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MAN STILL ALIVE, RADIO MEN CLAIM

Five Electrical Tests Reported : to Demonstrate Entombed Man Still Living—Heart Beat Heard - At Present Rate + Shaft Won't Reach Collins Until Thursday or Friday.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.- (By the Associated Press)—The shaft being bored into Sand cave, Floyd Collins lies entombed was 33 feet deep at 3 p. m., today. Further tests with a sound amplifying apparatus and an electric wire in the cave con-vinced the observers that Collins was alive. The test indicated, they said, his respiration was about 26 times a minute.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five elec-trical tests conducted with voice amplifiers today have convinced H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the Floyd Collins rescue work at Sand cave, that Collins is alive, despite ten days' imprisonment. H. G. Lane, Munfordville, oper-

ating the lighting system which supplies current for the bulb left at Collins' head, said Homer Collins, after listening 20 minutes on the wire, was convinced he had heard Floyd's heart beating at the rate of 20 times a minute.

Lane said Floyd was breathing and his heart beating 18 to 21 times a minute.

"While we were in the cave we attempted to compare the breathing of Homer Collins with that of his imprisoned brother, but we couldn't do this successfully because Homer Collins was so excited." Lane added.

cited," Lane added.

The test was made on the wire which had been placed around which had been placed around Collins' chest last week by rescuers. "Many people on the outside would not believe our test proved Collins was alive." Lane said, adding that a statement would be given out later "proving that Collins was alive."

CAVE CITY, Ky. ,Feb. 9 .- (By the ociated Press.)-The shaft through which rescuers hope to reach Floyd Collins in Sand Cave was approxi-mately 30 feet deep at 9 A. M. today.

mately 30 feet deep at 9 A. M. today, four days after it was started. At the present rate the level where Collins is thought to be will not be reached before Thursday or Friday.

Mother nature today had added another obstacle to the efforts of man to rescue Collins from the grip of a boulder trap in the depths of Sand cave, sending torrents of rain last night with a promise of more today.

Despite precautions to keen water out of the perpendicular shaft aimed at Collins' prison, seepage crept into the bottom of the shaft and added heavily to the burden of the volunteer diggers. They kept doggedly at it

with some slight increase in hourly progress as the tenth day of Collins' emprisonment ended at 10 o'clock this imprisonment ended at 10 o'clock this imprisonment. The shaft then was less than half way to Collins, 60 or 70 feet below the surface. doggedly at it

below the surface.

When rock slides blocked the natural tunnel of Sand cave Thursday, the use of pungent but harmless gas was seized upon as a means of finding the back end of Collins' latest cave he experiment tried last night banana oil was unsuccessful with banana oil was unsuccessful, mobile which took the men to and Despite a strong down draft of air from the scene of the robbery. into Sand cave, no trace of the odor could be located in another nearny

With most of the spectacular, frenzied striving to free Collins a closed chapter and all efforts centered on the monotonous toil of digging and hoisting, new theories began to velop about the situation until they were almost as thick as the outstand-ing incidents in the drama. Scoff at a Publicity Hoax.

The principal groups of theories fall into three classes—that the imprisonment of Collins by a rock slide on his leg is a publicity hoax; that enemies finding him trapped caused the walls of the cave to collapse so he could not be rescued alive, or possibly not be rescued alive, or possibly caused the slide which trapped him.

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State Senate Passes Bill Providing for Bible in Schools

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—Senator Garland's bill pro-viding for Bible reading in the public schools passed the senate today. Those voting against the measure were Carnsner, Clark,

Davis, Ritner and Strayer,

The measure provides for a commission of nine, one of whom shall be of the Jewish faith, one Catholic, one Christian Scientist, four Protestant and the state superintendent of schools as chairman.

without sectarian influence.

AIRPLANE RACES DOGS TO RELIEF OF NOME SICK

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—A race be-tween an airplane and relays of dog eams to Nome, Alaska, was starting

west of here yesterday. The plane was all ready to take off early this

The burden of each journey is antitoxin for diphtheria, of which six per-sons have died in Nome in an epi-demic reported January 27 and with which thirty persons were reported uffering yesterday.

