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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain west and prob-
ably local snows over east portion
tonight and Thursday. Warmer in
the interior tonight.

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CONVENTION
PREPARATION
WORK MOVINGAmerican Legion Signs a
Contract for Pyrotech-
nical PageantTO PRESENT PLAY
HERE FEB. 14-15Housing Committee Is
Named, Railroads In-
terviewed; Legion Hall
to Open Tonight.

Further plans for the American Legion state convention to be held here in July were made last evening when the convention committee met at Legion hall. A contract was signed with the Hill Fireworks company, the second annual American Legion play was discussed and a housing committee was appointed to begin work immediately, more than 30 requests for reservations having already been received for the July convention.

The contract signed with the Hill Fireworks company, of Seattle, calls for pyrotechnic drama of the Old Oregon Trail, including eight set pieces interspersed with about 300 sky pieces. In connection with the fireworks display, which will be one of the most elaborate ever seen in this state, according to American Legion members, a detailed description of the scenes will be given through loud speakers.

Agrees on Play.
James W. Evans, producer and director, of Seattle, Wash., arrived in La Grande this morning from Spokane, and arrangements for the second annual American Legion play were completed this noon when Evans met with the legion executive committee for luncheon at the Sommer hotel.

Evans was hired by the legion to direct and produce the play for a very reasonable amount, practically all of the proceeds to go to the convention fund. According to the arrangements Evans will be here for three productions of the play, in case the legion wants to take it out of the city.

Dates Set.
The dates set for the play are Feb. 14 and 15 at the Arcade theater, and the musical comedy to be given is entitled "Oh, You Mary Jane." Practically the same cast of players as took part in "The Whirl of the Town," given by the legion post and produced by Evans last year, will take part in this year's show, with a few additional characters.

Rehearsal Friday.
Friday night has been set for the first rehearsal and another rehearsal will be Sunday afternoon, the meetings to be in the Neighborhood club rooms in the library building.

Besides directing the legion play here last year Evans also produced the patriotic pageant "The Spirit of America." He just completed the Lewiston, Ida., "Fighting" which was shown there Jan. 20.

Housing Committee Named.
Harley H. Richardson, Arthur Kerr, Jerome Foley, Lot Snodgrass and James McNamee were appointed members of the housing committee, which will start work immediately preparing a list showing how the visiting legionnaires will be taken care of during the convention. Plans are to have the list completed by May, when it will be published in the May issue of the Pacific Legion.

Harley Richardson and Robert Scott were in Portland yesterday where they interviewed head officials of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads in regard to rates for the people coming to La Grande for the convention.

Legion House Tonight.
Tonight Legion hall will be opened to the public for the first time, when a dance will be given there. The hall has just been redecorated on the inside, which

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MATCHING
THE CITY'S
GROWTH

Keeping pace with La Grande's business growth and development is not merely a question of keeping one's doors open and one's service or goods available. Rather is it a question of maintaining contact with present customers and establishing contact with new ones. The business man who does that consistently knows that you will not lose sight of him nor will you forget his ability to serve you well. And you rightfully look for, and expect to see, his business messages to you in The Observer where they can reach the most people at the smallest possible cost.

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Scout Executive
Hopes For Ten
Troops in CityJ. Russell Scott, of Kalis-
pel Takes Charge of
Eastern Oregon Tri-
County Council.

J. Russell Scott arrived in La Grande yesterday from Kalispel, Mont., to begin his duties as scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county council, consisting of Baker, Walla Walla and Union counties.

This work has already been started here with the organization of a new boy scout troop in the first Methodist Episcopal church. With the organization of this troop there are four in La Grande. "We hope to have ten troops here," Scott said this morning.

Five-Year Program.
A five-year program will be carried out, according to Scott, definite arrangements for which will be made when he meets with the Tri-county council sometime this week.

Boy Scout groups will be sponsored by the various churches and by civic organizations. Eight to 22 members make up a troop. Scott has been a scout executive at Kalispel for the past two and a half years. He is a graduate of the national training school of scout executive of Hiawath Lodge, New York.

