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'Prexy' Missed Seeing Completed Stadium First In Use This Fall

President Brandenburg did not have the opportunity this fall to see in use the enlarged stadium on Brandenburg field, a project for which he had outlined the plans and in which he took intense interest. On account of his illness he had already gone to St. Louis before the first home football game.

He had also doubtless looked forward to seeing the big structure filled on the night of Pittsburg's coal festival.

Except for finishing touches to the big press box, the completed structure shone in all its beauty the last night of the Festival. Nearly 40 high schools bands and drum corps paraded within its walls and nearly as many candidates for queen of the festival represented their high schools on beautiful temporary stage. The east half of the stadium was colorful with the uniforms of the musicians seated there. The west half overflowed with spectators. The total effect produced by stadium, musicians, the "queens," and their retinue all in perfect night weather, probably made up the most gorgeous spectacle ever seen in Pittsburg.

But the man who would probably have had more pleasure in all this than any other person had been taken back that day from the home of his daughter in Webster Groves, Mo., to a St. Louis hospital. He lived only four more days.

But he was not forgotten that night. James Carter, otherwise King Coal, told the vast audience how Dr. Brandenburg was to have been there as one of his counselors, as he had been in all previous festivals, and suggested that friends send him greetings.

If the minds of those critically ill are sensitive to telepathic messages from distant friends thinking of them, something of the scene in the stadium must have flitted through the President's dreams that night.