The distance from here to Nome on the route the dogs and plane are to follow was put at about 920 miles.
"Everything looks fine," was the "Everything looks fine," was the final word last night of Roy S. Darling, agent of the department of justice here and navy aviator in the World war, pilot for the trip to Nome. He and Rahph P. Mackie, an employe of the Alaska railroad at Anchorage, mechanician for the trip to Nome, had spent the whole day tuning up their machine. This machine is an old one, brought to Alaska three years ago in a half sporting, half commercial enterprise organized by commercial enterprise organized by ourdoughs or pioneers of the north. "Everything looks fine," agreed

and testing the engine."

The Alaska railroad received at Se ward Saturday 1,100,000 units of diph-

theria anti-toxin.

The dog teams of the United State mail left Nenana at 4:55 yesterday afternoon with 660,000 units.

alleged to have been cuted.

Like John O'Shea, who was acquitted Saturday night, Sullivan will en-deavor to set up an alibi, according to his attorneys. O'Shea was found not guilty on the first ballot. He

NEGRO BOY CONFESSES MURDER WHITE PAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 .- Roy Gillun, 16 years old negro, confessed to the po-lice that he had clubbed to death Burdon, "after resting from our tre-Edward Schmidt, his 17 year old white

arraigned in the juvenile court under that had blocked the passage and that a charge of robbing a grocery store. I couldn't go in. They wouldn't let let me get by.

"Skeets' Miller managed to slip

BABY IS SAVED BY OPERATION WHEN MOTHER FATALLY INJURED IN CRASH Homer Collins didn't go in again it is had to sit in the entrance all day long. "He went back in by himself a little

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Out of the wreckage of a family, two members of which are dead and one is dying as the result of an automobile collision, surgeons at a hospital here today saved the life of a seven pound baby boy by performing a Caesarian coperation upon its mother, pronounced as the case of the cave in the cave.

In the cave.

Crew Had Whisky.

"Late in the afternoon I heard some body calling for me. I was told that another machine and the woman sustantine as the result of an automobile collision, surgeons at a hospital here today saved the life of a seven pound baby boy by performing a Caesarian death it was decided to drink of whisky, because I could some the cave.

In the cave.

Crew Had Whisky.

"Late in the afternoon I heard some body calling for me. I was told that another machine and other into now, and that they had picked a crew for me. Each of the crew picked must be compared to the cave.

fatally injured in the crash. Sidney Kahn, 35, and his 18 months dent.

MILITARY WILI OF COLLINS CASE

General Denhardt to Investigate Everything Connected With Trapping of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave-Truth to Be Determined.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.—(By the sociated Press) — Circumstances surrounding the trapping of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave and the efforts of volunteer rescuers to release him will be made the subject of a military court of inquiry, Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, in command of guardsmen here, announced today. "I hope by this court of inquiry to lay at rest all suspicions, whisper-ings of the efforts to block rescu-work, and rumors that Collins' en-

trapment was not genuine," said Gen-eral Denhardt. The commander said his plan for the military investiga-tion had been sanctioned by Governor Fields and Adjutant General Kehoe.
"It is my purpose to determine exactly why the efforts to rescue Col lins through the natural passage failed," Denhardt continued, "whether Collins went into Sand cave, through

the regular entrance and was caught coming out and whether he knew of any other way out, are matters which will be delved into.

"I have received information that the eye of suspicion has been turned on Kentucky and its officials and the worderful cave region by persons un-

worderful cave region by persons un-familiar with the cave section. propose in the inquiry to bring out every fact. "It is hoped that the findings of the body will be so definite and thor-ough from the testimony we hear that the underground whisperings

will be quieted. Every witness will be summoned to testify and will be heard in full."

Members of the court probably will

be named today,

Testimony Recorded.

The entire testimony and proceedings will be recorded in a complete stenographic record. The court will be conducted in a tent at the scene of the rescue work near the en-trance to Sand Cave. General Denhardt deemed it advisable to hold the hearing before Collins' fate has been determined because of the difficulty Mackie, "although the temperature of a degrees below zero has made of bringing the desired witness to things very difficult. I froze one of Sand Cave after the work has been my hands this afternoon while sitting ended and the rescuers returned to the control of the bus warming up their homes.

Louisville fire department, who has stated that he had "positive knowledge efforts were made to block the rescue work," will be summoned. He was one of the few who talked to Collins. The three brothers of the imprisoned man, Homer, Marshall and Andrew Collins, will be summoned and William B. Miller, of the Louisville

Courier-Journal, is expected to give his testimony.

All of those who talked to the trapped victim and those who know the circumstances of his exploring the hole will be heard. Persons fa-miliar with the cave country and those who have heard various ru-mors will be examined.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 9 .- On busy corner of Lincoln square, a Sand cave bulletin display and chart ope-rated by the Louisville Herald-Post attracted many persons today. A ross-section diagram eight feet high has a huge red pointer following the progress of the rescue shaft which early today had passed twenty-seven eet, with more than forty yet to

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—One of the two chief outside eye-witnesses of the predicament of Floyd Collins in Sand cave, Lieutenant Robert A. Burdon, when he learned of the military in-quiry ordered by Lieutenant-Governor Denhardt today, was emphatic in his assertions that there had been definite pposition to the rescue of Collins by some of the natives when he was there early last week. "When I went back to the cave

ompanion yesterday. the boulder Tuesday evening, they The two youths were to have been told me that there had been a cave-in

been arrested first and implicated him, which he said was the reason past them some way and he and for the killing.

Homer Collins went down; when he came out he was looking more scared than I ever saw him during the whole

time. His nose was bloody.
"He would not tell me what was
the matter, but told me for God's sake not to go back in there and to see that Homer Collins didn't go in again if

lafer to take the telephone back and I think that was the last time be was in the cave.

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European Opera Stars American



John Charles Thomas, Baltimore, Md., youth who leaped from musical comedy to the concert platform, has elimbed an other rung into opera. He has been engaged by the Brussels grand opera as its leading bari

PIERCE VETOES HOUSE BILL AS

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9 Holding that house bill No. 21, intro-duced by the committee on education is in the interest of the school book publishers. Governor Pierce today vetoed the measure. It is a measure providing for renewal of contracts beween the state and the companies

This amendment to section 5340, Oregon laws, proposes to remedy a situation arising over the renewal of text book contracts which will expire in June, 1925," says the veto message,
"Your house bill No. 91 proposes to
confer power upon the board of edu-

ention to enter into a renewal contract with the publishers at the best possible price since there is to be no competition, this means it will be a one-sided bargain, the state orced to accept the terms of the pub-"Since the publishers, whose con

tracts expire in June, 1925, refuse to renew at the same prices, although under the present law such contracts would remain in force under their present terms did the publishers no bound as the other party to the con-ract, but is free under such an emergency to consider competitive offer ings from other concerns.

The state contracts for all of its

other supplies under open, competi-tive bids. It would not consider for a moment the renewal of a flour con-tract or a meat contract for its institutions at increased prices without competition. Who should it be called upon to renew book contracts at ad-vanced prices and with no remedy other than this proposal to empower the board of education—two members being in a majority—to make such a contract? Why surrender to the book trust?

"Since the publishers themselves refuse to renew at the prices enjoyed by them for the past six years. It seems to me that the state should not deliberately deprive itself of the right to force the book publishers into open competition for contracts. To eliminate the right of the state to act three its text book commission in such a re-newal is, in my judgment a mistaken It could have but one remedy. It could have but one sult; an increase in the cost of books. Text book legislation should be in the interest of the patrons of our schools, rather than to afford a neans of further exploitation of ar ilready overburdened public."

The Noted Dead

9.-Thomas BOSTON. Feb. Lawson, spectacular financier, author and gentfeman farmer, will be buried tomorrow beside his wife on a small portion of his magnificent country estate that was saved from the wreck of his fortune several years ago.

of his fortune several years ago.

When Mrs. Lawson died in 1906
after nine years of invalidism, her
husband gave orders that nothing
should be disturbed in the room she
occupied at "The Nest," a simple cottage adjoining the mansion of Dreamworld, at Egypt, Mass. Mrs. Lawson
was buried near "The Nest," "Tom"
Lawson will be laid beside her after
funeral services in "The Nest."

Mr. Lawson died suddenly yester-Mr. Lawson died suddenly yester

BEND, Ore., Feb. 9 .- Mrs. Henry McCall of Princyllie, Crook county, water.
Is a daughter of Thomas Lawson, Boston financier, who died yesterday in aviator the east.

day.

World war.

Mr. Lawson was responsible for bringing considerable purebred stock into central Oregon. Mr. McCail, son. in-law of the deceased, is a son of ex-Governor McCall of Massachusetts. Douglas Lawson, aon of the Bot ton financier, was also well known

MR.&MRS. JACK DEMPSEY FOUND AND LOST AGAIN

Heavyweight Champion and

Bride Appear at Former's

Hotel and Then Disappear—

Promise to Return Tonight—

Sport World Agog.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—If the sporting world held its breath with anxiety when Jack Dempsey and his bride, formerly Estelle Taylor, slipped out of a hotel in San Disego early yesterday and disappeared, it can relax today and give its tautened nerves a rest, for the heavyweight champion and his film andress wife.

a rest, for the beavyweight cham-pion and his film actress wife have heen found; at least they were found for a rew minutes sate last night.

for a rew minutes are last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey arrived in
Los Angeles without being detected,
but were recognized, at once, of
course, when they entered a hotel,
which the champion operates when he
is not fighting or acting in pictures.
The clerk, being on Dempsey's payroll, could not be mistaken in the
identity of the visitors, but if he
thought they were going to occupy
the bridal suite he was disappointed,
for in less than ten minutes they
played the San Diego trick all over
again—slipped away for a destination
unannounced. nannounced.

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As a concession to the curious, however, the champion left behind him the information that he and Mrs. Dempsey would be back in Los Angeles tonight or tomorrow and that the world need not worry.

State Legislature Items for Today

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9. Senator Toose who has an income tax bill prepared, announced today that he would not introduce it. He said he felt it would be futile to attempt to get the measure through and that he will initiate the bill instead, at the earliest election possible.

the governor's hands and placed with the state board of control.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.— A special tax classification of lands suitable only to forest growth would be provided under house bill 416, introduced by Representative Mott. Clatsop county, today. The bill is designed to encourage

the reforestation of denuded lands in

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9 .-House bill 409 by Representative Tucker, Linn county, providing for creation of a state board of censor ship for moving picture films, was re ferred to the house committee public health and morals when come up for second reading today.
House bill 413, a substitute fo
house bills 19 and 59, was recom

nended favorably by the house roads and highways committee this morn ing. It sets forth license rates and additional fees on buses and trucks based on a rate of three-eighths of a mill per seat per ton capacity multiplied by the number of miles traveled.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.-Concluding apparently, after a sur-rery of the situation, that it could not nuster enough votes to pass the com nercial fish bill over the veto of the governor, the senate organization late this afternoon postponed action on the measure until Wednesday after-

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9. The banking code bill which was scheduled for third reading in the senate today was made a specia order for eleven o'clock tomorrow

Death Toll of the Automobile

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. Alander F. Hogland, president of the Fyrac manufacturing company of Rockford, Ill., was killed early this morning when his automobile went into a ditch here and turned over pinning him beneath it in shallow water. He was probably drowned. He was probably drowned, During the war Hogland was an aviator stationed at Mather field here. In December 1918, he made a coast flying record from Sacramento

LOS ANGELES, Feb. Dempsey will continue to keep in training and arrangements for a title match during the aummer will baby boy by performing a Caesarian entry certain death it was defined to drink of whisky, because I could smell in central Oregon country, but left discussed in New York next month, it operation upon its mother, pronounced operate immediately. The infant was it on all of them. I went down the born within an hour after the acci-Kearns, Dempsey's manager,

Snow and Freezing eather Reported in Bend and Klamath Weather Reported in

 Freezing temperature and a cloudless sky today gave promotise of a marked change in the weather conditions in Klamath weath
 Falls.
 balf f Snow lies more than a half foot deep.

SLIDES BLOCK PACIFIC HI-WAY NORTH & SOUTH

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 3.—Although fish wheels and their foundation the heavy rains had abated today, the state highway north of Redding to In the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding to In the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding to In the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chistate highway north of Redding in the vicinity of slides in that section of the road, which was rebuilt, regarded, altered and widened. Here the loose earth and rocks, propelled by mountain flood waters, have piled down from hillsides. Many calls for assistance motor travelor. hillsides. Many calls for assistance have been received here from stranded motor travelers.

have been received here from stranded motor travelers.

Steam shovels are already at work clearing the way. Laterals and other more on the highways. It was impossible today to reach Weaverville because of water, deep mud, and falling earth. High water however, was receding fast. All local stage schedules have been temporarily cancelled. because of water, deep mud, and falling earth. High water however, was receding fast. All local stage schedules have been temporarily cancelled.

The break in the dam is 40 feet wide at the top and the damage is estimated at about \$2500.

Tooze has a tax equalization measures are ure to which he will devote all his energy as far as taxifon measures are concerned.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—
The senate this afterneon will have the fish commission bill as a special order. It is one of the main incidents in the fight between the legislative regarization and the governor, providing that appointment, of the state fish commission be taken out of

HOUSE BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

H. B. 214, with amendments calling for a petition of three-fifths of the voters concerned in matters per-their homes swept away are without taining to changing of county seats and extending the time for removal after authorization from 30 days to

H. B. 228, making the law apply-H. B. 228, making the law applying to persons pointing guns at one grams received by Dr. Fraredick D. grams received by Dr. Fraredick D. Strycker, secretary of the state board of health, from local authorities there, are derming.

victed of using state automobiles for

Bridges Washed Out, Livestock Drowned and Dams Wrecked By Downpour of Rain and Melting Snows-Pestilence at Vale Feared-Legislature Asked for Help.

WAPINITIA, Ore., Feb. 9.-Flood waffixitia, Ore, Feb. 9.—Flood waters, caused by recent heavy rains and the Chinook winds that have melted considerable of the snow in the eastern Cascades, are filling every creek and stream to overflowing. White river is at the danger point. The Deschutes has swallowed the Shearer Bridge falls, overflowing the cock heating from one railread to an rock basin from one railroad to an

Dirt roads are impassable west of Wapinitia, and carriers are relaying mail by team.

Reports from Cellio are to the effect that the Columbia is overflowing the rocks and caverns in the Cellio falls

past three days, although cars are expected to be able to get through by this evening.

Every basement and lower floor of Vale's residential and business section is filled with mud and debris, and from this standpoint the health situa-

tion is viewed with alarm. Every precaution has been officially ordered, which includes the boiling of drinking water, as the water system and wells in this locality have been contaminated. Mayor Roomette and city health officials sent appeals for relief to Dr. Frederick D. Strycker of Portland, secretary of the state board of health. Relief will also be sought of the Pacific division of the Red Cross at San Francisco.

Loss to property swept by the flood will reach \$500,000, it was estimated, SALEM. Ore., Feb. 9.—The house today went through a grist of bills. Among those passed were:
H. Il. 214, with amendments callfunds.

Conditions Alarming.
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9.—Conditions at Vale, as shown in several tele-

years.

H. B. 256, requiring marriage license applicants to file a personal affidavit to the effect that they have been free of certain diseases for a period of one year prior to such appears of the paramount issue, and local funds H. B. 109, providing that one must be a resident of a county six months prior to filling for divorce in the courts of such county.

H. H. 195, providing a fine of from A representative from the flood-stricken city of Vale, Malheur county,

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EX-KAISER SEES WORLD CALAMITY IN RUSSIA'S ALLIANCE WITH JAPANESE

LONDON. Feb. 2 .- The Dally the European states and it is bound LONDON. Feb. 2.—The Dally the European states and it is bound to cause deep thinking and heart searching in Germany and among the allies. France is backing the black races, Russia is backing the black races, Russia is backing the pellow and America and England are backing and America and England are backing the white. Where will Germany stand? Where should she stand?"

This treaty portends a tremendous change in the world's outlook," he is reported to have said. "The peril prominence the former crown prince."

change in the world's outlook," he is reported to have said. "The peril which I, alone, among the rulers of a century ago, now has materialized. The repercussions of this event will regards himself as the only lawful shortly be felt in the relations of all claimant to the Hohenzoliern throng.