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ENTOMBMENT OF COLLINS IN KENTUCKY CAVE BEING PROBED AS RESCUE WORK IS CONTINUED

"Skeets" Miller, Young Reporter, Who Was First to Enter Cave and Talk With Imprisoned Man Tells Straightforward Story—Positive Man Is Held by Rock.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 10.—Another amplifier test convinced experimenters that Floyd Collins still breathed in his Sand Cave prison. Respiration is about 14 or 15 times a minute, it was indicated.

The shaft directed to the natural tomb of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave had reached a depth of 40 1/2 feet shortly before 2 p. m. today.

Thirty nine feet of that distance has been timbered on all four sides. Drilling has reached the 76 foot level without indications that blasting will be necessary.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 10.—The Military Court of Inquiry investigating circumstances surrounding the imprisonment and rescue work of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave adjourned shortly after noon till 2 p. m., after hearing two witnesses. More testimony was in prospect when the session was resumed.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.—William B. Miller, reporter for the Louisville Courier-Journal was the first witness summoned before the military court of inquiry today. "Skeets" Miller was one of the leading rescuers and made repeated trips into Sand Cave in the efforts to free Floyd Collins before the cave passage-way was blocked by slides and a rising of the floor.

No announcement had been made as to who would be called as witnesses in the military investigation into facts connected with the imprisonment and rescue efforts at Sand Cave. Brigadier-General H. H. Denhardt, commander of the national guardmen, was in charge of the court.

"I arrived in Cave City about 9 o'clock on the morning of February 3," said Miller in opening his story. "I met Homer and Marshall Collins, brothers of the entombed man, Floyd Collins. They came up out of the cave entrance and Homer said he had seen his brother.

"I went down in the hole with Columbus Doyle, who directed the way. He stopped at a narrow passage where it was too hard for him to get through and I proceeded farther working my way down on my stomach.

"I went down through the passage headfirst until, without realizing it I was right on top of Floyd. I had begun calling when about ten feet from him and receiving only a grunt for an answer.

"Before I realized it I had slipped down the chute. All I could see was Floyd's head covered with oil cloth, which was wet."

Miller was asked whether at this time he had received any information from persons who had already been in to see Collins. He said he had been told that Collins had been talking evening and all night long and had been dipping around the prisoner.

"Oh you and the stone are hurting me," were the first words Miller heard from Collins, he said. "This came when he slipped down the chute onto the prisoner. He lifted the cover from Collins' face and Collins asked him to put it back to protect him from the fall of dripping water.

"At this point, Miller was asked to describe in detail conditions at the point where Collins was found.

"There are," said Miller, "no pools of water but a constant seepage. I was unable to see his feet. I could see as far down as his chest but could not tell how much of his body was covered below that point. A large stone arches over his breast with only about two inches clearance. I just got my hand under the stone and over his chest. I carried a flashlight but was unable to see beneath this stone. Floyd said he was cold. I believe it is colder inside the cave than outside. In addition the seeping water was anyone who goes in, raising them to feel cold.

"On this, my first trip, I remained near Collins about half an hour. I believed the case to be hopeless from what I saw and returned to the surface.

or who they were. "Homer had two sandwiches and I believe some coffee. Homer went down and I heard him talking with Floyd. Floyd called him by name and I could hear Floyd at the sandwiches. Floyd's nerves were badly shot and when Homer tried to put on him a harness he had taken to try to pull him out, Floyd begged his brother not to make such an effort for fear his leg might be pulled off.

"Floyd's head was pointing toward the entrance and he seemed to be in a semi-reclining position, apparently on his left side.

"The entombed man told me his left foot was caught and at various times that his toes and left heel were held fast. At one time I managed to get as far down as his knee cap.

"When I placed the electric light near him I was able to get a view of the conditions of rock behind him but could not see any opening.

"Collins told me he went there before and found a cavern that was very beautiful and eight feet deep," Miller said.

"I tried to get him to tell me about the possibility of another entrance but several of the times I talked to him he told me there was no other entrance except the one he came in and that he had tried to find some way out of the cavern and was forced to come out through the place where he got caught.

"Monday night he seemed to be in a stupor and wanted to be left alone. Tuesday he said 'I am at myself and feel better.'"

