

# SLOT MACHINE TAX BILL READY

## Gerald and News

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**WEATHER**  
Max. (Jan. 20) 53 Min. 30  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 3.86  
Last year 5.41 Normal 5.50  
Forecast: Partly cloudy today;  
increasing cloudiness Wednesday;  
little temperature change; early  
morning fog.

# Shotgun Blast Kills Baby Girl

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
AS the result of a series of events in which death took a hand, the state of Georgia now has two rival governors. The sequence proceeded something like this:  
Gene Talmadge, gallus-wearing, tobacco-chewing exponent of "white supremacy," defeated once by a more moderate, more modern Southerner, CAME BACK at the last election. Death intervened and dimmed the triumph of his followers. It seemed that Talmadge was to be succeeded by another moderate, who had been elected lieutenant-governor.  
But this week there came what in other countries we call a "coup d'etat." Taking advantage of an ambiguity in Georgia's constitution, Talmadge's son, Herman, mustered a white supremacy legislature behind him and got himself named governor.  
There the matter stands, as this is written, with two governors glowering at each other and invoking the law. A long court battle lies ahead.

## Cape Disappointment Claims Another Victim



ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 21—These crewmen of the S. S. Drexel Victory, which foundered off Cape Disappointment last night, climb to the Astoria pier after their rescue by the pilot schooner Columbia. No lives were lost when the ship, loaded with grain and bound for Japan, went down early this morning. —AP wirephoto.

## Butcher Killer Hunt Goes On

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP)—Search for the slaying slayer of pretty Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old movie aspirant, started anew today with the release of a red-haired acquaintance, Robert Manley, after police announcement of his complete exoneration.  
Capt. Jack Donahoe of the homicide bureau, who early yesterday ordered Manley booked on suspicion of murder, said the 25-year-old pipe clamp salesman's movements last Tuesday night and early Wednesday, when Miss Short was killed and her body severed, had been "checked out satisfactorily."  
Manley submitted to two lie detector tests before his release, and Donahoe quoted him as saying he had not seen the girl since January 9, when he dropped her at a downtown hotel after an overnight trip from San Diego. Manley's attractive wife, Harriett, mother of their 4-month-old son, greeted him with a hug as he was freed.

## Yokohama Bound Ship Sinks Off Cape Disappointment

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—The freighter S. S. Drexel Victory sank today five miles west of Cape Disappointment after a smoothly-organized night rescue that brought the 48-man crew to shore uninjured, many of them not even damped.  
The ship, carrying 4563 tons of grain to Yokohama, struck a sand bar in the Columbia river mouth last night, ripping her deck plates and sending water gushing into the mess hall where the crew was dining.  
"First I felt a dull thud that seemed to empty my stomach," said Larry Sharpe, Portland, one of the rescued crewmen. "Before I knew it everybody was falling forward or backward. Plates crashed to the floor and the ocean was pouring through the porthole. We were evicted and rushed topside. Then we tried to fix her. She was cracked between holds four and five. We tried pumping water out of her, but we knew she was lost."  
Capt. Canute Rommerdahl, San Mateo, who ordered his men to abandon ship after a vain two-hour fight to save the vessel, bled unusually deep swells which smashed the ship against the bar.  
When the abandon order was given, the vessel had drifted four miles north off Cape Disappointment. The pilot's schooner, Columbia, standing by, took 19 men aboard. Others took to lifeboats, and were picked up in a light fog by the coast guard vessel Triumph and the freighter Joseph Gale, bound for Portland.  
So smoothly was the rescue carried out that the nearest approach to casualty was one novice seaman who jumped overboard in excitement and had to be fished out by the pilot's schooner. Larry Brown, Seattle, injured earlier in the day aboard ship, had to be helped in a lifeboat.  
The coast guard cutter Onondaga stood by the abandoned ship, but was unable to prevent its submerging in the shallow waters where many vessels have been lost.

## Cuban Air Line Protests Costs

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 21 (AP)—Airplane service was suspended between the hours of 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. EST, today for a general strike protesting the cost of living.  
A demonstration was scheduled for 4 p. m. at which time the workers planned to demand from President Ramon Grau San Martin some action to remedy the situation brought about by spiraling living costs. President Grau was expected to address the demonstrators from the balcony of the national palace.

## U.S. Refuses Extradition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The United States has rejected Soviet Russia's request to surrender Kyrill Alekseev, former Soviet trade official who criticized "dictatorship" in his homeland. The Russians are seeking his arrest in this country.  
The state department announced today the rejection was handed to the Soviet embassy yesterday.  
The announcement said it was based on the absence of an extradition treaty between Russia and the United States.  
The Russians said he is a former employe of their embassy in Mexico City and charged him with embezzlement.  
The U. S. reply said that the supreme court has stated that under the "domestic law of the United States power to provide for extradition is not confined to the executive branch of the government."

