

The Weather - OREGON - Rain with moderate temperature; strong southerly gales along the coast. Wednesday—Max. 54; Min. 41; River 18.9 stationary since noon; Rainfall .83; Atmosphere cloudy; Wind south.

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SLIDE BLOCKS RESCUE WORK; HOPE EBBING

Second Cave-In During Day Causes Workers to Despair of Finding Victim Alive in Cave

COLLINS PARTLY BURIED UNDER SHOWER OF ROCK

Relatives and Friends Disheartened; Men Undecided As to Next Move

SAND CAVE, Cave City, Ky., Feb. 4.—(By the AP.)—Floyd Collins has less chance of coming out of Sand Cave alive than at any time since he was trapped by a falling boulder last Friday morning during an exploration tour of the cave.

Another cave-in occurred tonight, blocking the passage and piling loose stone on Collins' body.

Thwarted on every turn by one obstacle or another, jaded rescuers came out of the cave at midnight tonight admitting defeat for the first time. What was to be done next had not been decided. Engineers went immediately into the cavern to consider the possibility of timbering the passageway. There was some talk of again undertaking to drill a new hole, but that was all.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 4.—Another cave-in, the second of the day, occurred tonight, blocking all efforts of rescuers to reach Floyd Collins, imprisoned cave explorer, according to John Gerald.

Gerald had led a party of six into the cave at 10:30 in hope of having Collins out in an hour. A cave-in which occurred this morning had been cleared out and the way seemed clear to reach the hapless victim.

All hope vanished on the part of Collins' kinsmen when they learned what had happened. Homer Collins, a brother, started to go in immediately but was dissuaded by his aged father, Lee Collins, and members of the rescue party.

Gerald, a friend of Collins, emerged from the cave shortly after midnight and announced that the latest cave-in had occurred some 12 or 15 feet from Collins. "I am through," he said, visibly dejected over the latest turn of events.

Small rock has buried part of Collins' body, Gerald said. He added that rock continually fell on him and the five men with him and said Collins shouted to him telling him to go home and to bed.

What will be done had not been decided.

GIRL TELLS OF KILLING TWINS

Canary Poisoned By Flea Powder As Experiment of Death Reaction

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—White Los Angeles city and county investigators today sought the slayer of two little girls found huddled in a shallow grave in the suburbs, another child, younger than either of these was telling for the third time how she carried on a series of killings ranging from the poisoning of a canary with flea powder to the murder of her twin sisters with ground glass and the slaying of a woman guardian with ant paste.

She was seven-year old Alsa Thompson, who last Monday night made a "confession" to the police that was branded by her father as absurd but characterized by members of the family with whom she had been boarding in keeping with her alleged poisoning attempts while under their observation.

Through two hours of questioning she clung to her original "confession." She told again how she put ground glass into breakfast food eaten by her twin sisters shortly before they sickened and died at Dauphin, Man., two years ago; how, after coming to Los Angeles, she put ant paste in the food of Miss Nettie Steele, whose

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Charges Are Brought Against Air Service During Investigation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A flood of information on the condition of the army and navy air services was turned loose today with unexpected suddenness before the house committee investigating the aircraft industry and after the committee adjourned the subject spread to the army and navy departments and the floor of the house.

The committee members aroused by charges that army and navy officers had been "muzzled" to prevent their telling the truth about the efficiency of aircraft in war shifted rapidly at the hearing of one phase of the situation to another announced their intention to lift the matter to the bottom.

The committee obtained and made public a "confidential letter" in which Secretary Weeks asked that General Mitchell furnish all facts on which he based recent statements "seriously reflecting" on the army air service and its administration in his testimony supporting unified control of the government's air services. It also considered in executive session a resolution to place it on record as regarding removal of general Mitchell from his present

PIERCE ATTACK GOES TO HOUSE FORBES DENIES FRAUD SCHEME

Appointive Power Removed; Two Game Commission Bills Are Passed

Carrying its attack against the governor to the floor of the house, two bills sponsored by the game committee were passed, the first of these removing the power to appointment of the game commission from the governor and placing it in the hands of the board of control.

In speaking in behalf of the measure, Representative Kirkwood explained that it was following out suggestions made by Governor Pierce in his message to the legislature, in which he recommended the entire control be removed to the board of regents and to remove it from politics. In as much as the board of regents did not want to take the responsibility the committee then recommended that it be placed in the hands of the board of control, he said. The measure was passed with 12 negative votes being cast, 44 for the bill and 4 absent.

