so cool tonight and east portion Tuesday.

Current Comment

Ungovernable.

Nature has, not yet been conquered by men who fly in the air or live submarines beneath the surface of the sea. Friday, Saturday and Sunday offered varying demonstrations of the ungovernable tendencies of nature, once she determines to convince man that he is puny, after all.

Japan suffered another terrible earthquake. (One great newspaper today carries first page headlines about the loss of life and fifty millions of dollars worth of property, and on the same page is another big head over a story purporting to show how Japan has evil intentions toward Uncle Sam in Hawaii.) At this writing the exact toll has not been determined. And as Japan was being shaken once more, tidal waves were manifesting themselves in far away places, even in the Great Lakes, where strange things happen.

Friday was the hottest May day this section of the world had known in years. In some places it was the hottest ever. Saturday, too, was hot, but less oppressive, and Sunday the temperature approached the freezing point, reaching it at night.

Bryan Accused.

William Jennings Bryan, who, between real estate lectures at \$100 each in Florida, is busily engaged in working up a red-hot controversy about the origin of man and religious history of the world, yesterday was somewhat bitingly arraigned from a New York pulpit. The Rev. James S. Williamson of King's Highway Congregational church accused Mr. Bryan of:

Being a religious brawler, fomenting discord among Christian people.

Being an enemy of the Bible because of his refusal to brook criticism that helps humans to understand it.

Substituting a religion about Christ for the religion of Christ when he pictures Christ in a role eternally impossible.

Ignorance or misrepresentation in accusing modernists of treating lightly with sin.

Ignorance in claiming that the theory of evolution denies the existence of God.

Attempting to create a sect of religious authority, outside rather than inside the human soul.

An inordinate love of the limelight.

Abysmal ignorance of the history of religion in America.

If you have read this far, you will perceive that the New York divine apparently does not have the highest regard for the Florida real estate salesman as an exponent of the Christian religion.

Might Happen Here.

In Chicago the police are trying to identify a woman who was killed by an automobile as she alighted from a street car. Her three-year-old boy was saved from a similar death when his mother gave him a frantic shove, just as the wheels of the motor truck struck her and crushed out her life. Passengers on the street car charge that the driver did not stop behind the standing street car. He is in jail.

Such an accident might happen in any city where disrespect for traffic laws is in wholesale evidence. It might have happened in Cedar Rapids, for example, where Providence was all that prevented such a catastrophe when nine people were injured under exactly similar circumstances a few weeks ago.

With the number of automobiles constantly on the increase, the need for modernized and strictly enforced traffic laws constantly asserts itself.

Arcos Gold.

Gold bars valued at almost ten millions of dollars just arrived in London from Leningrad. It was sent by the Soviet bank to the Bank of England, where it is credited to Arcos, Ltd. The name is built of the first letters in "All Russian Co-operative Societies," a trading organization.

Trotsky just has returned from temporary exile, thrust on him by the Soviet when he became so bold as to admit that communism could not be successfully separated from capitalism, and that capital would have to be encouraged a little if the Soviet is to survive. Still intent on the destruction of capital, the Soviet leaders deposed Trotsky, who can afford to smile as he hears of this millions in gold with which Arcos hopes to do business with the outside world.

Capital is even more necessary to governments than Trotsky admits. And it is rather interesting to learn that many of the gold bars shipped to London from Leningrad bore the stamp of the United States government. By what process did the communists gain possession of this American gold? How long has it been in Russia, and why did it go there? The old Russia owes the United States many millions. Maybe these gold bars represent the origination of that debt. The Soviet never will pay us, but it sends our gold to London.

FEAR AMUNDSEN IS LOST IN ARCTIC

Frost Sends Corn Up 8 Cents

CROP IN LINN NOT DAMAGED; BERRIES HURT

Erratic Weather In Iowa And Illinois Is Likely To Cause Some Replanting.

