

Ex-Governor Morrison Will Appear Before Finance Committee

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Thursday.

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GOV. M'LEAN'S \$20,000,000 ROAD BILL GETS FAVORABLE REPORT

HOPE OF RESCUE GONE, ENTOMBED MAN PRAYS

BOWIE YIELDS TO CHANGE IN HIS ADDRESS

Discussion of the Divorce Bill in House Which Was Defeated, Evoked More Real Debate Than Any Other Measure That Has Yet Come Up.

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—The house committee on roads tonight voted unanimously to report favorably the bill introduced by Representative Turlinton and Moore providing for the issuance of \$20,000,000 highway bonds, to be financed by an enabling act now in the course of preparation, which will provide a tax of a cent a gallon on gasoline in the place of three as at present, and further, for a sinking fund of \$500,000 a year to retire the bonds. Also, the enabling or financing act will provide that all over \$500,000 available be used in the construction. The Bowie bill will be reported unfavorably.

Principle Principal Speaks
The principal address before the committee tonight was that of Mr. Bowie, introducer of the \$16,000,000 bill. He said he yielded to the choice, having been assured by the governor that if the credit of the state is not strained, the executive will recommend an additional \$30,000,000 two years from now. Further, he said the governor has assured him that in addition to the \$20,000,000 proposed in the Turlinton-Moore bill the sum of approximately \$11,000,000 would be available for the next bi-ennium, derived from federal aid and the unused portion of bonds already authorized.

Ex-Governor to Appear
It was definitely arranged this afternoon for ex-Governor Cameron Morrison to appear before a joint session of the senate and house finance committee, in the office of the corporation commission tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, to present the case of his administration with reference to the deficit reports by the budget commission. Senator P. H. Williams of the senate finance committee, announced this afternoon that he and N. A. Townsend, chairman of the house finance committee, had conferred with Mr. Morrison and had arranged for his appearance tomorrow afternoon. This meeting will overshadow other legislative features of the day.

The road bond question was brought up as an issue this morning when bills were introduced providing for \$20,000,000 instead of \$15,000,000 as provided in bills now pending. Many new bills were introduced as usual. Many passed their final reading and went on their way towards ratification and consequently into the book containing the state laws, public and local. Two big committee meetings were held, one this afternoon for the consideration of the proposed state-wide game bill and another tonight for the consideration of road bond issues. There were rumors current yesterday and today that advocates of \$15,000,000 were falling away and lining up with the administration bill provision for \$20,000,000 instead.

Game Law Reported Favorably
After a public hearing which lasted over two hours, the house and senate finance committee of the general assembly went into executive session late this afternoon and voted 15 to 8 to report the Wade-Blue state-wide game bill favorably. The welfare committee of both

Railroad Gives 'Bo' Pass Over Lines

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 3.—Bill Goodman, of Navoo, Ala., oratorical rider of the roads, today is entitled to "ride the cushions" on all trains of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company. Bill is a hero.

SOLONS HEAR MRS. CATT

Woman Suffrage Leader Makes Plea for World Peace Before General Assembly.

RALEIGH, Feb. 3. (AP)—A plea that the United States give its adherence to the world court was made here today before the general assembly by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, noted American suffragette leader, who addressed the legislators by special invitation. Mrs. Catt spoke for about 20 minutes, and her address was the feature of the senate and house sessions this morning.

In the house a half dozen local bills were introduced and a half dozen others were ratified before the body went into consideration of the minority report on the Matthews divorce bill. The measure designed to reduce the time of separation necessary for a permanent divorce from five to two years, was reported unfavorably, but a minority report was rendered at the same time. Consideration of the minority report brought on a discussion which lasted for some time.

Miss Julia Alexander, of Mecklenburg, for the first time that she has spoken of any length on the floor announced her opposition to the measure. She declared that she did not need any advice from back home as to how to vote on the bill, and asserted that couples did not stay married long enough now to pay the building and loan on the house and pay for the furniture.

The measure was finally called up on the floor from the unfavorable calendar and was defeated 86 to 17. In the upper house the morning was devoted to consideration of the measure designed to give the corporation commission control of the operations of buses or public roads. The bill was reported from the committee favorably with one or two minor changes. Two or three amendments were sent forward from the floor this morning, the principal one being by Woodson of Rowan, to limit the width of buses to 84 instead of 94 inches as provided in the bill.

