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## HIGH OFFICIAL IN K. C. MEETS QUEER DEATH

### James Travis, Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council, Is Found Dead in Mill Pond

## BODY FOUND RESTING ON 2 FLOATING LOGS

### Hint at Murder as Result of Controversy Over the Ku Klux Klan

WHITEFIELD, N. H., Nov. 6.—Unable to explain peculiar circumstances surrounding the death of James Travis, past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus council here, whose body was found in a mill pond yesterday, the police tonight were awaiting the report of an examination today by the state pathologist.

Travis dropped from sight mysteriously early Wednesday morning after he had entered his own dooryard. After daylight came his dead body was found in the mill pond, resting on two logs, 75 feet from the shore and slightly under the surface of the water which was about four feet deep.

According to information in the possession of the police, Travis returned to his garage about 1:30 Wednesday morning with a friend, Emile Dube, who said he left for his own home as Travis started to enter the house. Mrs. Travis said she heard a car being placed in the garage at about the same hour and heard the door bell ring. She was from three to five minutes in reaching the door and when she opened it, no one was in sight. Travis carried a key to the door and this was found in the clothing on his body.

A short time afterward two acquaintances of Travis, seeing the lights burning on the front plaza of the Travis home, stopped. They informed Mrs. Travis that her husband had passed them in his truck only a few minutes earlier. All three proceeded to the Dube home where Mr. Dube was preparing to retire.

An autopsy today revealed, it was said, no outward signs of severe violence, although some bruises were disclosed. Pending examination of the vital organs, no reports will be made.

The pond where the body was found can be reached from the Travis home only by following the road half a mile, turning up another street and passing through a mill path which leads behind the pond. The spot where the body rested could be reached, dry-shod, only by walking a boom or by using a raft. Snow, which had fallen on the boom recently, had not been walked upon. No raft was found near the body in the mill pond.

Authorities were investigating reports that Travis had been one of a party which destroyed a fiery cross here recently.

## NORTH DAKOTA IS CONCEDED TO GOP

### La Follette Manager Issues Statement Admitting Probable Defeat

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—Roy Frazier, assistant La Follette manager, told The Associated Press at 8 o'clock tonight when he was informed that President Coolidge had a lead of 9,027 votes over La Follette with 254 precincts to be heard from out of the state's 2,160, that "on the basis of the returns, Coolidge has evidently carried North Dakota."

## THE WEATHER

OREGON—Rain, warmer east portion; southerly gales on the coast.

LOCAL WEATHER (Thursday)  
Maximum temperature, 55.  
Minimum temperature, 42.  
River, 3.5; falling.  
Rainfall, .02.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, southeast.

## Coolidge Piles Up Large Lead Over Opponents in the State of Washington

SEATTLE, Nov. 6.—President Coolidge had a lead of 65,640 over Senator La Follette in Washington, when the votes cast in Tuesday's election had been tabulated late tonight from 2339 of the state's 2437 precincts. With less than 100 precincts missing and the vote in them reported small, the returns for the three leading presidential candidates were: Coolidge 210,821; La Follette 145,180, and Davis 41,631.

The only office that is being closely contested is for the representative in congress from the fifth district. In this district Sam B. Hill, democratic incumbent, maintained a lead all day and up to late tonight over J. Edward Ferguson, his republican opponent, but the lead was reduced slightly in the later compilations.

## POLK COUNTY GOES FOR REPUBLICANS

### Complete Returns Give Coolidge Wide Margin in Presidency Race

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 6.—Polk county complete unofficial returns give Coolidge 2736, Davis 1693, La Follette 899, Coulter 201, McNary 3074, Miller 1445, Robinson 69, Butler 132, Clark 1281, Hawley 3091.

Francis 133, Hembree 1464, Koser 3271, Kay 2798, Myers 1936, Belt 4008, Coshov 1533, Kelly 1263, Adams 383, Van Winkle 3244, Furuset 133, McCoy 1830, Ostrander 2482.

Literacy amendment, yes 3232, no 1038; welfare amendment, yes 2092, no 1541; bonus amendment, yes 1849, no 2293; oil bill, yes 2413, no 2206; naturopath bill, yes 1185, no 2408; compulsory compensation, yes 1167, no 3955; income tax repeal, yes 1715, no 2837.