BULLETIN.
CHICAGO, May 25.—(AP)—A jump of more than eight cents a bushel in the price of corn was recorded today in the first hour of trading. Frost, that to many traders suggested calamity crop conditions, was chiefly responsible.

Corn for December delivery soared to 92½¢ as against 84½¢ to 85½¢ at the close on Saturday. The increase was influenced largely by the skyward flight of corn, a rise of more than five cents a bushel in wheat quickly ensued. September wheat went up to \$1.54½ as compared with a finish of \$1.49½@1.49¾ on Saturday.

Word that ice a quarter of an inch thick had formed at various places in central Illinois was accompanied by reports that two-thirds of the corn acreage of that section was subjected to serious damage. Killing frosts also were reported from Iowa and the other corn states.

According to some crop experts, the frost damage to corn was likely to result in need for widespread replanting. There was talk current also that in some places wheat was injured even more than corn.

Wheat Up 3½ Cents.
Highest prices of the day for wheat came in the late trading. The extreme advance for wheat was 3½¢ to \$1.65½, September delivery, and was touched just as the final hour struck. The wheat market

closed at 1½¢ to 1½½¢ for September from 1½¢ to 1½½¢ for July, 1½¢ to 1½½¢ for October, and 1½¢ to 1½½¢ for December 98 to 98½ cents.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)
Eastern Iowa's corn crops were not materially damaged by last night's frost.

That was the welcome answer received this morning in response to many inquiries concerning the bread and butter crop of this community. When skies cleared yesterday afternoon a frost seemed inevitable and farmers and townsfolk alike awaited the result with apprehension. Following the sudden appearance of the weather of the last forty-eight hours it was feared a late frost might cripple another corn crop.

Farmers said this morning after inspection of the crops that the corn on the moderately high ground was untouched while some of that in the low spots was wilted. It was not believed that any corn had been killed, though some of it was set back a few days.

Sweet corn, however, was too frail to ward off the chilling temperatures and much of it in unprotected spots was frozen to the ground.

Tomato Plants Killed.
Tomatoes, the tenderest of all garden plants, were killed unless well covered. Many commercial truck gardeners, taught by serious losses in other years had not set their tomatoes out and it was principally the home gardener that was hit.

Beans were killed in many gardens and potatoes were wilted to the ground. The potatoes, however, will send up new tops and will come on in ten days or two weeks later. Strawberries will be a scarce article this year it now appears. Practically all blossoms that were out were killed, further shortening the crop which had been severely nipped earlier in the year.

Some early berries had already been taken off and others were set. Some later fruit can be taken off but much of the crop was spoiled last night.

Apples Not Hurt.
Cherries are nearly gone orchardists said this morning. They are more susceptible to cold weather than the other fruits. Apples had passed the tenderest stage and it is not believed they were seriously

(Continued on Page Five.)

Murphy Insane Relatives Say

CRESO, May 25.—(AP)—Apprehensions as to the sanity of the son of a little Cedar Rapids girl, who is the first doll to be adopted in this city, were allayed today when Mrs. Dennis J. Murphy and her daughter, Mrs. J. Murphy, said that the child's mental and physical condition had been declining for almost a decade.

The witness told of visiting his uncle in a Cresco hospital last Saturday accompanied by Dr. E. H. Sprague and Dr. E. R. Van Epps, both of Iowa City. He said the defendant appeared to recognize the two doctors, and that he told them that he was saving food for the "naked men, soldiers and starving tramps who had besieged him when he was under observation at Iowa City."

SUCCEEDS SPENCER.
JEFFERSON CITY, May 25.—George H. Williams of St. Louis was appointed United States senator by Gov. Sam Baker today. Williams succeeds Gordon P. Spencer, who died suddenly in Washington, May 16.

NEXT MONDAY'S HOME RUN



COLISEUM COST TO TAXPAYERS NOT EXCESSIVE

Payment of Bonds To Be Spread Over A 40-Year Period; Only Small Levy.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)
"What will it cost me? What will I get?"

