

GERALD DEFENDS CAVE WORK

Military Probe Is Ordered By Governor

FIELDS TO GET ALL FACTS OF COLLINS CASE

Action Follows Story Saying Some Think Prisoner Out; Friends, Kin, Rescuers Will Be Called Tuesday Morning.

TESTS SHOW VICTIM ALIVE

Physician Declares Man In Cave Trap Breathing 21 Times a Minute; Shaft Reaches 33-Foot Depth.

Military court of inquiry to sit at 10 o'clock this morning to sift rumors of Floyd Collins' entrapment is ordered by Governor Fields.

Commonwealth's Attorney and County Attorney of Barren County announce they will co-operate with military in investigation.

No special grand jury to be impaneled unless later developments warrant, Commonwealth's Attorney declares.

Radio tests indicate Collins still alive and breathing at the rate of from twenty-one to twenty-two times a minute, Dr. William Hazlett of Chicago declares.

Banana oil tests may lead to another entrance to cave explorer's prison; odor apparent at small cave.

Shaft down thirty-three feet.

By JOHN FRANCIS.

Staff Correspondent of The Courier-Journal.
Sand Cave, Cave City, Ky., Feb. 9.—Every scrap of information obtainable will be heard at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by a military court of inquiry in an effort to clarify rumors of how Floyd Collins came to be trapped in Sand Cave Friday a week ago.

Gov. William J. Fields today ordered Lieut. Gov. H. H. Denhardt, Brigadier General of the Kentucky Militia, to head the inquiry. The Governor said he acted because of an Associated Press dispatch which questioned whether Collins was really trapped.

At midnight J. Lewis Williams, Commonwealth's Attorney of Barren County, today reiterated his declaration he would not call a special term of the grand jury to lay information before them of Collins' plight. He said he would co-operate with the military in pursuing the inquiry. Mr. Williams, who was called over the telephone at Bardonia, said so far as he could gather, the inquiry would be along the lines of the conduct of some rescue parties.

All Information, Is Aim.
Whether the military has the power to hold the court was questioned by Paul Greer, County Attorney of Barren County. Mr. Greer said he believed it was first necessary to have martial law declared. However, he declared, the court could be held and all evidence turned over to the civil authorities.

Everyone who has been in the cave since Collins was trapped, all who talked with him; those knowing of his previous explorations; persons who have indicated they heard rumors and persons familiar with the cave country will testify at the court, which will be open to the public, General Denhardt said. By these means, he averred, he hopes to run to earth rumors that have become known over the country.

Mr. Williams declared at present it seemed almost necessary to reach Collins before any definite steps could be taken. He said the interest manifested in the case and the seriousness of some rumors warranted the investigation.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—Forecast:

Kentucky—Showers Tuesday or Tuesday night; Wednesday cloudy and much colder preceded by rain.

Tennessee—Increasing cloudiness and mild temperature Tuesday; followed by showers Tuesday afternoon or night; Wednesday rain and colder in east and cloudy and much colder in west portion.

Indiana—Unsettled Tuesday and Wednesday; probably rain by Tuesday night; slightly warmer Tuesday; colder Wednesday.

Comparative Temperatures Here Yesterday.

1924.	1925.
1 A M. -35	2 A M. -35
2 A M. -35	3 A M. -35
3 A M. -35	4 A M. -35
4 A M. -35	5 A M. -35
5 A M. -35	6 A M. -35
6 A M. -35	7 A M. -35
7 A M. -35	8 A M. -35
8 A M. -35	9 A M. -35
9 A M. -35	10 A M. -35
10 A M. -35	11 A M. -35
11 A M. -35	12 M. -35
12 M. -35	1 P M. -35
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BROWN ON INSURANCE CO. BOARD

Inter-Southern Directors Elect James B. Brown At Meeting Monday.

OTHER PLACES TO BE FILLED

Saulley Present At Meeting to Protect Policyholders, He Says.

James B. Brown, president of the National Bank of Kentucky and publisher of the Louisville Herald-Post, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Company at a meeting held late Monday, according to those in session.

The meeting still was in session during the evening and further announcements of election of other directors are expected to be made. It was said.

The meeting was attended by James R. Duffin, president of the company; W. W. Moore, vice president; J. A. Donaldson of Carrollton, Stanley Reed, secretary of the company; C. B. Nordman, assistant secretary; James P. Hume, Jr., Early S. Gwin, William E. Massey, D. E. Stinson of Owensboro, W. B. Standfield Mayfield, Ellsworth Regenstein, Newport, Cincinnati agent of the company; M. M. Davis of Louisville, Fla., Florida agent of the company, and Shelton Saulley, State Insurance Commissioner.

