

Boulder Slips Making Collins Foot Free Now

Slide in Sand Cave, Where He Has Been Held Since Last Friday, Made Him Foot Free Again. ROCK BLOCKING HIS EXIT TODAY

Believed, However, That the Rock Can Be Moved So Collins Can Be Reached Sometime Today.

(By the Associated Press) Cave City, Ky., Feb. 4.—A slide in Sand Cave this morning left Floyd Collins, 35, foot free for the first time since he was imprisoned Friday morning when a boulder wedged his leg where rescuers were unable to reach him, but Collins was left walling behind the rock which fell from the side of the cave.

This information was brought to the mouth of the cave by Roy Cooksey, a negro engaged in rescue work. The rock barricade probably can be cleared away some time this afternoon, Cooksey said.

Collins called from the other side of the rock side that his feet were free, but said he was too weak to work his way out. Cooksey said that the slide which barricaded progress was described by Ewing Ashley who was with the rescuing party that discovered the debris as one boulder about the size of a soap box with an accumulation of earth and small stones surrounding it.

Another trip into the cave this afternoon revealed that Collins may have been only partly freed around the feet. Wm. B. Miller, staff correspondent for the Courier-Journal, coming from the cave shortly after 12:15 p. m. said he thought Collins was but little better off and asserted that the wall blocking further efforts to reach Collins was probably two feet thick.

Miller said he crawled to the wall and yelled to Collins, "Are you free?" "I think so," Collins answered. "How about my milk?" "I left it at the side near you on the last trip. Can't you get it?"

"No."

AUTO SHOW AT CHARLOTTE

Twenty-Seven Makes of Cars and Fifteen Lines of Radio Equipment Will Be Shown. Charlotte, February 4.—Twenty-seven widely known makes of motor cars, numerous lines of accessories and about fifteen lines of radio equipment will be exhibited at the fifth annual Carolina auto show here, according to an announcement today, when it was disclosed that all details preparatory to the opening of the show next Monday have been completed.

Nineteen dealers and distributors of motor cars, four accessories houses and ten radio equipment distributing concerns have been listed as exhibitors. All space available for exhibits on both floors of the great Carolinas exposition building, on Park Avenue, was sold several weeks ago. A total of 45,000 square feet of floor space will be given over to exhibits, it was explained. This year, for the first time in the history of the Carolina auto shows, the second floor of the exposition building is needed to accommodate exhibitors. This is explained, however, in part by the fact that the radio distributing industry of Charlotte, which has attained large importance within the past three years, has been admitted to the show for the first time.

A large number of dealers from over the two Carolinas are expected to attend the show on next Wednesday, dealers' day, which is a featured day of each annual show. The night of Thursday of show week will be society night, when, as in the past, the show is expected to attain its height of brilliancy and interest. One of the city's distinguished guests on dealers' day will be C. W. Nash, president of Nash Motors Company, one of the outstanding figures in the automobile manufacturing industry. The members of Zex Confrey's famous orchestra, one of Paul Whiteman's organization, which Confrey, nationally known pianist and composer, himself will conduct, and Miss Frances Paperte, soprano, of Chicago opera company, are expected to arrive here Sunday. They will appear in the daily afternoon and evening programs at the show.

HOUSE ALSO WANTS AN ARMS CONFERENCE CALLED

Joins Senate in Action Looking to Calling of Such a Conference. Washington, Feb. 4.—The House has joined the Senate in action looking to the calling of a conference of the powers by the United States to discuss limitation of both land and sea armament.

In adopting the Senate arms amendment when the conference reports on the naval appropriation bill was up yesterday however, the House insisted on a slight modification which the President would be requested instead of "authorized and requested" to invite other nations into disarmament conferences.

"The United States now holds more than four and one-half billion dollars of gold, about one-half of the world's total. About one-half of that is superfluous at our present level of prices and is a menace. It threatens the stability of the purchasing power of money."—Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University.

NEWSPAPER MAN GETS STATEMENT

Crawled Into Hole and Talked to Collins About Experience—Collins Tells How He Was Caught.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—I was crawling out of Sand Cave, which is the most beautiful I have ever seen, when after ascending a steep wall I dislodged a huge rock. It caught my left foot. That was 10 o'clock Friday morning. This begins Floyd Collins' own story of his experience of the last five days, trapped in a narrow passage far underground, as told to Wm. Burk Miller, staff correspondent of the Courier-Journal, and published in a copyrighted dispatch from Cave City today.

