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Never!
Voice of Famous Chaplin
Character to Be Kept
From Talkies.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Charlie Chaplin, the now legendary character with over-sized pants, the bamboo cane—an affection of gentility—the rather frowzy derby hat and the purposeless moustache, may be laid away to rest some day, but he never will lift his voice in the talkies.

Charles Chaplin, creator of the pathetic comedian who is known and esteemed the world over, on the other hand, may be persuaded to build another figure for talkie purposes only. If he does, he said today, the new Charlie will have none of the familiar traits of the old.

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FIGHT ON LOAN SHARKS

Legislator Seeks to Decrease Interest Rate to Borrowers.

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NEW YORK STILL 'OPEN'

Tired Business Man May, Until 3 a.m., Continue to Frolic.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Proposals of Police Commissioner Mulrooney for a 1 o'clock curfew on night clubs were compromised by leaving the closing time as it is, 3 o'clock, and giving police authority over the clubs.

Mayor Walker suggested all amusement seekers shouldn't be punished for the sins of a few, and you can't legislate morality into night clubs."

BILL OPPOSED BY UTILITIES SCORES GAIN

Holding Company Measure Given Life by Senate
Vote of 27 to 9.

MONEY SAVING CLAIMED
Author Declares People Would Benefit Through Rate-Making.

Revival of the effort to bring utility holding companies under surveillance of the Indiana public service commission appeared well on the road to success today.

By the decisive vote of 27 to 9, the senate late Wednesday rejected the report of a minority of its judiciary committee favoring indefinite postponement of the measure, and it was advanced to second reading without amendment.

A similar bill passed the senate two years ago but was killed in the house of representatives.

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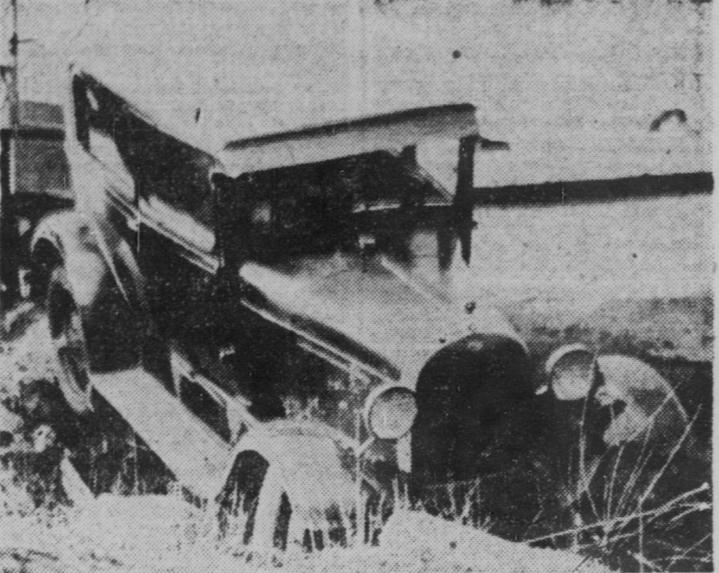
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The first slot machine-grocery, designed to bring the delicatessen into the apartment house, was given its initial workout today for the benefit of a gaping press and the movie people, and except for a disagreement over a can of beans and an argument about the price of eggs, the demonstration was a great success.

The contraption is called a Delamat and has been installed in a room adjoining the lobby of the Beaux Arts apartments. It will be turned over to the tenants Monday.

N. R. HARVEY, the inventor,

said today that several hundred delamatas are to be installed in apartment lobbies as soon as

Finish of Solo Flight



THOUSANDS IN FLIGHT FROM QUAKE PERIL

Throns Evacuate City in New Zealand as Menace of Pestilence Rises.

NEW SHOCKS FEARED

Fugitives Taken Away in Ships; Death Toll High in Hundreds.

By United Press

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 5.—Urgent evacuation of the town of Napier, leveled by an earthquake and swept by fire, was under way today, as survivors fled from dangers of epidemic and recurrent earth shocks.

Tremors continued while residents of the stricken area hastened to safety.

The town was ordered evacuated within forty-eight hours Wednesday, due to complete disruption of the sanitary system.

5,000 in Flight

Five thousand survivors had left Napier at dusk Thursday night. Many were forced to leave on foot. As many as possible were taken aboard British warships and other vessels of the harbor.

The latest authenticated death toll was ninety at Napier and seventy-nine at Hastings, a total of 169, of which 131 had been identified. There were no Americans among the victims, according to first reports.

The damage to the business section of Napier from the earthquake fire and tidal wave was estimated at at least \$12,500,000.

FEAR CHILDREN KILLED

Upon the report of Colonel Campbell V. Hodges, presidential aid, who flew westward Wednesday to survey conditions in Arkansas, may depend the outcome. But Republican leaders maintain their optimism of compromise, regardless of what Hodges may discover in the hardest hit of the drought states.

There were indications that Democratic senators would accept a substantial reduction of their original relief program, calling for \$50,000,000, half of which was to be distributed through the Red Cross.

Mr. Hoover is being importuned to accept \$15,000,000 addition to the \$45,000,000 feed, seed and fertilizer fund now being administered by the agriculture department. The added millions would be available for food loans, although the disfavored word "food" might not be included in the appropriating phraseology.

"I think we will get a compromise satisfactory to everybody," senate majority leader Watson reassuringly informs questioners. "It may take a little more time. But the whole situation will work out with everybody satisfied."

Such usually regular Republicans as Senator Bingham (Conn.) have deserted Mr. Hoover in his refusal to admit federal funds into the food relief program.

It is believed the Ayer brothers will be the only witnesses to appear before the grand jury.

SOCIAL WORKER DIES

Rites for Mrs. C. M. Hites to Be Held Friday.

I. U. Extension Class for Teachers to Be Opened Monday.

Class in school grounds, buildings and equipment will be taught at the Indiana university extension center, starting Monday, by Otto T. Hamilton, assistant professor of the extension division.

The course is one of the advanced curriculum intended for teachers working for administrative licenses and masters' degrees. Sixteen courses are offered in the second semester of the 1930-1931 year at the extension center.

Proposed abolition of the public service commission was expected to be debated in the house of representatives today with a majority report of the judiciary committee favoring indefinite postponement of the measure.

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