

SHAFT NEARING CAVE WHERE COLLINS HAS BEEN HELD PRISONER

Experts in Charge of Rescue Work Expect to Reach the Cave in Which Collins is Held Very Soon.

COLLINS ALIVE, ONE EXPERT SAYS

Holds This Belief Despite the Fact That Tests Show Collins' Light Was Not Burning Today.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—A definite connection between the rescue shaft and the tunnel in which Floyd Collins has been imprisoned for 12 days was expected to be reached very soon, it was declared this morning by H. T. Carmichael.

"I am prepared at almost any time to find a definite connection between the shaft and the cave," Carmichael said. "More evidence is being found, rocks are getting larger, and has given away to gravel and more cave crickets are being reported."

For the first time the amplifier test across the electric light wire leading to Collins failed to record anything in the head phones. The last successful test at midnight repeated the breathing sound of 18 per minute, but H. G. Lane, manager of the electrical apparatus at the cave, said the test indicated that the globe was out of the socket or burned out.

Carmichael would not estimate how soon the Sand Cave tunnel might be pierced, but "we appear to be very close, and I believe we will get Collins out alive."

Twenty hours was given by workers at 9 o'clock as the maximum time they expected to take to extricate Collins. They said that if he was not out of the cave in that time they would be sorely disappointed. They were hopeful of reaching Collins much sooner, saying it might happen any minute.

Barring infection or gangrene from his cramped eleven day imprisonment, the physician hopes are strong that they can save Collins if he is reached soon. Every possible emergency need of the physician has been prepared in the Red Cross tent operating room for transfusion, amputation or whatever else his condition indicates.

A stretcher-like appliance to raise Collins through the shaft has been constructed.

The military board under Brig. Gen. H. E. Denhardt, the Lieut. Governor of Kentucky, which is investigating the early efforts at rescue, and the rumors of hoax and frame-up, was to interrogate H. T. Carmichael, directing the shaft work when the board resumes its inquiries today.

Military Inquiry Continued.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, geologist of the University of Kentucky, was recalled to the stand at the opening of the military court of inquiry this morning. The court is investigating the circumstances surrounding the plight of Collins and efforts made to rescue him.

German Colleges Report Decrease in Registration.

Leipzig, Feb. 11.—Educational statistics for German universities covering a period of ten years show an increase of women students; a falling off in total enrollments, and a neglect of the ministry.

Report Says Indians Have War Council.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 11.—News of a war council by Navajo Indians in reprisal for the death of an Indian in a struggle with a constable, was awaited beyond the borders of the reservation today. Futile attempts have been made to communicate with the trading post nearest the scene of the Indians' camp, where yesterday 100 braves refused to yield the body of the slain Navajo to a coroner's jury. Homesteaders were reported arming yesterday.

The sale of 100,000 basketball guides in a single year is one indication of the hold which the cage game has taken on the American public.

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CHINESE AGAIN LEAVE THE OPIUM CONFERENCE

Declare Conference Has Failed to Find System to Suppress Opium in the Far East.

Geneva, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The Chinese delegation withdrew from the first far eastern opium conference when that body was brought together again today to reconsider its findings.

In his letter to the conference, the chief Chinese delegate, S. Alfred Sze, said the withdrawal was due to the conference's failure to adopt a system for the suppression of opium smoking in the Far East.

The Chinese have withdrawn from both the bodies which were convened in Geneva to deal with the opium and narcotic drug evil. Mr. Sze left the international opium conference in which the United States participated, February 7, following the action of the American representative, Porter, who withdrew the previous day.

The first conference which the Chinese today abandoned was restricted to Far Eastern countries.

SAYS RIEHL OFFERED TO SELL HIM PAROLE

Such Testimony Given at Trial of Riehl, Sartain and Fletcher in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Alleged efforts of Lawrence Riehl, of Columbus, O., to sell him a parole from the Atlanta federal penitentiary, today were described in United States district court by Graham Baughn, one of the men convicted in the Savannah run ring exposure.

Baughn gave his testimony in the trial of Riehl, A. E. Sartain, and L. J. Fletcher, the latter two formerly warden and deputy respectively, of the penitentiary, on charges of conspiracy and bribery.

Baughn testified that he already had put up \$1,500 for a soft job and that he did not feel like giving Riehl any more money at that time. "I told Riehl I would think over the matter and send him the money later but I never sent it," he said.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened today at Advance of 8 to 15 Points on Relatively Firm Liverpool Cables.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Feb. 11.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 8 to 15 points on relatively firm Liverpool cables, reports of an advance in Egyptian cotton, continued dry weather in Texas, and reports that trade estimates of the East Indian crop were being further reduced.