Those are two of the principal questions asked in any public bond issue campaign, and the project for a memorial coliseum and city hall is no exception to that rule.

The bond issue asked for this project is not to exceed \$800,000, for the site, building and equipment. When petitions for the election were circulated, it was thought \$100,000 to \$150,000 of this amount would be necessary for a site, but with the inland location this expense is eliminated. However, this was decided on after the petitions were signed and hence the amount mentioned in the petition is the amount that goes on the ballot.

Payment of interest on the bonds and their retirement over a period of forty years will be by a levy on the taxable property of the city. Not only is this the method of financing specified by law in the Memorial Building act, known as Chapter 33 of the 1924 code of Iowa, but it is regarded as the fairest way of paying

(Continued on Page Eight.)

ANOTHER TOT MADE HAPPY BY WINNING TALKING DOLL; THERE ARE OTHERS WAITING TO GO

BY THE DOLL LADY.
AND NOW the question is—Who is the first little girl in Cedar Rapids to adopt one of my pretty children?

Saturday I told you of Mary Ethel and George McConnell, who had taken home with them two of my shining, talking, walking wonder dolls. I told you of the lovely home in the country where the happy little tots took their two dolls, named Violet and Rosebud, to live, after they had selected them in my doll fairyland on the second floor of Killian's.

I know a secret, but I'm not going to tell you yet. I know the name of a little Cedar Rapids girl who has the first doll to be adopted in this city. And maybe I'll tell you tomorrow.

I might tell you today—the little girl has come to the photograph-er's to have her picture taken with her brand new doll. I want to show

Missing Witness Writes State That Shepherd Is Guilty

CHICAGO, May 25.—(AP)—A purported letter from Robert White, missing witness in the murder trial of William Darling Shepherd was made public today by Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Savage. The writer declared he was "just commencing to fight Shepherd and his gang" and would come back.

"Shepherd is guilty," said the writer, whose signature, except for the letter W, was virtually identical with the signature signed by White for the rented car in which he is said to have disappeared, and with the signature of a purported letter from White to a Chicago newspaper.

"Shepherd is guilty, I must admit," it ran, "and he knows I know it and God help him when I get back. His lunch made a nervous wreck of me and also made me write a statement against my will. I am just commencing to fight Shepherd and his gang."

The letter denied he had stolen the rented car and said he had left \$45 for its temporary use. It requested the state's attorney to protect him from prosecution on a charge of its theft.

A postscript in a woman's hand and signed with Mrs. White's name denied that her husband had stolen an automobile but that he had talked about the Shepherd case, so far as she knew, before leaving Chicago.

The letter was postmarked Philadelphia 630 p. m. May 23.

Papers May Print Income Tax Report

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(INS)—The United States supreme court today upheld as legal the publication of income tax returns in American newspapers. This opinion was rendered in a decision upholding the publication of income returns in the Kansas City Post and reaffirmed a moment later in legalizing similar publications in the Baltimore Star.

you the picture of the proud little mother with her child, and perhaps I can do that tomorrow.

In the meantime, I wonder if you are one of the few children in Cedar Rapids who haven't come up to see me yet, on the second floor of Killian's store. Hundreds of little folk have come to see me, and I have let them hold my pretty dolls. I have shown them how these dolls can say little nursery rhymes and how they can sing, and how naturally they can do all these things unless you have really seen them.

I have told them how they can have one of these dolls for their own, and I know dozens of little girls are going to have one, too.

So I invite you to come up and see for yourself, and then let me tell you all about it. I know if you once hold in your arms one of my beautiful dolls with her pink or blue or yellow frock and her curls, you'll never be happy until you have one—And you can have one, just like these other little girls.

DO THEY DESERVE A MEMORIAL?



JOSEPH F. KRIZ

Joseph F. Kriz was a corporal in Battery E of the 147th field artillery when the Yankee doughboys went into action against the Kaiser's troops in the Argonne in the fall of 1918. He was one of those to fall in the terrific shell fire of that battle, having been killed in action Oct. 5, 1918. Kriz was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kriz. He enlisted in April 1917, when the United States entered the war. The memorial election is June 1.

