

WEATHER FORECAST
Rain changing to light snow tonight.
Friday cloudy and cold.
Sun Rises—7:28 Sun Sets—4:54

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE

2 a. m.	40
4 a. m.	40
6 a. m.	40
8 a. m.	40
10 a. m.	41
Noon	42
2 p. m.	43

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15 MINERS KILLED AT PLYMOUTH

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Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson's office said this afternoon that the War and Justice departments are consulting "the whole matter" of the Georgia gubernatorial election in as far as it relates to the National Guard.

Atlanta, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Herman Talmadge moved into the executive office of Ellis Arnall today, and Arnall, who has been acting as governor of Georgia since the death of the late Governor Eugene Tamm, left his office at the State Capitol.

The youthful claimant to the executive chair said it would be "a pleasure" to take over the office, and he said he would be "a pleasure" to take over the office.

Talmadge took over Arnall's office promptly at 9 a. m. after Arnall had ordered the locks changed during the night. Uniformed State Police stood at the entrance of the private office and only news photographers and close political friends were allowed to enter.

Gleady Chute, private secretary to the late Eugene Tamm, and Talmadge's private secretary to his son, said Talmadge had moved up to his private office "unopposed."

She said Governor Arnall had not made an appearance and she did not know where he is.

Talmadge said "Turner Governor Arnall and Attorney General Eugene Cook have instituted, according to the press, a suit against me seeking a declaratory judgment."

The career of the votes and the election of a governor is a process which is a part of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, he said.

There action in this matter is not subject to review by the courts. It would be an encroachment by the judicial branch of the government upon the legislative branch of the government.

Talmadge claims the governorship on the basis of a constitutional clause providing that if no person receives a general election majority, the legislature shall choose from the two persons having the largest number of votes.

The late Eugene Talmadge, father of Herman, died before he could be elected as governor.

TREASURY RECEIPTS
Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The position of the Treasury Department today was \$2,451,421,232, expenditures \$2,451,421,232, balance, \$2,451,421,232.

MRS. ROOSEVELT LOSES AUTO DRIVING LICENSE

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—(AP)—New York State motor vehicle authorities today announced that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has lost her auto driving license.

The license was issued to her in 1935, and she had been driving for many years. She was last seen driving on Jan. 15, and she was not seen again until Jan. 16.

Notice of revocation was received from Mrs. Roosevelt yesterday.

Howard F. Allen, deputy commissioner of motor vehicles, said the license was the usual one for such cases. He said Mrs. Roosevelt could drive her car until she was notified of the revocation, but she would have to pass a driver's test.

Four Of The Men Killed At Nottingham—Others On Page 3



Waiting At Mine Gate For News Of Nottingham Colliery Disaster



Taken last night at 84 the West Main street gate of the Nottingham colliery, this photo shows a group of relatives of the entombed men, and spectators maintaining a vigil which lasted until the early morning hours today. In addition to the gate guard, other entrances to the colliery yard were crowded for many hours after news of the explosion spread through the valley.

JOE TINKER LOSES LEG

**One-Time Diamond Star
Submits To Operation**

Orlando, Fla., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Joe Tinker, one of baseball's famous double play trios, went on the operating table today for removal of his left leg to halt the spread of a gangrenous condition which began last October.

The operation on the 39-year-old former Chicago Cub, who with Johnny Evers and Frank Chance formed one of the game's most renowned infield combinations, was performed at Orange Memorial Hospital where he will remain about 10 days before returning to his home here, his physician said.

How long it will be before the one-time diamond great can get about on crutches or an artificial limb remained a matter of guesswork, but Tinker himself said he expects "to see some baseball this summer."

AURIOL, PEACEMAKER, IS NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT

Paris, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Vincent Auriol, peacemaker and veteran Socialist leader, today was elected President of the Fourth French Republic at Versailles Palace.

An unofficial count gave Auriol 452 votes with 247 going to the MRP (Radical Socialists) and 60 to Michel Menet, the Communist candidate, son of the old 74th Division, 122 to Jules Gueser of the left France representing the FRL.

LITTLE STUDIES

New Year's night, two Plymouth men started out to do a little belated celebrating. Driving to Kingston, they parked their car and headed for a popular rendezvous on foot. They had walked only a short distance when they encountered an old man who was just about ready to pass out from overindulgence.

"Hello, John," one of the men greeted the stranger.

"Hi, Frank," the individual, addressed as John, replied thickly.

The statement was superfluous, for John's condition was too apparent to need confirmation.

The pair conferred briefly and decided to lend a helping hand. He certainly needed one.