Mr. Saulley said he was summoned to attend the meeting by the directors. The meeting, it was said, was called following disbursement proceeds of the company's stock. Judge William Field, in which it was sought to disbar James R. Duffin and Owen Duffin, information filed before Judge Field said the Attorney General Agency Company, headed by James R. Duffin, withheld funds collected for clients from one month to four months.

Several vacancies exist on the directorate of the insurance company, according to Mr. Saulley, and these will be filled as soon as possible. His mission, he said, "is to protect the interests of policyholders."

Millionaire's Son Shot In Gotham

Daughter of Ex-Serbian Envoy to Germany Is Put Under Observation.

New York, Feb. 9 (AP)—Shot twice in the face by a woman at the crowded intersection of Forty-fifth Street and Lexington Avenue tonight Christopher Hupfel, son of Adolph Hupfel, millionaire brewer and real estate dealer, was in a critical condition in Bellevue Hospital.

Madame Kora Spajkovic, daughter of a former Serbian Ambassador, was seized by police at the scene of the shooting and later was sent to the same hospital for observation.

The names of the victim and his alleged assailant were linked in 1918, when the woman accused Hupfel and two physicians of trying to have her confined as insane. She charged that Hupfel was moved to his action by her refusal to marry him.

In January, 1923, she instituted suit against him for \$750,000, charging misfeasance. When it came to trial before Supreme Court Justice Mulligan, Hupfel exhibited several threatening letters bearing her signature, and she admitted on the stand that she had written them.

During the testimony she testified that Hupfel had urged her repeatedly during the war to go to England or France, find employment as a servant in the embassy and perform spy service for Germany.

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Daugherty Leaves For Perry To Take Part In Investigations

Probe Into Charges Against Sheriff, County Judge Scheduled to Begin Today.

By DONALD McWAIN.

The Courier-Journal Staff Correspondent.
Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Attorney General Frank E. Daugherty tonight left for Hazard, to take part in a court of inquiry investigating acts of Perry County officials, which will be convened Wednesday by County Judge Joshua A. Smith. Judge Smith today informed Gov. William J. Fields, who ordered the court of inquiry, that he would continue the court for several days until the inquiry is completed.

Sheriff Tolbert Holliday of Perry County has before the Court of Appeals a request for a writ of prohibition to prevent the Governor from conducting a probe into charges against him as sheriff in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol February 26. The writ of prohibition also

LEAF PROBE ORDERED IN SENATE ACT

Ernst Resolution Charges Combine Against Weed Co-ops By 2 Companies.

POWER INQUIRY IS MADE RIDER

Norris Proposal for Investigation of Utility Ownership Is Attached.

By ULRIC BELL.

The Courier-Journal Washington Bureau.
Washington, Feb. 9.—Two new investigations of alleged excesses on the part of corporations, with more inquiries looming and some under way, were ordered by the Senate today. One is that proposed by Senator Ernst of Kentucky into charges that the American Tobacco Company and the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain, by boycotting and other methods, are allied in a war on the tobacco co-operators.

The other, demanded by Senator George W. Norris, Nebraska, "Hearst," will seek light concerning charges that the General Electric Company is the keystone of a "trust" controlling the output of electrical energy.

Norris Probe Is Rider.

Norris effected a coup by attaching his proposal to that of Ernst. His move was fought bitterly by the Administration Old Guard, including the Senate majority. In the end, after the Norris amendment had been added by a vote of 55 to 25, the double-headed resolution was adopted by a viva voce vote. Both inquiries will be started immediately by the Federal Trade Commission.

Outcries against the rising cost of living and the friendliness of the Administration to "big business" added the passage of the resolution. For some days, attention had been centered on steadily rising prices, with the result that Democratic and Progressive elements in Congress, convinced that "ruthless reaction" was put "in the saddle" by the Presidential election, were ready to stand against monopolistic excesses.

The Senate acted, too, while protest was being made by the three of the principal appointments the President has made since the election—those pending for the Attorney Generalship, a place on the Federal Trade Commission and one on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In each case the nominations are opposed because the individual concerned is alleged to be extremely reactionary or too close to corporate interests.

Action Follows Warning.

The action also followed warnings that the demand for Government ownership and other radical innovations would become irresistible unless excesses were checked. These involved the charge by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, that the Department of Justice under both Democratic and Republican administrations, had failed to heed recommendations of the Federal Trade Commission and protect the consumer properly. Attorney General Stone, however, has just announced investigation of the Aluminum Company of America that may lead to prosecution of that so-called Mellon corporation.

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"Irene" Dance Will Be Style Show Attraction

Act Will Be Addition to Exhibition Planned By Courier-Journal.