Miller was requested to describe the passage from the entrance to Collins. He said, that the direction generally was to right and down, but after he entered the cave and subsequently he lost his sense of direction and he was unable to tell which way the cave led.

Asked if he had ever made a trip into the cave with Gerald, Miller testified that Gerald led one crowd of rescuers workers and he led the other and that they had been in the cave at the same time.

He was asked if there had been any rock loosened in the cave and answered that workmen attempted to enlarge the squeeze and had removed portions of rock and dirt.

Miller described the first cave-in as being four feet toward the entrance from Collins and the last cave-in twelve feet from him.

"My last trip and talk with Collins was Wednesday morning," said the witness. "I called to him and he told me he was hungry and that his foot was free.

However, this did not sound like the truth, that is that he was free, because I believe he was afraid he would go away and leave him."

Miller then described conditions inside the cave where rocks were continuously falling from the ceiling down into the passage.

Miller was asked whether on his last trip into the cave Floyd Collins was there, he answered "Yes" and said he made seven trips into the cave and that Collins was there each time.

General Denhardt asked Miller: "Is there any doubt in your mind that there is a man in the cave?"

"There is a man there who answers to the name of Floyd."

"You have heard rumors that there is no one there. Do you think there is any foundation for such a report?"

"I have heard such rumors indirectly, but the man in the cave is not the type of person to my mind who is an actor. On all my trips I found the position of the body unchanged. The action of the prisoner was such as would indicate he was suffering from nervous strain and from some rows."

CHURCH MUST FORGET PAST, MOVE ON

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—The modern church must "break through the accumulated theological debris and the credal entanglements and paraphernalia of the centuries and move in to a larger and richer field of Christian service," Dr. M. P. Burns, of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church declared in an address prepared for delivery today at the council of cities.

"Illiteracy in any neighborhood is a finger of disgrace pointing directly at the church," Dr. Burns said.

NEGRO IS SHOT IN HOLDUP JOB

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 10.—An unidentified negro was shot to death when he and three other men attempted to hold up the bank at Booneville, Iowa, today, according to information received here.

Two of his companions were caught while the other escaped.

NEW YORK STILL COVERED WITH FOG

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Heavy fog which yesterday caused a series of elevated railroad accidents resulting in the death of two men and injury of sixty persons, still lay over the city today. Traffic on land and sea was delayed.

Three boats from Fall River, Mass., and Providence, R. I., with several hundred passengers reached their berths nearly 24 hours late.

Thousands of commuters were delayed. Service on some ferry lines was discontinued.

KELLY POSTAL PAY AND RATE INCREASE BILL PASSES SENATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Kelly postal pay and rate increase bill was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The bill was approved after less than two hours debate under rules requiring a two-thirds vote for passage and barring amendments from the floor.

Final action was without a roll call. Speaker Gillett holding that on the viva voce vote more than two thirds of the house members present supported the bill.

Carrying the same pay increase as provided in the bill voted by President Coolidge, the measure proposes rate advances estimated to yield \$1,000,000 as against an expected increase outgo of \$483,000,000 in salaries.

It is a substitute for the measure passed recently by the senate which the house declined to consider on the ground that it infringed on the house's exclusive right to initiate revenue legislation.

WILLIAMS BILL IS ASSAILED BY ITS OPPONENTS

Senator McNary Says Oregon Prune Growers Assn. Is on Rocks.

CITED AS ONE CASE

Chairman of the Farmer-to-Consumer League Delivers Vigorous Onslaught.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—While methods of carrying its recommendations into effect were being assailed today before a house committee, members of President Coolidge's agricultural conference, appeared before the senate committee to explain their suggestions.

B. P. Yeakum, chairman of the farmer-to-consumer league occupied the stand before the house agricultural committee and he delivered a vigorous onslaught against the Williams bill, designed to carry out recommendations of the conference, at the same time urging the Curtis-Aswell measure for a system of co-operative marketing agencies.

Before the senate committee, W. M. Jardine, a member of the conference, declared the recommendations were based on views widely held by farmers and followed testimony of authorities on agriculture.

"It is time for the farmers to get behind some plan and stop fighting each other," he declared, adding that "the recommendations will relieve agriculture and will make a start toward permanent farm relief."