"The first night I spent in yelling at the top of my voice," he said. "I knew my chances were slim, but I couldn't give up without doing something. So I just shouted and shouted. "After a long time I was unable to call out any more." He says he then must have slept, and on Saturday heard a voice. It was Jewell Esters, but Esters could not reach him, but later Clyde Hester came. Then his brothers came and tried to dig him out. Sunday he began losing confidence and prayed continually. Where Collins Has Been Held. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4.—Sand Cave, in a narrow passage of which Floyd Collins, cave explorer, has been pillored for five days, is a rough section of the country, honeycombed with caverns beneath the surface and covered with rock and storable about ground.

Jagged rocks and overhanging branches in the small mouth of the cave. At all times risky, the dangers of exploring caves are increased by the melting ice and snow floating down the narrow passage into the earth's recesses far underground. Collins, discoverer of Crystal Cave, in which he was similarly trapped for 43 hours by a boulder, entered the hole Friday morning in search of a cavern "more wonderful than any in the region." He said he discovered it and was making his way out when the boulder, jarred by his foot perhaps, slid down and trapped him. He was found 24 hours later and since that time hundreds have tried in vain to rescue him.

Hazardous for an experienced man, the rescue workers are in far more peril. To reach Collins, the workers must descend head first a slimy passage more than 125 feet long. Until last night the tiny beam of a flashlight or the short rays of light from an oil lantern carried by the rescuers were the only means of penetrating the inky darkness. Electric light supplied by a portable plant were strung in the cave Tuesday night.

A piece of paper with closely parallel but irregular lines drawn on the upper right hand corner downward toward the left at an angle of about 90 degrees to represent some 65 feet, then horizontal for 20 feet, then at an angle of 45 degrees for another 50 feet, terminating in a sheer drop of 8 feet, and then at a reverse angle of 45 degrees to the right will give some idea of the tortuous course of the passage.

FORBES AND THOMPSON SENTENCED TO PRISON

Each Sentenced to Serve Two Years and Pay Fines of \$10,000 Each. Chicago, Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Charles E. Forbes, former director of the veterans bureau, and John W. Thompson, wealthy St. Louis contractor, today were sentenced to two years imprisonment in Leavenworth penitentiary and fined \$10,000 by Federal Judge George A. Carpenter.

They were found guilty by a jury on January 30th of conspiracy to defraud the government in the allocation of veteran hospital contracts, and received the maximum sentence. The court granted a 30-day stay of sentence for the filing of an appeal and defense counsel indicated that the case could be appealed immediately.

Church Begun More Than 250 Years Ago May Be Completed. Paris, Feb. 4.—A Paris church begun over 250 years ago, but never finished, has at last a chance of being completed after the original plans. Between 1650 and 1700 work was begun on the church of Saint Nicholas du Chardonnet, in St. Victor street, with the funds put a stop to building and the church, without a front, has stood for years, a mournful and dilapidated object.

A mutual benefit society now plans to erect a magnificent office just opposite the church, but hesitates as the unfinished old building would be an eyesore. Completion of Le Brun's plans would cost 900,000 francs, but the municipal council, although more than usually embarrassed for funds, has the matter under consideration.

Esperanto Converts Put Language to Rigid Test. Berlin, Feb. 4.—Esperanto is being given a thorough test as a business language under the auspices of the British Esperanto Committee and the Universal Esperanto Associa. From January 1 of this year until March 31 there will be courses offered to young business men in Germany, France, England, Holland, Italy, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

There will be 20 students in each country. The course will consist of 25 lessons, and at its conclusion the young men will exchange letters with each other in Esperanto on business subjects. It is the contention of the leading Esperantists that business knowledge of the language can be acquired so readily that it is the ideal means for international communication.

CONFEREES WORKING ON FINAL DRAFT OF MUSCLE SHOALS LAW

House and Senate Members at Work on Bill Hope They Will Be Able to Make Their Report During the Week.

AGREEMENT MADE ON MOST POINTS

Rental Clause Covering Dam No. 2 May Be Modified.—Property to Revert to Government in the End.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—Renewing their deliberations of the Underwood leasing bill, the Muscle Shoals conferees of the House and Senate today settled down to the preparation of a final draft of the measure, with which they hope to report this week.

The conferees so far are represented to be in virtual agreement to change several provisions of the measure. As the bill is now written, conferees of the conferees declare it would be impossible to obtain a satisfactory lease.

The clause calling for the annual rental of 4 per cent, of the \$50,000,000 cost of construction of Dam No. 2 is expected to be modified to allow a graduated scale of payments that would allow the lessee to pay smaller amounts during the early life of the lease, and increase them in later years. The conferees expect to provide for the same ultimate return to the government as is now provided in the measure.

