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at the border, but nothing was done. Hatred of Austria and zeal to further the idea of Pan-Slavism no doubt were satisfied to await the consequences.

The present venerable Premier had been a firebrand in his youth and his ardor had resulted in his banishment. In old age he perhaps felt toward his Austrian oppressors and his own people much as he did in youth. But that he was a party to the assassination—and previous knowledge of the plot constitutes this—puts him in the category with past rulers and leaders of his country. He may have been libel, but as yet his Minister of Education has not been arrested for publishing his book of reminiscences.

### STONE SUSTAINS DAVIS

On the day following the one on which his appointment to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States was confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Stone, Attorney General, makes public a communication transmitted by him to the Federal Trade Commission respecting the policy and methods of the Aluminum Company of America.

In this report, Mr. Stone informs the Federal Trade Commission that the Aluminum Company of America, in his judgment, has been guilty of monopolizing the market for aluminum products, of fixing and controlling prices of those products, and of violating decrees issued by courts in their effort to require the Aluminum Company of America to obey the law.

The Stone letter is a remarkable document. The fact that one of Mr. Stone's fellow-Cabinet members, Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, is a heavy stockholder in the Aluminum Company of America, does not diminish the interest in the Attorney General's findings. It is not forgotten that those findings of Mr. Stone coincide with the charges made in the recent Presidential campaign against the Aluminum Company of America by the Democratic candidate for President.

In that campaign, Mr. Davis directly indicted the Republican party on the charge of having enacted a tariff that legislated by means of unreasonably high custom duties, millions of dollars out of the pockets of American housewives into the treasury of the Aluminum Trust. Mr. Davis showed that, although this company had declared handsome dividends for sixteen years under the former tariff rates on aluminum, yet under the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Law those rates were increased 250 per cent. In answer to this Mr. Mellon issued a protest. The reply by Mr. Davis to this protest of Mr. Mellon did not encourage the Secretary of the Treasury to retort. Now comes the plan picked by President Coolidge to displace Harry M. Daugherty in the Attorney General's office, and confirms the charges made by Mr. Davis.

### "BALTO"

Dogs share with their masters honors in the day's news. "Balto," who led the rescue to Nome, becomes the subject of high praise in the United States Senate. "Balto" and his teammates "truly come of the blood," as Kipling might say.

"Balto's" achievement is, as Senator Dill of Washington points out, "a fitting finish to the long list of records made by the heroic dogs of the Northland." It is in keeping with the records made by brave, faithful dogs of all lands.

Not to all dogs is it given to play the parts enacted by "Balto" and his companions. Opportunity to get into the limelight is missed by thousands of "Balto's" kindred. Quietly at home or inconspicuously in field these unnoted dogs live their lives of fidelity and affection for man.

The United States Senate's time has been taken by less meritorious subjects than Senator Dill's tribute to "Balto."

### VENICE AS AIR CENTER

Venice has been selected as Italy's hydro-airplane center, thus giving to this city of the past an opportunity to become a city of the future. And such a change will not detract from its romance and traditions. With the development of aviation another crown will be offered the "Queen of the Adriatic," and its once great republic's spirit of independence will be typified anew.

Venice's glory has been a reflected light. Likewise it can be seen to advantage only under moon and cloud. Modern progress has dispelled its illusions almost as effectively as the motorboats, churning through the canals with raucous honking of horns, have taken the place of the gondola and the song of the gondolier. But the "fairy city of the sea" has too long had its future behind it.

The route to the Orient made Venice, as a new route to India, unmade it. A route to all the points of the compass now is open to it. Italy, however, has been backward in the development of flying. Despite his flights, Mussolini has stayed on the ground so far as this development was concerned. France and Italy went far ahead; in fact, Italy's airplane motors are of an old type, though Italian engineers are selling their inventions to France, since the Fascist Government has turned them down.

This backwardness was shown in an almost tragic fiasco when Locatelli, the Italian aviator accompanying the American flyers from England to the United States, attempted to follow the planes. He made a few miles and was fished out of the sea. He finished the

trip by steamer, and the only redeeming feature was the good grace with which he took his failure.

Fascism, as in matters of constitutional government, is an obstacle here, and Venice, like the rest of Italy, will have to wait for a change in administration.