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, challenged the statement of the witness that the Oregon Prune Growers Association was an example of successful co-operative marketing. He asserted he was one of the largest prune growers in the west and head of one of the biggest co-operative organizations, and as a matter of fact, the Oregon Prune Growers Association is now on the rocks, because they tried to spread out too far.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, questioned the witness on the source of the information that led to such drastic recommendations for the revision of the protective tariff.

He declared he was prepared to fight any expansion of the tariff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Williams bill designed to carry out the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission was assailed today before the house agricultural committee before B. P. Yeakum, chairman of the farmers-to-consumers league, who said it would protect those now actively depriving the farmers "of their just dues."

"The measure would so strengthen the oppressive powers," contending farm prices, that the farmer would be left the choice of losing their farms through foreclosure or deserting them, Mr. (Continued on page 3.)

WEALTHY BREWER WOUNDED BY GIRL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Chris G. Hupfel, son of John C. G. Hupfel, millionaire brewer today was recovering from two bullet wounds in the head inflicted by a woman who shot him down last night.

Mrs. Kossara Spaulowitch, whom police identified as a sister to Dr. Millisoff, Serbian ambassador to France, and who was arrested, is being held. She denied that she had fired the shots and Hupfel told police at the hospital that he could not identify his assailant.

WHEAT PRICES ON DOWNWARD PLUNGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Wheat prices plunged down nearly 6 cents a bushel today within hardly more than an hour. The May delivery went as low as \$1.55 3-8 as compared with \$1.90 5-8 to \$1.91 at yesterday's finish.

Selling was active and general, and the market was without any adequate support.

SIX ARE KILLED BY LOCOMOTIVE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 10.—Four men and two women were killed and another woman seriously injured today, when a locomotive on the Pennsylvania railroad struck a motor truck and motor car at a grade crossing in Marcus Hook, near here.

BANDIT SUSPECTS HELD IN TACOMA

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 10.—Two men arrested in Seattle early this morning are in the Tacoma city jail being held for investigation in connection with the holdup of National bank of Tacoma employees Saturday and the slaying of Harry H. Schmidt, agency manager. The arrest of a third man companion of the two already held, was expected momentarily.

He declares he was prepared to fight any expansion of the tariff.

Police refuse to divulge their evidence against the men.

MANY OBSERVERS TO FOLLOW FLEET

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN PEDRO, Feb. 10.—A total of 522 observers, including 64 news papermen and three news reel photographers, will be permitted to accompany the United States battleship on its forthcoming summer cruise. It was announced aboard the Flagship California last night. Five hundred enlisted men of the naval reserve will be included in this total.

NO SUFFERING AT VALE SAYS REPORTS TODAY

Neighbors Giving Assistance to Flood-Stricken City—Danger Past.

CARCASSES BURNED

Will Prevent Pestilence by Precautionary Measures in Disposing of Dead Animals.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
VALE, Ore., Feb. 10.—No one is suffering from lack of food or shelter in the flooded district surrounding Vale, as neighbors of the flood sufferers have given assistance, it was reported here, when a meeting of city and chamber of commerce officials was held late yesterday.

Representatives of Ontario were present and said they would send their mayor, W. H. Doolittle, to assist farmers of Vale and the district west of here to obtain state relief.

The county court has ordered that carcasses of all dead animals be buried, and purchased twenty-five barrels of lime to be used in preserving sanitary conditions. This amount of lime may not be sufficient, County Judge Now said, when the carcasses west of Vale are spread over a distance of four or five miles.

Only some jagged edges of concrete is all that remains of the Oregon dam, which was washed out, causing the flood; the center of the dam being washed down to bedrock, according to Percy Purvis, on his return from the site of the 126 foot structure.

He reported that the Warm-springs ranch, five miles down from Bully Creek, was gone. All the buildings, even the stone house, were washed level to the ground. All the ditches were so filled with mud and debris that no trace could be found of the former ranch.

The railroad bridge two miles west of Vale is expected to be ready for trains tomorrow. About two miles of the track washed out has been repaired.