This bill was offered Tuesday, but withdrawn in the hopes that a compromise could be made with the governor, who had verbally approved of the six main points set forth in the measure. In the event that he would oust R. W. Price, of Portland, and place someone agreeable to the sportsmen on the board, the bill was to be definitely tabled. As this was not done, the measure was dumped upon the house to open the day's business.

Another measure making several minor changes in the game code was passed. The age limit before requiring licenses was kept at 14 years, requiring girls and women to take out licenses, and the clause permitting pioneers who have been in the state from 1860 to obtain free licenses, was raised to include the pioneers between that date and 1870 to obtain the same courtesy.

GLIMPSES FROM BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE PRISON SHOW

By an "Insider." It is little crowded behind the scenes here in the prison auditorium, though perhaps no more so than in a regular theater. An hour before the curtain, and no one seems hurried. Performers and stage hands loaf in the wings and at the barred windows, cracking jokes and holding post mortem on last night's show. The musicians tune their instruments; the comedians rehearse a variation on their act; the dancers practice delicately; at the sink the baritone, impervious to raucous witticisms, gorges effeminately in preparation for the night's work.

Time wears on; the house is filling; things quicken behind the scenes. The subdued voice of the stage manager becomes sharper. The electricians take their posts. The orchestra troops out to play the overture. Then the curtain goes up for the first number, "The

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POISON FOUND IN CAPSULES; TWO ARE DEAD

Students Die After Violent Illness; Medicine Received Through University Dispensary

STRYCHNINE CAUSES DEATHS; OTHERS ILL

Crank Suspected of Intentional Plot of Wholesale Murder at School

COLUMBUS, Feb. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Definite trace of strychnine found late today in the stomach of David I. Pusken of Canton, Ohio, Ohio state university student who died suddenly Sunday, strengthened the belief of university officials that the sudden death of Pusken and another student in the last four days and the violent illness of other students was due to poison probably intentionally placed in medicine prescribed on the campus.

As a result, university officials this afternoon turned the official investigation of the situation over to Columbus police authorities. University officials placed every facility of the institution at the disposal of the police and pledged heartiest cooperation.

President Takes Charge President W. O. Thompson, after issuing a statement insisting that there was no cause for alarm or for parents withdrawing their children from the university, did these things:

- 1. Directed that a complete chemical analysis of all remaining medicine of the kind issued to the students affected should be made.
2. Ordered that all further issuance of such medicine remaining in the college pharmacy dispensary where it was made up should cease.

Columbus police officials tonight questioned Dean E. F. McCampbell of the college of medicine, George D. Thompson, also of Canton, the last student taken violently ill and arranged tomorrow to question all students in the college of pharmacy who have been on duty in the dispensary in the last week. Discovery of definite traces of strychnine in the stomach of Pusken made it certain that the poison was involved in at least three of the five or six more serious cases which have developed since last Thursday. But chemical tests of nearly two-thirds of the capsules issued for treatment of colds failed to reveal any trace of the poison except in one capsule. This capsule, one of a number issued to Timothy J. McCarthy of Fremont, Ohio, varsity football player, last week, was

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STREET REPAIRING NEEDS ATTENTION

Mayor Giesy Names Committee to Provide Means Financing Work

With instructions to see if some adequate method of financing a scheme to provide money with which to repair city streets, Mayor J. B. Giesy has appointed a large committee of representatives of the four banks, citizens, and members of the city council. For some time it has been known that both Commercial and State were in poor condition and must be re-surfaced in place and put in general repair, while other streets demand attention. It is to devise means of obtaining this money that the committee is appointed.

The personnel of the committee consists of George J. Wenderoth, B. B. Herlick and E. B. Grabenhorst, members of the street committee of the city council; L. J. Simeral, S. E. Purvine and W. W. Rosebraugh, members of the ways and means committee of the council; Walter Low, street commissioner; Hugh Rogers, city engineer; Dan J. Fry, of the First National bank; William Walton, of the Lead & Bush bank; S. B. Elliott, of the Bank of Commerce, and D. W. Eyre, of the United States National bank, and the following representatives of the city at large: B. P. Boise, A. N. Moore, T. B. Kay and Homer Smith.

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LITTLE GIRLS ARE MURDERED; BODIES FOUND

Sisters, Age 9 and 12, Reported Missing Since August 23; Remains Discovered in Thicket

CHILDREN STRANGLER, PHYSICIAN DECLARED

Dragnet Thrown Around City; Degenerate Is Suspected of Crime

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—Two little girls, who wandered away from home here on August 23 last with 65 cents taken from a baby sister's bank, were found today, dead, in a shallow brush covered grave in the suburbs with indications pointing to the conclusion that they had been attacked and then slain.