"Irene" most beguiling dance will be staged as part of the "Models and Manners" exhibition. The Courier-Journal will inaugurate in cooperation with the Strand Theater the week of February 16.

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Spur-of-the-moment gowns intricate and amazingly derived from loose loops and whorls of silk will make a joyous interlude in the business of marching models.

The lead dog of Gunnar Kasson's banding together and confederating to destroy property, and to kill Clyde Sherrod, for shooting at James Baldwin and for arson in the burning of a building Saturday night, were held under bond of \$3,500 each today by County Judge C. C. Rice, who set Saturday as the date for their trial.

The Rogers Bros. Coal Company at Beaver this morning operated as usual with a full quota of miners present. Troops from Livermore under command of Captain Cain and Lieutenant

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JOHNNIE GERALD.

STUDENT SAYS HE DISPENSED DEATH PELLET

Admits He Gave 'Quinine' to Friend for Cold; Held for Investigation.

CAPSULE STRYCHNINE

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 9 (AP)—Lewis Fish, Canton, Ohio, tonight told authorities investigating the death of David Puskin, Canton, Ohio, student at the University's laboratory. Puskin died from strychnine poisoning. Fish was arrested tonight and is held for investigation.

Fish told officials that he had entered the college dispensary without authority and filled a prescription for Puskin for "six R and W" (six red and white) capsules, each six white or quinine capsules issued by Dr. H. Shinkle Winger, head of the University health service.

In addition to the strychnine capsule which caused Puskin's death, an entire capsule was found in his possession, which, when analyzed, was found to contain nothing but strychnine.

Fish, who had been questioned by authorities at the opening of the investigation, declared tonight he had given Puskin the capsules because he was "notoriously" in connection with the investigation.

Fish, a friend of Puskin's, said that Puskin was well acquainted with a capsule and that he volunteered to go to the college dispensary and get some medicine, and when refused admission by attendants in charge, went in another door and got the "quinine capsules" and gave them to Puskin.

Fish maintained he obtained the capsules which he gave Puskin from the quinine bottle in that he was sure the poisonous capsules which caused Puskin's death came from the quinine bottle.

Officials pointed out that Fish was the first student to work in the dispensary the week when other strychnine capsules were issued.

Fish also told officials he left Columbus last Friday night, January 30, but that on his arrival at his home in Canton, he at once returned to Columbus. His explanation for this action, officials said, was "I didn't want to stick around Canton."

While Fish was being detained at the police station for further questioning, authorities pointed out that Fish may be a victim of circumstances and entirely innocent of criminal intent of obtaining capsules for Puskin.

While it is known that Fish and Puskin were well acquainted with each other it is further pointed out that the pharmacy college student being held had no acquaintance with other victims of the poison capsules.

Fish dispensed the capsules to Puskin, both before and after the deaths had their prescriptions filled by other student pharmacists, officials said.

BOY ADMITS STARTING 13 FIRES HERE

Tells Police He Caused \$250,000 Loss By Blaze At Coopersage Plant.

BOASTS OF ACTS, OFFICER SAYS

John T. Howard, 14, Responsible for \$400,000 Damages, Is Charge.

A 14-year-old boy whose principal pleasure almost daily during the last month was setting fire to factories, warehouses, garages and stables, confessed to the police last night that about thirteen fires he started in the downtown district resulted in a total property damage of \$400,000, according to Capt. William Staley.

He revealed in three-alarm fires and among his accomplishments in this way, of which he is said to have boasted to the police, was the destruction of the J. D. Hollingshead Coopersage Company plant at 1101 Washington Street, January 22. The damage at this fire was estimated at \$250,000, and eleven families were forced from their homes.

The pyromaniac, who confessed following his arrest yesterday afternoon, is John Thomas Howard, 14 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard, 102 South Campbell Street. For nine years he has been a inmate of the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home. He was honorably discharged from the institution last summer.

All In Neighborhood.

The only other three-alarm fire which Howard confessed was that at the Safety Transportation and Storage Company at 113 South Hancock Street, February 1. The damage at this blaze was estimated at \$50,000.

Nearly all of the other fires were in the neighborhood of the boy's home. The police and fire departments had a noticed evidence of incendiary at a number of the buildings and Howard's arrest followed an investigation by Sergeant Randolph C. Cawson.

As the fires of questionable origin increased in the neighborhood, Sergeant Cawson decided they were the work of a child. After questioning a number of children, Sergeant Cawson et al. suspected Howard. Accompanied by Captain Staley and Patrolman William Marshall, Howard was arrested at his home and he readily confessed to the crimes and added many others which the police had not suspected, the police said.

Set School Fire.

