

COLLINS RESCUE EXPECTED IN A VERY SHORT TIME

NEW CAVERN MAY LEAD TO LIVING TOMB

Miners, in the Meantime Are Drilling a Test Hole Within the Shaft in Hope of Reaching the Cave Explorer

CAVE CITY, Feb. 12.—A cavern which the Floyd Collins rescue party hopes may lead to the imprisoned cave man was uncovered at the bottom of the rescue shaft at 7:30 p. m. Some time was required to clear it out so it could be penetrated but the rescuers, expected to reach Collins very soon.

Preparation to raise him to the surface on a stretcher platform and render all possible medical aid were checked over carefully and made ready for instant use.

The diamond point drill, boring through the bottom of the shaft, recorded about a foot and a half of soft sandy rock and two feet of limestone above the underground passage. The passage seemed to be of sufficient depth to permit a rescue party to enter.

DRILLING TEST HOLE

CAVE CITY, Feb. 12.—Officer in charge of the operations at Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins has been imprisoned for more than 13 days, late today began drilling a test hole within the shaft now being dug toward the passage-way to Sand Cave.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning Collins will have been in the cave two weeks and without food or water for eight days. The last time his voice was heard was more than a week ago, and whether he now is dead or alive is a matter of conjecture.

STRIKE SOFT EARTH

SAND CAVE, Feb. 12.—The bottom of the first cave cap overlying the roof of the old cavern which once filled the tiny sand cave valley was reached today when the shelving limestone appeared with the solid rock not far ahead. No crevices began to appear and increasing the down draft, but none showed any signs of a tunnel. This cheering development was pointed out by Mr. Carmichael as proving the cavern was near at hand. The return of the western normal team which worked all day Monday was divided into a four team shift of workers, making drives and are paired against the Normal gridiron boys a group of Louisville youngsters composing another set of shifts. Then there are two sets of veterans, professional miners and the Louisville and Nashville R. R. track workers. Despite the additional equipment from state headquarters the diggers have suffered severely from cold and additional efforts to keep from developing pneumonia. Those developing colds have been taken off the shifts.

The thing worrying the men is only three men at a time are able to work at the bottom, though a score would be willing to work if possible. The shifts are working a half hour at the time consistent with the shaft walls. Mr. Carmichael early today prepared the earth sligs and fastened around the diggers shoulders to prevent them from falling into the bottom of the shaft. The diamond pointed drill was again prepared to examine the bottom of the shaft in the hope of locating some avenue in the cavern. The drill will be tried at all the corners of the shaft to ascertain this. The official bulletin issued at nine o'clock today said that the depth of the cave rescue shaft was about 45 feet. He gave nine o'clock Saturday night as the maximum time at which it will be reached. We are close to the roof of the cave and have speeded up the excavation at the rate of ten feet in every twenty hours. There is a great possibility of finding an opening at any time. We will stop luncing when the shaft has reached a depth of 60 feet and work out from there.

The Italian government has refused to let an American have its oil wells. Doesn't such treatment demand war?

Nurmi Establishes Three New Records

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12. (AP)—Cavo Nurmi smashed three world records tonight when he scored a sensational victory in a handicap race at a mile and one-quarter, featuring the 106th regiment indoor games.

The phantom Finn, flashing a brilliant race in his first appearance here, raced his own indoor standards for 2,000 yards, 2,000 meters and a mile and a quarter and led his only dangerous rival, Jimmy Connelly, former Georgetown star, to the tape by fifteen yards.

EXPECTS A NEW SIGN FROM GOD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, electrified 800 delegates to the National Presbyterian Conference at its opening session in Bethany Presbyterian Church last night by saying he believed God will indicate His approval of Presbyterian labors by illuminating the eastern sky.

This usual forecast was not uttered with any impassioned oratory or prophetic extravagance. It was spoken in one of the sincerest passages of his speech and apparently so amazed the crowded church that upon his conclusion there was very little applause.

Dr. Macartney had been speaking of what he considered to be the weakness of professed Christians. He spoke of 1924 as being an especially poor year from the standpoint of organized religion. He had come to the conclusion that the trouble arose from the indifference of those entrusted with the mission of Christ.

