

# IN IMMINENT DANGER AT THE WELL'S BOTTOM FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

Joshua Sandford Reached by His Rescuers and Given Nourishment, But Tons of Earth and Brick Hold His Legs in Deathlike Grip.

## DARK STRUGGLE ALONE FOR FREEDOM

Physician Goes to His Aid, But is Overcome—At Three o'Clock This Morning the Prisoner Had Released One Leg—Other Foot Caught in Rope.

- FACTS.**
- Hours in dark..... 72
- Hours imprisoned..... 85
- Depth of old well..... 45 ft.
- Depth of new shaft..... 45 ft.
- Length of tunnel..... 6 ft.
- Number of rescuers..... 104
- Age of prisoner..... 28
- Number of spectators..... 3000

Paris, June 27.—(From Staff Reporter on the Spot)—At midnight, the prisoner at the bottom of the deep well seemed all in most imminent danger. After consulting with his rescuers, and being almost released from the pit of the old well, and in making one mighty effort to tear his legs from the deathlike grip in which they are held, and the supreme effort as is likely to produce a further settling of his prison as it is to afford him relief.

Since he was uncovered and fed, at noon Sandford had made the most superhuman effort to release his feet, but to no purpose. His body is free, but tons of earth hold his lower extremities in a most tantalizing grip. It is now realized that the most gigantic effort of the dramatic episode is being made, and the next few hours must have Joshua Sandford free from the grasp of the treacherous quicksand or bury him hopelessly beneath the tons of debris in the old well wall.

At eight P.M. At 8 o'clock this evening, Joshua Sandford's body lies almost wholly exposed at the bottom of a 95-foot well. From the knees down, however, the unfortunate man is pinioned by many tons of brick and earth. As darkness settled over the scene, the man in charge of the work says the man may be rescued within a few hours, or days may elapse before the body can be extracted from its perilous position. This is the fourth night of his imprisonment in the bottom of the old well, but the crowds are working as steadily to release him as last Tuesday afternoon, when the collapse first occurred.

**SCENE FIRST SEEN.** The most dramatic feature of the whole eventful affair developed at noon, when the prisoner's face was first exposed to the view of his rescuers, and is broken sentences, young well-digger gets some idea of his frightful experience of four days in a living tomb. The situation is most extraordinary, and the prisoner's story is the recital of a tale stranger than fiction ever portrayed.

**FATHER EXPECTANT.** The work of rescue continues in the most methodical manner, many shifts of men being used. Everything is directed in the most scientific manner, and each step in the remarkable drama is taken after consultation of the physician and the construction engineers. The father of the imprisoned boy sits on the timbers of the scaffolding like a stone. He has little to say, offers no comment, but keeps his eyes riveted on the dark hole as if he would thus willy or nilly solve the mystery of his son's preservation.

**SISTERS IN TEARS.** Two sisters of the prisoner with tear-stained faces anxiously await each step in the rescue work, from a building a few feet from the well.

**TUNNEL TOO SMALL.** To-night the practical men in charge concluded the tunnel connecting the prison cell with the new shaft was too small, and they set to work to remodel it. This work will consume several hours, and at the end of that time some hope is entertained that the man can be taken out alive.

**ONE LEG RELEASED.** PARIS, June 28.—(3 a.m.)—The rescuers have living one of Joshua Sandford's legs out of the earth and brick of his living tomb, and are working with renewed activity to entirely release him. It is thought that his foot is caught in the rope of his bucket, but that any minute leg see him free and ready to be brought to the top. The imprisoned one is quite dead from numbness, and one of his arms is also paralyzed. Notwithstanding this Sandford remains cheerful.

## PRISONER'S OWN WORDS.

PARIS, June 27.—Joshua Sandford, as he lay in his cell, told this story to The World: "My body is free, but my legs are caught. I can move them and they are not crushed, but they are so tightly gripped they will pull off before they will give an inch. None of my bones are broken, but I am sore all over. My head hurts, my eyes burn, but I am not hungry."  
"When the first collapse came there was a roar and I found myself in a small chamber-like space. The brick formed an arch over me. I could stand upright and even walk around. Then the iron tube I could hear was said by the workers above me. I distinctly realized my danger, but I thought I was going to get out."  
"I was sitting down when the second crash came and I felt my box fall and I was cramped. I then dug into the side of the well. The bricks were loose. I dug a hole in the side of the old well, into which I squeezed my body."  
"I realized that another move of the brick and I would be crushed. The air was still good, and I could hear the men at work. After a while another crash came, and I felt that I was being slowly smothered. My head was pushed to one side."  
"I think I lost my senses and do not remember much else until to-day, when I felt my face grow cold and a man touched me. I must have slept a great deal. No, I don't feel hungry. I believe I will get out."



JOSHUA SANDFORD.  
From a Photograph Taken Some Time Ago.

Thousands anxious. The unanimity with which all the people of the surrounding country are contributing towards rescuing the prisoner is amazing. All business in the town of over 3000 people is suspended, and for twenty miles the farmers have flocked to the scene. Day and night from 2000 to 3000 walk around the scene where the dramatic fight for life is being made with such fearful odds against life.

