

# TALMADGE GRABS DIXIE CAPITOL

## Herald and News

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WEATHER	
Max. (Jan. 15) 35	Min. 24
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	3.36
Last year	3.38 Normal 4.36
Forecast: Fair today, tomorrow. Little change in temperature.	

# 15 Miners Die In Collier Blast

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OFF for the city. About mid-afternoon of a clear and sunny day. But sharp. The pavement over Cougar mountain (McDoel summit, the highway sign now calls it) is dry, but the frost at the side of the road is white.

WHAT a saving the present route is! A good half hour over the old and crooked route through Bray. We zoom over it with practically never a thought of the winding, slow road we used to travel. Likewise over the new, fast road necessitated by the backing up of the water behind Shasta dam.

Thus easily is progress absorbed and forgotten! The wonder of yesterday becomes the commonplace of today.

IMPERFECT human beings that we are, we seldom count our blessings. Instead, we incline to nurse our gripes.

For example:

There was a time (only a couple of decades, or such a matter, ago) when the miraculous, smooth, paved surface of the road drew ohs and ahs of pleasure and gratification from us. The width seemed ample to us. And the curves served only to break the monotony of the drive. And so it was with the gentle grades. They helped to slow one's speed just enough to keep the scenery from slipping by too fast.

BUT now!

The curves compel us to drop down from cruising speed, and the grades—well, the less said about the grades, five per cent maximum though they may be, the better in these hectic days. The grades slow up the trucks, and when the trucks slow up the fat is in the fire.

And the air is thick and sulphurous with dust and noise. Oldsters who in their youth went to town in style at 7 mph behind a span of trotters, flashing haughtily in bursts of ten or a dozen mph around the less fortunate who were riding in a farm wagon behind a team of mules, growl like an embittered bulldog when caught behind a slow truck on a two-lane highway.

Instead of being thankful for what the mechanical age has brought us, we fume and fret over what it hasn't got around to yet.

WHEN the last war started, we were just tiling adjusted to cars that would (sometimes) get us from where we started from to where we were going without breaking down. That was miracle enough, for the moment.

By the time it ended, we were thinking in terms of paved highways wide enough to pass on if we happened to meet another car. (This was an example of growing extravagance, for it was rather widely held at the time that a one-lane pavement was good enough for anybody—that if it should come to pass that one met a car it wouldn't hurt anybody to get off the hard surface long enough to get by.)

THUS do we raise the sights of ambition as achievements begin to pile up. Already, with planes getting fairly competent at navigation of the lower and heavier air, we are looking forward to getting up into the

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## Residential Districts In Top Spot In Cleanup Drive

New projects for the chamber of commerce cleanup committee were discussed at the first meeting of 1947, held Tuesday, and past accomplishments were reviewed.

Cleaning up the city's residential districts will be the main project of the committee for 1947, it was agreed. Details of how this will be done will be worked out at an early February meeting.

The matter of new refuse cans for the downtown business district was referred to the 20-30 club which had first started the project. Bill Morrow, representing 20-30 in the absence of Ben Burgess, regular representative, took the matter up with the club at the Tuesday night meeting.

Present facilities for holding street rubbish at downtown points are totally inadequate, it was pointed out during the cleanup campaign last year. There are

## Survivor Of Mine Blast



WILKES BARRE, Pa., Jan. 16—Thomas Miles Sr. (center), receives congratulations from his wife, Rachel, and his children in their Plymouth, Pa., home near there today after Miles escaped uninjured in the mine blast yesterday in the Nottingham colliery of the Glen Alden Coal company, in which 15 miners died. —AP wirephoto.

## Bureau Of Prisons Takes Crack At County Lockup

The federal bureau of prisons has taken another swing at Klamath county's jailhouse, listing it as 45 per cent of what the FBI would like in a good jail, but at that rating the local institution ranked higher than did most of the county prisons in the state.

The federal bureau recommended to the state legislature that the state supervise city

and county jails, either through a board of control or a new governmental department. Sheriff Lloyd Low said this morning that he considers his jail one of the best in the state, and that it is clean, well lighted and heated, roomy enough for the number of prisoners usually confined and well-managed.

The building here is 20 years old and theories in jail construction have changed considerably since 1927, when it was built.

The federal bureau's report characterized the Klamath lockup as poorly designed and its features obsolete and inadequate, and listed several other faults the federal inspector found with the building and its management last summer.

The report also suggested that adequate and decent facilities should be provided for juveniles and "the use of common jail quarters discontinued." Klamath county has a juvenile cottage and does not keep persons under 18 in the county jail except in rare instances.

Sheriff Low said that as for the management, not a single felon had escaped from the county jail in 20 years, but that an occasional trusty working outside the building takes French leave from the establishment.

He said that, short of building a new jail, the operation and maintenance of the present lockup is as good as it can be made. The county and city have plans for a modern combined prison, but have been unable to get priorities for the building materials.

