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A special session of the legislature and other proposals were suggested at yesterday's meeting, but no decision was reached. Collins said that local tax bills probably will be delayed several months.

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HOW IS RUTH? YANK HELD BY JAPS IS ASKING

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Hey, Ruth!

Fatally Injured

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Will, a pedestrian, was struck at 6:30 o'clock at the intersection of New York street and Broadway by a car driven by Mrs. George Michels of Route 1, Oswego. Mrs. Michels stopped for the red light on the east crosswalk and was proceeding west when the light changed to green. Will, police said, was walking against the light. Mrs. Michels stopped her machine immediately and aid was summoned for the injured man.

He was taken to St. Charles hospital by Patrolmen Chester Rogers and Donald Underwood in a police squad car where he succumbed at 1:50 a. m. today.

The physician who attended him said Will had sustained a compound fracture of the right leg, fractured right clavicle, two fractured ribs and a probable basal skull fracture and other injuries.

An inquest into the death will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Daleiden mortuary under the direction of L. Victor Peterson of Elgin, county coroner.

Will had been at the Wayside Cross Rescue Mission last winter for several months and came back three or four weeks ago. Lyman E. Davis, Mission superintendent, said today. Will was in poor health, able to do only light work about the Mission.

"He was a clean old man, never drank or smoked," Davis added. In so far as is known, he had no relatives but had lived in Chicago at 125 South Halsted street at one time.

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U. S. Marines Suffered Most From Terrific Heat in Tarawa Fighting

BY WILLIAM HEIPLE
Pearl Harbor, Dec. 9.—(AP)—American assault forces invading vertically on a part of some 3 line's anatomy. This usually a grunt out of the Marine, but

ment director, that the reassessments of railroads and capital stock would be expedited next spring to speed the preparation of local tax bills. It was pointed out that, at the earliest, the railroad and capital stock valuation could not be certified to the county clerks before February 1 at the earliest, and possibly not before March 1.

Collins, by whom yesterday's meeting was called, said that the decision of John Clark, Cook county assessor, to assess Cook county property at full value necessitates new railroad and capital stock assessments by the revenue department. These figures, normally certified in December and received on November 30 last year, are needed to calculate local tax rates. A suggestion that the certification be made to the downstate counties without waiting for the Cook county figures, possibly on the basis of last year's valuations, was declared to be legally impossible.

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