**NEWS BULLETIN.** The keenest interest is taken in the progress of events at the bottom of the shaft and every few minutes a speaker announces bulletins such as: "We can now see his head." "The man's body is free." "Doctors are giving the prisoner milk." "He will have him up within two hours." "The man can now talk freely."

**SCENE OF WORK.** The scene of the trouble suggests to more an oil drilling outfit than anything else. It resembles a display of the old well. Great scaffolding hangs over the new shaft, where new timber supports jut out on all sides, while the ground for an acre is braced with new earth. Old bricks and timbers are constantly being taken out of the scene by a display of the most scientific manner, many shifts of men being used. Everything is directed in the most scientific manner, and each step in the remarkable drama is taken after consultation of the physician and the construction engineers.

**FIVE DOCTORS.** No expense is being spared to save the man. Thousands of dollars have been spent for lumber and machinery for the construction of the new well, and a corps of able physicians—Dr. and Dr. Burt, Addison, St. George and Dutton—are constantly in attendance. Joshua is being examined every few minutes, and the danger of his position is constantly being reported to the surface. These physicians are constantly risking their lives in the most reckless manner by going into the shaft.

**POSITION IS SERIOUS.** John A. Pearson, One of the Rescuers, Expresses His Opinion. John A. Pearson of Darling & Pearson, architects of this city, was much grieved at midnight on learning that the unfortunate man had not been released. He was in Paris when the accident occurred, and was one of those who worked incessantly up to late Thursday night in trying to extricate him. He regards the present position of Sandford as extremely serious. A portion of the brick work that had formed an arch over him must have fallen on his legs. This would be worse than

# CONDITION OF KING MOST SATISFACTORY MAINTAINS PROGRESS

Lord Lister Reported to Have Said That "His Majesty is Practically Out of Danger"—Popular Comment Votes Last Bulletin "The Best Yet."

## PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS FAVORABLE

Danger of Peritonitis Has Almost Passed and His Recovery is Considered Entirely Probable—All Functions Are Working Admirably.

London, June 28.—King Edward's improvement has been maintained at 1 o'clock this morning. His Majesty's condition is in all respects satisfactory. The King has had a comfortable day and has made substantial improvement. (Signed) Treves, Laking, Barlow.

NO DISQUIETING SYMPTOMS. 6.15 p.m.—The following bulletin was posted at the Palace: "The King has maintained the satisfactory condition described in the last bulletin. His Majesty shows no disquieting symptoms. (Signed) Treves, Laking, Barlow."

PROGRESS SATISFACTORY. 5.30 p.m.—At the adjournment of the House of Commons to-day A. J. Hallowell, the government leader, announced that the progress of King Edward was quite satisfactory.

LISTER'S OPINION. 2.27 p.m.—It is said that after the issue of this morning's bulletin Lord Marcus Beresford asked Lord Lister how the King was progressing, and that Lord Lister replied: "His Majesty is practically out of danger."

TEMPERATURE NORMAL. 2 p.m.—The following bulletin was posted at Buckingham Palace: "His Majesty passed a comfortable morning. All his symptoms to-day are so far satisfactory. His temperature remains normal. No other than important fluctuations in His Majesty's temperature will be recorded in the bulletins issued. (Signed) Treves, Laking, Barlow."

WOULD MORE COMFORTABLE. 10.15 a.m.—A bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace this morning says: "His Majesty had a fair night and has had some refreshing sleep. His appetite improving and his wound is much more comfortable. On the whole, the King's condition is attended with less anxiety. (Signed) Lister, Treves, Smith, Laking, Barlow."

IT'S THE BEST YET. London, June 27.—"It's the best yet," was the popular comment with which the bulletin posted at Buckingham Palace at 11 o'clock to-night greeted. A small crowd was gathered at the Palace until the bulletin was brought out, and when the good news became known, there were cries of "Hear! Hear!" and cheers. Lord Churchill, the Acting Lord Chamberlain, drove up to the Palace just as the bulletin was issued, and he expressed his keen pleasure at the doctor's report of the King's condition.

LATEST BULLETIN. After learning the contents of the bulletin the crowd at the Palace quickly dispersed, and the rejoicing, which was already apparent in the crowded streets, increased. In keeping with the terms of the latest report, the 11 o'clock bulletin was as follows: His Majesty's condition is in all respects satisfactory. The King has had a comfortable day, and has made substantial improvement.

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### THE HAT FROM BRAZIL

We're not talking Panama hats to-day; nor of King Wilfred. I understand that some of the most beautiful hats are being made in Brazil. They are featherweights, of light-colored, almost transparent straw, worked on a similar block and braided to that of the Ecuador hat, so popular in America. Dinesen received an extensive shipment of them yesterday, and they are on sale to-day at \$2.50, \$3 and \$4. These hats are worn extensively in London, England, and at the fashionable water resorts of America. Store open until 10 o'clock to-night. Call and see these new hats.