Considerable realizing and a little Southern selling was readily absorbed by trade and commission house buying, prices advancing to 24.80 for May, and 25.00 for July by the end of the first hour, or about 16 to 20 points net higher.

Opening prices were: March 24.33; May 24.70; July 24.95; October 24.85; December 24.90.

MOVIE SUIT WILL BE WILSON COURT FIGHT

Answer Filed by United Artists Corporation to \$1,500 Action.—Another Suit.

Wilson, Feb. 10.—The United Artists' corporation, of Washington, D. C., has filed answer to the suit brought by the Wilson theater for \$1,500 damages for alleged violation of contract of defendant corporation for allowing two D. W. Griffith productions to be shown on the same dates in this city.

Labor Conditions in State Better.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Labor conditions in North Carolina during the week ending February 7th were decidedly more favorable than they have been during the past six weeks, according to the weekly report of the State and federal employment service, which has just been made public through Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing.

The improvement is noted, it is stated, through more favorable weather conditions and the situation over the state is reported as being fairly well balanced.

According to the report there were a total of 790 registrations with the six bureaus in the State during the week, of which number 587 were men and 212 women. Of this number 447 men and 127 women were reported placed, making a total of 574 placements during the week. There were 728 requests for help and a total of 693 applicants were referred.

The placements for the week are classified as follows: skilled, 69; unskilled, 353; clerical and professional, 42; industrial, 0; domestic, 110.

Public Safety Course Saves Children's Lives.

(By the Associated Press) Los Angeles, Feb. 11.—A reduction of 21 per cent in child fatalities due to motor vehicles has been made through systematic teaching of safety in the public schools of Los Angeles. It has been revealed in a check made by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

The safety curriculum in Los Angeles public schools was inaugurated about three years ago through the cooperation of the board of education and the public safety department of the automobile club. Children are given practical instruction and in addition they compete in designing posters and verses for bulletins used in the safety movement. Diplomas are issued to students completing the course.

Earthquake Felt in San Francisco. Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 10.—An earthquake in the San Francisco bay region of no great intensity but with rapid vibration was recorded on the seismograph of the University of California beginning at 1:05:21 and ending at 1:06 o'clock this morning. The center was given as 25 miles southwest.

The shock was felt by many in San Francisco and the east bay cities and generally was mistaken for an explosion. No damage was reported.

Six thousand yachtsmen between Vancouver and San Francisco are represented in the membership of the Pacific Coast Yachting Association.

Sunday School Institute To Begin Here Tonight

First Session of the Institute Will Be Held Tonight in First Baptist Church, the Scene of All Sessions.

MISS MAGEE AND MR. SIMS HERE

Dr. Smith, Noted Sunday School Worker, Also Present for the Institute Which Continues Three Nights.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the opening session of the Concord Township Sunday School Institute will be held in the First Baptist Church. The institute will continue through Friday night, sessions being held at 7:30 o'clock each night.

The opening address of the convention will be delivered by Dr. D. Burt Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., of the Department of Sunday Schools, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, the subject being "The Sunday School as an Educational Complement." This will be the first of the series of addresses to be given by Dr. Smith during the institute.

Two other well known speakers on the program will be D. W. Sims, the well known General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Daisy Magee, of Raleigh, Children's Division Superintendent of the same organization. The officers in charge of arrangements for the institute feel that with these three speakers in the city for three days a storehouse of up-to-date and useful information on Sunday School work will be open for the Sunday School workers of Concord.

Featuring the sessions of the institute will be special departmental conferences, at which time the workers from the various departments of the Sunday school will have an opportunity to present their problems and have them discussed.

While special invitations to attend the institute have been sent to pastors, superintendents, teachers, and other Sunday School officials, all who are interested in the development of Sunday School work are asked to attend.

Today's program is as follows: Wednesday Night, February 11: 7:30—J. E. Davis, Township President, presiding.

7:30—Song. Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Jesse Rowan, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Concord.

7:40—The Sunday School as an Educational Complement—Dr. R. Burt Smith, Philadelphia, Pa., of the Department of Sunday Schools, United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

8:10—Record of Attendance. 8:20—Key to a Greater Sunday School—D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.

8:50—The Daily Vacation Bible School—Miss Daisy Magee, Raleigh, Children's Division Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.