He will be joined in March by his wife and baby daughter, and will locate here permanently. Until then he will make his home at the Elks club.

SEES BOLSHEVIK
HAND IN MEXICOStanko Declares Calles
Government Is Fight-
ing All Christians

Declaring that the present warfare in Mexico is not a "Catholic rebellion" as has been stated by the opposition, Joseph Stanko, of Pueblo, Colo., in an address at Elks club last night, asserted that in reality the government is carrying on a battle against Christianity and all churches in Mexico, regardless of whether they are Catholic or Protestant.

He also charged that the Calles administration is not constitutional and that American recognition of Calles' government was not in line with the United States' foreign policy. As proof of his statement he showed that the present "constitution" of Mexico has never been ratified by the people, thus making it illegal.

Bolshevik Hand Seen.
Stanko touched on the "red menace" below the borderland and declared that Soviet Russia is aiding and abetting the administration in its fight against Christianity.

"Because 90 per cent of the Christians in Mexico are Catholics, the administration calls the revolt a 'Catholic one,'" he charged. He also went back into the history of the development of Mexico, pointing out the educational benefits the Catholics had created and said that up until 1850 a higher scale of education existed in Mexico than in the United States.

He also said that the present warfare is being waged by the rich, in minority, and the poor, the great majority, with the wealthy attempting to gain possession of the majority's interests.

The speaker was introduced by J. H. Pearce. Approximately 300 persons attended the meeting.

Farm Conference
Meeting Tonight

The executive committee of the fourth annual economic conference here, which has been tentatively set for Feb. 18 and 19, will meet tonight with members of the county council of chambers of commerce, representatives from the Pomona grange and members of the chamber of commerce agricultural committee to further work out the program for the conference this year.

The meeting will be held in the chamber of commerce offices here.

Sky-Gazers Will
Have Treat Friday

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., Jan. 26. (AP)—For the first time in 16 years an occultation of the ringed planet Saturn by the moon will be visible in the United States Friday beginning at about 5:37 a. m., central standard time.

The occultation will be visible to the naked eye, although a better view will be obtained with the aid of a small field glass.

PRISONERS ARRIVE.
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—Frank Newcomb, 45, and S. J. Talley, 26, charged with breaking into the grocery store-postoffice at Cushman, Ore., Jan. 12, have been brought from Eugene to Portland by Deputy Marshal Davidson. They were arrested at Noll, Ore., a few days ago. Bail for each has been set at \$2,500.

ARMORY BILL
NOW BEFORE
LEGISLATUREAdministration Measure
Introduced in House by
Military CommitteeLA GRANDE SHARE
IS SET AT \$35,000If Measure Is Passed the
Governor Will Sign, in
Opinion Held by Those
in the Know.

News of the introduction of an administration armory bill in the house of representatives at Salem today by the house military committee arrived here early this afternoon over the Associated Press leased wire. The dispatch follows:

"State House, Salem, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—Appropriations of \$120,000 for armory construction at La Grande, Astoria, Forest Grove and Cottage Grove are sought in a bill introduced by the house military committee today. The bill provides that the appropriation must be matched in each case. The sum of \$35,000 is sought for both La Grande and Astoria and \$25,000 each for Forest Grove and Cottage Grove.

This bears out the advance information carried in a telegram sent to Dr. W. T. P. last week from Representative H. H. Weatherman telling of a conference with the governor when it was agreed to build four armories in 1927 and 1928. Forest Grove and La Grande were to be built this year and Astoria and Cottage Grove next year, according to the decision reached at the conference, where all plans were made, except the amount of the appropriations.

Needs \$70,000 Armory.
A \$25,000 appropriation for La Grande will mean a \$70,000 armory—\$10,000 less than was hoped for. At present the city has a sum of \$40,000 ready to match any appropriation the state makes.

Passage of this bill will require only a bare majority in both the house and senate, and due to the fact that Governor L. L. Patterson is agreeable with this measure, his signature to the bill if it passes is held to be certain.