Expounds Fundamentalism

Then he exhorted his auditors to zeal in the prosecution of God's will and came to his prophetic promise of reward. "I believe," he said, "that when we have rebuilt our altars the eastern heavens will once more be aglow with a Pentecostal blaze."

Dr. Macartney's speech was an exposition of the fundamentalist standpoint. He said at the very beginning that he was proud to say, "I am not only a Christian but I am also a Presbyterian." He felt such "addendum" necessary, and advised for all those who share the glorious heritage of Presbyterianism.

He then referred to the Westminster Confession of Faith, which he lauded at some length, concluding that creeds were not only necessary but indispensable to the preservation of the church. He then described the McCartney family altar, before which he set on his father's knee, and intimated that the family altar made "real rapscallions in the lost who march in the evangelical ranks of God."

In speaking of the "great truths of revealed religion," he said the nation's great men had not only believed in them, but had, for the most part, believed in Presbyterian tenets. He strengthened this by asserting that "the sons of the Presbyterian manse hold their place in Who's Who."

Philadelphia May As Liberty Seat

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Enterprising North Carolinians are trying to get Congress to recognize the so-called Mecklenburg county declaration of independence on May 20, 1775, more than a year before the Philadelphia declaration. Representative A. L. Bulwinkle, of the Ninth District, in which Charlotte, where the 20th of May declaration took place, is located, today introduced a bill to establish a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

It is contended by the advocates of this measure that a party of Mecklenburg county citizens met in Charlotte, May 20, 1775, drew up a declaration of absolute independence of Great Britain. Descendants of the signers meet annually and celebrate the historic event. President Taft was a guest one year.

MERCHANT IS IMPLICATED IN BEAMAN CASE

Mr. and Mrs. Vollers are Freed of Any Blame in Connection With Brutal Slaying.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 12. (AP)—The arrest of three additional persons and the release from custody of Mr. and Mrs. George Vollers, were the outstanding developments today in the Clayton Beaman murder mystery on which county and city police officials have been working for the past five days, following the discovery of Beaman's body in his automobile on a lonely road two miles from Wilson last Sunday.

Arthur Lamm, proprietor of a small store, Miss Bettle Brinkley, operator in a local cotton mill and Ben Brauns, an employee in Lamm's store, were ordered taken into custody by the coroner's jury on the charge of having valuable information in connection with the case. All three deny that they know anything about the murder.

Mr. and Mrs. Vollers, after further examination by the coroner's jury, were ordered released and have been cleared of any connection with the killing of Beaman.

Two Women Involved

According to information obtained tonight, it is alleged that two women, of whom Miss Brinkley was one, were examined by officials who had received a confidential tip concerning them. The two women told the same story. It is stated, but upon being examined separately their accounts are said to have differed in material ways. It was then revealed by the witnesses that they had been coached since Sunday night, by Mr. Lamm as to the story that they should tell. Miss Brinkley and Mr. Lamm were ordered held, but the other woman was not arrested. Lamm denies he gave them any instructions.

The theory of robbery in connection with Beaman's murder is no longer being considered, and officials are working along an entirely different line. It was intimated tonight that additional arrests would be forthcoming.

Re-Asserts Innocence

"I am absolutely innocent of any connection with the Beaman murder. I didn't know Beaman very well, and I had nothing against him. They've locked up my wife and myself, and have done us an injustice, for neither one of us had anything to do with the case."

This statement was made by George Vollers tonight, following exoneration of any blame in connection with the murder of Clayton Beaman, local white man, whose body was found in his automobile Sunday afternoon.

"I quit work and went to the office to get my money at about six o'clock Saturday afternoon, continued Vollers. "I went home and had supper. After that, my wife and I went to the picture show. Later I left her to get a shave, and attend to some other matters. I went to the Cherry hotel barber shop first, but that was filled up, so I went to two other places. I can give the name of the barber who shaved me. I also went to Bell's shoe shop, after my shoes. Later I was in Dr. Moore's drug store. And I also talked to several other men before 11:0 o'clock. Then I went home. I found my wife was getting ready to go to bed."

Shocked Over Arrest

"Needless to say, I was shocked to death when they arrested me this afternoon. It's an injustice to my wife."