9:20—Announcements. 9:30—Adjourn.

Huge Sums Go to Replace Country Schoolhouses.

Bedford, Ind., Feb. 11.—That the flimsy schoolhouse, like the hickory stick of the Three-R days, is drifting into obscurity, is indicated in a survey made by the Indiana Limestone Quarriers' association, which shows that last year more than \$225,000,000 was spent in replacing antiquated school buildings with materials of a permanent nature.

Reports of the association said that a far greater number of school buildings were replaced than remodeled, and that contracts already awarded give promise of 1925 exceeding the previous year in volume of school building construction.

Case Against Norwood Continued.

(By the Associated Press) Salisbury, Feb. 11.—Witnesses in the case in federal court at Greensboro in the defect Peoples National Bank of this city, have been notified by Clerk R. L. Blalock that the case against J. D. Norwood, et al which was to be tried February 23rd, has been continued to an indefinite date, therefore you need not appear as a witness until you are re-summoned.

The 1925 wrestling championships of the Western Intercollegiate Conference are to be staged at the University of Minnesota in March.

Gooding Bill Not Favorably Reported.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 11.—The House commerce committee today by a vote of 11 to 6 declined to report the Gooding bill prohibiting higher railroad freight rates for short hauls than for long hauls over the same route.

A deed filed Tuesday records the transfer of the Dusenberry property on North Union street from Mrs. Sadie D. Gron to Dr. J. F. Reed. Another deed records the sale by John M. Griffin of one-sixth interest in property on South Union street to his sister, Mrs. Ethel Griffin Black.

Charles Burrage is confined to his home on Meadow street with mumps.

I am seeking new ideas from every angle "How to interest my old trade, and attract new trade." Any idea, no matter how radical will be considered and have an equal chance of winning the \$25.00 prize. There are only two restrictions. It must conform to the laws of the State and United States and make no mention of selling on credit. Mail all letters containing New Ideas to me not later than February 25th. Contest closes on that date. Winner's name will be announced on March 1st.

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FORMALLY NOTIFY COOLIDGE-DAWES THEY ARE ELECTED

Electoral Vote Polled According to Law at Joint Session of Both of the Houses of Congress.

COOLIDGE GOT 531 VOTES IN ALL

Davis Got 136 Votes and La Follette Got 13.—Dawes Got 382 Votes of 531 for Vice President.

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The result of the November election, received the final attest of Congress today in joint convention assembled.

The statement by Senate President Pro-tempore Cummins that the count of electoral votes showed Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, and Chas. G. Dawes, of Illinois, to have been elected, and the entering of the ballot in the journal of the House, closed the political contest in accordance with constitutional requirements.

Barely half an hour was set aside for the ceremony. Pursuant to a concurrent resolution for joint assembly, the Senate marched to the House chamber, preceded by sergeant-at-arms and pages carrying the electoral vote in locked boxes. Senator Cummins presided, with Speaker Gillet on the dais at his left. After formal announcement from the chair of the purpose of the meeting, tellers of the House and Senate took charge of the ballots, opening the envelopes in alphabetical order. The result was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast for President 531. Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, 382. John W. Davis, of West Virginia, 136. Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, 13. Whole number of votes cast for Vice President 531. Chas. G. Dawes, of Nebraska, 382 votes. Chas. W. Bryan, of Nebraska, 136 votes. Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, 13 votes.

Senator Cummins then dissolved the convention with the traditional words: "This announcement of the votes cast by the electors of the President and Vice President by the president pro-tempore of the Senate is under the Constitution and laws of the United States, deemed a sufficient decision of the persons elected for the term beginning March 4, 1925, and shall be entered, together with a list of the votes so cast on the journals of the Senate and the House."

Following the ceremonies both houses resumed their routine work.

HOUSE PASSES POSTAL PAY AND RATE SCHEME

Only Few Scattering Votes Against Bill in the House—Substitute for Measure Passed by the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Without a record vote the house today passed the Kelly postal pay and rate increase bill and sent it to the Senate, which already has passed a somewhat similar measure only to have it turned back by the house as infringing on the exclusive prerogative of the house to originate revenue producing legislation.

Brought up under a special rule which limited debate to less than two hours, the measure was approved in about two hours. It would raise \$81,000,000 in long enough for Congress to act on recommendations to be made by a joint congressional committee which is authorized to study the whole postal rate structure with a view to permanent revision.