## Herriot Heads French Assembly

PARIS, Jan. 21 (AP)—France's national assembly confirmed Paul Ramadier, socialist, by a vote of 577 to 10 tonight as premier in the first government of the fourth French republic.  
Radical-Socialist Leader Edouard Herriot, 74, was elected president of the assembly.  
Herriot, who was unemployed, headed the old chamber of deputies from 1936-1942. He is in his 42nd year as mayor of Lyon, France's third largest city.  
A protégé of Aristide Briand, Herriot was three times premier of France before the war. He succeeds Vincent Auriol, recently elected president of the republic.  
Before the voting began, the legislature heard a message read from Auriol calling upon France to "maintain and develop her alliances" and to insist upon "just reparations and a full security" from Germany.

## Portland OK's Loading Zone Use

PORTLAND, Jan. 21 (AP)—The weary motorist who only wants to dash into a cleaning store and leave a suit or drop off a pair of shoes at the cobbler's will now get a break in Portland.  
Acting Chief Deputy City Attorney J. O. Stearns said private automobiles were entitled to use loading zones, as do trucks, provided the cars remain no longer than the 20-minute time limit.

## Week-End Accident Toll High

Tragedy struck repeatedly in the Klamath basin in the past 24 hours, with authorities reporting the gunshot death of a baby girl, the critical injury of a workman who fell out of a tree, the loss of a woman's hand in a meat-grinding machine, and a grim assortment of less disastrous incidents.  
A blast from a 22-4-10 convertible rifle-shotgun in the hands of her five-year-old brother, James, brought instant death to little Judy Katherine Hill, 11 months old, at the family home in Wocus here late Monday afternoon.  
The two are children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hill, both employed at Mallory's market.  
Police, Called  
State police and Dr. George H. Adler, Klamath county coroner, were called to the scene after both the Whitlock Funeral home attendants and a private physician were summoned by the frantic parents. Officials reconstructed the shooting which occurred in the living room of the house.  
The children were being cared for during the day by Virginia Evans, 15. At about 1 p. m., a neighbor boy, Robert Lee Kinkaid, also 15, had called at the Hill residence and Robert said that as he and Virginia were sitting at the kitchen table, James walked in with the gun in his arms. Robert told police that he took the gun from James and inspected it. Robert said the gun was not loaded and he handed it back to the child and told him to put it back in the bedroom where he found it.  
A short time later, Robert and Virginia said, they heard an explosion in the living room and found 11-month-old Judy dead on the floor, the blast from the 4:10 section tearing off the baby's head. She apparently had been crawling toward James when he fired, not more than three feet from his sister's body, taking the full load of a No. 7 shot.  
"She's dead. I killed her," James is reported to have said.  
Virginia became hysterical. (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

## Volstead Dies At Age Of 87

GRANITE FALLS, Minn., Jan. 21 (AP)—Andrew J. Volstead, the man who, more than any other, personified prohibition in the United States, died Monday at his Granite Falls home after having been in virtual retirement since the federal state hearing his name was repealed in 1933.  
The western Minnesota county lawyer served in congress for 20 years and was chairman of the house judiciary committee when an enforcement act to implement the 18th amendment became necessary in 1918.  
How much of that act Volstead himself wrote remained his secret when he died Monday at the age of 87. But in the popular mind the law became known as the Volstead act when it was passed by congress over President Wilson's veto.  
After his defeat in 1922, Volstead continued his campaign against liquor—started at the level of his own county—by becoming legal advisor to the St. Paul, Minn., district prohibition enforcement headquarters, a post he held until repeal came in 1933.

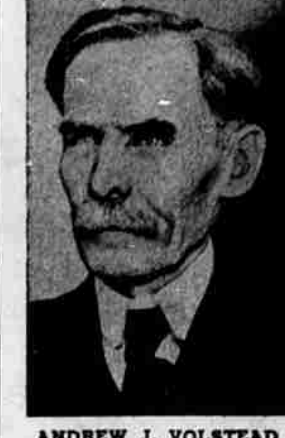
## Butter Drops 3 Cents Today

Local butter prices were marked down another three cents this morning making the wholesale price 69 cents a pound.  
According to one Klamath Falls butter distributor, butter sales have shown a marked increase as a result of the recent price drops. Percy Murray of the Klamath Falls Creamery stated late yesterday that he had received several inquiries from San Francisco and Los Angeles relative to possible supplies of butter, indicating the demand was now catching up with the supply.  
The supply of churning cream, according to Murray has shown a marked increase during the past 10 days and they expect to have no trouble meeting the increased local demand.

## Strike Situation Still Unchanged

The membership of the carpenters union, Local 190, remained on strike today as far as ABC and E, the contractors' group, was concerned and there was no change in the situation despite a voluntary visit here Monday of Louis Zieman of Eugene, conciliator with the United States department of labor.  
Zieman met Monday morning with committees from ABC and E and the union, but no agreement was reached. The carpenters held out for \$1.87 1/2 per hour from ABC and E, and the contractors' group held firm with their last offer of \$1.80.  
Zieman left on the 11 o'clock bus this morning for Coos Bay to sit in on another dispute which has to do with the lumber industry and a check with both ABC and E and the union brought forth the information that Zieman's visit here had not changed the picture. A regular Wednesday night meeting of the local is scheduled tomorrow and action, if any, at that gathering will probably determine action of ABC and E, it was learned.  
"I have stated on three previ-