### MOSTLY FAIR.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, June 27.—(5 p.m.) Showers have occurred in Quebec, New Brunswick and in the Northwest Territories, whilst elsewhere fair weather has prevailed. No very great changes in temperature have been reported, cool weather having continued generally throughout the continent.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 54-68; Kamloops, 54-70; Calgary, 44-54; Q' Appelle, 44-52; Winnipeg, 48-58; Port Arthur, 38-50; Perry Sound, 48-64; Toronto, 48-72; Ottawa, 48-60; Montreal, 50-60; Quebec, 48-52; Vancouver, 50-60.

**Probabilities.** Lower Lakes—Light to moderate variable winds; mostly fair and not much changes in temperature; light north showers in a western Ontario towards evening.

**Sunday Skis.** This is the time to buy them. Don't buy a poor one. It's money wasted. Dinesen Company are sole Canadian agents for Dandey's (of New York) and Heath of London, Eng. The biggest in the business.

**Cook's Turkish and Steam Baths.** Bath and Bed \$1. or private room \$1.50.

**Choice Residence For Sale.** Six thousand five hundred dollars will purchase the elegant residence on the corner of King and Dowling Avenue, all modern conveniences, large, beautiful shade trees, choicest deep lot. Apply to J. L. Troy, 52 Adelaide East.

**Empress Hotel, 385, 387, 389 Yonge-st.** Modern first-class up-town hotel—\$1.50 and \$2. Cere on all lists and trains.

**MARRIAGES.** FROOKS-LEWITT—On Thursday, June 27th, at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, by Rev. E. B. Lane, uncle of the groom, George F. Frooks, of New York, to Clara Lewis, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Lewis, of Toronto.

ROWLAND-SWEET—On Thursday, June 27th, at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, by Rev. E. B. Lane, uncle of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. A. Rowland, of Toronto, Christina W., daughter of Jas. I. Scott, Toronto.

**DEATHS.** CHALKLEY—On Friday, June 27, 1902, at 87 years, R. H. Chalkley, aged 28 years. Funeral on Monday, the 30th, at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence, 68 Augusta Avenue.

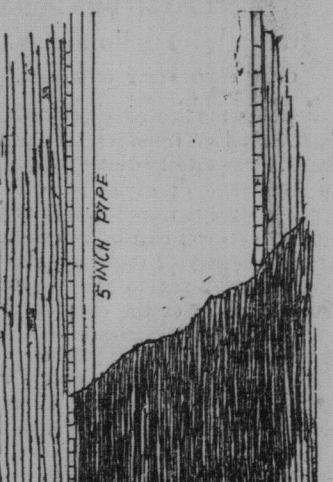


Diagram of position of the imprisoned Paris Well Digger when he was brought to light by rescuers.

## POLICE RECRUITS BACK OUT.

Five Men Taken on the Force Two Weeks Ago Resign.

Mrs. ... officers who were taken on the force a fortnight ago have dropped out. Two failed to put in an appearance when notified to report, one was dismissed for being late and two more have resigned. The last resignation going in yesterday. The pay of probationers is \$1.20 per day. George C. Abernethy was sworn in yesterday to fill one of the vacancies.

## LAST DAY OF A.C.A. REGATTA.

High Winds 'Serious Handicap for Races at Carleton Place.

Ottawa, June 27.—The annual regatta of the Northern Division of the A.C.A. closed at Carleton Place to-night. High winds, which blew for two days, proved a serious handicap. The results to-day were as follows: Canoe race, one mile straight away, Grand Trunk 1, Ontario 2, Carleton Place 3.

## THIS MAN DIED.

Iron Mountain, Mich., June 27.—Nicol Petrotti, the young timber buyer and contractor in the Yukon Mine, by a fall of the cable, was taken out late last night, but died a few minutes later. He was working in a slope when the ground fell, blocking the entrance. The work of rescue was commenced at once. At 11 o'clock the men worked hard for 11 hours. When finally taken out, Petrotti was found to be bruised and bleeding from the injuries received by the second fall. He was terribly crushed and his head injured.

## AN ANXIOUS MOTHER.

Paris, June 27.—(Special). The aged mother of Sandford is confined to her bed. She is very ill. To-day she remarked that she had just finished reading the story of Jonah and the whale, and she felt that her son would not perish. She expressed her confidence in the Old Testament in her withered hand while speaking, and her wrinkled face was strangely calm when discussing the peril of her only son.

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Garden party, St. Clement's Church, Brookline Avenue, afternoon and evening. Band of 40 R. High Park, 3 p.m. Convention of Friends, Under-27 Church, all day. Toronto Opera House, "Fendler Two Faces," 2 and 8 p.m. Vandeville, Hamilton's Point, 3 and 8 p.m. Vandeville at Murray Park 3 and 8 p.m. Baseball, Toronto vs. Jersey City, 7:30 p.m.

## CANADIANS COMING HOME.

Durban, Natal, June 27.—About 1500 Canadian troops sailed from here for home to-day. Two thousand additional Canadians will start for home July 2.