Their names were May Martin, aged 12, and Nina, 8.

They were the daughters of Mrs. Paul Buus of Los Angeles. Their father is Eddie Martin, who was sought at the time of their disappearance and was located in Hoquiam, Wash., working in a lumber yard.

Martin when found at Hoquiam September 15 said he was unable to throw any light on the mystery of their disappearance. He declared that he had not visited California or his former wife during the past six months.

Disappearance Unsolved Today the grief-stricken grandmother of the little girls, Mrs. Carrie Lovelace, for whose home they had set out on their last journey, identified the badly decomposed bodies by their clothing.

The girls dropped from sight shortly after they had left home during their mother's absence. As they walked down the street they met two playmates, Dorothy and Daisy Beville, and gave each a dime from their hoard of money taken from the bank. Then they walked on.

That night about 11 o'clock a neighbor, Mrs. Minnie Wideman, said she heard a child's scream. Another neighbor said that she had seen two children who looked like the little Martin sisters leaving a school playground in a small automobile with two young men. There the trail stopped.

Police and deputies combed the hills in the neighborhood without result. Citizens of the vicinity in which the missing sisters had lived and played, held a mass meeting to prosecute the search further.

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SOLON ARRESTED ON GRAFT CHARGE

Representative Hammond to Face Federal Charges After Session Ends

Phillip Hammond, Oregon City attorney and Clackamas county representative to the legislature, was arrested in Portland yesterday on a charge of violating the war risk insurance act. Representative Hammond presented himself at the United States marshal's office upon learning of the federal indictment and posted \$1000 bail. The charge will not be pressed until after the legislative session ends.

Overcharging by 30 times the maximum allowed for making out applications for compensation due clients because of the death of a son is the specific charge. He is alleged to have taken \$100 each from Thomas and Mary J. Mooney of Clackamas county while the biggest charge under the law is \$3. The son, John L. Mooney, died June 23, 1918, at Camp Fremont, Cal.

Representative Hammond is an ex-service man, enlisting in 1917 and being discharged a year later with the rank of second lieutenant, after which he was admitted to the bar. Though making his home in Gladstone, his offices are in Oregon City. He was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1912 and is a Mason, Elk and Odd Fellow as well as belonging to the American Legion. Representative Hammond was born in Seneca, Ill., in 1890.

Followers of Seeress Await Destruction of World With Calmness

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—The belief of followers of Mrs. Margaret W. Rowen, prophetess of the Seventh Day Adventist Reformed church, that the world will come to an end some time next Friday with the return to earth of Christ, at Hollywood, will result in no additional commissions to Los Angeles real estate dealers.

Firm in their trust in the prediction of Mrs. Rowen, they await the millennium which they believe to be but a matter of hours, without hysteria and without outward signs of preparation.

No real estate will be sold and no hillside will be mounted to welcome the arrival of the Savior, members of the Reformed Adventist church have made decisively clear.

"There is no need for fear or anguish over the end of the world," asserted Dr. B. E. Fullmer, head of the church here, as he pointed out scriptural passages which he declared confirm Mrs. Rowen's prophecy.

JOHNSON RAPS COOLIDGE VIEW SPEED LIMIT NOT CHANGED

Right of President to Negotiate Paris Settlement Is Questioned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The authority of President Coolidge to negotiate the Paris reparations settlement without the sanction of congress was challenged today in the senate by Senator Johnson, republican, California, one of the irreconcilables in the Versailles treaty fight.

Moreover, Senator Johnson predicted that in the years to come statesmen would insist on their view that the agreement carried the United States in the European affair despite the statement of Secretary Hughes that it had bound this country neither legally nor morally to take the steps for the collection of the German debt.

"And when they do," he added, "we have exchanged amity, good will and friendliness for perplexity, confusion, ill-will and hostility."

That is what we got at Paris for 2-1-4 per cent of something that may not, probably never will, be paid. That is the price we got for altering the policy of America, if we did alter it then, as these Europeans claim. That is the price we got for changing the policy of America which had been America's policy ever since the United States had been a nation.

With characteristic vigor and ardor, Senator Johnson pleaded with the senate to make a positive declaration that the Paris agreement did not bind his country to "go back over there" or to become in any way embroiled in European affairs.

CHARGES DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A military court martial of the district of Washington today exonerated Major Furman E. McCammon of charges of being \$25,000 short in his accounts as military attaché of the American embassy at Santiago, Chile.