Two Undeclared
Teams to Meet
Saturday Night

The only two undeclared basketball teams in the Walla Walla and Baker counties will meet in La Grande Saturday night when the La Grande Tigers meet the Copple City Bulldogs. In the second game of a doubleheader.

The La Grande and Baker girls will play in the first contest of the night.

Baker has been figured as La Grande's strongest rival this season and a thrilling fray is looked forward to.

On comparative scores the Tigers have some advantage. Baker defeated Union 19 to 7 last Saturday and earlier in the season La Grande won 22 to 3. In the La Grande-Union game the outcome was at no time in doubt as Union's Baker trailed at half time by one point.

Payne, Cundiff Out.
Baker lost its two star forwards, Payne and Cundiff, by graduation, and is building up a new team this year, using Tebo Hines, colored guard, in the forward position a part of the time.

La Grande, although it also lost two forwards last year, has in Zundel and Newlin, two men who fans believe are stronger than last year's sharpshooters. Berry, who took Zundel's place at guard, and Hanks, the other guard, are expected to hold their own with the Baker offense. Lyman, at center, will meet a strong man in George Huff, the aker tip-off.

Knowledge of the strength of the Baker girls' team is entirely lacking.

Crowd from local fans will accompany the two teams to the southern city Saturday.

Knowles Rules Two
Must Face Charges

PENDLETON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Dick Ward and Mrs. Maud Scott, wanted in Seattle on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, failed today to halt extradition proceedings being taken against them in the Washington city. Their habeas corpus proceedings were heard here yesterday and Judge Knowles today ordered them taken to face the charges.

Montanan Wants
All Cards Laid
On Senate TableChallenges Law-Makers
to Take a Postive Stand
on Coolidge's Nicaraguan Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (AP)—The senate was challenged today by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, "to take a stand either with our state department and its tyrannous or against it" on the Nicaraguan question.

In an address teeming with barbed shafts aimed at both President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg, the Montanan also called on the senate foreign relations committee to "hold a public hearing in which the whole subject may be aired in the light of day" and declared members of the committee would be "recranted in their duty if they fail to do this."

Accusing President Coolidge of wittingly or unwittingly withholding from congress the true facts as to Nicaragua, Senator Wheeler said the executive's recent message to congress showed that he had been misled in his dealings with Nicaragua.

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COLLEGE SINGERS
TO GIVE CONCERTWillamette U. Glee Club
and Quartet Coming
February 1

The varsity quartet will appear in La Grande with the Willamette university glee club on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 1, it is announced today. A concert will be given in the First M. E. Church and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The quartet has a selection of charming and melodious songs, and sings each of its numbers well. The following men compose the quartet: Ronald Craven, first tenor; William Wright, second tenor; Willis Hathaway, baritone; and Walter Kaufman, bass. Each of these men is an accomplished soloist, and the voices of the four blend in wonderful harmony. Miss Margaret Lewis, the pianist of the club, assists at the piano.

The numbers of the club are further supplemented by piano solos, readings, vocal solos, and college songs and stunts.

The program consists of classic and semi-classical numbers, including such compositions as "The Sword of Ferrara," "At Dawning," and "Just a Cottage Small."

Mrs. Clara Henrich
Dies in Shanghai

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Clara Henrich, of Newport, Ky., most worthy grand matron of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, died after a short illness yesterday at Shanghai, China. She was on a tour of inspection of eastern star chapters in China, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The post of grand matron, the highest in the order, goes by succession to Mrs. Emma Plummer Chadwick, of Seattle, Wash.

THIS TELLS STORY OF CHINA



Here's a sketch of "What's Wrong with China." Each province shown on the above map has its superimposed on the collection "war lords," exercising military indicates. The result is chaos.

MANY KILLED
IN ACCIDENTS
HERE, ABROADMother and Two Children
Cremated in Penn-
sylvania FireTWO STEAMERS GO
DOWN, SCORES DIEAuto Crashes into Train
Near Marvin, S. D.—
Four Occupants of Car
Instantly Slain.