After discussion, and with the consent of the senator from Rowan if the amendment was changed to provide for a width not to exceed 86 inches.

CAR COLLIDES WITH A BUGGY ON HIGHWAY

Negro Chauffeur, Owner and Driver of the Automobile, Is Believed to be Seriously Injured.

GREENVILLE, Feb. 3.—Richard G. Allsbrook, 50, prominent attorney and former solicitor of the fourth and second judicial districts, was instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock tonight when an automobile in which he was riding, collided with a buggy and overturned against a tree on Tarboro highway about two miles north of this city.

The negro chauffeur and owner of the car in which Mr. Allsbrook was returning to Tarboro from Wilson was seriously injured and was rushed to a local hospital. His name is C. L. King and he lives in Tarboro. The occupants of the buggy—a colored man whose name has not been learned—escaped without injury.

Turned Car Around
The car after colliding with the buggy turned completely around, facing back toward Greenville. It then continued to skid, turned up on its sides and crashed against the tree, pinning Mr. Allsbrook between the automobile and the tree. His skull and chest were crushed.

Mr. Allsbrook's body and the injured negro were carried back to this city where the negro was placed in a local hospital. A coroner's inquest was held tonight. The driver of the buggy also went to Greenville. The coroner's jury at a late hour was still in session and it was not learned whether any blame was to be attached to the driver of the buggy.

NEUSE RECEDING
River is falling gradually after having covered lowlands.

KINSTON, Feb. 3.—Neuse River here is falling gradually after loitering at the flood stage for many days. The stream started rising weeks ago. Shortly after the middle of January it began creeping in to the lowlands. Before the end of that month it had covered parts of roads short distances below the city. A few more days will find the stage as near normal as it gets to be this far above tide-water, observers state. No stock was reported lost in the recent floods. There was no crop damage. Inundated residential premises caused inconvenience to a few people, living along the Pink Hill road in Hatterville.

HASTY MARRIAGE
ROCKY MOUNT, Feb. 3.—Introduced at 12:30 last Thursday afternoon, and married before 1:30 Friday afternoon, is the history of the whirlwind romance of Victor C. Snyder, traveling man of Kansas City, and Miss Elizabeth Cox, of this city, who were married last Friday at Nashville.

Life Sentence for Slaying of Woman

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 3.—Claude Routh, who several weeks ago shot and killed Miss Vera Moore as she was at work in a local Western Union office, today was sentenced to life imprisonment in Fulton county superior court.

ASSERTS BAIN NEEDS THE JOB

Statement from Friends of the Mayor Tells Why He is Standing for Re-Election.

Mayor Edgar H. Bain is standing for re-election, not because of the high honor involved, but because he needs the salary the city pays to its chief executive, according to a statement yesterday at a meeting of a group of his friends, held to discuss his candidacy.

This statement reads: "Several friends of Mayor E. H. Bain met in conference Monday night to discuss the question of his candidacy for another term for Mayor of Goldsboro.

"If having been reported that Mr. Bain had made the statement that he would not be a candidate for Mayor this year, this question was discussed, and it developed the fact that while Mr. Bain had stated to an inquiring friend on one occasion last year that he probably would not be a candidate for Mayor this year, he had made no public statement to this effect, and therefore he is not bound by this only partial commitment of his plans.

"It was the unanimous verdict of these assembled friends in conference that Colonel Bain has made Goldsboro a splendid Mayor; that he has not only filled with credit every duty imposed upon him as Mayor, but he has exalted the office with a high-toned Christian character, and an honorable upright walk, and he therefore, has a perfect right to aspire to a repeated re-election to the office.

"It was also the unanimous verdict of these friends in meeting assembled that Colonel Bain remain in the race and they urge his army of friends throughout the city to stand loyally by him to the end that he may remain hold and dignify the office of Mayor, not because he needs the honor it confers, (for we feel he should last honor when he led the boys 'Over the Top' in France) but because he actually needs the salary the office pays.

"It was an enthusiastic Bain meeting, and a forerunner on the part of his friends to carry his banner to a glorious and overwhelming victory at the polls when the election day comes.