May Discontinue Two Iowa Trains

SHEWANANDOAH, May 25.—(AP)—Two trains on the Keokuk and Western Nos. 15 and 14, may be discontinued, it was announced by J. J. Teeters, division passenger agent at Burlington and J. D. Baker, division passenger agent at St. Joseph, on the ground they are not profitable. The Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis club in joint session passed a resolution opposing their discontinuance.

DO YOU WISH EXTRA COPIES SATURDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE?

Anticipating that subscribers of The Evening Gazette might wish to mail copies of last Saturday's edition to their friends, several hundred extra copies were printed. They are now ready for delivery and may be obtained at the office for ten cents each. The purchaser must do his own mailing. Those who wish copies are advised to act quickly as the supply will not last long.

DEATH TOLL IN JAPAN MOUNTS; 1,000 INJURED

Danger Of Famine Is Over; Transportation Lines Are Being Opened.

TOKIO, May 25.—(INS)—The death toll of Japan's latest severe earthquake, the terrific shock that rocked Hyogo Prefecture in the southwestern region of the main island of Nippon Saturday morning, was placed at 526 and damage was estimated at \$65,000,000, according to a statement issued today by the Hyogo Prefectural office.

More than one thousand reported to have been injured by the earthquake.

Statistics were given as follows: Kinomaki, 200 killed; 300 injured; 652 houses collapsed, 678 houses burned.

Toyooka, 48 killed, 200 injured; 70 houses collapsed; 1,500 houses burned.

Surrounding villages, 278 killed; 532 injured; 1224 houses collapsed; 1,672 houses burned.

\$45,000,000 Damage.
Total estimate of damage 130,000,000 yen (\$65,000,000).

An unusual phenomenon connected with the earthquake was the report that Kinomaki hot springs had turned cold.

Late dispatches from the disaster region indicated railroad and telegraph communication was partly restored and that conditions were rapidly approaching normal.

Numerous fires which followed the earthquake were reported under control today.

Figures Not Final.
The prefectural statistics cautioned that the above figures were preliminary and might be revised later.

Danger of Famine Is Over.
Transportation lines are being opened and the danger of famine is over.

The prefecture has been thrown up to house the thousands of homeless. A few shops not entirely wrecked were still open doing business.

The governor made a personal gift of \$13,500 for earthquake relief. Tokio municipality subscribing \$10,000. A public subscription list, was made and further donations were coming in hourly.

During the last 24 hours twenty-four earthquake shocks were felt in the southwestern region of Nippon Island, it was declared.

Kyoto, ancient capital, felt a sharp tremor last night.

Muster Day Will Be Held On July 4, Coolidge Decides

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(AP)—A nation-wide defense muster of American man power will be held under direction of the war department next July 4.

The date was selected definitely today after President Coolidge had disapproved department's selection of August 1st day and had suggested that independence day be substituted.

A conference of general officers to begin work on plans for the muster was called today. The war department is to be in charge of the muster. Acting Secretary Davis' communications on the subject to the governors of the states will be framed in accordance with an expressed desire of the President that they should emphasize that any action taken by the states will be of a purely volunteer character.

State Committee To Take Part In Senatorial Fight

DES MOINES, May 25.—(AP)—The republican central committee, decided at its meeting here last Friday, to depart from its traditional "hands-off" policy with respect to the state primaries, and to work actively next spring to place candidates in the field for republican nominations who will be "representative of, and owe allegiance to the party." It was announced here today.

It was decided that the secretary of the committee should open state party headquarters in Des Moines next Jan. 1, four months in advance of the primary, and that the committee should have a permanent office in the county, and precinct organizations, for any candidates who have the approval of the party leadership, it was said.

Indict Teacher Of Evolution, Trial Is Set For July 10

DAYTON, Tenn., May 25.—(AP)—John T. Scopes, high school science teacher, was indicted by a Rhea county grand jury here today on a charge of teaching evolution in a public school in violation of the Tennessee law.