Howard's only regret, he told the police, was the failure of the Hunt Roberts School at 615 East Market Street to burn to the ground when he started a fire in the doorway Sunday. He had been attending the school and wanted to see it destroyed, he declared.

Other buildings destroyed or partly destroyed by flames which the boy said he started were:

January 11—A shed belonging to H. Stewart in the rear of 909 East Market Street.

January 13—A stable belonging to John R. Arrese in the rear of 523 East Jefferson Street.

January 14—Two

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BALTO, ALASKA'S DOG HERO, IS NOT DEAD

Special to The Courier-Journal.

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Nome, Feb. 9.—Balto is not dead. The lead dog of Gunnar Kasson's team, which made the last lap of the race to Nome with diphtheria antitoxin, is living high and getting fat, despite reports that his lungs had been frozen on the Nome dash.

The diphtheria epidemic seems to be on the wane.

Brown arrived here this morning and are now patrolling the area about the mine.

Between forty and fifty men were in the mob and other arrests are expected soon. The men under arrest are James R. Glenn, a merchant, and Walter Heasley, Will Stringer and John Stringer, Jr., miners.

Until the arrival of the State Guard the community was in terror following the burning of a hut and two attacks Sunday in which hundreds of bullets were fired into the homes of nonunion miners. The strike has been in effect here since April, 1924.

Governor Fields and Adj. Gen.

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RECOUNTS OWN PART IN PLANS TO AID COLLINS

Details of Rescue Attempts Told; Says He Was Never In Charge of Any Save Party He Led.

WAS GOOD FRIEND OF FLOYD'S

Louisville Police Ordered to "Pick Him Up" By Governor, Detective Says; Has Not Been Found Yet.

At 6 o'clock last night, Gov. William J. Fields asked the Louisville Police Department to "pick up" Johnnie Gerald, one of the rescue workers at Sand Cave. No charges were made by the Governor and no explanation was given as to the request.

Detective Justice, detailed to the case by Capt. E. P. Moore, sought Gerald at the office of The Courier-Journal. Justice was asked if he had a warrant and declared he had not, but he intended to take Gerald to headquarters to get a statement from him.

When asked as to how he could arrest Gerald without a warrant, Justice said he was not going to arrest him but was only "picking him up."

Col. Forrest Braden, Chief of Police, was notified of Justice's statement and declared that as the Governor had asked that the man be picked up, of course, he would comply with his request. But prior to taking such a step, Colonel Braden said, he would inquire as to what charges the Governor wanted to be placed against Gerald.

Gerald, however, had already left for Cave City to be present at the military inquiry to be held there today.

After completing his testimony to The Courier-Journal, Gerald said he wanted to return immediately to Cave City to be present at any military inquiry that might be held. He wanted to volunteer his testimony without being summoned.

Governor Fields said over the long distance telephone to The Courier-Journal that he did not order Johnnie Gerald's arrest, but asked the Louisville police to keep Gerald under surveillance.

The following statement was dictated yesterday by The Courier-Journal officers by Johnnie Gerald after his arrival here with special agents operating for this newspaper and The Louisville Times. They have been investigating rumors and questions connected with the rescue work at the cave ever since the first night.

By JOHNNIE GERALD.

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I came to Louisville of my own free will to make a full and complete statement to The Courier-Journal of my connection with the rescue work in Floyd Collins' behalf.

I wanted my statement in The Courier-Journal or The Louisville Times because I know these papers want to print only the truth.

While the other afternoon paper in Louisville printed that Gerald "was reported to be in Louisville this afternoon," I was in the office of The Courier-Journal telling them the whole story of my effort to rescue Collins.

My story refutes the lies that have been told about me either directly or in veiled terms.

I am not a cave explorer or a guide. I was never in Mammoth Cave except as a boy many years ago. I am a tobacco buyer.

My story of my work for Floyd Collins is below.

MAN-HUNTING OWL IS SHOT BY POSSE

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 9 (AP)—News came today from Douglas's Harbor

Camps, near Sheet Harbor, that a man-hunting owl had been terrorizing the district for weeks had been brought to earth.

One man was threatened with the loss of his eyes after an encounter with the bird, it was said.

After several had reported painful encounters with the bird as armed posse was formed to hunt it down. The owl had a wingspread of five feet, it was reported.

"I found that they had not got him out, stopping at Johnson's restaurant to make inquiry there. I said then I would go to the cave, mentioning it to Earl Amos, Jimmy Burke and Paul Burnett. We all went to the cave together in my car."

"When we got there I went down into the cave to find out just what was the situation. That was Sunday night."

"I wanted to go in and try to assist

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WHAS

Programmes on The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times broadcasting station for today and Wednesday and other stations throughout the United States will be found on page 9.

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