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Moregantown, Ky., April 3—Morgantown is in a fever of excitement over the murder, which occurred at 1 o'clock this morning, of Msj. A. G. Hamilton, the famous originator and executor of the escape from Libby Prison in 1864. Sam Spencer has been arrested and placed in jail with evidence against him. Alfred Belcher, who was with Spencer says Spencer is the man who fired the shot. Major Hamilton's name is famous throughout the country, and he has received many notices from the magazines in the United States.

The escape of Maj. Hamilton and his 104 associates from the famous old Libbey prison, at Richmond, Va., is one of the most interesting incidents of the civil war. Maj. Hamilton was of the Twelfth Kantucky cavalry, and with him were confined Capt. James A. Johnson, of the Eleventh cavalry, and Lieut: Ed. Noble, of the First Kantucky infantry. They conceived the idea of tunneling out of the old prison and with only a few crude implements began the task. After digging for forty-five nights they saw daylight, and with them 104 other officers made their appearance in Louisville on the night of March 3.1864. The tunnel they aug was seventy-five feet long and three feet in diameter. Many of those who escaped were recaptured.

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