With Our Advertisers. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will have a parade and public speaking Thursday night, Feb. 12, followed by the lecture by Dr. Stroub at the court house at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Yorke & Wadsworth Co. has just received another car of Galvanized Roofing, to be sold at \$5.00 per square.

H. B. Wilkinson is telling of the many conveniences of the Myrtle Deaks, which they sell. See new ad.

When W. J. Hethcox tells you a job is finished. It is finished. o. k. Men's Spring suits for 1925 at the J. C. Penney Co. Priced at \$24.75. See ad.

The Corl Motor Co. has a few used cars for sale at bargains.

Jewelry of refinement to be found at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. See new ad. today.

A. E. Pounds is offering \$25 for an idea. Read change of ad. today, and get busy.

The Parks-Belk Co. is receiving new apparel for spring every day. In a new ad. today you will find enumerated some of them and the prices at which they are offered.

The big sale of jewelry at the W. C. Correll Jewelry Co. is still going with a rush. Only a few more days remain.

No Improvement in Dr. Ben's Condition. Peking, China, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Southern Chinese leader, who has been in a hospital since he was operated upon about two weeks ago for cancer, remained in a critical condition today.

FORMALLY DECLARE COOLIDGE IS ELECTED

Joint Session of Two Houses of Congress Held for the Purpose.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The perfectly perfumatory, but highly important task of declaring Calvin Coolidge and Charles G. Dawes elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the United States, was performed here today at a joint session of the Senate and House. Officially Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Dawes had not been elected until after today's session.

The meeting was a highly dignified affair, as befitting a ceremonial prescribed by the Constitution. Many persons of distinction, including members of the cabinet, foreign diplomats, and their ladies, filled the galleries. The president pro tempore of the Senate, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, sternly announced that there must be no applause from the floor or galleries, but occasionally some enthusiastic individual had the temerity to ignore the order.

Rigorous procedure, prescribed by the Constitution and supplementary statutes, was strictly followed in the counting of the votes. It was the supreme and final act of law really "making" Messrs. Coolidge and Dawes the nation's executives for the next four years. The inauguration to follow is but the formal attestation by oath of the new executives promising obedience to the Constitution and laws of the country and faithful execution of their trusts and their ceremonial induction into office.

Adopted after a prolonged and bitter dispute in the famous Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia, the Electoral College system has since its inception been the centre of various momentous disagreements. When Washington was first elected to the presidency the legislatures of New York and New Hampshire were torn by dissensions which reached so far that no electors were chosen and Washington consequently did not receive any votes from either of these states. At the second election, however, Washington received the unanimous vote of all the electors, being the only President in the history of the nation who has been thus honored.

At the second election Jefferson and Burr appeared as candidates, Kentucky giving the former four votes and South Carolina giving the latter one. At the third election they appeared again and this time much more prominently, Jefferson receiving 68 votes and Burr 30. John Adams, with a vote of 71, just one over the requisite majority, carried off the presidency and Jefferson became vice president.

At the next election Jefferson and Burr appeared again, and the vote in the electoral college was a tie which led to the famous election by the House, an episode occupying a prominent place in American history. In 1825 there was another election by the House, neither of the four candidates having a majority. The election came off on February 9, 1825, and resulted in the choice of John Quincy Adams.

The celebrated Tilden-Hayes controversy occurred in 1876. A violent partisan dispute arose over the electoral votes of Florida, Louisiana, Oregon, and South Carolina. The entire matter was referred by Congress to an electoral commission composed of eight Republicans and seven Democrats. As a result by a strict party vote 185 electoral votes were awarded to Hayes and 184 to Tilden. Some of the supporters of Mr. Tilden became so aroused over the decision that they openly talked of "taking Tilden to Washington and setting him anyhow," and threats of bringing about a civil war were bruited about.

The ablest men of the newly born United States founded the Electoral College, choosing a system that was but one of a dozen advanced for the purpose of deciding the presidency and vice presidency. To Alexander Hamilton is given most of the credit for bringing about the adoption of the system as originally created by the Constitution.

ITALY SHOWING INTEREST IN ALLIED DEBTS AT LAST

This Belief Caused by Visit of Italian Ambassador to Premier Herriot.

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Feb. 11.—Italy is beginning to take an interest in the allied debt question says the Petit Parisien, which was the reason for a call by the Italian ambassador yesterday on Premier Herriot.

The ambassador was not the bearer of any particular communication, the paper asserts, but merely called to take soundings as to what would be the tenor of the French government's reply to the British debt note. As the latter is still in the hands of the experts, M. Herriot and the ambassador only were able to indulge in a very general exchange of views.