FOURTH ADVANCE IN GASOLINE IN EFFECT

Standard Oil and Competitors Boost the Prices One to Two Cents a Gallon. New York, Feb. 3.—The fourth general advance in gasoline prices this year took place throughout the east today when the Standard Oil Companies, of New Jersey and New York, and their competitors announced increases of one to two cents a gallon.

Readjustments by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Texas, Sinclair and Atlantic refining companies established new tank wagon prices of 19 and 20 cents a gallon in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas and the District of Columbia.

An advance of 1 1/2 cents a gallon, which will be put into effect by the Standard Oil Company of New York tomorrow will lift the tank wagon price in New York and New England to 21 cents.

Increases of one and two cents a gallon also were reported in Ohio, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and other western states, while prices of crude oil and kerosene were raised by several companies.

A. C. L. TRAIN WRECKED IN FLORENCE, S. C., YARDS

Negro Fireman Was Killed and Engineer Cox Was Seriously Scalded in the Wreck. Florence, S. C., Feb. 4.—The Atlantic Coast Line crack passenger train from Florida to New York was wrecked in the railroad yard here this morning. James Fagan, negro fireman, was killed, and Engineer Cox was seriously scalded by escaping steam.

The engine, tender, mail and express cars were partly overturned. The engine left the rails and plowed up the concrete floor of the station yard. Fireman Fagan was killed when he was caught between the engine and the tender.

To Distribute Pro-Unification Literature. (By the Associated Press) Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—With the acceptance of prominent women in North Carolina to places on the Committee of One Hundred, and as "friendly correspondents" to assist in the distribution of pro-unification literature, indications are that the Methodist women of North Carolina will lend their influence to back the proposed plan of unification of the northern and southern branches of Methodism, which is engaging the mind of the denomination, it is stated.

According to advices from Mrs. N. B. Chappell, of Nashville, chairman of the publicity committee of the women's branch of the "Friends of Unification" movement, the following Methodist women, representing the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences, have agreed to work in behalf of unification: Committee of One Hundred: Mrs. C. M. Earley, Gatesville; Mrs. William P. Few, Durham; Mrs. W. A. Newell, Winston-Salem; Mrs. M. T. Plyler, Raleigh; Mrs. Frank Siler, Lake Junaluska.

Friendly correspondents: Miss Mildred Brogden, Rose Hill; Mrs. H. A. Durham, Asheville.

Progress of Non-Stop Flyers. Paris, Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—The Paris to Dakar non-stop flyers were reported over St. Louis, Senegal, about fifty miles from Dakar at 4 o'clock this afternoon. They were four hours behind the schedule mapped out and it was feared they might have been obliged to land along the coast of Mauritania, thus falling in the non-stop effort.

Physician Rushed to Collins by Airplane. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—An airplane left Louisville at 10 a. m. today for Cave City with Dr. William Hablett, Chicago surgeon who was commissioned by a Chicago citizen to rush to Cave City and render whatever assistance was needed to Floyd Collins, imprisoned in Sand Cave since Friday by a slab which caught his feet.

Wheat Girl to White House



Mrs. Lada Watson, Kansas Wheat Girl, presents President Coolidge with what Kansas claims is the best wheat in the world—Kansas wheat.

TWO DEFENDANTS IN THE BAILEY CASE FREED

Judge Webb Orders Verdict of Not Guilty as to L. P. Jordan and C. G. Moser. (By the Associated Press) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 4.—The government closed its case charging fraudulent use of the mails against 41 officials and stock salesmen of Bailey Brothers, Inc., here at 10:15 o'clock this morning, and Judge E. Yates Webb presiding over the adjourned term of Federal Court directed verdicts of not guilty as to L. P. Jordan and C. G. Moser, two of the defendant salesmen, thereby cutting the number of those on trial to 39.

The only witness examined this morning was T. D. Dix, postal inspector who identified certain mail matter and records. The defense objected to the introduction of much of this evidence, but the government was sustained by Judge Webb.

At the conclusion of the government's evidence, there was a motion from the representatives of practically every defendant for various interpretations of the evidence, and during the motion period the jury was excused from the court room. District Attorney Frank A. Linney agreed with Judge Webb as to the two salesmen against whom verdicts of not guilty were ordered.