## Dies



ANDREW J. VOLSTEAD

# Lawmakers See Big Deficit In State Budget

**By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.**  
SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—Measures to tax amusement devices and admissions to theatres, athletic events, dance halls and other places of entertainment were ready for introduction in the state house of representatives today.  
Reps. Giles L. French, Moro, and Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, are introducing the amusement device tax, endorsed by the state tax study commission, which would levy a 30 per cent tax on gross revenues from devices in which there is an element of chance, such as illegal slot machines and punchboards. The tax on devices which have an element of skill, such as pinball and iron claw games, would be 10 per cent of the gross revenue.  
Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland leader in the old age pension movement, said the admissions tax would duplicate the 20 per cent federal admissions tax, and that the revenues would be used for pensions.  
**Must Keep Books**  
French said the amusement device tax might have the effect of driving out slot machines by making it too expensive to operate them.  
Owners of all amusement devices would have to keep books. If they failed to do so, they would have to accept the tax commission's estimate of the amount of tax due. Then, if they failed to pay the tax, the state could get a lien on all the owner's property. The records of the tax commission would be confidential.  
Legislative ways and means committee members estimated today a state budget deficit of at least \$13,000,000, instead of \$5,000,000 as estimated by State Budget Director George Aiken.  
**Liquor Profits Issue**  
Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

## Weird Tale Of Death Told By Murder Trio

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—The battered body of a ship's captain was found today below a cliff in the fashionable west side hills, and detectives said three men told a grisly tale of tossing the man, groaning, over the 50-foot drop.  
The victim was Capt. Frank B. Tatum, 53, Billerica, Mass., master of the SS Edwin Abbey of the Shepard Steamship Co. Tatum had been missing a week, but his disappearance was reported to police only yesterday.  
Detective Chief James Purcell said three men, taken into custody during a bizarre all-night investigation highlighted by a night club raid and arrest of its 30 occupants, led police to the ship master's body.  
Purcell said the trio told this story:  
The 40-year-old owner of the night club, one of the three men booked on a charge of suspicion of murder, got into a fight with Tatum in the club a week ago, and thrust Tatum, injured, into a back room.  
Late that night the club owner grew annoyed by Tatum's groans and ordered two younger colleagues to "get him out of here." The two men, one 20 and the other 25, drove into the west side

## City, County Jail Okayed

Civilian production administration approval of a priority request for materials to build the proposed \$150,000 county jail was received by the jail commission last night.  
Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today that the commission was now free to advertise for bids for the structure, which will be built on Klamath between 2nd and 3rd.  
The jail building is to be financed by both the city and county, with the county paying two-thirds of the cost, and both governments will have their share of the money on hand at the end of this fiscal year.  
Plans for a two-story modern jail building have been drawn by Sheldon Brumbaugh, architect, and tentatively accepted by the jail commission, the mayor said, although some revisions will be made.  
The original request for building materials priority was made to CPA several months ago and turned down. Both county and city officials expect that when bids for the structure are received they will be much higher than the \$150,000 cost estimate.

## More Fog Is Basin Prospect

A weatherman's forecast of cloudiness, fog and continued cold hampered hopes for better weather for tomorrow, Wednesday. Klamath folk were greeted with a long hanging fog early this morning and a chilling wind kept teeth chattering until the sun came through.  
Streets were coated with ice and heavy frost as the mercury sank to 20 between 4 and 5 a.m. today. Despite the cold night, the temperature rose to 52 Monday afternoon, the highest in several days.  
The 10:30 a.m. southbound United Air Lines flight passed over Klamath Falls, with heavy fog preventing a landing. The northbound 10:19 flight was delayed in San Francisco because of fog.

## Wave Flight Orderly Dies In Oakland Airport Crash

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 21 (AP)—A Wave flight orderly was killed and 20 other persons, including three women, were injured in the crash of a four-engine navy plane at Oakland airport yesterday when, for the first time in more than 76,000 landings, radio-ground-control failed to guide a ship to safety.  
The big naval air transport (NATS) plane landed 150 feet short of the fog-shrouded runway and crashed into a four-foot rock wall at the edge of the field.  
Its undercarriage sheared away and the plane skidded across the field on its fuselage for a 1000 feet, shedding wreckage and passengers as it went. Then it caught fire and burned.  
The dead Wave was identified by the navy today as Aviation Specialist 3/c Margaret Wallace, whose father is Harry W. Wallace, of Pitsburgh, Pa.  
Most seriously hurt of the survivors was Lt. (jg) F. A. Michalek from Great Mills, Md., who was burned when the plane caught fire.

## And God Bless All Our Governors

MARIETTA, Ga., Jan. 21 (AP)—The Rev. J. C. Collum opened superior court yesterday with the usual prayer for divine guidance of the leaders of the nation and state. Then in conclusion he added:  
"And God bless all our governors!"

## First Parking Meters Installed



Taxi Thomas, city engineer, examines the first of 667 parking meters to be installed on downtown curbs in the next few days. The first timing device was placed on S. 5th this morning, in front of the state liquor store.