"O God of hosts be with us yet, 'Lest we forget, lest we forget' what the boys suffered for us over there."

COTTON MARKET
NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (AP)—Spot cotton steady. Middling 24.65. Cotton futures closed steady. March, 24.40; May 24.70; July 25.00; Oct. 24.72; Dec. 24.79.

VISIT OF KLAN DESCRIBED AS AN OUTRAGE

Neighbors of Mrs. Smith of Mt. Olive, Say Her Character is Above Reproach.

MT. OLIVE, Feb. 3.—Whatever the Ku Klux Klan think of Mrs. Minnie Smith, and of her conduct in her home, some dozens of her neighbors have the utmost confidence in her character, based they say, upon an acquaintance of a life time; that she is a loyal citizen, who gives liberally of her time and means to the promotion of the community's religious and social life, that she is a faithful wife, mother and daughter in law, and thoroughly capable of rearing her children as they should be—without any assistance from the Klan or any member thereof.

This information is offered to the world in the following signed communication, submitted for publication:

Our Statement
"We, the citizens of Smith's Chapel community, in which Mrs. Minnie Smith has been a resident since childhood, will say that we know her character to be above reproach. We further say that she is a loyal citizen, both from a social and religious standpoint, and gives as much of her time and means as possible to its progress.

"We also believe she is faithful at home, doing her duty as wife, mother and daughter in law. We further believe she is capable of rearing her children without the aid of the Ku Klux Klan or any member of the Klan, and their visit to her home on the night of December 22nd, 1924, was the most outrageous occurrence that has ever happened in this community.

"H. J. Hood, Mrs. N. H. Jennette, Mrs. Earl Grimes, Joe McCullen, Mrs. Howard Casey, H. S. Osney, Mrs. Joe Parker, A. C. Bell, C. T. Sutton, W. B. Hood, Mrs. W. B. Hood, Lola Hood, Mrs. L. H. McCullen, L. H. McCullen, A. G. Baker, Mrs. H. J. Hood, Mrs. Ennis Kornegay, Mrs. Buck Taylor, Mrs. Annie Sutton, J. T. Johnson, N. S. Wolfe, Mrs. Sally Wolf, Mrs. C. W. Hood, Mrs. H. F. Hollowell, Joe R. Parker, Mrs. A. C. Bell, David Dunbar, R. J. Jones, Mrs. H. J. Jones, Mrs. J. H. Parker, J. H. Parker."

CROPS TO BE LATE

Operations on Most East Carolina Farms Delayed

KINSTON, Feb. 3.—Crops will get a late start in this section unless bright weather is had the next few weeks, according to leading farmers. Operations on most plantations have been delayed by practically six weeks of inclement weather. Tobacco beds planted shortly after the holidays have made slow progress. Ground-breaking has been delayed. Planting of early crops will be several weeks later than usual in some localities. An increased average in corn is possible. There will be no material increase in cotton and tobacco plantings, at least in Lenoir.

Child Attempts to Kill Its Own Kin

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 3.—Seven-year-old Alva Thompson was under observation at the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital today, after an alleged attempt to slay members of the family where she is boarding. The child is accused of mixing antipaste and acid from a radio battery, and attempting to hide several persons to eat it. When they refused she attacked Maxine, aged 6, 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."

Also 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. Russell 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.

MORRISON'S FIGHT FUTILE

Friends of Former Governor Do Not Believe He Will Be Heard

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—Former Governor Morrison's scheduled visit to the capital is considered by his friends as a futile mission. They agree with him that an unjust reflection on his administration has been made for the sake of a new method of calculating finances. His political enemies are in high glory, but an ex-governor hasn't much chance.

The legislative finance committee, which he will ask to close up the books of his administration under the system on which it operated, did not prepare the deficit report, and they are not inclined to do it up again. The \$3,500,000 deficit will stand as the Morrison administration's sacrifice, it getting credit for only three years of water revenues while being charged with two and a half years of expenditures. The legislative commission undertook to explain it by showing the seven months' deficit for revenues which followed the shift from the old calendar to the income tax. His friends were missing any explanation that had the books been closed December 31, 1924, and the administration credited with taxes applicable to the period prior to that date, the deficit would have been small.