Successful county candidates were: District attorney, J. N. Helgeson, republican; county judge, G. L. Hawkins, republican; commissioner, C. C. Gardner, democrat; sheriff, T. B. Hooker, democrat; clerk, H. G. Black, democrat; treasurer, E. A. Hamilton, republican; assessor, Fred J. Holman, republican; surveyor, E. J. Howe, republican; school superintendent, Josiah Wils, republican; coroner, A. L. Keeney, republican.

## SENATE MAJORITY IS STILL IN DOUBT

### Republican Leaders May or May Not Hold the Whip Hand Next Session

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—On the same tide which swept President Coolidge back into office, the republicans have come into actual as well as nominal control of the next house of representatives. Whether they also will have the whip hand in the senate still depends on the outcome of contests in several states.

With a single house district still in doubt, the republicans have captured 246 seats in that body on the face of unofficial returns. This is an increase of 21 over their present strength and 28 above a majority.

Leaders of the party regard this margin as sufficient to leave them in control, particularly as to organization in the face of any coalition between La Follette insurgents and the democrats, such as tied the organization of the present house for many days and successfully challenged a number of administration proposals.

Warren Swells Total  
With belated returns showing the re-election of Francis E. Warren in Wyoming, the republicans in the senate had increased their majority from the bare 49 to 52, included in this number, however, were Senator La Follette and at least three others of his supporters.

In the face of this situation it was conceded that in order to have a workable majority it would be necessary for the republicans to win at least one of the two contests in Minnesota and New Mexico and Hill the vacancy in Connecticut at the special election

## BALDWIN HAS NEW CABINET LIST FINISHED

### Prime Minister of England Selects Winston Churchill, Deserter From Liberals, for Honor

## NEW BODY WILL BE APPROVED, BELIEF

### Incoming Ministers Will Take Oath of Office Before King Today

LONDON, Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—Stanley Baldwin, the new prime minister, has lost no time in drawing up the list of his new cabinet which was submitted to and approved by the king tonight. The king will hold a privy council at Buckingham palace tomorrow for the transfer of the seals of office from the old to the new ministers who will take the oath and comply with other necessary formalities.

It is understood that this list of 19 ministers constitutes the cabinet, although it is not necessarily complete. The other ministers and under-secretaries will be named later and the government is not likely to be completed until next week. The cabinet ministers, however, will be able to follow custom and attend the lord mayor's banquet Monday in their official capacities.

### Approval Expected

On the whole the new cabinet is likely to be well received by the country, but Premier Baldwin supplied two first class surprises, the first in killing the fatted calf for Churchill, a newcomer to the ranks of conservatives, which he deserted 20 years ago, and the second, which is generally held to be a consequence of the first, in the exclusion of Sir Robert Stevenson Churchill.

Mr. Churchill, by reason of his political record, which under one party or another covered the most important offices in the government, could have considered himself entitled to high office, but it was generally supposed, in view of his so recent reconversion to the conservative creed, that he would be required to serve a sort of novitiate period in one of the less important offices.

### Opposed Bolshevism

Under the liberal flag as now under the conservative colors, he always waged unceasing and bitter.

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## SENATOR LODGE THOUGHT DYING

### Attending Physicians Lose Hope of Famous Republican's Recovery

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 6.—Little hope of the recovery of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was held out tonight by physicians who have been in attendance at his bedside since he suffered a stroke at the Charles Gates hospital here yesterday. In a bulletin issued early tonight the outlook for his recovery was pronounced "most unfavorable."

The senator was still unconscious and his condition was said to be little changed.

The bulletin, which was released about 6:30 p. m., announced "no decided change during the day. Outlook most unfavorable." The bulletin was signed by Dr. John H. Cunningham and Dr. Frederick H. Winslow.

At the time the statement was made public Senator Lodge had been unconscious for approximately 30 hours. He was seized with a stroke yesterday noon which rendered him unconscious and his condition, pronounced critical by his physicians at that time, has varied but little.

Senator Lodge submitted to an emergency operation July 27, recovering quickly. He again rallied rapidly when a second operation was performed October 20. That he would be able to attend the opening of congress December 1 had been considered assured. Dr. Cunningham said, in reviewing his patient's case today. His progress has been so satisfactory that it had been expected the senator would be able to leave the hospital next week.

