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## MONIED GR... ALLEGED FOES OF ESTATE TAX

### Texas Congressman Assails League of Bankers as Directing Body.

### EXTENT NATION WIDE Stresses Chiefly Asserted Domination of Texas Club Subsidized by New York.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The flat charge that the "American Bankers' League" had been organized to destroy all inheritance tax laws, both state and federal, was made in the house during debate on the tax bill today by Representative Connally, democrat, of Texas, during an attack on the activities of the Texas tax clubs which have opposed the tax.

Asserting that the Bankers' League is the parent of the Texas and Iowa tax clubs, the Texas said these clubs were attempting to "intimidate the heads of the ways and means committee." Chairman Green and Representative Garner, democrat, Texas.

"Upon information that I deem reliable," said Mr. Connally, "I make the charge that an organization calling itself the American Bankers' association, was organized for the purpose of destroying inheritance tax laws; that it has received contributions from New York bankers; that James A. Arnold, formerly connected with the Commercial Secretaries Association in Texas and also now connected with the Southern tariff association is in charge of the Joint Washington office; that the American Bankers' League is the parent of the Texas Tax Club, operating out of Fort Worth, Texas, under the direction of George H. Colvin, the same Colvin who has been threatening to defeat Texas congressmen who refused to do his bidding; the Colvin who has been paying out money to propagandists and agitators."

### STEP-FATHER MAY BE THE MURDERER OF THREE PERSONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
STEPHENVILLE, Texas, Dec. 12.—Searching the home of F. M. Snow, a wood chopper, near here today, Sheriff Hassell discovered a pile of bones in the fireplace and other bones in an ash pile in the yard. Blood stains on the floor in the kitchen and in the fireplace also were found, Hassell said.

The search was instituted after the arrest last night of Snow on a charge of murder in connection with identification of a human head found Tuesday at that of Bernice Conley, 19-year-old stepson of Snow.

An axe on which there were bloodstains was discovered in a wagon used by Snow and Bernice to deliver wood. The underside of the wagon bed and a coupling rod also bore dark stains, officers declared.

Mrs. Snow, mother of the youth, and Mrs. S. A. Old, his grandmother, have been missing since November 27, the day Bernice was last seen.

## A. E. CLARK ENTERS AS FIFTH IN RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Clark, Portland attorney, announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator.

He accompanied his announcement with a declaration of principles and said he expects to launch an aggressive campaign soon after the first of the year.

He is the fifth to formally announce for the republican senatorial nomination.

The other four are: J. J. Crossley, attorney of Portland; A. R. Shumway, farmer and livestock man of Milton; Frederick Stelwer, attorney of Pendleton; and United States Senator R. N. Stanford, who is seeking re-nomination.

## RECORD DROP IN FRANC BOOSTS ALLEN STOCKS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
PARIS, Dec. 12.—A frenzied rush to buy foreign stocks listed on the Bourse caused a further sharp decline today in the franc, which during the morning reached the record figure of 27.42 to the dollar.

A large part of the 2,500,400,000 francs paid out by the treasury in redemption of short term bonds on Tuesday has been invested in industrial, mining and oil shares.

The attraction of such investments, with the certainty of automatic profits as the franc declines, has been increased by the shaky condition of the French cabinet, which now is being attacked systematically by the newspapers supporting the coalition of the left.

The antagonism to the government inside its own parliamentary majority has again brought into question the possibility of early adoption of measures for financial renovation of the country.

A considerable amount of the foreign capital in French banks and branches of foreign banks here, was formerly invested in national defense bonds now being turned into foreign stocks.

Finance Minister Loucheur declares the present decline in the franc unjustified and is considering measures to halt it.

Intimations were given out this morning that speculators against franc might suddenly discover that the Morgan loan was still intact in dollars. Thus far the government has not used this fund because the speculative element in the situation was significant.

## MAIL EARLY IS SLOGAN OF POST OFFICE DEPT.

### Changes in Rule for Holiday to Result in Conges- tion and Delay.

### CLERKS TO GET REST Postal Employes to Be Al- lowed Full Day off Duty— Packages Should Be Mailed Early.

The mail early slogan, stressed each year by post office officials and employes, has a greater significance this year than ever before, according to Postmaster C. S. Heintz. The post office department has granted a holiday on Christmas to all postal workers with very limited exceptions. This is the first time that the Christmas holiday has ever been given in full, and it is plainly evident that the change will make a great contribution, unless the fullest cooperation on the part of the public is given.