The county jail here, Sheriff Low said, is one of the few county jails in the state which maintains a 24-hour jailer service. Many of the lockups close up after an eight-hour day.

In its recent report the Klamath county grand jury gave the local institution a very good report, saying that it should be a model for other jails in the county.

Relief Wheat Priorities Off

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission cancelled today its priority system for moving foreign relief wheat in the northwest.

As of midnight last night, the order requiring the railroads to supply shippers with a specific number of freight cars each week was cancelled. Wheat produced in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana and destined for Pacific ports was involved.

The order became effective January 7 and was scheduled to expire March 10.

The ICC said the priority system no longer is needed.

## Crater Ski Trails Good

Winter sports fans who have been invading Crater Lake national park by the hundreds each week-end since the snow season started, learned today that ski trails should be excellent with a little preliminary skiing to pack the runs.

Assistant Park Superintendent Thomas C. Parker said today that no new snow had fallen in the park, depth was now 35 inches and the top snow is light and powdery and not settling very fast. Roads are in good shape, two-way travel throughout with plenty of parking space. The minimum temperature was 10 above, maximum, 30. At 8:30 a. m. today it was 15. The two giant Sno-Go's and a number of push plows are preparing the roads for an expected heavy travel this week-end.

## Budget Action Held Off

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Congressional democrats and republicans disagreed today on the need for speedy action on President Truman's economic report, but put off a showdown until next Wednesday.

The question arose at a meeting of the senate-house committee charged with translating Mr. Truman's economic recommendations into legislation. Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said afterwards the group will meet again Wednesday to receive his resignation. Presumably, the members will elect Senator Taft (R-Ohio) as new chairman, reflecting GOP control of congress.

Taft told reporters he sees no need for a report to congress by the group before May 1. The law calls for such a report by February 1 but this deadline could be extended by agreement of both houses.

O'Mahoney told newsmen, however, he will push for quick action, particularly on Mr. Truman's recommendations for legislation to "equalize" the farm and industrial prices.

## US Newsmen Barred From Soviet Ports

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The navy has barred American reporters and business men from naval vessels calling at Russian-controlled ports. It was disclosed today at the state department.

Michael J. McDermott, press officer, told a news conference in response to questions that the state department knew of such an order. He added that the department had not requested it and declined to make any comment for publication.

## 7 Trapped Men Pulled From Shaft

PLYMOUTH, Pa., Jan. 16 (AP)—Fifteen miners were killed and three others injured in an explosion last night that wrecked the anthracite collier operated by the Glen Alden Coal company here, trapping some 22 workers 850 feet below the surface.

Edward Griffith, president and general manager of the collier firm which operates the Nottingham collier, said the blast was discovered by an unidentified foot tender at the bottom of a mine shaft. The man, noting heavy clouds of dust and smelly gas fumes, sounded an alarm, Griffith reported.

Seven Rescued  
Rescue crews, in constant danger of cave-ins because of weakened shoring, rescued seven men after more than three hours of frantic digging. A short while later, Griffith said, the bodies of the 15 dead men—found grouped in a gangway leading from the shaft—were brought to the surface.

Griffith said the company was unable to ascertain the exact number of night shift men working in the blasted section—located under the Susquehanna river—but reports from the scene said only 22 men were in the shaft.

The dead, all from Plymouth or nearby communities, were Louis Kupinski, Chester Ostrowski, Carl Zlotek, John Zielinski, Felix Konobinski, Daniel Lewis, Edward Parker, John Wilde, Luke Uszera, Joseph Krsnjak, Peter Minkiewicz, Charles Cylwik, James Smith, Stanley Niyech and William Bockus. Ages of the victims were not available.

The dead were all from Plymouth or nearby communities. Thomas Miles, of Plymouth, who was unhurt, recalled he had been at work for about two hours when he asked his laborer, Charles Krawiec of Plymouth (also uninjured) for the time.

"It's 5:45," Miles quoted Krawiec. "He showed his watch back into his pocket and then it came.

Terrific Blast  
"There was a terrific explosion. Everything seemed to go topsy-turvy. My place is the second one in from the foot of the shaft. The others who had been at work for a while were a lot farther in than I was.

"My laborer and I went into the gangway where we saw a couple of men sprawled around. They didn't appear to be injured too badly, so we assisted them to the foot of the shaft."

It was here that the rescue workers found them.

## 11-Day London Strike Ends

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Heads of the Transport and General Workers union announced today that the 11-day-old London truck strike, involving at least 50,000 men in work stoppages which immobilized the port of London, had ended and the strikers would return to work Saturday.

Unofficially, it was understood that the strikers' demands for a 44-hour week, eight-hour day and the payment of overtime for shifts exceeding eight hours had been granted by the Road Haulage association, representing the employers.

The vote to return to work was almost unanimous, informed sources reported. The decision was announced after a closed meeting of delegates of the strikers and union officials, marked from time to time by bursts of applause.