THE COTTON MARKET

Sharp Advance of Yesterday Followed by Heavy Realizing at Start Today. (By the Associated Press) New York, Feb. 4.—The sharp advance in the cotton market yesterday was followed by rather heavy realizing at the start today. Considerable Southern hedge selling also was reported, presumably against the increased spot business of the previous day, but the opening was steady at an advance of 2 points to a decline of 6 points. After some irregularity prices advanced on continued trade buying and a broadening commission house demand, promoted by firm Liverpool cables, continued dry weather in the southwest and bullish spot advices. May sold up to 24.83 and July to 25.09, making new high ground for the movement at net advances of about 8 to 13 points.

Opening price were: March 24.40; May 24.70; July 24.96; October 24.71; December 24.73.

HOUSE DRAWING UP POSTAL SALARY BILL

Bill Drawn Up by Senate Returned After Being Rejected by the House. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—With the Senate postal pay and rate increase bill returned to that body, the House post office committee continued work today on the drafting of a salary rate bill of its own. If it is reported out in satisfactory form, leaders plan to press the measure to a final vote in the House before the end of the week.

Movement to Preserve Birthplace of Wilson. Staunton, Va., Feb. 4.—The First Presbyterian Church here has been authorized by its congregation to confer with the trustees of Mary Baldwin College over an offer of the college to purchase the manse where Woodrow Wilson was born while his father was pastor of the church.

The college hopes to acquire the manse as part of its three-fold plan to memorialize the name of America's wartime President. It also plans to erect a building on the college campus to bear the name of Woodrow Wilson and to restore to its original design the chapel where the late President was baptized.

May Confirm Stone Today. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—Calling up in the Senate today the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be Superior Court Justice, put over from yesterday, was expected by members generally in exchange for an order for a thorough investigation by W. O. Thompson, president of the University.

Will Investigate Deaths of Students. (By the Associated Press) Columbus, O., Feb. 4.—Discoveries of strychnine in medicine issued to the Ohio State University students, two of whom died in the last four days, today brought an order for a thorough investigation by W. O. Thompson, president of the University.

Give Conductors and Trainmen on Seventeen Roads Increases. Chicago, Feb. 3.—The United States railroad labor board today granted an increase in the wages of 2,528 conductors and trainmen totaling some \$283,185 a year. Seventeen railroads, which were not covered by the train service brotherhoods in their wage movement of 1923-1924 were affected. They are chiefly short lines, but include the Denver and Rio Grande western system and its subsidiary, the Rio Grande Southern.

The award, based on the basis of the New York Central increase of 5 per cent, becomes effective as of February 1, 1925.

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MOBBISON IN STATE

CRITICAL TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Committee Attracts Much Interest as Finances of the State Will Be Discussed.

LOCAL BILLS ARE GIVEN TO HOUSE

Bill Regulating Busses Was Passed on Second Reading in the Senate With Little Opposition.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—The Senate today passed on second reading the measure to regulate the operation of busses in North Carolina, received a handful of new bills and took action on over a score of bills on the calendar while the House of Representatives passed only a few minor measures and received a large number of new bills of slight importance.

Interest in legislative circles centered chiefly in joint finance committee meeting at 3:30 this afternoon. Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison was to appear to contend that the budget commission report overestimated the deficit if any, and failed to credit his administration with all the revenues due it. Among the new Senate bills was one by Harris, of Wake to authorize the remittance of taxes to private hospitals doing general work. The bus regulation bill passed its second reading by a vote of 42 to 2 after four amendments had been adopted. Senator Grant, republican, of Davis, was the only person to speak in opposition to the measure, he and Senator Robinson casting the dissenting votes. Pending receipt of the senate bill as amended the House this morning deferred action on the bus measure. The House bill had been favorably reported, and came up on the public calendar today. Only one other public calendar bill was presented, it being that designated to cut out the statutory limit for filing caveats to wills from 7 to 3 years. On motion of Representative Townsend the bill which passed third reading was amended so as not to apply to suits or claims filed prior to January 1, 1926. Twenty-seven new bills were introduced in about a half hour, practically all of them being local measures, bringing the House total up to 455.

CHILD OF SEVEN ATTEMPTS THE MURDER OF A FAMILY

Girl Tells Police She Killed Sisters Several Years Ago With Ground Glass.

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—Seven-year-old Alsa Thompson was under observation at the psychopathic ward of the general hospital today after an alleged attempt to kill members of the family where she was boarding. The child is accused of mixing ant paste and acid from a radio battery and attempting to induce several persons to eat it. When they refused she attacked Maxine later, aged six, and slashed her wrists with a safety razor blade. Officers said that the child admitted the charge and that she explained, "I guess I did it because I am so mean."