Dr. George E. Houck, chairman of the education committee of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club had charge of the program today of the organization. He gave a very interesting talk to the members concerning a graph showing that business conditions of the country progress in cycles. Dr. Houck had a chart prepared for each member of the club which clearly outlined the theme of his talk. It was very interesting and from it one gleaned that the next two years, 1925 and 1926, would be prosperous ones if past statistics could be counted upon. "Brit" Britton, county Boy Scout leader, gave a short talk about the Kiwanis scout camp on the banks of the South Umpqua, a short distance from Roseburg. He said the site was ideal for a scout camp and commended the club for securing it. Stewart O'Dell spoke in behalf of the Salvation Army, urging the Kiwanians to support it financially.

He said the army would be apt to abandon its work here unless better support was given. The ministerial association plans to educate the people of the city regarding the work of its organization so that funds can be more easily obtained.

President Harding presented the matter of the Kiwanis Club reserving a shelf at the Roseburg public library for books to be donated by the Kiwanians. At the next meeting each Kiwanian will bring a volume from their private library to be donated to the city library. Each Kiwanian will present one book each year to the Kiwanis shelf.

With Senator Hare, who led the fight for the minority report, and Senator Hanke who led the fight for the consolidation issue in "bank" the majority report relative to the appointment of a consolidation commission which will report to the next session of the legislature was adopted by the senate yesterday, the house yesterday afternoon killed house bill 299 providing for an effective state wide dog licensing law.

Fight on Healing Bill.
STATEHOUSE, Salem, Oregon, Feb. 12. Charges, direct and indirect, that the alleged school of doctors was attempting to strangle other groups engaged in the healing arts were voiced by the naturopaths, osteopaths, chiropractors, gymnastic directors and others at a meeting before the house revision of laws committee last night on house bill 291.

The opponents of the bill declared that the bill would do nothing of the sort. If modification of the Volstead Act, as ever to be possible, this much is clear: It can never even be considered until the law is fully enforced. This is not a question of light wine and beer, it is not a question of unadulterated liquor of any sort, it is a question of stopping the flood of poison drink poured out over the state and a flood of crime, misfortune, disease and death, which ruins and kills our own people by the thousands and flows in an evil stream from Pennsylvania into other states as well.

Explaining that poison bootleg liquor is made out of denatured alcohol, either completely or speckledly denatured, the governor said that in the two years ending June 30, 1923, the amount of speckled liquor increased from less than 800,000 gallons to more than 5,000,000 gallons.

ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE SELLS TIMBER TRACTS

Over Twelve Million Feet of Timber in Coos and Lane Disposed Of.

SALE NETS \$32,000

Considerable Competition Shown in Bids for Sections Containing Stands of Cedar.

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Competition arose in the sale of the tracts containing Port Orford cedar and these tracts brought a great deal more than their appraised value as fixed by the government. One tract was raised from \$760 to \$1,300 and another from \$1,300 to \$1,575.

All of the timber offered lies in Coos and Lane counties, and is made up from O. and C. and Wagon grant lands. Several tracts offered for sale were left unsold as no bidders were present who desired the property.

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Kentucky Cave Disaster



FLOYD COLLINS SAND CAVE

PHILADELPHIA AND PITTSBURGH PRINCIPAL CITIES IN U. S. FOR MANUFACTURE OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 10.—Philadelphia is the principal city in the United States for the manufacture of illegal liquor from denatured alcohol and Pittsburgh is a center for illegal beer. Governor Pinchot told the general assembly today in a message asking enactment of a bill for regulation of distilleries and breweries.

If the bill is passed, the governor said, the sources of illegal drink in Pennsylvania can and will be dried up. If it is defeated, he predicted, flagrant violations of the law will continue, and the law breakers will, by its defeat be encouraged to still greater lawlessness.

"The assembly of law enforcement will try to make it appear that to defeat this bill will bring nearer the day of light wine and beer," he said. "Even if such a day could ever come, it could do

nothing of the sort. If modification of the Volstead Act, as ever to be possible, this much is clear: It can never even be considered until the law is fully enforced. This is not a question of light wine and beer, it is not a question of unadulterated liquor of any sort, it is a question of stopping the flood of poison drink poured out over the state and a flood of crime, misfortune, disease and death, which ruins and kills our own people by the thousands and flows in an evil stream from Pennsylvania into other states as well.

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