Wants Old System
The former governor desires the committee to close up the books of his administration under the system on which it operated. After that, he has suggested, the new system of controlling finances could be established for the McLean administration. But he will not get it. Interest here now is in the new and not the old administration and the ex-governor will not be heard.

Governor McLean has clinched victory. (Continued on Page Four)

COLLINS ASKS FOR SOME ONE STAY IN CAVE

Experienced Drillers Rushed to Scene to Sink a Hole Through Hillside in Effort to Reach Him.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 3.—Experienced drillers from the Kentucky Asphalt Company spent all night, tonight began an attempt to sink a hole directly through the hillside at a point estimated to be above where Floyd Collins has been imprisoned in a narrow passage for four days.

CAVE CITY, Feb. 3.—The hope of being rescued alive again, Floyd Collins, is trapped in the Blue cave near here since Friday morning. He has been praying constantly for several hours, and has reported his food supply is fast running out. He has been in the cave for about 100 hours of weary days, and is widening the passage only from the cave entrance.

That someone will get into the cave with him and rescue him, his chance, John Collins, according to Nelson, is a minor, who was the last to leave the cave this afternoon.

Soldiers Volunteer Aid
The seven men in Jeannette made little progress between 10:30 this morning and 2:15 this afternoon in widening the cave, and some of their work was done in that section nearest the imprisoned man. Eight members of the Kentucky national guard, under command of two tenantry, left Smiths Grove at 4 p. m. for Sand cave with the intention of assisting with such excavation as is being done. The eight volunteers were the smallest men in the company at Smiths Grove, all having volunteered their services.

No progress has been made toward removing the huge sandstone boulder which blocks Collins' exit. A crevice and prevents efforts to pull him out of his prison. The cave is little more than a hole-point where Collins was caught and is pinned, half erect and half in a recumbent position, face upward toward what portion of that aperture is not occupied by his own body. No one has been able to reach beyond his knees to determine just how securely he is imprisoned.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 3. (AP)—Floyd Collins, his wife, and his strength fast ebbing, Floyd Collins early today lay in the hole-hole in Sand Cave, waiting for some one, something to release his feet, held down by a huge boulder which fell upon it when he was exploring the cave Friday morning.

For 24 hours he was alone, the constant drip, drip, drip of water from melting snow and ice on the surface spinning more deadly monotonous hour by hour.

Saturday he was found, and stated that three scores of men have tried in vain to rescue him. Persons all over the country have been trying to help, too, for many suggestions have been received by telegraph—but the ingenuity of man has gone for naught. In the narrow crevice hardly large enough for a small man to squeeze through, the boulder, immovable, has held Collins while the constant dripping of the water has created a torture chamber such as was known in ages past.

Slow Work
For hours men have pecked away at the boulder with cold chisels, chisels have tugged at a room fastened about the body of the victim. He has been moved five inches in five days.

BABY LEFT ON PORCH VANCEBORO HOME

NEW BERN, Feb. 2.—A baby boy, apparently three months old was left on the front porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Grady White, in Vanceboro last night, sometime before 11 o'clock according to information reaching New Bern this morning.

The baby was discovered in a basket about 11 o'clock by Mrs. White. She had gone on the back porch for some coal, and ran into the basket containing the tiny bit of humanity. This frightened Mrs. White, and she ran screaming into the house. The screams of Mrs. White awakened the baby, which apparently had been sleeping up to this time, and it started to cry.

Mr. White, who had retired, ran to the back part of the house when he heard the screams of Mrs. White, and together they investigated and found the baby snugly wrapped in the basket, wearing what appeared to be "hospital made" clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. White took the baby in for the night, and made it comfortable, but whether or not they will adopt it has not been definitely decided upon. Mr. White, when called over the telephone, this morning, said that he had not decided yet what he would do with it, but added that it was a nice baby and he might keep it. Mr. and Mrs. White are childless.

Mr. White said that he came in about 10:15 and going in the back way saw the basket containing the baby, but paid no attention to it. But later, after he had retired, Mr. White said, Mrs. White went on the back porch for some coal and discovered the "new arrival" when she switched on the light.

Friends of Mr. White here declare that a better home could not have been picked for the little fellow. Mr. White is well fixed from a financial standpoint, and is in a position to raise the child and give it all the material things it might need.

There was nothing to indicate where the baby came from.