



ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.—Herman Talmadge (seated) hears by phone that Superior Judge Walter C. Hendrix had ruled in his favor at McDonough, Ga., in dismissing a suit brought by Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson which asked a judgment ousting Talmadge from the governorship. Talmadge is surrounded by jubilant followers in his office at the state capitol here. —AP wirephoto.

In The Day's News

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THIS is the log of a quickie loop trip from Southern California to the green and gold of citrus groves, back through the hills that have been cattle country since the Spaniards came, bringing cows with them to found a cattle aristocracy, past a mission, and so down again to the hot-dog-and-beer beaches. As the clock ticks, it takes a couple of hours—or maybe three, if you spend as much time at the mission as you should. As the stream of history flows, which is slowly, it covers a span of nearly two centuries.

THE mission is San Juan Capistrano, whether Fra (meaning Brother) Junipero Serra, driven by a quenchless zeal, hastened on as soon as he had got matters fairly well in hand in San Diego and its vicinity.

Let us dwell here for a moment on this Franciscan monk and his zeal, which drove him on by mule and by ship from the established and already comfortable civilization of Mexico to the barren tip of the peninsula of Lower California, whose hot sands and brush he traversed on his own bruised two feet to the present site of San Diego—and then on and on and on, pausing here and there to found missions, until he reached the Great Bay.

What was it he sought? What kept him draining the reserves of his strength until, his task of mission-founding completed, he folded his hands for the first time in all his busy later years, and gently passed away?

PERHAPS it is a waste of time to mention it here—for we Americans will find it hard, if not impossible, to understand. The glory of God and the advancement of the church. These were the twin causes he served. Shoring up the already tottering throne of Spain was a minor objective. But this took up scant space in Fra Junipero's active mind. The interests of the throne of Spain were looked after by the military column that strode side by side with him and his priests.

His job was to convert the heathen from his savagery; to bring to him the gentler ways of the churchly life. To this task, he gave all that was in him.

WE moderns can understand ADVENTURE FOR GAIN. That is a part of our daily lives. We can understand conquest, whose hot urges still tingle statistically in our blood. In the same year when Junipero Serra was founding Capistrano mission, our forefathers were declaring their independence of England and were beginning an eight-year war to make it good. Within a century, they had swept on to the Pacific, conquering as they went.

Given the opportunity, we would conquer another continent, and would go laughing and wise-cracking about the job, taking the risks as they came, paying the penalties; founding homes and businesses and industrial systems as we went; CREATING WEALTH, and spending it.

But the religious zeal that drove Serra and his monkish brothers on is beyond us. It leaves us cold and a little puzzled.

We look at these old missions, and read about their origins and the life that was lived within and about them and wonder HOW COME. Much as we wonder how men came to build the Pyramids and the temples adjacent to them. There couldn't have been much money in pyramids. Unless you charged an admission fee. And even then the overhead would have eaten up the profit.

IN these modern days, there is an overtone of STRAIN. Like a violin string when it is pulled too tight. Peace of spirit and (Continued on Page 7, Column 2)

Coal Shortage Causes Blackout Over British Isle

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The ministry of fuel and power announced today that domestic electricity restrictions would be extended throughout the country tomorrow. The daily cuts will be for five hours' duration—from 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m., except in the southwest, where they will be from 9 to noon and from 2 to 4 p. m.

Drastic street lighting reductions, amounting to blackout conditions, also will be imposed by night. The ministry simultaneously appealed to gas consumers to "get down to really serious economy" to assure supplies for essential industries, including bakeries.

"You cannot really let the gas works run right out of coal," a spokesman said. Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 workers were estimated by a board of trade spokesman to have been thrown out of jobs, many on the dole, by Britain's coal crisis.

Only northern Ireland was excepted from the new electricity conservation order. The coal savings resulting from electricity cuts yesterday, the second day of the industrial restrictions, totaled 24,500 tons, officials announced. This was 2000 tons more than the saving Monday.

New blizzards and freezing gales, which the labor government said had blocked rail lines and disrupted shipping, added to the hardship.

The spokesman for the board of trade, a government bureau comparable to the U. S. department of commerce, forecast an even greater shutdown for next week, with unemployment spreading to all parts of the country.

"This is going to affect rationing, clothing, household appliances, shoes—everything," he said. "Most people don't yet realize the most serious personal effects this will have on everyone."

The Southern Oregon Livestock association is meeting this afternoon at the Winema hotel for a discussion of several matters of importance to cattlemen of Klamath county.

William Kittredge, president of the organization, said that one main issue to be discussed is HB 137, now before the Oregon legislature. The bill, known as the livestock identification and theft prevention act, would call for additional brand inspectors, would change the fee of brand inspections to 10 cents per head, would require a 5 cents per head fee for all livestock inspected which are consigned to public stock yards or auction sale, and would repeal the present cattle identification law.