TODAY'S DEATH TOLL.
Warren, Pa.—Three born to death.
Aberdeen, S. D.—Four killed in auto crash.
Ukraine—25 fishermen perish. Odessa—12 drowned when steamer is wrecked.

WARREN, Pa., Jan. 26. (AP)—Mrs. C. B. Hills, 34, and two of her five children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home.

MARIUPOL, Ukraine, Jan. 26. (AP)—Twenty-five fishermen, carried out to sea on a huge cake of ice, are believed to have perished.

ODESSA, Ukraine, Jan. 26. (AP)—Twelve men were drowned when the Greek steamer Anastasia was wrecked against the cliffs at Eudatoria, Crimea.

The Greek steamer Laxos foundered in a storm off the Turkish coast, dispatches say. The loss of life is unknown.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Jan. 26. (AP)—Four young men were killed when their auto crashed into Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train No. 18, the Columbian, near Marvin, S. D., today.

House to Make
Path Clear for
McNary Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—The house rules committee decided today to give the McNary-Haugen relief bill the legislative right of way as soon as the house completes annual appropriation measures.

Decision to give the farm relief measure preferential consideration was unanimous. Chairman Small said the committee took the position that a bill of such importance should be permitted to come to the floor for consideration by the house.

Dies of Burns
Suffered Nov. 20

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—After suffering from severe burns received Nov. 20, when her dress caught fire from an electric heater, Mrs. Hazel Rothwell Kipling, a student nurse, died today at Good Samaritan hospital.

Peaches' Mother
Takes Stand in
Separation SuitAdds Testimony to that
of Daughter—Brown-
ing Nervous as His Let-
ters Are Identified.

COURT HOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 26 (AP)—The Browning separation trial was adjourned at 12:10 this afternoon until Monday.

Adjournment granted by Supreme Court Justice Seeger on motion of John E. Mack, attorney for Edward W. Browning, the New York realtor, came a few moments after Henry Epstein, attorney for Mrs. Frances Browning had rested his case.

Mack said all his witnesses had been subpoenaed for Monday and that he would require the next few days to study the testimony. He said he would clear his case up in two days.

COURT HOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 26. (AP)—Mother Carolyn Heenan and her woman friend of five years, Mrs. Catherine Mayer, today came to the aid of Mr. Frances (Peaches) Heenan Browning, and added their testimony to the 14-year-old girl's in an attempt to show that her six months of marriage with Edward W. Browning, a wealthy New York realtor, was a life of quarrels—at least one scream—and many fights.

Mrs. Heenan was the third witness of the day, following Mrs. Mayer, the friend and companion, and at times the house guest of the two women who lived with Browning. She said she first met Browning on March 15, 1925, when he visited their home to call upon Frances, then 15 years old.

"I thought him a very fine gentleman," she said, "he showed me many beautiful letters to prove to me that he was a very good man. They were from young women who wanted to marry him, and in one case there was a letter from a man offering Mr. Browning a step-daughter for a wife."

Mother in Black.
The mother dressed in black garb, testified to the questions put to her by her daughter's chief counsel, Henry Epstein. She said she "always" waited up for her daughter, "when the girl and the real estate man went out at night."

Mrs. Mayer before her, had testified that one night at Cold Springs, N. Y., where the couple was married, she had heard Mrs. Browning scream, and when she and Mrs. Heenan rushed to the bedroom, the couple, they found the girl in tears and saying: "Mother, please take me away."

Mrs. Browning took the stand today on the continuation of cross examination by John E. Mack, attorney for the real estate man, and spent most of the hour of her appearance identifying numerous letters addressed by her to the realtor.

Browning Nervous.
Browning, during the marking of the letters for identification, tugged at his collar and seemed more nervous than his wife in the witness chair. The letters together with file after file of tabloid duplicates came out of his huge black suit case at his elbow wherein he has preserved the girl's written words recounting his and his wife's venture into marriage.

At one point this morning it seemed likely a legal point would arise on the diary. It concerned a diary written by Mrs. Browning before her marriage and was offered for identification yesterday by counsel for Browning. Today it appeared the diary was a copy of the original one and did not contain certain passages concerning young men. Mrs. Browning knew before her marriage.