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The officials of the department have made it plainly understood that there will be no working of mails on Christmas. Special delivery letters, parcels bearing special handling and special delivery stamps, and some perishable matter, will be the only mail delivered. One mail collection will be made from boxes, and drop letters will be dispatched. Star routes will be carried but rural routes will not be served. Incoming mail will not be distributed until the day following Christmas.

Because of the confusion and congestion which these changes make it is evident that earlier mailing of packages is necessary. The importance of this fact is being conveyed to the public in every possible way, through announcements in the schools and churches, and by the press. As the holiday is to be granted in every post office in the country, it is plainly important that particular attention be given the mailing of Christmas packages.

The usual rules of mailing are again called to the attention of the public. Packages should be securely wrapped and tied, so that they will not be broken open. Particular care should be given the packing of framed pictures. The local post office has already received several parcels containing pictures where the glass had been covered with several thicknesses of corrugated cardboard, but in spite of such protection the glass was broken. All such packages should have corrugated cardboard on each side of the picture, and then stout cords of the outside to prevent any possible damage by being thrown in a tightly packed sack with heavy articles.

Another rule, which is frequently violated, concerns the Christmas seals. Many people place these about the edges of the paper wrapping to help in making the package secure. A sealed package goes as first class matter and not as parcel post, therefore when the package is sealed by these small stamps it takes a higher rate. The stamps may be affixed, but should be on the back of the package and should not interfere with the unwrapping of the package.

Another factor which is giving much trouble concerns the mailing of Christmas cards. Any postcard, other than the regulation government card, takes a 2-cent stamp. Christmas cards, picture postcards, or any other type of mailing card should therefore have a 2-cent stamp affixed. Failure on the part of the sender to comply with this rule costs the recipient of the card 2 cents, as the postoffice sends him notice that the card is held for postage and he must send the additional stamp in an envelope.

There should be no writing on packages other than the plainly written address, the return address, and, if desired, the words, "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

Because of the fact that parcels are forced into mail bags to the limit of the containers, wrappers often become torn, sometimes obscuring the address. For this reason it is very necessary to have the return address plainly marked.

All articles of a fragile nature should be plainly marked "Fragile" as well as being securely packed. In the rush of handling such a great quantity of mail Christmas packages should be avoided.

## Once Ousted From Yale, Grandson of Rockefeller Returns and Wins Scholarship on Weekly Wage of \$10

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—The suspension of John Rockefeller Prentice, 22, of New York, from Yale University, nearly six years ago, has been revealed as an occurrence which led to the youth's decision to re-enter the university and earn his way through college. Prentice, son of E. Parmelee Prentice and the former Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, has denied that he was cast aside by his family.

Yesterday he was awarded the James J. Hogan scholarship which each year goes to a man "of strong character, of personality, of good standing with his classmates, of fair scholarship and who is in need of financial assistance." He is employed as night telephone operator at the New Haven hospital at \$10 a week.

That he had been suspended in 1920 came to light after considerable stir was caused by the scholarship award announcement. He was called upon to confirm that he has completely cut himself off from family support, therefore feeling justified in receiving the benefits of the scholarship.

Prentice after his suspension went to work for several years under an assumed name, returned to Yale and achieved his scholarship records, all because of a desire to atone for the misstep of being suspended, he explained.

"I will say that it was all my fault," he said. "I have nothing to say relative to what transpired between my father and me after I was suspended. Instead of going home I went to Boston and worked. I returned to college to please my mother. It was her desire to have me graduate. I may as well say that I was suspended. It is on record."

His suspension was due to too many absences from classes, he said.

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## DUNDEE-BOLES RETURN BATTLE ENDS IN A DRAW

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## STATE TAX LEVY IS ANNOUNCED AT THE CAPITAL

### To Raise Seven Millions, Including Sum Within Limitation Law.

### LESS THAN LAST YEAR Probable Deficit Placed at \$480,000, With Piece Dismissing—Gives Out Statement.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—This state tax commission yesterday promulgated the state tax levy for 1926, announcing it as \$7,200,539.75. This is \$251,930.63 less than the levy of a year ago, and includes both millage levies, to which the six per cent limitation does not apply, and the amount to be raised within that limitation. The decrease is accounted for by the fact that the 1925 legislature reduced the millage levy in the soldier bonus law from a mill to half a mill, so that only \$542,268 will be levied for that purpose next year instead of over a million. The total to be levied to which the six per cent limitation does not apply is \$5,162,399.67.

