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MAY TUNNEL TO HIM FROM ABOVE

Experts Think There Is No Chance to Reach Him Through Caves.—Miners May Sink a Shaft.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press.)—Floyd Collins has been permanently entombed in his Sand Cave prison 125 feet underground by a rise in the floor of the cave, and all hope of escape through any natural passage has been abandoned.

Two trips into the cave have convinced a geologist, coal miners and military authorities in charge of the work that the only chance to reach Collins is by sinking a shaft from the top of the hill and endeavoring to tunnel to the imprisoned man.

Any attempt to mine into the cave probably would be fatal to Collins, it was believed, but the plan was adopted as a last resort, and Major W. H. Cherry, the governor's agent, has been dispatched in an automobile, with instructions to get mine machinery wherever any can be found.

A rescue crew which entered at 1 a. m. found that the floor apparently had swelled from below at the innermost squeeze and only a few feet from Collins.

Returning to the surface the miners who composed the detail made their report to Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, in charge of the work, and Denhardt immediately summoned W. D. Funkhouser, head of the geological department of the University of Kentucky, who arrived yesterday.

No one among those in charge of the work at Sand Cave was able to suggest where the nearest mining machinery might be located.

Major Cherry did not make known his destination when he hurriedly drove away for more equipment.

Primarily plans for sinking the shaft evolved in consultation with coal miners who arrived from Muhlenburg county during the night, and who made the four early morning trips, called for a mine from the top of the hill at a position not far distant from where Collins is thought to be pinned.

It was estimated the shaft would be from 50 to 75 feet deep before any of the caverns beneath were tapped. Whether the position chosen would strike Sand Cave was a matter of speculation.

If it does not, then a tunnel from the depths where the cave victim is believed to lie will be undertaken.

The first explorations by the miners required about an hour each. Considerably more time elapsed during the fourth visit, however, and the alarm of those on the surface increased each minute until the first man's light appeared at the entrance of the cavern.

Inasmuch as a considerable portion of the cave leading from the entrance toward the prisoner still remains undisturbed, however, belief was expressed that Collins might still be alive.

The movement took place just beyond that part of the cavern which had been timbered by rescuers.

There has been no more rock falls or cave-ins it was stated. The swelling apparently had lifted solid rocks from the floor to the roof of the cavern. This action closed the passageway for indefinite distance and may be fatal.

An appeal for funds to supply food and clothing to workers seeking to free Floyd Collins from his entombment in Sand Cave, was issued today. Lee Collins, the father of the imprisoned man, has exhausted all of his money in purchasing overalls, coffee and food, it was stated.

Fame of Hollywood Lures Immigrants From Every Land. (By the Associated Press.) Hollywood, Cal., Feb. 5.—The motion picture studio lure, which annually entices to Hollywood thousands of persons of all ages, each nursing hope of a screen career, is not confined to the United States, but has spread to other parts of the world, according to James McPherson, chief inspector of the Ellis Island immigration station in New York. He has been visiting here.

Two questions, "How far is it to Hollywood?" and "How can I get in to the movies?" are asked constantly by immigrants entering the United States through Ellis Island, McPherson said.

"Whether they come from Poland, Italy, Germany or France, they seem to have heard of the wealth and fame earned by those who have succeeded in the picture producing business."

A highly prized gift of a laplander to his sweetheart is the inside of a seal's stomach, for there is usually something green in it to be eaten.

Cordoba, Argentine, Feb. 5.—Dona Mercedes Martinez de Alvarez of this city, having reported to the police that she had been robbed of an earning worth \$400, was requested to loan them the other earning to help the detectives in identifying the stolen one and running down the thief.

A month went by and recently the lady returned to police headquarters and asked the chief for a report on the work of the sleuths. The detectives were called in and said that they had not been successful because somebody in police headquarters had stolen the second earning. A big shakeup has occurred in the detective department.

OFFER FAIR GROUNDS HERE TO OFFICIALS OF THE STATE FAIR

Letter Sent to Gov. McLean and Max Gardner Says Local Men Are Ready to Confer Relative to Transfer.

OFFER SUGGESTION AS TO PREMIUMS

Declare "One of the Biggest Fairs in State" Has Been Held Here and Concord Is Ideally Located for Fair.