Alsa is said to have told police that she killed her twin sisters with ground glass two years ago while living in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Thompson. Investigators were inclined to view skeptically that angle of the child's purported confession, but admitted themselves puzzled by the fact that she is unusually precocious, having reached the eighth grade in school while still of a kindergarten age.

With Our Advertisers. The Belk buyers have been in the northern markets for the past three weeks selecting the newest in spring styles. These are arriving daily at the Park-Belk Co's.

Sterling S. Brown has taken over the active management of the Browns-Cannon Co., but will conduct it under the old firm name. New spring goods are arriving every day.

One dollar will open an account in the savings department of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Exclusive new advance spring hats at Fisher's—the season's smartest styles. Four-piece suit in walnut, only \$127.50, at the Concord Furniture Co.

Hoover's is offering a number of specials for the men this week. Let the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. fit you with glasses that will help you see perfectly.

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MOBBISON IN STATE CRITICAL TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE Meeting of the Committee Attracts Much Interest as Finances of the State Will Be Discussed. LOCAL BILLS ARE GIVEN TO HOUSE Bill Regulating Busses Was Passed on Second Reading in the Senate With Little Opposition. (By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—The Senate today passed on second reading the measure to regulate the operation of busses in North Carolina, received a handful of new bills and took action on over a score of bills on the calendar while the House of Representatives passed only a few minor measures and received a large number of new bills of slight importance. Interest in legislative circles centered chiefly in joint finance committee meeting at 3:30 this afternoon. Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison was to appear to contend that the budget commission report overestimated the deficit if any, and failed to credit his administration with all the revenues due it. Among the new Senate bills was one by Harris, of Wake to authorize the remittance of taxes to private hospitals doing general work. The bus regulation bill passed its second reading by a vote of 42 to 2 after four amendments had been adopted. Senator Grant, republican, of Davis, was the only person to speak in opposition to the measure, he and Senator Robinson casting the dissenting votes. Pending receipt of the senate bill as amended the House this morning deferred action on the bus measure. The House bill had been favorably reported, and came up on the public calendar today. Only one other public calendar bill was presented, it being that designated to cut out the statutory limit for filing caveats to wills from 7 to 3 years. On motion of Representative Townsend the bill which passed third reading was amended so as not to apply to suits or claims filed prior to January 1, 1926. Twenty-seven new bills were introduced in about a half hour, practically all of them being local measures, bringing the House total up to 455. CHILD OF SEVEN ATTEMPTS THE MURDER OF A FAMILY Girl Tells Police She Killed Sisters Several Years Ago With Ground Glass. Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—Seven-year-old Alsa Thompson was under observation at the psychopathic ward of the general hospital today after an alleged attempt to kill members of the family where she was boarding. The child is accused of mixing ant paste and acid from a radio battery and attempting to induce several persons to eat it. When they refused she attacked Maxine later, aged six, and slashed her wrists with a safety razor blade. Officers said that the child admitted the charge and that she explained, "I guess I did it because I am so mean." Alsa is said to have told police that she killed her twin sisters with ground glass two years ago while living in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Thompson. Investigators were inclined to view skeptically that angle of the child's purported confession, but admitted themselves puzzled by the fact that she is unusually precocious, having reached the eighth grade in school while still of a kindergarten age. With Our Advertisers. The Belk buyers have been in the northern markets for the past three weeks selecting the newest in spring styles. These are arriving daily at the Park-Belk Co's. Sterling S. Brown has taken over the active management of the Browns-Cannon Co., but will conduct it under the old firm name. New spring goods are arriving every day. One dollar will open an account in the savings department of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. Exclusive new advance spring hats at Fisher's—the season's smartest styles. Four-piece suit in walnut, only \$127.50, at the Concord Furniture Co. Hoover's is offering a number of specials for the men this week. Let the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. fit you with glasses that will help you see perfectly. Prominent Japanese Official Dead. Tokio, Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Sonosuke Yokota, minister of justice in the Japanese cabinet since last June, died tonight from pneumonia. WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS Senator Johnson Still Talking About Paris Pact. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—Without undertaking to discuss directly Secretary Hughes' reply regarding the Paris reparations agreement, Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, one of the irreconcilables, asked the Senate today to consider "the grave and important questions which have been presented by what happened at Paris." Tennessee Senate Rejects Amendment. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The State Senate today by a vote of 24 to 7 adopted a resolution rejecting the child labor amendment to the United States constitution. Fair, tonight and Thursday, somewhat warmer in the north central portion tonight, warmer Thursday.