### THE ROMAN MOB

Making a Roman holiday in Rome now is no easy matter. An American film company that has been trying to do this has given up the idea. It went to film "Ben Hur" and has returned without the chariot scene. In fact the scenario has only been half worked over in this logical location and the rest of it will be "shot" in California.

It is not that idleness, which was the rule in ancient Rome on such occasions, cannot be duplicated. Unemployment in Italy just now is sufficient to make the call for a mob scene a windfall. The need for "supers" has kept the pot boiling in spite of the rising cost of macaroni. But the difficulty is to keep the mob in line, to make it an assemblage for the movies instead of a free-for-all.

The circus Maximus under the Fascist rule has proved an impossible scene. Factionalism is so strong that the spirit of modern times literally gets into the picture. "Just when we are ready to film a dramatic representation of the arena," declared one of the directors, "someone would shout 'viva Mussolini' and the thing was off. Confusion that could be produced in picture became confounded. A fight was inevitable and all arrangements would be overthrown."

So the American film producers with their retinue of actors and camera men have given up hope after two attempts. Lew Wallace's story will have to be a product of Hollywood, or at least the scene must be shifted to fill in the gaps.

Autocracy might be expected to provide a perfect condition under which to represent autocracy. But Fascism's autocracy is a warning thing. The chaos that the movie men found in Rome is typical of the change that is at hand. What would provide, perhaps, a record of historical value would be a picturization of just the conditions the directors complain of. In the story of Fascism it would mark the last phase.

### STILL BLOOMING

Will Albert Cather in one of her novels describes how a super-stylish freight conductor, expecting to take two ladies on a ride to the city in his caboose, removed from the walls of his brakeman's "art" collection a lithograph of Millais' famous "Jersey Lily," not because of the subject itself, but on account of a smaller portrait of the then Prince of Wales which was inset in one corner. The idealistic conductor considered this reminder of the Royal Prince's patronage rather indecorous and perhaps a subject best concealed under the "brakie's" mattress while the ladies were aboard.

Recollections of the "Jersey Lily's" career, her beauty and charm, come back with the mention in a St. Louis Post-Dispatch story, that Lily Langtry is frequently seen among the dancers at Monte Carlo.

"Why, I thought she was dead long ago," says one theatrical patron of the days when the present Lady de Bath played Kate Wardsdale in "She Stoops to Conquer," in her \$500,000 tour of America.

Why dead? The beautiful Lily is merely in her youthful seventies. If 18-year-old smoke inspectors can climb chimney stacks and hundreds of the old boys of the Blue and the Gray scamp about with bullets and bullet holes in them, why may not Lily dance?

The dispatches from Monte Carlo fail to disclose whether Lily bobs her hair or affects short skirts and long cigarette holders, but she probably does neither. The fair one who once helped to set the fashions for the world has earned exemption from following those of today.

Former Finance Minister Klotz, of France, has proposed an inter-Allied debt funding scheme which Premier Herriot after first approving is now against. Klotz was finance minister under Clemenceau, and of him the "Tiger" once remarked, "he was the only Jew he ever knew who didn't know anything about finance."

Mines are to be sunk in Sherwood Forest, the scene of Robin Hood's mythical adventures, and railroads are expected to lay their tracks through the wood. If they go around Robin Hood's barn, everything will apparently be all right.

According to the Sunday Anti-Work law playing baseball on Sunday is prohibited. But is the anti-work law also anti-workable?

It begins to look like the motorist will soon be bragging about getting twenty miles on a dollar's worth of gas.

The effort to put over picture hats again has failed in Paris. Thus the boys win another victory.

The crack of doom that was being awaited last week was only some crank of doom.

As if its political troubles are not sufficient, Ireland now is the victim of a famine.

District Abolishes Hanging—Headline. This must make it unanimous.

## Some Observations On the Sand Cave Tragedy

The Old Struggle.

The plight of Floyd Collins, trapped in a cave in Kentucky by the fall of a boulder, arrests the country's attention. It is the old struggle between man and nature, in a form that arouses the most poignant sympathy for the apparently doomed man. He lies 125 feet below ground, at the end of a narrow and tortuous tunnel not wide enough to permit the passage of a man of large size. It is impossible to reach him with apparatus for lifting the boulder, or cutting the rock away, or tunneling around it. Physicians cannot even reach him to amputate his leg.