## Chamber To Talk Sales Tax Issue

The state sales tax, a matter of current importance, will be taken up at a general meeting of the chamber of commerce on January 29.

This meeting will be held at noon at the Willard, instead of the regular Wednesday luncheon meeting of the chamber board of directors and will be open to all interested members.

No action on the matter to be discussed will be taken at the meeting but a referendum will be sent to members afterward to be passed upon, it was stated.

# National Guard Put On Watch At Doors, Arnall Denied Entry

ATLANTA, Jan. 16 (AP)—Herman Talmadge, in a pre-dawn coup backed by national guard officers and state highway patrolmen, seized Georgia's executive department today and denied Ellis Arnall admission to either the governor's office or the official residence. Arnall arrived at the executive offices this morning to find Talmadge in the chambers Arnall had occupied all day yesterday. Later when Arnall went to the executive mansion for lunch, he was met by four state patrolmen, who blocked his entry.

"This completes, it seems to me, the capture of the state government as far as physical properties are concerned," Arnall told newsmen who accompanied him to the mansion. "It has been done by gradual military infiltration, so that at the moment storm troopers are in control . . . you have seen a military coup d'etat seize the governor's mansion, private office and automobile."

Shortly after Arnall made his statement to newsmen and left the mansion, the troopers admitted Mrs. Herman Talmadge and her two children to the residence.

Arnall set up a personal office in the rotunda of the Capitol building and announced that his secretarial staff would be quartered in a downtown office building.

He has been governor for the past four years and contends he is still the executive because of what he describes as illegality of legislative action in naming Talmadge to the term his father, Eugene Tal-

## Basin Sees Break In Cold Wave

Despite the weatherman's Wednesday forecast that the mercury would sink two or three degrees lower than the previous night, Klamath folks learned with satisfaction this morning that it was comparatively warm with a temperature reading of 4 above at 4:50 a. m. It was 1 below yesterday morning.

The only sub-zero report received here today came from the state highway foreman on the Greensprings highway where a minus 4 was chalked up early this morning. It was 12 above at Odell lake on the Willamette highway and all other temperatures in the state were higher than Wednesday's marrow chilling cold.

All roads in the mountain areas surrounding the Klamath basin were icy or covered with packed snow and motorists were urged to carry chains. No major accidents had been reported to state police here today which could be attributed to the recent snow. All roads have been sanded by highway crews and no new snow had fallen in the district.

County Judge U. E. Reeder said today that fewer complaints had been received by his office (Continued on Page 4, Column 3)

## Car Roars Off Ferry, Kills 2

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—An automobile roared off the end of a Coos river ferry east of here late yesterday, carrying a woman and her 4-year-old daughter to their deaths.

Another daughter was rescued by two young men who dived into the frigid water. A heavy post holding the safety barricade was torn loose as the car slammed into it with the engine running at what witnesses said sounded like a wide-open throttle, presumably caused by the woman's foot slipping from the brake to the accelerator.

Mrs. Henry C. Smith, 41, of Allegany, a small community northeast of here, and her daughter Janis Illeen, were the victims. They came to this area last March from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eleanor Smith, 17, another daughter, came to the surface and Sherman Cutlip, 20, plunged in and started swimming to shore with her. He suffered a cramp and Lyle McGuire, 21, dived in and completed the rescue. She said she did not know how she got out of the car.

## Talmadge Takes Over Governor's Office

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## Ford Gets Praise For Price Cut

By STERLING F. GREEN  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Government officials today hailed the cut in Ford car prices as an "encouraging" start toward the "general price reductions" which President Truman has asked of all industry.

Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the president's council of economic advisers, termed the Ford action a "crucial" contribution to sustained high production and employment.

Nourse added to a reporter that "a number of business people" have notified him of their "agreement in principle" with the president's plea for lower prices as a means of keeping public power high. Nourse's council wrote the frame work of Mr. Truman's economic message to congress last week.

"Mr. Ford's statement was made in most careful and reasoned terms—it should appeal to a large business following," said the economist, with reference to yesterday's price-cutting announcement in Detroit by Henry Ford II, president of the Ford motor company.

"If other manufacturers follow suit, they will make a real contribution to stabilizing business."

Ford announced immediate re-

## Highway Bills Introduced

SALEM, Jan. 16 (AP)—The senate roads and highways committee voted today to introduce five highway commission bills, and a bill of its own.

The highway commission bills would:

Permit the commission and its contractors to remove gravel and sand from navigable streams without payment, establish a semi-autonomous state parks department within the commission, prohibit livestock from running at large on state highways, empower the commission to appoint the assistant state highway engineer (who now is appointed by the chief engineer), and increase the highway revolving fund from \$350,000 to \$700,000.

The committee's bill would authorize the commission to maintain sidewalks, trails and paths along highways in order to remove hazards faced by school children, horsemen, stock tenders and bicycle riders.