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Maryland Town Facing Inundation

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Feb. 12. (AP)—More than one-third of Port Deposit is inundated tonight and with the water constantly rising, and more ice coming down the Susquehanna river, prospects are that the attack may attain tomorrow a height approaching that of the great flood of 1910.

BANK COOPER WAS FORMING LOST HEAVILY

Continental Trust Company of Charlotte Had \$10,000 of its Funds on Deposit in Defunct Institution. Former Lieutenant Governor Testifies.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 12.—"I'm afraid there would have been some temptation to save my own money, if I had known that the Commercial Bank would fail," declared W. B. Cooper, testifying late today in his own behalf in U. S. court.

He stated that his own individual account at the time of the bank's closing was between \$500 and \$600; that the Continental Trust company, of Charlotte, which he was then organizing, had a balance of about \$12,500 in the Commercial bank; and that as administrator for Cuthbert Martin he had a balance of \$2,000 to \$3,000 there.

"I have been driven into bankruptcy," he declared, as a result of the failure of the bank and "my trustee states that the receiver of the Commercial National bank will pay nothing to him on these deposits."

He said his wife had a balance at the time the bank failed of \$500 to \$600 and his father-in-law, D. L. Gore, had between two and three thousand dollars' balance in the Commercial.

Concerning the "E. E. Smith accommodation notes for \$10,000 each," he said, he found these papers in the bank and at maturity C. E. Betha brought two new notes to him. "I think for \$10,000 each," and that he himself said they would not do and would have to be charged up as real estate and not as notes. This, he declared, was done.

Draws Judge's Fine

R. T. E. Cooper, who was on the stand this morning, drew this criticism from Judge Rose: "It appears like pretty high financing" when he explained how he swapped notes before the bank crashed. The particular note under consideration was one for \$1,500, signed by J. E. Clayton and discounted by Cooper in the Commercial bank.

Cooper endeavored to justify all the transactions alleged by District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker as having been criminal, and he asserted on the stand that every act in question was done for the purpose of assisting the bank out of its difficulties. He said that W. B. Cooper knew about the farm property being taken over by the bank for a bad loan, and that there was nothing wrong about the Georgia transaction. He declared the sale of W. B. Cooper's stock in the Commercial bank several times before its failure was a legitimate transaction, claimed he was "broke," and that at this time he did not have money enough to pay hospital bills for his young daughter. He admitted, however, that the value of the bank's home was materially increased when realty values were on the decline in order to bolster the undivided profits of the institution.

BOND ISSUE IS APPROVED IN UPPER HOUSE

Another Bill That Got Off to a Start in the Senate Yesterday Was Measure Reducing Personal Property Exemption.

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—The 1925-1926 state highway program was a step nearer completion tonight, with the senate having today passed on the bill authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 addition bonds. The bill now goes to the house for concurrence, together with that authorizing the collection of a tax of four cents a gallon on gasoline, instead of three cents. Another measure that got under way in the upper branch today was that designed to cut the personal property exemption from \$200 to \$50. It passed second reading and went over for its third and final reading. If successful in the senate, this bill will go over to the house for consideration there.

A working basis for redistricting the state was laid down by the house today, when it passed a bill designed to create four new judicial districts and four additional judgeships. The vote on the second reading was 71 to 43. There was no roll call on the third reading.

Representative Neal, of Caswell, introduced a measure in the lower house which would repeal all laws permitting boxing matches in North Carolina, and Representative Shady, a bill which would prohibit Sunday sports, including hunting and fishing, in Bladen county.

Tomorrow's session of the house will likely see the "evolution" bill brought up for action on a minority report although Representative Fox, of Hoke county, indicated he would ask that it be set for a special order at a later date.

Ballot Bill in House

The house now faces the task of considering a bill providing for an Australian ballot for the whole state. A bill to "modernize the ballot" was introduced today by Representative Moss and Harrison, jointly. It was referred to the committee on elections where also rests Representative W. W. Neal's bill designed to repeal the state-wide primary law.

Representative Bailey, of Onslow, introduced a bill designed to limit commissions on money advanced for crops to ten per cent. He said this would automatically reduce the "interest" paid by farmers for such advances. After more discussion, the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture. The introducer had asked that it be placed on the calendar.