An offer to "confer in reference to transferring the State Fair to Cabarrus county" is made in a letter directed today to Governor McLean by officials of the Cabarrus County Fair Association, who declare in their communication to the Chief Executive of the State, who is Ex-officio chairman of the State Fair Association, that the letter was prompted by reports that officials of the State Fair are endeavoring to find a solution for reorganizing the State association.

In the letter, which is signed by Joseph F. Cannon, President, and Dr. T. N. Spencer, Secretary, the Concord men point out that Concord is almost ideally situated for the fair, that the local association has conducted "one of the biggest and best fairs in the State" and they will hold themselves in readiness to confer on the matter at any time.

One suggestion relative to the management of the fair is also made by Mr. Cannon and Mr. Spencer. They suggest that expert cattle men from outside the State, who go from one fair to another with their stock, be denied the privilege of exhibiting for prizes at the State Fair.

"Heretofore, North Carolina producers of livestock have not been able to compete with experts from the North and West, and refused to exhibit, thereby defeating the very purpose for which the fair is intended," the letter reads.

The letter, copies of which were sent to Governor McLean and Max Gardner, President of the State Association, reads: Hon. A. W. McLean, Governor of North Carolina and Ex-officio Chairman State Fair Association, Raleigh, N. C.

Honored Sir: The press has stated recently that the State Fair Association are endeavoring to find a solution for reorganizing the State Fair, for years held in Raleigh. It is said that the continuation of the fair is an open question. If these reports are true and there is an effort to make better arrangements for future fairs, we make the following suggestions:

The Cabarrus County Fair Association, with grounds, building, race track, etc., at Concord, N. C., is in position to confer in reference to transferring the State Fair to Cabarrus County. It now has one of the finest tracks in the South, and in the past has demonstrated its ability.

Concord is located in the center of the famous Piedmont Section of North Carolina. It has splendid railroad facilities; it is on the national highway from Greensboro to Charlotte; it is on the road to the coast; it is in close touch, by rail and roads, with the East. We have had here one of the biggest and best fairs ever held in the state, and the prospects are bright for a much greater fair October 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1925.

There is one condition that we would wish to press in conference, if such is desired, and that is that all premiums for livestock and farm products shall be given only to North Carolina owners. We believe a North Carolina fair should show only North Carolina products.

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It may be the press has erred in the statements relative to this matter, and if so, please pardon us for writing you in regard to the same.

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W. O. W. to Meet at Wilmington. (By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, Feb. 5.—A meeting of the head camp, Woodmen of the World, North Carolina jurisdiction, will be held here April 15th, according to an announcement made here today. Notices of the meeting were sent out by Head Clerk W. L. Ross, of Salisbury, and it is stated that the Woodmen's circle will hold its camp convention here at the same time.

Wilmington was chosen as the place of the meeting four years ago but it was only recently that the date was announced. Delegates to the two meetings will be elected at the February meetings of the various camps, it is said.

According to Mr. Ross, there were 400 active camps in the state and it is expected that a large number of delegates will attend the convention in April.

Thirty-eight Cars Stolen in This State in January. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Thirty-eight cars were reported stolen in North Carolina during the month of January, 1925, according to the monthly report of the North Carolina automobile theft bureau, which has just been compiled. The report shows that the majority of the automobiles reported stolen were of the touring type, with coupes and roadsters ranking second and third, respectively.

During the same period, according to the report, a total of thirty-three cars were recovered and returned to their owners.

Jeff Henderson Freed. (By the Associated Press.) Buchanan, Ga., Feb. 5.—Jeff Harding, charged with the murder of Mrs. Robert Stuart, wife of the "raiding parson of Drakestown," today was found not guilty by a jury in Haralson Superior Court.

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Effective January 2, 1925, all insurance business formerly handled by the Southern Loan and Trust Company was transferred to the Fetzer and York Insurance Agency. Offices in Cabarrus Savings Bank building, mezzanine floor. Phone 231.

See list of some bargains in real estate by John K. Patterson and Company.

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ROAD AT MORRISON HOME WILL REMAIN ON PRESENT ROUTE

Highway Board of County Gave Consideration to Matter at Meeting Yesterday, and Much Interest Shown.

MORRISON LAND TO BE WORKED

Land He Claims Was Damaged to Be Put in Good Shape and Road Will Be Built to Tenant House.

The matter of locating the roadway which enters the Old Charlotte Highway at J. Pink Morrison's farm received most serious and most lengthy consideration at the meeting of the Cabarrus County Highway Commission held Wednesday afternoon at the County Building in this city.