The judge set July 10 at Dayton for the trial.

The grand jury in special session passed on the case presented to it as a result of a preliminary hearing two weeks ago when three justices of the peace held Scopes for grand jury action.

KILLED



GEORGE CAMP DOUGLAS.

Hero of World war and former resident of this city, is dead in France where he is reported to have been killed in an accident.

Windsor Beer Must Be Sold With Food; Big Slack In Sales

WINDSOR, Ont., May 25.—(AP)—Sales of beer to Americans in Windsor, Ont., have been slack since the beverage must be taken as part of a meal. Several hotels provided accommodations for American drinkers by furnishing a lunch with beer sold, but places where food was not sold did virtually no business.

Because of the cold, rainy weather, persons crossing from Detroit to Windsor by ferry were estimated to be less than the usual Sunday crowd before beer went on sale.

GEORGE C. DOUGLAS KILLED IN FRANCE

Well Known Local Man Is Reported To Have Been A Victim Of Accident; Had Fine Record In War.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)
George Camp Douglas, formerly of this city, who became widely known because of his gallant record with the British army in the World war, and his successful contention, last week, for the post of mayor of this city, was killed in an accident while on duty in France.

Details of his death were not given in the brief message, but Mr. Howard Hall, a cousin of Mr. Douglas, in a telephone communication with his stepmother, Mrs. E. W. Douglas, at Minneapolis, understood he had met death in an accident. Mr. Douglas was a nephew of George B. Douglas of this city, who died a few months ago.

When Mr. Douglas, chairman of the board of directors of the Quaker Oats company, lost his life in 1912 when the ill-fated Titanic sank, he left a will that required George Camp Douglas to earn \$250,000 before he would be entitled to his share. If he fulfilled such a condition, the son was to receive \$500,000, when he was 35 and the rest when he was 40.

Mr. Douglas owned a pair of overalls and went to work in the Douglas starch factory here. Then the World war broke out and he joined the British Royal artillery. While he might have been working for his inheritance, he was fighting for Great Britain in France. He was mentioned by Field Marshal French for bravery in the battle of Ypres.

Mr. Douglas was a corporal. He was wounded and came in Flanders and two years later was wounded again. In 1917 he was a lieutenant and when the armistice was signed he was a captain.

Mr. Douglas stayed with the artillery after the war and was sent to Arabia where he contracted beriberi there and had to be invalided home. He spent weeks in a hospital but did not leave the service. Early in 1922, he obtained a three-months furlough and returned to the United States to claim his fortune. As a soldier he had not been able to earn \$250,000 a year, but the trustees of his father's estate are said to have decided that George's war record was one that would have met the approval of the father and that under the circumstances, he should be given his share of the estate.

Mr. Douglas was 37 years old. His wife is believed to have been with him in France. One son by a former marriage also survives him. The body may be brought to Cedar Rapids for burial.

SOME FRIENDS NOT ALARMED.
NEW YORK, May 25.—(AP)—Mingled expressions of pessimism and optimism are voiced by explorers and aviators here regarding the chances of the American Ellsworth expedition. The Norwegian explorer, his American backers and their four companions, have not been heard from since they left the Arctic region for a pole in two air-craft last Thursday afternoon.

Persons most familiar with Capt. Amundsen and Polar exploration felt no alarm in his failure to return to the coast in 24 hours as originally planned.

Earl Rossman, a photographer who lived in Amundsen's supply hut at Wainwright, Alaska, thought that Amundsen's thoroughness was probably the reason for his disappearance. "If he has found a new continent he will bag it so thoroughly that nobody will be able to question it," Rossman said.

Others feared a forced landing, injury to either the planes or men or both, or some accident in either landing or taking off for the return. It was pointed out, however, that the expedition carried sufficient food for a month and that at the expiration of that time the party should be in territory where it could kill north game, rifles and ammunition for the emergency were carried in the planes.