Hurried efforts are now being made to sink a shaft directly above Collins, through which he may be extricated. But the task will consume several days at best, and in the meantime the entrapped man is weakening in strength and spirit. It is an agonizing situation, in which millions stand by helpless and pray that some way may be found to raise Collins from his living grave.

### Cave-Fear.

Underlying the horror awakened by the entombment of Floyd Collins in a branch of Mammoth Cave is a cave-fear that is as old and as widely distributed as the human race. \* \* \* We are a light and warm loving people and it is only a sort of a sentiment and an abounding curiosity about all things mysterious which set us exploring the dark and cold depths of the earth. And every such adventure awakens thereafter an abiding horror which returns to plague us in our slumbers.

Cave-fear is, and always will be, a part of our nature; and whenever one of our number is entrapped in the dripping gloom of an underground labyrinth we shall be stirred to a man with a feeling that is akin to nothing else in our experience.

### Men Changed But Little.

(Indianapolis News.) It is such episodes as that of Nome and that of Sand Cave that stir the world to a realization that men, after all, have changed little in their deep-seated qualities through all the period of recorded history. Especially is that so when life and death are the stakes. There are always those who will dare for the sake of accomplishment. Without them there would be little in the way of sustained progress. The elemental men sometimes had as well as good, but often it is the good and then it is glorious.

### Humanity Knit Closer.

(Wilmington Evening News.) One thing that impresses those of us who read about Floyd Collins' battle with the elements and with death in the cave in Kentucky is that his experience has drawn upon the sympathies of men and women throughout the land and far beyond the borders of America for the news-gathering agencies are sending the story daily across the waters of the world. His plight has served to knit closer together the humanity in many and it makes us realize how impotent man is, after all, in the face of whatever destiny may have been assigned to him by the Invisible Power.

### Floyd Collins.

(Omaha World-Herald.) "And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

One of the great stories connected with the drama enacted in Sand Cave, Kentucky, can scarcely be told. Fragments of it can be collected and pieced together, but the whole thing is too big for one man to handle. That is the story of the concern of millions of people who never heard of Floyd Collins in his pitiful predicament.

The rejoicing in his release will be like unto the rejoicing of the father over the prodigal's return. One has to be imprisoned in a cave, to be lost and found again, before finding how much his fellow humans really care about his welfare.

### Test Always Met.

(Mobile Register.) Wherever there is a claim on humanity, and the heroism of men and women, as at Nome and Cave City, Ky., the test is always met. This is a heartening thing. There is never any lack of self-sacrifice, of a willingness to do all that can be done, even at the imminent risk of life itself, and such examples of courage and heroism are an inspiration to those who witness them and to the many others who read about them in the newspapers.

Every day there is published in some thousands of American journals an account of what the human race is doing, an account that ranges from the sublime to the ridiculous, an impartial chronicle of crimes committed and admirable deeds performed. It is a comforting thought that in the tales told by wire and wireless good predominates.

### Sensitive America.

(Wichita Eagle.) The public's first reaction to the predicament of Floyd Collins, trapped in a Kentucky cave, is a restless squirm. The thought of his long drawn out physical suffering is horrible; probably the more so because science has gone so far in banishing unnecessary physical pain from the world. Whether it's due mostly to science or not, probably not, the fact is the people of the world have become more and more sensitive to suffering. The races of history do not have to be turned back very far before coming to a day when men and women could look with perfect equanimity on all manner of flesh tortures, when it was, in fact, rather good sport to take in such entertainment. There were professional torturers in castle dungeons especially skilled in just not snuffing out the final flicker of life in their victims. Fighting was an honorable gentleman's only profession not so long ago. Pain was incidental in

life. A higher standard is put now not only on human life but on human happiness, which means first of all mental and physical comfort. It is now said of Americans they are quick to sympathize with the individual in trouble, which is easy; and they are quick to sympathize with thousands in trouble at once, which is far more difficult. Rich and comfortable, they have yet kept a warm heart for sufferers whether it be Japanese earthquake victims or starving children in the Near East. There could hardly be a worse combination than wealth and callousness.

Mr. Woods was in no wise to blame, but it is said that he suffered a nervous breakdown following the unfortunate happening. His many warm friends in Central Kentucky will read with deep regret that he has met with such a sad accident. Mr. Woods is a life member of the Kentucky Press Association.