Settlement was made of the whole matter when a motion introduced by George S. Kluttz passed the commission, providing for the roadway to remain as it was at present and to prepare the land which Mr. Morrison claimed was injured so as to permit cultivation, and further, to construct a private roadway for one of Mr. Morrison's tenants who had been cut off from the road.

This is thought to have brought to a close a controversy which has occasioned considerable stir in the part of the county which the road under consideration serves. Residents of the section who saw in Mr. Morrison's proposal a practical closing of the road for the remainder of the winter, are much relieved at the action of the Commission.

The controversy arose as a result of the road which was built in that section several years ago. Persons living in No. 2 township drew up a petition about two and a half years ago asking that the county build for them a road in order that they might have more ready access to Concord. The petition asked that the old roadway be followed. This petition was granted but the road did not altogether follow the old road, notably at its intersection with the Charlotte road at Mr. Morrison's farm. Here, it took a straight course which brought it out at right angles to the road instead of swerving toward Charlotte as it had before.

Most of the residents of the section were pleased, they say, Mr. Morrison, however, was opposed to the course of the road in that it cut off a tract of land stated to be approximately one-half an acre, in the form of a triangle, so that it has no connection with the nearby fields belonging to him. In addition to this, tenants were inconvenienced in getting their teams to his house. He, therefore, asked the Commission to do away with the new roadway in this place and use the old course as a means of travel.

This Commission started to do and had gone so far as to send trucks to the place with the intention of graveling the old road and plowing up the new in the short section Mr. Morrison asked for which was around 300 yards in length. Other residents of No. 2 immediately became aroused and appealed to the Commission not to make the change. The work was stopped at once and the matter given serious consideration.

At the meeting Mr. Morrison made a short speech in which he gave his position. After he had finished, John M. Oglesby, appearing for R. L. Walthall, J. L. Walthall, L. B. Little, Mrs. W. J. McLaughlin and Paul Leder, pointed out that it would "not be sound from an economic standpoint, it would not be sound from an engineering standpoint, and it would not be treating the other residents of the township right after they had given their land toward building the road, to tear it up and make it a longer distance to Concord."

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Pays Own Way

Meet Herbie Hamberger, sophomore at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O. He's studying for the ministry and at the same time paying his way through school by meeting opponents in the roped arena on Fri days and Saturdays.

DANIELS TO MORRISON

Says All Ground for Differences Removed By Official Figures. Raleigh News and Observer.

Declaring the figures of the budget commission leave no ground for difference between them, Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, has sent the following letter to former Governor Cameron Morrison at Charlotte: February 4, 1925.

Hon. Cameron Morrison, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir: Acknowledging receipt of your second letter, if you will consult my letter of January 29th, you will see that I reserved answer until such time as you should submit a query that would raise a direct issue as to whether there is a surplus or a deficit in the treasury, and until the official report of the State authorities is made to the general assembly.

The budget commission submitted its report on January 31st, showing there will be a deficit in the State treasury on June 30, 1925, of \$9,515,787.63. I am enclosing herewith a copy of this report of the budget commission to which is appended a statement by State Treasurer Lacy and State Auditor Durham, who say: "We hereby certify that the statement of receipts and disbursements contained in this report are correct and that in our opinion the estimate contained therein is accurate."

The indisputable fact of a deficit of nine and a half million dollars have been officially ascertained and communicated to the general assembly, there is no ground for difference of opinion as to the existence of such regrettable deficit. The only subject for legislative action is upon what subjects to levy taxes to pay the deficit or whether bonds shall be issued.

Yours very truly, JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

METHODIST EDUCATORS MEET IN MEMPHIS

Student Pastors and Their Duties and Qualifications Subject Discussed. (By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—The way professors of religious education should relate themselves and their courses to the religious life of the community as expounded by President W. D. Agnew, of Women's College of Alabama, and a discussion of student pastors, of their duties and qualifications, led by Bishop W. H. McMurry were on today's program of the sixth annual meeting here of the education association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that convened here February 4th.

The Methodist association tomorrow will merge in a joint session with the Baptist body, also in annual convention here, for a general discussion of educational affairs.