The bill to provide for four new judicial districts and an equivalent number of additional judgeships did not fall to meet with opposition in the house, when it came up today following the passage of Representative Murphy's reconsideration motion. However, the debates were not lengthy and a shifting of sentiment resulted in the passage of the measure. The original rejected bill calls for seven new districts and judges. That passed today calls for four of each. The amendment was introduced by Graham, of Orange and the vote on it was 68 to 42. On the amendment bill the vote was 71 to 34.

Ask Poland to Bar Sleeveless Dresses

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The Polish parliament was asked today to pass a bill prohibiting women from wearing sleeveless dresses and even for bidding shops from displaying such garbs. Jewish rabbis in Warsaw were the first to give the fight

New Hope Boy's Leg Mashed in Cutter

When his mules became frightened at a passing automobile and started running away, Wilton Whitley, a fifteen year old lad of the New Hope community, was thrown from the seat of the stalk cutter on which he was riding, and fell on the rapidly revolving blades. It was learned yesterday. Prompt medical aid was summoned, and the boy's leg, though terribly gashed, was saved. He was reported as getting well after his horrible experience, and is expected to be able to be out within a few days.

ROBBINS NOT FATALLY HURT

Condition of Former Mayor of Mount Olive, Hurt in Auto Crash, Said to be Improving.

The condition of S. J. Robbins, former mayor of Mount Olive, who was badly injured Thursday night, when the Ford car which he was driving, and a heavy truck of the Barnes-Harrel-Rawlings Company collided, was last night reported as favorable. His hurts, it is now believed, will not be fatal.

On account of the rain, mist and darkness, it was said last night that the vision of both drivers was obscured, and the two vehicles crashed together almost headlong. Mr. Robbins was badly shaken up, and fearing that he was internally injured, Roland Sasser, the driver of the truck, rushed him to Mt. Olive, where physicians gave him medical aid. He was later taken back to his home, the Mount Olive physicians deeming hospital attention unnecessary.

It was widely reported yesterday that Mr. Robbins' injuries had proven fatal, but W. E. Rawlings, a member of the Barnes-Harrel-Rawlings firm, stated last night that the last report he received from the former mayor, some time during the late afternoon, was to the effect that he was getting along nicely.

Mr. Robbins, who is well known all over the country, resides about two miles from Mount Olive, and it was impossible to get in touch with him over the telephone last night.

Announce Discovery Powerful Antiseptic

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—An antiseptic 50 times as strong as carbolic acid in its power to kill disease germs and yet so harmless to man that one can swallow it without injury, has been discovered at Johns Hopkins, it was learned today. It is called hexyl-resorcinol and has been used recently in the Johns Hopkins Hospital to clear up long-standing infection of the kidneys and urinary tract.

Dr. Venable Leonard, chairman of the Clinical Committee on Internal Antiseptics of the National Research Council, who developed the germicide in the laboratories of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, said that he and his associates had spent 10 years in research to perfect it.

American Divorces Approved by Court

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The jurisdiction of the French Courts in divorce cases between American citizens having only transitory domiciles in France was up held today with the dismissal of a demurrer filed by Mrs. Olive Burton, and Joffe, to a suit instituted by her husband two months ago.

The Burtons were married at Long Branch, N. J., in September, 1920. The wife's demurrer argued that "Mr. Burton, although he might have legal domicile in France, had no real residence here, which was merely acquired for the purpose of filing the divorce suit."

The Court, in dismissing the demurrer, declared itself competent to hear the case and permitted the husband to enter proceedings next Thursday, at the same time assessing the costs of her appeal against Mrs. Burton. The latter will now introduce a counter suit for divorce.

CHICAGO NEWSPAPER EXPLOSION HURTS 15

CHICAGO, Feb. 12. (AP)—Approximately 15 persons were injured, some seriously, in an explosion in the engraving room of the Chicago Evening American today. Fire followed the explosion.

DENY AUCTION FORCES WERE ORDERED OUT

Man Who Reported Meeting of Opposing Co-operative Forces at Reidsville Says He was Erroneously Informed in One Particular.