Kittredge said that there were also several other matters needing the stockmen's attention just now, one of them being a truck regulation measure which is now in the legislature.

R. G. Johnson, former head of the department of animal husbandry, Oregon State college, in this meeting's principal speaker, Johnson recently resigned his post at OSC to join the Rockefeller enterprises in South America.

The forest service, to make a house-to-house check to determine whether the plane, a PBY-5A, had been heard or seen as it passed over the area en route from Port Angeles, Wash.

The plane carried fuel for 12 hours when it took off at 8:42 a. m., but coast guard headquarters at San Francisco reported fuel consumption probably was heavier than usual because of strong head winds.

The CAA tower said the plane when it checked in did not report any difficulties. The tower operator said flying conditions were not particularly bad but that the plane was at a relatively low altitude for mountain country.

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Talmadge Named Dixie Governor

McDONOUGH, Ga., Feb. 12 (AP)—Superior Judge Walter Hendrix ruled today that Herman Talmadge is the legal governor of Georgia.

In a 2000-word decision Judge Hendrix said the legislature was within its constitutional rights when it elected Talmadge January 15 to the four-year term of the late Herman Talmadge, his father.

The court sustained demurrers of Herman Talmadge and dismissed a suit of Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson which had asked a declaratory judgment ousting Talmadge from the governorship.

The judge said "it is clear that the general assembly has the right to decide when there was no election by the people. It did decide that on account of the death of the governor-elect there had been no election by the people. In our opinion the constitution then put the duty and responsibility on it to elect and install a governor. This duty and responsibility it decided as it saw fit. When it (the legislature) acts within its authority, courts cannot interfere."

Judge Hendrix's decision, rendered before about 200 spectators in Henry county's rural courtroom, was in direct opposition to the finding of another superior (circuit) judge last Friday at Rome, Ga. There, Judge Claude Porter took a conflicting view that the legislature had unquestionably exceeded its authority, and ruled Talmadge's election was invalid.

Counsel for Thompson said Judge Hendrix's decision would be appealed "at once" to the Georgia supreme court.

Before the court's decision, Lt. Gov. Thompson authorized the following comment, which he said "stands as my comment before the decision, and which will still be my comment after the decision." Said Thompson: "Both Judge Hendrix and Judge Porter are honorable men and highly respected as judges throughout the state. The next decision rests with the state supreme court. The people are entitled to the earliest possible final decision on this issue."

Talmadge, when informed at Atlanta of the decision by the Associated Press, said he was not surprised. He added that he had felt confident from the start that the decision would be in his favor inasmuch as "many of the lawyers of Georgia had taken the same position."

He said he now hoped "those who have been obstructing our program in the general assembly would now join forces with us" to carry out the program laid down by his father, whose death precipitated the gubernatorial succession controversy.

Counsel for Thompson said a bill of exceptions would be filed as quickly as it could be prepared—possibly within 24 hours—and would be carried immediately to the high court.

Unconfirmed private reports said tonight that Arabs had attacked the small Jewish village of Bnei Gurim, 10 miles east of Nablus, shortly after dark, and that it was feared there were some casualties. No details were available from police in Jerusalem.

The government announced that the execution of Dov Ben-Gurion, condemned Jewish terrorist, was being delayed because of legal complexities which authorities said might take months "or possibly a year" to untangle.

RAF spy planes, meanwhile, scouted over the eastern Mediterranean, following unofficial reports that a Jewish refugee ship named "Eluz," with 600 uncertified immigrants, had left Algiers for Palestine Sunday. The British navy declined to say whether the planes were searching for the ship.

Reliable sources said today that at least 12 persons were injured last night when Jewish extremists clashed with Palestinian Jews in Tel Aviv in the first struggle of Jew-against-Jew in Palestine since the British army began its drive to stamp out underground violence.

The fight, which broke out as police and military forces policed themselves for expected new outbreaks of violence, was said to have begun when youths "presumed to be adherents of Irqun Zvai Leumi," Jewish underground group, attempted to storm the clubrooms of Hashomir Hatzair, Jewish political party openly opposed to terrorism.

Informants said the attackers hurled "Molotov cocktail" bombs—bottles filled with gasoline—and started several fires which were quickly extinguished. At least five of the attackers and seven occupants of the clubrooms were reported injured in the fracas.

C. P. Cabell told a Thomas A. Edison centennial celebration meeting that three atomic energy power plants "are operating very satisfactorily" but that details cannot be disclosed.

"The problem of atomic heat control actually was solved before the first atom bombs were assembled," he said.