OIL SHARES SHOW BIG ADVANCES DURING YEAR

Ten Active Stocks Listed in Stock Exchange Have Been Increased in Value about \$400,000,000. New York, Feb. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The steady advance in the price of oil shares since the first of the year, based on sharp reductions in crude production and a series of gasoline and crude oil price increases has added nearly \$400,000,000 to the quoted value of ten active stocks listed in New York Stock Exchange.

The combined appreciation in other petroleum shares listed on the "big board" together with that of many issued traded in on the New York Curb Market where many of the former standard oil subsidiaries are listed, undoubtedly will bring the total gain in all pipe line and oil shares dealt in local security market to close to \$1,000,000,000,000.

Little of Interest in Bailey Trial Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, Feb. 5.—Defense in Bailey Bros. trial in Federal Court here resumed its activities today with the introduction of documentary evidence.

There was little of interest in the morning trial, (George C. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, testified. John H. Anderson, of the income tax department of Fayetteville, testified as to the character of the defendants.

Hans Grans Loses Appeal.

Hanover, Germany, Feb. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The court of appeals has rejected the appeal of Hans Grans, the accomplice of Frederick Harman, known as the "human vampire," convicted of the murder of 26 persons, mostly young men. Both men will be beheaded shortly.

The gum from the roots of the Kauri pine of New Zealand is dug by Dalmatians from the ground in the same way as placer gold is gleaned from gravel pits.

HOUSE DECIDES TO LET TURNER CASE GO WITHOUT ACTION

Charges Brought Against S. J. Turner, Republican From Mitchell County, Do Not Interest the House.

FACTIONAL FIGHT LED TO CHARGES

That Is House View, and for That Reason It Is Decided That Legislature Has Nothing To Do With It.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—The House today dropped the pending investigation of charges against S. J. Turner, republican, of Mitchell County, on the ground that the charges were the result of a local factional fight in which the House had no interest and could not act.

Turner's right to a seat in the House had been challenged by certain citizens of Mitchell County on charges based on a certain illegal action 25 years ago. The resolution to investigate the matter was called back to the chamber today, reconsidered and then tabled.

Bills Introduced During the Day. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Senator Johnson, of Robeson, introduced two bills in the upper branch of the General Assembly today designed to strengthen the banking laws of North Carolina along lines approved by the Corporation Commission and the State Bankers Association. After a lengthy speech by Senator Heath, of Union, and introduction of two amendments, the bill to repeal the prisoners compensation act, and substitute a gift of \$30 and a suit of clothes for the present system of paying prisoners from 5 cents to 15 cents a day was referred back to the committee on penal institutions.

The Wade blue statewide game bill came up in the lower body but after some discussion it was set as a special order of business next Wednesday morning.

One of the bills relative to banks introduced by Senator Johnson of Robeson, would make violation of the banking laws prima facie evidence of intent to defraud. Under the present laws the burden of proof of intent to defraud rests on the state. Senator Johnson's measure would shift this burden by making it necessary for the defendant in banking law violation cases to prove lack of intent to defraud.

The other banking bill proposed by the senator from Robeson would limit the loans of a bank to one person or corporation to 10 per cent. of the bank's capital and surplus instead of 25 per cent. The present maximum loan limit, and it would prohibit loans to officers and employees of a bank except when ample security is given, and the loan is approved by a majority of the board of directors in a resolution duly entered on the minutes showing members present, the amount of the loan and a brief description of the security on which the loan is made.

WORLD COURT PROPOSAL VIRTUALLY LAID ON SHELF

Apparent That Nothing Will Be Done With It By the Present Congress. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 5.—The world court proposal virtually was laid on the shelf today by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee so far as this congress is concerned.

A two-hours' discussion got the committee nowhere, and afterwards Senator Swanson, of Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the committee, said he saw no reason for pressing his membership proposal so there was no possibility of action before March 4th.

Postive Cure For Diabetes Sought By Purifying Insulin.

(By the Associated Press.) Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 5.—A positive cure for diabetes through elimination of impurities in so-called pure insulin, is being sought here at the California Institute of Technology by Dr. John J. Abel, professor of pharmacology and physiological chemistry of Johns Hopkins University.

For some time physicians and scientists have been administering insulin believing to be pure, said Dr. Abel. Recently he found that even the purest contained foreign materials. He then obtained leave of absence and came here to continue his search for means of eliminating these impurities.

If it is possible to obtain insulin in an absolutely pure and free state, its effect on the human body will be far more positive than it is at the present time, Dr. Abel said.

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