Idle Out Diaries.
Quibbling ended when Justice Seeger ruled both diaries out temporarily, since it seemed to him neither concerned Mrs. Browning.

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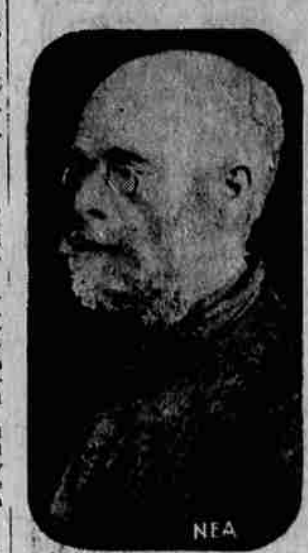
Would Repeal Six
Per Cent Limitation

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 26. (AP)—Repeal of the six per cent limitation amendment of the state constitution is provided for in a senate concurrent resolution introduced by Senator Hall today. The resolution states that the present financial predicament of the state is largely due to the six per cent limitation.

Idaho Editor Dies
At Hot Lake, Ore.

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 26. (AP)—Hubert Alford, managing editor of the Lewiston Tribune since it was established in 1892, died yesterday morning at Hot Lake, Ore., where he arrived Monday night for a short rest. Alford passed away while he slept. He was born near Caldwell, Tex., Oct. 21, 1882 and had his first newspaper experience on the Morning Dallas News. He was in the office of the Tacoma Morning Globe before coming to Lewiston to associate himself with his brother, Eugene L. Alford in establishing the Tribune. Besides his brother, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. W. L. Evans, who made her home with him.

ASKS DEATH



"Death or life imprisonment—you may have your choice," said Judge Charles Swindall of Cherokee, Okla., to C. E. Marble, 38, pictured above. And Marble chose death. "I am old, growing blind, and have nothing to live for," he commented. He will be electrocuted in March. Marble was convicted of murdering a 15-year-old boy. He said the boy "teased" him and killed his dog and cat.

DR. NORRIS HELD
AS NOT GUILTYTexas Minister Acquitted
of Charge of Slaying
Dexter E. Chipps

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 26. (AP)—The Rev. J. Frank Norris today resumed active leadership of his large Baptist congregation at Fort Worth, acquitted of a charge of murder for the slaying of Dexter E. Chipps in the church study July 17, last.

In acquitting the fundamentalist pastor, a jury in district court here last night found that Dr. Norris shot and killed Chipps in self defense. The verdict was in conformity to the instructions of Judge James R. Hamilton that if the evidence showed the lumberman threatened the pastor when he called at the study to protest attacks on the administration of Mayor H. C. Mescham, of Fort Worth, then they must acquit.

Jury Decides in Hour.
The jury was understood to have reached a verdict in a little more than an hour, but was delayed in reporting for an hour pending the location of Judge Hamilton and Dr. Norris. The pastor received the announcement calmly, but wept as friends crowded about the counsel table where he stood with his wife, two sons and attorneys.

Dr. Norris declined to make a statement, but announced through friends that he would preside at the weekly prayer meeting at his church tonight.

Boy Weeps.
Dexter E. Chipps, 15-year-old son of the lumberman, wept as the verdict was read. "I'm sorry for mother. It will hurt her," he said. Illness has prevented Mrs. Chipps from attending some of the closing sessions.

The trial was the third for Dr. Norris since he started evangelistic work in Texas nearly 20 years ago. Indicted in 1912 and 1913 on charges of arson and perjury, following the burning of his church and home, he was tried and acquitted on each charge and a third case was dismissed.

Tax Reduction
Is Predicted in
Next Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (AP)—A tax reduction at the next session of congress was predicted today by Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee after a talk with President Coolidge.

He said he could not let predict the form of the revision but forecast an aggregate reduction of \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

Two Thought Dead;
Sheriff Arrested

BONNERS FERRY, Ida., Jan. 26. (AP)—Sheriff Harvey Washburn is at liberty on his own recognizance on a charge of violating the federal prohibition law, and the bodies of two unknown liquor runners are believed to be in the waters of Moyle river where they plunged in an effort to escape federal liquor officials, it became known today.