He emphasized that although the atomic power plants are operating, there is no likelihood they will make existing water power or fuel-generated plants obsolete in the near future.

Canada and Australia formally proposed the same plan. A source close to Murphy said he referred the suggestion to the United States state department some time ago and had received neither approval nor disapproval. The informant said Murphy thus was proceeding on the theory that a conventional treaty would be signed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—A memorial issue of Thomas A. Edison postage stamps went on sale over the country today following ceremonies held in 20 American cities yesterday on the 100th anniversary of the inventor's birth.

Queen Elizabeth of England and Princess Elizabeth were among many foreign collectors who placed advance orders for the stamps.

DOVER, Eng., Feb. 12 (AP)—A quarter of a million tons of white cliffs of Dover tumbled into the sea last night. Cold weather completed the weakening of the section—150 yards long, 30 feet deep and 200 feet high—that was shelled intensively during the war.

Missing



Sylvester Gardiner (above), 22-year-old Harvard university athlete and son of a former governor of Maine, William T. Gardiner, has been missing since January 23, a spokesman for his family announced at Cambridge, Mass. —AP wirephoto.

Youth Faces Murder Charge

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—A formal charge of murder will be filed tomorrow against Albert Jack Green, 16, in the slaying and murder of Ralph Porritt, 49, Vancouver, Wash., salesman, District Attorney G. Russell Morgan said today.

Morgan said the high school youth, a talented violinist according to Lincoln high school instructors, had confessed the slaying because he "was desperate for spending money."

Grand jury action is expected next week.

The district attorney revealed that police were led to the arrest of the boy by a tip from a citizen who saw him in the vicinity of the road where Porritt's bullet-riddled body was found. A blood-stained \$5 bill used by the boy to pay a 25-cent soda fountain check would be evidence, he added.

Atomic Head Called "Red"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—A former employee of the Tennessee valley authority testified today he was fired because of his opposition to communism in TVA, then headed by David E. Lilienthal.

The testimony was given by James L. Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., to the senate atomic committee which is looking into Lilienthal's nomination as chairman of the atomic energy commission. Smith, former head of the TVA files and records section, added that he had no proof that Lilienthal, as TVA chairman, ever approved or stimulated communism.

The witness was summoned at the request of Senator K. D. McKellar (D-Tenn.), who claimed victory today in his fight to block Lilienthal's confirmation. McKellar contends Lilienthal is the "No. 1 communist" in Tennessee.

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SALEM, Feb. 12 (AP)—The house assessment and taxation committee, acting on the first of the state tax study commission's 20 recommendations, recommended 7 to 4 today passage of a bill to create the office of research secretary for the state tax commission.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 12 (AP)—A rupture in Transportation company's natural gas line from Texas near here today, cutting off a daily supply of 115,000,000 cubic feet to Hope Natural Gas company which fuels part of the industrial east.

United Fuel Gas company in Charleston, which discovered the line rupture and which receives a daily allotment of 145,000,000 cubic feet from the 20-inch Texas line, said its own supplies were being received through an auxiliary line completed last summer.

Although this emergency line could not feed into those of Hope, President Harry A. Wallace Jr., of United Fuel, said his company had received no complaints and presumably Hope would be able to build up pressure with gas from its own fields.

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—London youngsters pick through snow at a London coal depot, salvaging pieces of coal. Severe fuel shortage in Great Britain has forced a shutdown of the town's industrial plants and curtailment of lighting in homes, schools and offices.

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Gurney told a reporter he intends to reopen before the full senate-house budgetary committee Friday a fight against any sizable cuts in army and navy funds.

President Truman asked \$11,200,000,000 for the armed forces in his \$37,500,000,000 budget. A senate-house budgetary subcommittee tentatively agreed to slash \$1,750,000,000 off army and navy funds in approving a \$31,500,000,000 budget.

It was reported that the committee decided to lop off \$1,000,000,000 of the \$6,800,000,000 the president asked for the army and \$750,000,000 off the \$4,500,000,000 he requested for the navy.

Assuming that even a \$500,000,000 cut would render the navy "practically immobile," the report said that information as to the fleet's "impotency could not be kept from foreign governments."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—War department plans for a reduction of almost 200,000 in the size of the regular army and establishment of an "M-day" force of 1,750,000 and troops were announced today by members of the senate armed services committee.

The plan depends on a universal training program to build up the national guard and the organized reserves, committee members said, so that within one year from "M-day" the force could be expanded to 5,500,000 men.

Just how quickly the reduction in the regular army will be effected, they said, depends largely on international developments. But they pointed out that President Truman's budget message to congress contemplates maintaining a standing army of 1,070,000 during the year beginning July 1.

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