## 2 MORE VICTIMS SUCCUMB TO NEW PECULIAR PLAGUE

### Determined Campaign on Foot to Exterminate Rats in Stricken Quarters

## TAX SOURCES ARE REVEALED

### Governor Advocates Cigarette, Theatre and Gas Measures for Revenue

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6.—Two deaths today from pneumonic plague increased the toll to 28 victims since the disease originated in the Mexican quarter here October 19. Dr. W. M. Dickie, secretary of the state board of health and director of the anti-plague committee, announced tonight.

Four new cases have been discovered in the Mexican sector and in the Belvidere district, eight miles from here, in the past 24 hours, Dr. Dickie said, while two more suspects are under observation. The total of cases is 37.

"The quarantine is being rigidly enforced. No extension of the infected areas has occurred and the situation is satisfactory tonight," the director's statement said.

The rat extermination campaign today extended into the stricken quarter, where 20 trained nurses and a corps of physicians are making minute surveys of potential victims twice daily.

Faced by the loss of the state income tax, Governor Walter M. Pierce outlined several new taxes that he will recommend to the legislature at its coming session at a meeting of the board of control yesterday. The taxes contemplated by the governor include a theater tax, a tax on cigarettes and an additional gasoline tax of 1 cent per gallon. He also said that he would ask for the repeal of the quarter-mill road tax.

It was estimated by the governor that the cigarette tax would bring in between \$200,000 and \$500,000 while the increased gasoline tax, making a total of 4 cents a gallon, would net an additional \$1,000,000. He did not estimate the amount that would be received from the theater and motion picture tax.

By repealing the quarter-mill road tax the amount which the state could appropriate under the 6 per cent tax limitation law for other purposes would be increased. The road tax at present produces about \$260,000 annually.

None of these proposed sources of revenue will be considered when the state tax commission meets to make up the annual tax levy in December, he said for their adoption depends upon the attitude taken by the legislature when it meets in January and February.

## Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND NEXT THING

### There Will Be Efforts to Finish the Campaign Soon as Possible

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—President Coolidge's lead in California continued to mount tonight as belated returns from Tuesday's election were received and tabulated by The Associated Press.

The count of 7112 of the state's 7465 precincts stood: Coolidge 719,326; La Follette 409,682; Davis 104,076; Farris 12,477.

At the meeting of the Salem Y. M. C. A. directors at noon yesterday plans were discussed to finish the \$200,000 building campaign, which, as most readers know, is short a little over \$25,000.

There is a desire on the part of every one interested to have the matter out of the way at the earliest possible date in order to clear the field for other campaigns coming on.

There are reasons why it should not drag beyond the end of November; or much beyond the 15th. T. A. Livesley and Paul Wallace have authority to call committees together and to take any other action to complete the great task. They will no doubt have announcements to make very soon, for there is no disposition to let the matter drag.

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Alabama, 10 democrats.  
Arizona, 1 democrat.  
Arkansas, 7 democrats.  
California, 2 democrats, 9 republicans.  
Colorado, 1 democrat, 3 republicans.  
Connecticut, 5 republicans.  
Delaware, 1 republican.  
Florida, 4 democrats.  
Georgia, 12 democrats.  
Idaho, 2 republicans.  
Illinois, 5 democrats, 22 republicans.  
Indiana, 3 democrats, 10 republicans.  
Iowa, 11 republicans.  
Kansas, 2 democrats, 6 republicans.  
Kentucky, 8 democrats, 3 republicans.  
Louisiana, 8 democrats.  
Maine, 4 republicans.  
Maryland, 4 democrats, 2 republicans.  
Massachusetts, 3 democrats, 13 republicans.  
Michigan, 13 republicans.  
Minnesota, 7 republicans, 3 farmer-labor.  
Mississippi, 9 democrats.  
Missouri, 8 democrats, 7 republicans.  
Montana, 1 democrat, 1 republican.  
Nebraska, 3 democrats, 3 republicans.  
Nevada, 1 republican.  
New Hampshire, 2 republicans.  
New Jersey, 2 democrats, 10 republicans.  
New Mexico, in doubt; democrat leading.

New York, 22 democrats, 20 republicans, 1 socialist.  
North Carolina, 10 democrats.  
North Dakota, 3 republicans.  
Ohio, 6 democrats, 16 republicans.  
Oklahoma, 7 democrats, 1 republican.  
Oregon, 3 republicans.  
Pennsylvania, 36 republicans.  
Rhode Island, 1 democrat, 2 republicans.  
South Carolina, 7 democrats.  
South Dakota, 3 republicans.  
Tennessee, 8 democrats, 2 republicans.  
Texas, 17 democrats, 1 republican.  
Utah, 2 republicans.  
Vermont, 2 republicans.  
Virginia, 10 democrats.  
Washington, 1 democrat, 4 republicans.  
West Virginia, 1 democrat, 5 republicans.  
Wisconsin, 10 republicans, 1 socialist.  
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## FAMOUS JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT MAY BE DEFEATED

### Nationally Famous Character Pays Guards to Watch All the Ballot Boxes

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## INCOME TAXES COLLECTIBLE

### Off-Hand Expression of Officials Quoted; 14 Will Lose Their Jobs

FOURTEEN employees of the state income tax department will be seeking new jobs if the income tax repeal is carried, as is indicated by present returns throughout the state and as soon as the state tax board meets, which will be immediately. There will be no change in the other four employees of the tax commission, whose duties are not confined to the income tax commission.

It is the consensus of opinion among state officials that returns under the income tax law while it was still in effect are collectible even though the bill has been repealed. The situation which arose several years ago in regard to the mortgage tax was cited. While this tax was repealed, collections were demanded, it being held that the obligations were assumed under the law and were not affected by its cancellation. Suits will probably have to be instituted in order to force collection, it was stated.

Just what legal machinery will be needed to attempt to collect the income tax returns under the old law has not been decided and there was some doubt expressed as to whether or not the money could be collected even though it was demanded by the law.

## BROOKHART NOSES HIS OPPONENT OUT

### Latest Results Give Republican Insurgent Hair's Breadth Plurality

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—Senator Smith W. Brookhart will return to Washington as Iowa's junior senator unless the official canvass of senatorial votes cast in Tuesday's election or a recount upsets the result indicated by the unofficial canvass, by county election boards is to begin next Monday.

Tonight, with the unofficial count thoroughly re-checked, Senator Brookhart led Daniel F. Steek, democrat, by 1116, the smallest margin by which any republican candidate for major office has won in Iowa in many years.

The total vote, as compiled by the Associated Press was: Brookhart 447,523; Steek 446,407.

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The great drive for a new church will be undertaken by the Presbyterians on November 16, and the effort will continue until November 23. A careful canvass, extending over months, has convinced the pastor and the official board that the time is ripe for a new church, and that Salem will furnish the money. The Sunday school especially needs attention, and is now being farmed out over the city. The Presbyterian church is appealing to the young, and every effort should be made for their accommodation.

The goal has been set for \$125,000, and no pledge is binding unless \$75,000 is pledged. An easy payment plan will be put into effect so that none of the pledgers will be pressed for payments unless they so desire.

Pledges will be payable in 30 equal quarterly payments through a period of 60 months unless otherwise preferred by the subscriber. The new church is to be begun when \$60,000 in cash is secured.

### Drive Starts Wednesday

On Wednesday night of next week, as a sort of curtain raiser, a father and son banquet will be given at the church at which time as an object lesson the needs of a new building will be shown. The youth of the church will make its appeal, and the fathers are expected to be ready to join when the drive opens on Sunday, October 15. Col. Wilbur F. Gilbert of Portland will be the chief speaker. He has the reputation of a good speaker and a clear thinker.

If Presbyterians of Salem are going into the campaign with a determination to secure a new building there is no question of the need, and those in charge are very confident that success will crown their efforts. Under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Long the church has met the challenge, and Salem and forward-looking Christians of that denomination will see a new structure secured that will be adequate for all needs.

### Committee Named

The committee in charge is composed of the following: S. E. Purvine, W. W. Moore, Joseph H. Albert, Paul B. Wallace, William McGhie, Jr., chairman. These men will be the leaders, but the entire membership, including the youngsters, will be enthusiastic helpers and boosters to see that the project goes across.

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