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PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASS STAGES FINE EXHIBITION

By AUDRED BUNCH Over four hundred girls took part in the physical education demonstration last night at the Parrish Junior high school, with a throng of interested friends and parents completely filling the balcony and all available seats, with entrances blocked with spectators standing.

The entire physical education group took part in the opening marching drill which was followed by folk dances and formal work in groups of forty-five and fifty, this by seventh grade girls. Every girl wore the uniform garb of the gym floor, dark bloomers and white middie with a flash of red for a tie. Well executed competitions were introduced, and dances on beautifully poised toes. Delightfully done was the clover leaf schottische by a group of forty-three girls in rhythm. The candle stick relay and the human hurdle relay had their thrills. The sixty-seven girls of period seven followed with folk dancing. The sleighbell schottische was preceded and followed by groups of typical gym floor games demonstrating the immense possibilities in

such work as is supervised every day by Miss Etta White. Special orchestra features were given in the interlude before the final "event" consisting of picturesque folk dances by sixty girls in costume—costumes which they made, for the most part, by themselves. A rainbow of pastel shades was shown in these quaint Kate Greenaway peasant frocks, their wearers intersting in charmingly ordered succession. (a) Tidewell's Processional. (b) Ruffy Tufty. (c) Sellenger's Round and (d) The Old Mole. The orchestra of the school, directed by Miss Alice Thompson, contributed notably to the evening's success. Those playing in the orchestra are: violins—Melvina Craig, Mildred Roberts, Joan Evans, Robert Ngedham, Donald Selgmund, Ernest Mars, Clyde Cooley, George Stoner, Cornets—Fred Remington, Clinton Standish, Vernon Trahm, Marshall Snyder, Saxophones—Glen Wilbur and George Bass, Trombone—Wesley Hesse, French horn—Tom Downs and Clyde Stransburg. Zylaphone—Barbara Barham and accompanist, Edith Findlay.

SHERIFF BOWER DECLARED LAX UPON DRY LAW

Several Other County Officers Show Little Interest in Enforcing Prohibition Cleaver Says

COMMITTEE TO REPORT UPON FINDINGS TODAY

Executive Session Called for 5 O'Clock; Cleaver Makes Statement

Sheriff Oscar D. Bower of Marion county is one of the six sheriffs and two district attorneys of the state who have not vigorously enforced the prohibition law. Geo. L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, told members of the joint investigating committee at the conclusion of the proceedings Wednesday. Other county officials named were Sheriff Houser of Umatilla county; Sheriff St. Bingham of Grant county; Sheriff Lowe of Klamath county; Sheriff Wilson of Clackamas county while some trouble was experienced with Sheriff Slusher of Clatsop county. District Attorney Treadwell of Grant county and Trust Attorney Moore of Jackson county were also very lax. Though complaints were received against the character of District Attorney Johnston of Lane county, he was vigorous in his prosecutions.

WHI Report Today

In order to have an opportunity to consider the evidence and compile a report, which will follow the original wording of the resolution calling for the investigation, no meetings will be held until 5 o'clock today when the committee goes into strict executive session from which the press is barred. It is expected that the report will be completed in a short time, as it is understood that a majority of the members have already made up their minds and at least one has prepared a written report. If the opinion of the committee is harmonious the final report will be given in short order. In view of the sentiment expressed, it is doubtful if any recommendations will be made regarding a change in the law, as the committee will consider the activities of the prohibition commissioner and his enforcement of the law. In reporting upon an audit of Mr. Cleaver's books, Senator Johnson said that they were in order but that several amounts paid out from the special accumulated fund should have been charged against the \$25,000 allowed by the state.

Asked About Politics

Further questioning regarding political activities of Mr. Cleaver while in office, was made. The trip to Bend was made on business, he said, but he attended a political meeting. When Mr. Gilbert announced his candidacy for office he made the public statement that he hoped an ardent

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WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

A new postal pay and rate increase bill was reported to the house.

Additional government agents appeared before the federal grand jury in the Wheeler case.

Investigation of the wheat, flour and bread industry was asked by Senator Cameron of Arizona.

A delegation of women urged the equal rights constitutional amendment before a house committee.

A navy bill containing a request for a disarmament conference was sent to the White House.

Senator Johnson of California told the senate that for 2 1/2 per cent of "speculative reparations" America had risked the good will of Europe.

Republican senate leaders assured President Coolidge that earnest effort would be made to press legislation recommended by the agricultural commission.

The senate voted after a wrangle to consider in open executive session tomorrow the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice.