

The Weather
Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 44.5
Minimum today 26
Precipitation .87

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 48
Minimum 29

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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, where Floyd Collins lies entombed, was 33 feet deep at 3 p. m. today.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Five electrical 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, operating 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.

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

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.

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 develop about the situation until they were almost as thick as the outstanding incidents in the drama.

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 caused the slide which trapped him.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—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-month baby boy by performing a Caesarian operation upon his mother, pronouncing her fatally injured in the crash.

State Senate Passes Bill Providing for Bible in Schools

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—Senator Garland's bill providing for Bible reading in the public schools passed the senate today. Those voting against the measure were Carnsner, Clark, Davis, Ritner and Strayer.

AIRPLANE RACES DOGS TO RELIEF OF NOME SICK

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—A race between an airplane and relays of dog teams to Nome, Alaska, was starting today.

The burden of each journey is antitoxin for diphtheria, of which six persons have died in Nome in an epidemic reported January 27 and with which thirty persons were reported suffering yesterday.

3D TRIAL STARTS KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 9.—Pete Sullivan, alleged to have been the actual slayer of Oscar Erickson in a gambling house robbery here early in January, went on trial here this morning for first degree murder.

NEGRO BOY CONFESSES MURDER WHITE PAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Roy Gillun, 16 years old negro, confessed to the police that he had clubbed to death Edward Schmidt, his 17 year old white companion yesterday.

MILITARY WILL CONDUCT PROBE 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 Associated 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, announced today.

"It is my purpose to determine exactly why the efforts to rescue Collins through the natural passage failed," Denhardt continued.

"I have received information that the eye of suspicion has been turned on Kentucky and its officials and the wonderful cave region by persons unfamiliar with the cave section. I propose in the inquiry to bring out every fact."

"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 entrance to Sand Cave.

Lieutenant Robert Burdon of the Louisville fire department, who has stated that he had positive knowledge efforts were made to block the rescue work," will be summoned.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 9.—On a busy corner of Lincoln square, a Sand cave bulletin display and chart operated by the Louisville Herald-Post attracted many persons today.

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 inquiry ordered by Lieutenant Governor Denhardt today, was emphatic in his assertions that there had been definite opposition to the rescue of Collins by some of the natives when he was there early last week.

"When I went back to the cave Wednesday morning," said Lieutenant Burdon, "after resting from our tremendous efforts with the jack under the boulder Tuesday evening, they told me that there had been a cave-in that had blocked the passage and that I couldn't go in. They wouldn't let me get by."

"Skeets' Miller managed to slip past them some way and he and 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 I had to sit in the entrance all day long."

"He went back by himself a little later to take the telephone back and I think that was the last time he was in the cave."

Crew Had Whiskey. "Late in the afternoon I heard somebody calling for me. I was told that I could go back in the cave if I wanted to now, and that they had picked a crew for me. Each of the crew picked must have been armed with a good drink of whiskey, because I could smell it on all of them. I went down the shaft."

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Thomas W. Lawson, spectacular financier, author and gentleman 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.

European Opera Stars American



John Charles Thomas, Baltimore, Md., youth who leaped from musical comedy to the concert platform, has climbed another rung into opera.

PIERCE VEToes HOUSE BILL AS AID TO TRUST

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—Holding that house bill No. 91, introduced by the committee on education in the interest of the school book publishers, Governor Pierce today vetoed the measure.

"This amendment to section 6340, 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 education 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 being forced to accept the terms of the publishers."

"Since the publishers, whose contracts 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 not object, it follows that the state is not bound as the other party to the contract, but is free under such an emergency to consider competitive offerings from other concerns."

"The state contracts for all of its other supplies under open, competitive bids. It would not consider for a moment the renewal of a flour contract or a meat contract for its institutions at increased prices without competition. Why should it be called upon to renew book contracts at advanced 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 through its text book commission in such a renewal is, in my judgment a mistaken remedy. It could have but one result: an increase in the cost of text books."

"Text book legislation should be in the interest of the patrons of our schools, rather than to afford a means of further exploitation of an already overburdened public."

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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."

BEND, Ore., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Henry McCall of Prineville, Crook county, if a daughter of Thomas Lawson, Boston financier, who died yesterday in the east.

Mr. Lawson was responsible for bringing considerable purebred stock into central Oregon. Mr. McCall, son-in-law of the deceased, is a son of ex-Governor McCall of Massachusetts.

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 Diego early yesterday and disappeared, it can relax today and give its tautened nerves a rest, for the heavyweight champion and his film actress wife have been found; at least they were found for a few minutes late 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.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 9.—Although the heavy rains had abated today, the state highway north of Redding to Pollock, a distance of 28 miles, is practically blocked by numerous landslides 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.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 9.—A new slide occurred on the Pacific highway north of Myrtle Creek today and is holding up all traffic except light cars. The road is covered with about 18 inches of soft dirt and mud and rock being sliding in as attempts are made to clear the pavement.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—Senator Tooe 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.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—The senate this afternoon will have the fish commission bill as a special order. It is one of the main incidents in the fight between the legislative organization and the governor, providing that appointment of the state fish commission be taken out of the governor's hands and placed with the state board of control.

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Jack Dempsey will continue to keep in training and arrangements for a title match during the summer will be discussed in New York next month. It was announced here today by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager.

Snow and Freezing Weather Reported in Bend and Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 9.—Freezing temperature and a cloudless sky today gave promise of a marked change in the weather conditions in Klamath Falls. Snow lies more than a half foot deep.

BEND, Ore., Feb. 9.—Two inches of snow covered the ground this morning while clear skies and a low temperature gave promise of relief from intermittent showers and snow flurries which have alternated for more than forty-eight hours.

Snow which began falling late Saturday evening continued with few interruptions all day Sunday until about six o'clock when the atmosphere cleared and the temperature dropped several degrees below the freezing point.

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EAST OREGON FLOODED BY HIGH WATER

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 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.

In the vicinity of Pine Grove, Chinook winds have melted snow that will be needed for irrigation next summer. On the Cascade roof snow is seven feet deep.

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 9.—The dam of the Camp Creek Water company on Camp creek in the Burnt River district went out at midnight Tuesday and caused considerable loss to the farmers in the immediate path of the flood.

The Camp creek dam was constructed a couple of years ago at a cost of approximately \$50,000 and stored about 1500 acre feet of water. Twenty-six cows and calves belonging to John Hadlman were drowned.

Pestilence is Feared. Pestilence is feared here by city officials as a result of the flood at Vale and surrounding territory caused by the bursting of the irrigation dam on Bully creek Thursday.

Every basement and lower floor of Vale's residential and business section is flooded with mud and debris, and from this standpoint the health situation 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 Roselette and city health officials sent appeals for relief to Dr. Frederick D. Strycker of Portland, secretary of the state board of health.

Loss to property swept by the flood will reach \$500,000, it was estimated, instead of \$250,000, as was first reported. A large number of ranchers in the path of the flood lost their homes, livestock and virtually everything they possessed.

Conditions Alarming. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9.—Conditions at Vale, as shown in several telegrams received by Dr. Frederick D. Strycker, secretary of the state board of health, from local authorities there, are alarming.

Dr. Strycker, however, said there is no epidemic at Vale at present. The disposition of between 200 and 4000 carcasses of sheep, cattle and horses is the paramount issue, and local funds at Vale are insufficient to handle the situation, Dr. Strycker has been informed.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Feb. 9.—A representative from the flood-stricken city of Vale, Malheur county, (Continued on Page Eight)

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

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Daily Telegraph quotes recent visitors to Doorn, Holland, as declaring that the former German emperor was extraordinarily excited by the news that an agreement had been reached between Japan and soviet Russia. "This treaty portends a tremendous change in the world's outlook," he is reported to have said. "The peril which I, alone, among the rulers of Europe predicted nearly a quarter of a century ago, now has materialized. The repercussions of this event will shortly be felt in the relations of all 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 yellow and America and England are backing the white. Where will Germany stand? Where should she stand?"