Former Republican Leader Cleared For Second Time. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 10.—Clarke Grier, former federal revenue agent and one of the Republican leaders in Georgia, was acquitted in the United States court early tonight of the charge of extorting money from Savannah bootleggers on the promise of immunity from punishment. This is Grier's second acquittal within a week, his first trial being for using the mails to defraud.

Earl Holt Is Reidsville Man.

(By the Associated Press) Fremont, Neb., 11.—Earl Holt, 27, who was found about the streets of Fremont penniless and eating raw corn for sustenance, police say, has been identified as a member of a prominent Southern family of Reidsville, N. C. W. J. Holt, brother, here taking charge of his brother, preparatory to taking him to his home in Reidsville.

Durant Makes Fortune in Stocks.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Feb. 11.—William C. Durant, motor manufacturer and stock operator, is credited by Wall Street with having made about \$2,500,000 during the last two days in the rise of United States Cast Iron Pipe. His paper profits on the same stock in its upward movement is less than two years ago estimated at more than \$10,000,000.

HOUSE TO CONSIDER MEASURE AGAIN NOW

By Vote of 45 to 43 Lower House Agrees to Reconsider Bill Which Was Voted Down During Week.

MURPHY LEADER FOR NEW MEASURE

At His Suggestion That Matter Came Up in the House After the Defeat of the Original Measure.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—By a vote of 45 to 43, the House this morning voted to reconsider the vote by which the measure to increase by seven the number of judicial districts of the state was defeated on second reading yesterday. The motion to reconsider was made by Representative Murphy, of Rowan, who indicated that he wished a bill providing for four new districts to come before the House.

It was immediately announced that a bill as outlined by Mr. Murphy would be placed on the calendar and come up for consideration tomorrow morning. The House then passed unanimously on third reading the measure to place commercial motor buses under control of the rate corporation Commission and sent a bill to the Senate for concurrence in two House amendments.

The House committee on education failed to submit its unfavorable report on the Poole bill designed to prohibit the teaching of evolution in State schools, but members of the committee reiterated their determination to bring the measure before the House on a minority report, and ask for a roll call vote.

Passage of the bus bill on its final reading was a mere formality. There was some suggestion of a debate on the amendment limiting commercial intracity buses to twenty passengers exclusive of the drivers, but to have gotten to this it would have been necessary to make a motion to reconsider the vote by which the entire measure passed its second reading last night.

The bill now goes back to the Senate. The House last night voted three amendments. One was to strike out the Senate amendment exempting buses 94 inches wide which were on the roads on January 1, 1925 from the clause requiring narrower buses. A second limited the number of passengers to 20, and a third clarified the language.

DR. AUTON HOEFFLE IS ARRESTED IN BERLIN

Arrest Follows Cross Examination by the Public Prosecutor.

Berlin, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Anton Hoeffle, former minister of post and the clerical party's member, in the Marx-Stresmann cabinet, was arrested today after a cross examination by the public prosecutor.

The arrest was said to be due to incriminating statements made against him by officials of the Balmat Bros., to whom state funds are alleged to have been loaned, and also on the suspicion that he was attempting to conceal incriminating documents.

Birth Rate Decline Seen as British National Peril.

Manchester, Feb. 11.—Decline of the birth rate in England has become a national peril in the opinion of Sir Robert Blair, former chief education officer of the London County Council, who, speaking at a Manchester educational conference, estimated that within the next eight years there would be 2,000,000 fewer workers in this country.

"Within the last few years, the birth rate has fallen off tremendously," he said, "and appears even yet to be going down. We are losing 100,000 children a year from each age group in the schools and on this basis, from calculation I have made by 1932 there will be some 2,000,000 less workers in England."

Taking this year as an example, asserted Sir Robert, the board of education is budgeting for a million less children than in its budget of fourteen years ago.

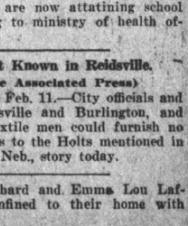
Decrease of the birth rate during the years of the war in some measure accounts for the reduction in the number of children who are now attaining school age, according to ministry of health officials.

Holt Not Known in Reidsville.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, Feb. 11.—City officials and men in Reidsville and Burlington, and cotton and textile men could furnish no information as to the Holt mentioned in the Fremont, Neb., story today.

Misses Orchard and Emma Lou Laferty are confined to their home with mumps.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Generally fair and much colder tonight Thursday fair and colder in east portion.