"Where do you live, John?" the spokesman for the two inquired. They explained to him his sorry home.

The befuddled John pondered the question for some time. Then, he responded:

"I don't know where I live. I think I live in his pants."

"What do you say?" the one man said, turning to his pal. "Shall we take him home?"

"I'll take him," the other replied.

"I don't know," the befuddled stranger replied. "I moved to Kingston a year ago. I guess I live in Kingston."

They talked the matter over briefly and decided for Wilkes-Barre where they spent promptly to sleep a second time. They sat up at the Kingston Army, they included him, took him inside, arranged for a room for him and then they left.

One of the men suggested that John have been a puzzled question, who would like to know how he came to get there. So the story was told.

For J. D. Wilkes-Barre. Well, this, there still are some real old-fashioned gals left who prefer home dates to tavern dates. Why not ask a lady? You may find the girl you want.

WALKOUT AT LONDON ENDS

About 50,000 Will Return
To Jobs Saturday

London, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Strikes 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 in the city of London by bursts of applause.

Sentence Tilden To County Jail

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—(AP)—William T. (Big Boy) Tilden, former world tennis champion, today was sentenced to county jail for five years and fined \$10,000 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Tilden, 34, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a 16-year-old girl, who was a member of the Los Angeles Junior High School.

Tilden was arrested after his release from the Los Angeles County Jail, where he had been held for five years and fined \$10,000 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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13 Bodies Recovered, 2 Are Still Missing In Nottingham Blast

**Investigators Seek Cause Of Gas
Explosion That Spreads Death In Top
Ross Vein—Two Injured In Hospital**

Fifteen mine workers were killed and two others were hospitalized as a result of an explosion of gas at Nottingham Colliery of Glen Alden Coal Company at Plymouth last evening. Two other workers escaped unhurt.

The bodies of thirteen of the victims were recovered. Rescue crews today were digging in the debris in the Top Ross Vein where the blast occurred for the bodies of the other two victims identified as Carl Zlotek, of 165 Church street, Plymouth, and James Smith, 22 Smith Row, Plymouth Township.

The tragedy, second of its kind to have visited the same operation, occurred almost on the anniversary of the previous explosion which claimed eight lives on February 1, 1939. Yesterday's blast came at 8:45 p. m. or approximately two hours after the night had gone on duty.

Crowd Kept Moving
Edward Griffin, president of the Glen Alden Coal Company, and William Everett, general superintendent, remained on the scene during the night, directing the rescue work and the investigation into the cause of the tragedy.

Under Kestner's announcement that the exact cause of the blast has not yet been determined, there is no indication that the tragedy resulted from an explosion of gas.

Known Dead
Chester Ostrowski, 269 Orchard street, Plymouth.

Daniel Lewis, rear 306 West Main street, Plymouth.

Edward Parker, 150 Franklin street, Plymouth.

Louis Kupinski, 248 Weston Lane, Wilkes-Barre.

John Zielinski, 453 West Shawnee avenue, Plymouth.

Felix Kanorowski, 552 West Main street, Plymouth.

John Wilde, 167 Nottingham street, Plymouth.

Luke Usera, 40 Curry street, Plymouth Township.

Joseph Kraynik, 946 West Main street, Plymouth Township.

Peter Minkiewicz, 629 Lee street, Plymouth.

Charles Cylwik, 48 Hillside street, Wilkes-Barre.

Stanley Myrick, 4 West River street, Plymouth.

William Bockus, 25 Mountain Road, Plymouth Township.

Missing And Believed Dead
Carl Zlotek, 165 Church street, Plymouth.

James Smith, 22 Smith Row, Plymouth Township.

In General Hospital
Andrew Balinko, 54, of 2391-4 Orchard street, Plymouth, machine repair, fractured left leg and lacerations of the scalp.

Samuel Reese, 35, of 313 West Shawnee avenue, Plymouth, lacerations of the scalp.

Escaped Unhurt
Zigmund Soboleki, 325 Barn street, Plymouth.

Thomas Galinski, 173 Nottingham street, Plymouth.

Neither of these two men required medical treatment according to a spokesman for the company.

Staff Increased
Monroe, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Travels, organ of the Communist party said today in a Shanghai dispatch that the United States staff in Poland had been increased considerably despite its "complete lack of activity."

A special correspondent, quoting Polish reports, said the U. S. staff had 500 officers and 1,000 enlisted men in Poland.

"According to reports," the correspondent said, "the American officers and soldiers use the executive staff for building tasks which have nothing to do with the work for which the staff was formed."