Forty-eight cases of whiskey were seized by the federal officials, Ralph Sanborn, arrested with Sheriff Washburn, is in jail at Sand Point, but denies any knowledge of the identity of the two men believed to have been drowned.

WARLIKE STEP
IS TAKEN BY
THE BRITISHLargest Naval Flotilla
Since Armistice Gath-
ered at YantaiARMY UNITS ARE
READY FOR ACTIONEngland, Despite Prepar-
ations, Hopes That An
Amicable Settlement
Will Be Reached.

LONDON, Jan. 26. (AP)—British land and naval forces are converging on China as a demonstration of readiness to protect British life and property should they be placed in jeopardy through belligerent acts by the Chinese.

When the fighting ships ordered to proceed to Chinese waters from the various naval bases of the British Isles, the East Indies and the Mediterranean join the warships already on the scene, there will be assembled the most impressive flotilla of fighting units since the armistice ended the world war in 1918.

British Force Strong.
Estimates of the total number of effectives which will then be ready for eventualities, both on land and sea, place them at between 19,000 and 21,000. The land forces will be under command of Major General John Duncan, who had notable service in the world war. He left for the far east yesterday aboard the transport Morgantia just as 1000 marines were leaving Portsmouth for Shanghai. Before the end of the week it is expected that more than 11,000 infantrymen will be en route to China.

It is thought likely that orders also will be given to a number of nurses, some of them women from the military hospitals, to be prepared to go with the infantry brigades, either on the same or other transports. The hospital ship Maine is being refitted at Malta and soon will be on the way to the China station.

At Changhai nine destroyers are preparing to sail, probably within a fortnight; four cruisers are assembling from the Mediterranean; two are proceeding from the East Indies, while the destroyers Wanderer and Wolverine and the gunboats Aphra and Lady Bird have left Malta, to be followed shortly by the cruiser Dauntless.

Among the fighting units already at the China station are six vessels of the fifth cruiser squadron, eight of the third destroyer flotilla, and fifteen gunboats of the Yangtze and West River flotilla, together with submarines, attendant ships, a mine sweeper and an aircraft carrier, the Hermes.

Hope For Settlement.
Although going ahead steadily with the preparations, the officials of the government have not lost hope that an amicable settlement will be reached and that it will not be necessary to resort to arms.

Eugene Chen, the Cantonese foreign minister, and the British charge, Mr. O'Malley, are still engaged in negotiations at Hankow, where an attack by coolies on the British concession several weeks ago brought on the present crisis. Official dispatches make public here, however, have not shed any light on the progress of their discussions.

SHANGHAI MENACED.
SHANGHAI, Jan. 26. (AP)—Heavy concentration of Cantonese (nationalist) government troops (which are reported in the Chekiang province) has caused apprehension in Shanghai. Nationalists interpret the concentration as part of a supreme effort to be made by the Cantonese to capture Shanghai before the majority of the British expeditionary force of 20,000 army and navy men arrives at the end of February.

It is also feared that the landing of Panhai troops tomorrow from Hongkong will provide the match that will light a new anti-foreign, especially anti-British con-

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LESS INCOME
TAX PAID BY
STATE IN 1926

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26. (AP)—Oregon's income tax payments in 1926 were \$6,448,030 and in 1925 they were \$6,264,825, a falling off of only \$183,205, in spite of the fact that the number of individual returns was cut almost in half, according to Clyde C. Huntley, collector of internal revenue.

"The new provisions announced in 1926 not only relieved about 37,000 individuals who had made returns in 1925 from making such returns in 1926," said Huntley, "but also there was a cut from 2.4 and 6 per cent income tax in 1925 to a 1½ and 5 per cent tax in 1926, on those who were obliged to file returns and pay taxes."

In effect, this is a cut out of about 25 per cent in the amount of the tax paid from the big cut due to the relief of nearly 40,000 small incomes from all tax.