Thinks They Will Land in Alaska.
Vernon S. Prentice, brother-in-law of Lincoln Ellsworth, believed the planes would land in Alaska. Mr. Prentice said he felt no concern because of the delay, "because he expected no word until tomorrow."

(Continued on Page Five.)

NO WORD FROM PLANES SINCE LAST THURSDAY

Money Is Being Raised To Finance Relief Expedition To Far North.

BULLETIN.
NEW YORK, May 25.—(AP)—Up to 2:15 o'clock this afternoon the North American Newspaper Alliance had received no word from the Amundsen-Ellsworth airplanes since their departure Thursday afternoon from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, for a flight to the North Pole. This was announced at that hour through the Associated Press by Loring Pickering, general manager of the alliance.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, May 25.—(INS)—Hope for safety of Captain Roald Amundsen and his companions on the Polar flight gave way to apprehension today. The steamer Hobb, which preceded airplanes to the rim of the Polar ice, has returned to Wellman Bay without word, according to news agency advices from Spitzbergen.

No word had been received from Amundsen at Spitzbergen at 2 p. m. today.

BULLETIN.
SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 25.—(AP)—Hans Nansen of the First National bank of San Diego, a nephew of the noted explorer, Fridtjof Nansen, announced here today that he was raising money to finance an expedition for the relief of Amundsen.

BULLETIN.
OSLO, Norway, May 25.—(INS)—The alarm was given that the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition had been sighted.

Newspaper offices were besieged by anxious crowds and the government put on extra workers to keep open the telegraph, telephone and other means of communication for the receipt and distribution of news.

The steamer Hobb was reported to have returned from an outlook trip along the northern coast lines beyond Spitzbergen. It was said to have found no trace of the flyers.

Weather experts still insist that although there has been bad weather in the vicinity of Spitzbergen, the polar weather is good. Many laymen are of the opinion that Amundsen may have encountered a storm and decided to avoid it.

Great interest is being displayed here on reports from the United States that the American government may send airplanes to search for the Amundsen-Ellsworth party.

It is the general belief in Oslo that Amundsen has reached the Pole and decided and is awaiting better weather conditions before returning. It also is believed possible he may have landed north of Spitzbergen and has not been able to establish communication with the ship Hobb and Farm.

SOME FRIENDS NOT ALARMED.
NEW YORK, May 25.—(AP)—Mingled expressions of pessimism and optimism are voiced by explorers and aviators here regarding the chances of the American Ellsworth expedition. The Norwegian explorer, his American backers and their four companions, have not been heard from since they left the Arctic region for a pole in two air-craft last Thursday afternoon.

Persons most familiar with Capt. Amundsen and Polar exploration felt no alarm in his failure to return to the coast in 24 hours as originally planned.

Earl Rossman, a photographer who lived in Amundsen's supply hut at Wainwright, Alaska, thought that Amundsen's thoroughness was probably the reason for his disappearance. "If he has found a new continent he will bag it so thoroughly that nobody will be able to question it," Rossman said.

Others feared a forced landing, injury to either the planes or men or both, or some accident in either landing or taking off for the return. It was pointed out, however, that the expedition carried sufficient food for a month and that at the expiration of that time the party should be in territory where it could kill north game, rifles and ammunition for the emergency were carried in the planes.

Thinks They Will Land in Alaska.
Vernon S. Prentice, brother-in-law of Lincoln Ellsworth, believed the planes would land in Alaska. Mr. Prentice said he felt no concern because of the delay, "because he expected no word until tomorrow."

(Continued on Page Five.)

ABSENT VOTERS MAY CAST BALLOTS NOW

Absent voters' ballots, for use by residents who will be out of the city on June 1, when the Memorial building election will be held, have been received at the office of J. F. Storey, city clerk. Any qualified voter who does not expect to be in Cedar Rapids on election day may cast his vote at the city clerk's office prior to his departure from the city. Mr. Storey suggests early voting for those who expect to use the absentee ballots.