(By Manton Oliver)
REIDSVILLE, Feb. 12.—In reporting the proceedings of the two farmers' meetings here Saturday, the writer unintentionally did an injustice to the auction war-horsemen by saying they ordered those to leave the Grande Theatre who were not in sympathy with the meeting being held there. As it was impossible for me to be present at both meetings I relied upon statements made to me by a Raleigh newspaper man for facts about the meeting at the co-operative warehouse. I asked him if he was sure of what he told me, and he replied that a man of questionable integrity had informed him that he and a companion were ordered by war-horsemen to leave the Grande Theatre. Later Mr. C. R. Warren, of Chatham, Va., was communicated with and asked to obtain the affidavit from the gentlemen in question. The affidavit convinces me that I did the auction war-horsemen an injustice, and I am hastening to correct the impression and do the fair thing, and without being requested to do so, by sending this article to all the newspapers in which my report of the meetings appeared.

The reference to the statement that "When the time came that I have to give an internal organization of this kind and make a man state that he must be a racial being with me before he can come into my meetings, I mean to give my conditions."

address in reference to what he said about Mr. Gildwell's declaration that only those in sympathy with this meeting would be admitted to the Grande Theatre.

The affidavit and letter from Mr. Warren are given below:

Chatham, Va., Feb. 10, 1925.

"My dear Mr. Oliver:

"I am enclosing Mr. Saunders' affidavit, but it is so strong as he told it to me on my way back from Reidsville, but perhaps it will serve your purpose.

"I am including my statement in this letter so which you are at liberty to use any way you choose, over my signature.

"With the very best personal regards, I am,

"Yours truly,

"C. R. WARREN."

Advertisement

"I, W. A. Saunders, who is in Reidsville, N. C., on the 12th day of February, 1925. While there I entered the Grande Theatre where Mr. Gildwell was to make a speech. Mr. Gildwell remained there until Mr. Gildwell began to speak and uttered the following words, or words to this effect:

"All employees of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association not in sympathy with this cause for which we are meeting are not invited here."

"W. A. SAUNDERS."

Personally appeared before me W. A. Saunders this 10th day of February, 1925, and made oath that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

"FRANK MARSHALL, Notary Public."
"My commission expires February 11th, 1926."

Chatham, Va., Feb. 10, 1925.

My Dear Mr. Oliver:

As per our conversation over the phone this A. M. I have this to say: I did say that I would sever my connection with the association when I had to deny admittance to men who were not ready to swear they were in harmony with a bunch of racials attempting to persuade men to violate a sacred contract, or shift a responsibility.

Had not these people announced through the press and otherwise that those who were not in sympathy with the efforts of this cause would not be welcomed, and is this not enough to keep out any gentleman?

As to the ones I had in mind when I made this statement, I will say I included those who were guilty, and the guisy ones know whom I included.

If there are war-horsemen in any of the three states who were in no wise interested or had no part in it, then of course they were not in my mind at the time, but I might say that these gentlemen should be very careful that they are not represented at these meetings.

"As I understand it, practically every (Continued on Page 12.)"

19 Prisoners Escape From State Farm At Caledonia During Night

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—19 prisoners tunneled their way to freedom from the Caledonia state prison farm camp in Halifax county last night according to information sent to George Ross Post, superintendent of state prisons today. Four of the prisoners were captured though the others are still at large. According to information to Mr. Post 200 prisoners were confined in the camp because of rats. A hole was tunneled through the brick foundation. The mortar between the

brick was removed and a place of egress made to the ground below. The men then burrowed through the loam to the foundation on the outside. All the prisoners were counted after supper last night and the break is believed to have been made thereafter. He believed the enforced idleness of the prisoners yesterday gave them the opportunity to make their escape. Four of the men were convicted murderers and are still at large, while the balance of them were confined for larceny

and similar crimes. Sentences of those who escaped ranged from two to twenty years. These men are from Yadkin, Galloway, Rutherford, Avery, Madison, Forsythe, Orange, Rowan, Haywood and Surry counties. The four murderers are as follows: Glenn Jarvis, of Yadkin, second degree murder, 15 to 20 years; Carl Talley, second degree murder, John McNally of Wake, murderer 5 to 8 years; Brown Chester, Haywood second degree, 21 years.

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