Durable "Britches." (Hickman County Gazette.) George W. Lee was in town Tuesday. An observant friend noticed that he wore a pair of trousers of peculiar weave and pattern, and asked him where he got them.

This involved a tale, of course. Mr. Lee stated that he had been married in those "britches" forty-seven years ago. They were as good as when he bought them. Made of material resembling buckskin, of combination cross and stripe weave, they present a striking appearance today.

### Copperhead Showed Fight.

(Frankfort State Journal.) A copperhead snake two and a half feet long was killed by Thomas Carr and C. P. Goodpastor upon the farm of the latter near Bridgeport, this county, the first of the week. It was found lying in a sunny spot in a field, and when they attacked it the reptile showed fight and was only subdued when its head was mashed out of shape.

### War On Crows.

(Bowling Green News.) We had an editorial yesterday in which it was stated that the farmers of Warren County were going to make war on the crows. The matter has been given an added impetus by the fact that J. L. Howell has offered three hundred prizes in gold to those who kill the greatest number of crows between now and August 15. This ought to accentuate the warfare and result in the killing of a great many of the pests.

The crow is a wise old bird and is by no means easily killed. He seems to have the knack of taking care of himself, and one to kill many of them must know how to do it.

### A \$130 Dollar.

(Princeton Leader.) Mr. William Raliff is in possession of a Spanish silver dollar, bearing the date of 1310, and was presented him by an American sailor, who claimed it to have been taken from a sunk and added to a collection of new dollars, which is bright as a new dollar. It contains the following words, date and bust: PERDIA VII. DEI GRATIA, and the other side contained the Spanish coat of arms and the words HISPANIE REGNI REX. Mr. Raliff two weeks ago, which he added to a collection of new dollars, he keeps in his private box in the vault of the First National Bank and prizes very highly.

### Historic Sword Found.

(Columbia News.) The fine sword, set in diamonds and rubies, which was the property of Gen. Frank Wolford, was not burned when Mr. John Stone's dwelling was consumed by fire. It was all that was saved, as we are informed. The family regard it very highly.

### Family Growing Fast.

(London Sentinel.) A girl weighing eight pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Summers, of Gen. Frank Wolford, was not burned when Mr. John Stone's dwelling was consumed by fire. It was all that was saved, as we are informed. The family regard it very highly.

### Go "Bighouse" At Fire.

(Bardonia News.) The excitement of a fire has always been a matter of comment, and while the loss by a fire is a serious thing, yet there is usually something happy about it. When the residence of Bourke Allen burned the other night several persons arrived on the scene to save several articles. While the piano, the expensive rug and the bed were saved, the family was forced to leave the house. The fire was caused by a gas leak, and the family was forced to leave the house. The fire was caused by a gas leak, and the family was forced to leave the house.

### Gray Foxes Numerous.

(Whitesburg Eagle.) Already a number of gray foxes have been "jumped" and some races through the woods and old fields have resulted. Many hounds, especially Bill Long's, Randall Day's and Capt. Henry Holbrook's, have run themselves almost to desperation. Formerly in this section the gray fox variety was plentiful, though the real variety conditions are but the shades of Pine mountain.

### Winter Snakes.

(Bentleyville Enterprise.) Henry Spencer ran across and killed a rattlesnake which was "spotted" nine rattles and a button—some snake for the time of year and we sometimes wonder what makes people see these kind of reptiles in the month of February. And that is not all on the snake subject. Along about the same time, William Alfred Roberts, of Bentleyville, found a black snake taking a "sun bath." And somehow we are still wondering what causes people to see such signs as this in the winter time. But, these are very reputable gentlemen, and they actually saw these two "snakes."

## THE GOAT

"IF ANY PERSON ON THE SABBATH DAY SHALL HIMSELF BE FOUND AT HIS OWN, OR AT ANY OTHER TRADE OR CALLING, OR SHALL EMPLOY HIS APPRENTICES, OR OTHER PERSON, IN LABOR OR OTHER BUSINESS WHETHER THE SAME BE FOR PROFIT OR AMUSEMENT, UNLESS SUCH AS IS PERMITTED ABOVE, HE SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS THAN \$2 NOR MORE THAN \$50 FOR EACH OFFENSE. EVERY PERSON OR APPRENTICE EMPLOYED SHALL BE DEEMED A SEPARATE OFFENSE."