The amount to be levied within the six per cent limitation is \$2,038,141.72, which is an increase of \$115,382.93 over last year when the amount was \$1,922,758.79. In this the comparison is 1.93 made a year ago for 1925 to a fraction over 2 mills for the coming year.

It was the low levy a year ago that brought upon Governor Pierce much criticism in the legislature and subsequently, it being charged that he had allowed Treasurer Jefferson Myers arbitrarily cut the levy in retaliation for the repeal of the state income tax. Regardless of whether these charges were justified, the legislature made necessary appropriations in excess of what can be levied under the six per cent limitation, and this, in the new tax levy is calculated as a deficit of \$480,583.25 that the state must face the coming year. Governor Pierce does not agree that such a deficit is certain and will issue a special statement regarding it.

The estimated deficit was arrived at as follows: The amount required for the expenses of the state government for 1925 and 1926 and payment of special claims was \$9,376,085.62. The state of expenses estimated for the year ending December 31, 1925, is \$4,757,154.72, leaving \$4,618,930.92 to which the state will be subject for 1926 and the payment of specified claims for which appropriations were made but not levied. From this amount is deducted \$2,099,635.95, which is the estimated receipts for 1926 from various sources, leaving \$2,519,294.97 to be met by direct levy. But since this is \$480,583.25 in excess of what can be levied under the six per cent limitation, the latter amount is calculated as a probable deficit.

Pierce Views Surplus.  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—Governor Pierce refused to agree with a statement adopted by the state tax commission yesterday in making the annual tax levy that the state will have a deficit of about \$480,000 at the end of 1926. Instead, the governor today prepared an independent statement, showing that, if the people adopt the tax laws of 1926, election, the state will instead have a surplus of over \$7,000. The table of estimated receipts and unexpended balances adopted by the tax commission was prepared by Secretary of State Koser, and fixed the estimated fees at \$1,450,000. The governor avers that this will be exceeded by over \$500,000.

His statement in part follows: "I object to the estimated receipts from all sources during 1926 being estimated at \$1,450,000. I believe that this estimate by the secretary of state will be exceeded by over \$500,000. For every year during the past five years the receipts have been under-estimated, often by many thousands of dollars. Instead of a deficit, there will be a surplus in the state treasury at the close of my term, if the people at the election in November, 1926, vote yes, in favor of the tobacco tax and the so-called titling tax, which will take 10 per cent from all self-sustaining commissions. These laws would go into effect immediately after the election and the state would have the benefit of almost two months revenue therefrom. My estimate of \$125,000 from these sources is decidedly low."

"In this connection it should not be forgotten that there was a deficit of almost \$500,000 in the state treasury when I became governor."

## 15-YEAR-OLD BOY TO PAY DEATH PENALTY.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.—Governor Pinchot today fixed the week of February 1st for the electrocution of William Cavalieri, the 15-year-old Schuylkill county boy, convicted of killing his grandmother.

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## NEW DYNASTY IS BEGUN IN PERSIA

TEHERAN, Persia, Dec. 12.—The constituent assembly today gave unanimous approval to the amendments to the constitution by which Reza Khan is named Shah of Persia and a new line of rulers, the Pehlevi dynasty, taking Reza's family name, is established.

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## BOND HOLDERS OF P. S. LUMBER CO. WANT NO RECEIVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—The Portland Telegram says today that plans are under way by a committee representing the bond holders of the Pacific States Lumber company, which prior to 1923 operated as the Coos Bay Lumber company, to prevent the corporation passing into receivership because of default in payment of maturing interest.

Members of this committee early this week visited Coos Bay and later went to San Francisco. The Telegram quotes a statement in the San Francisco Chronicle by G. S. Arnold of Minneapolis, chairman of the bondholders protective committee, expressing the belief that the interest of the bondholders can be protected by liquidation through continued operation, and that the expense and complications of a receivership should and probably can be avoided.

## TRAIN SHELTERS AMERICANS FROM CHINESE SHELLS

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