

## MELLON OF TREASURY NEAR QUIZ

### Income Tax Refund To Sen. Couzens Ends Chapter In Feud — Cabinet Officials Slated For Questioning In Recent Sinclair Oil Lease Renewal — Sen. Walsh Heads Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The treasury department to obtain an additional \$10,000,000 income tax payment from Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, ended today with the receipt by the senator of a check for \$589,832 from the government as a refund on his income tax for the year in question.

The refund payment ended a bitterly fought contest between the government and the original holders of Ford Motor company stock, including Senator Couzens, which started almost four years ago, simultaneously with the public dispute waged by Secretary Mellon and the senator over administration of tax matters.

Whether that dispute between the Republican leaders which started over the merits of a contention by the treasury head on tax reductions is ended by the termination of the court contest was not clear tonight. Senator Couzens still has before the senate a resolution asking for the resignation of Mr. Mellon for maladministration. Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, also has a resolution asking an inquiry of the government tax suit against Senator Couzens.

Treasury officials were silent today on the entire case, word of the refund coming from outside sources. It was confirmed by Senator Couzens whose son collected the government's check today in Detroit.

"This is a concrete piece of evidence," the senator said in confirming the refund, "of the mismanagement of the bureau of internal revenue under the greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton's time."

"If congress is able to compute the entire losses to the government under such management," he declared, "it will be found to have run into the hundreds of thousands. It is this power in the treasury department to punish anyone who disagreed with them which has intimidated thousands of taxpayers who otherwise would feel free to criticize."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A cabinet officer, a former cabinet officer and assistants to two cabinet officers were summoned today by the senate public lands committee to appear before it beginning next Wednesday for questioning relative to the renewal of the Salt Creek royalty oil contract held by Harry F. Sinclair until it was recently nullified.

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The committee decided to go into the oil contract renewal in connection with its consideration of the nomination of Roy O. West, of Chicago, as secretary of the interior. Mr. West, who received a recess appointment last summer was asked to testify at the Wednesday meeting. Hubert Work, who resigned as interior secretary to become chairman of the Republican National Committee in the Hoover campaign, William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general, and E. C. Finney, assistant secretary of the interior, were summoned for Thursday. The sessions will be public.

Mr. Work renewed the Sinclair contract early this year after consultation with the solicitor of the interior department. Ernest O. Patterson, who has also been called by the committee. Later protests against the contract were entered and finally last October the department of justice declared the contract void after President Coolidge had forwarded to it complaints received from Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana.

Senator Walsh, a member of the public lands committee, asked the summoning of the witnesses called today by the committee, the nomination of Mr. West bringing the case to a head. He said he wanted to ask Mr. West if he took any steps to determine the legality of the renewal allowed by his predecessor when protests were lodged with the department.

**Holmgren Captain.**  
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Alfred Holmgren of Pendleton, Ore., Whitman college football end, was re-elected captain of the Northwest champion football team yesterday.

The awarding of the most valuable player trophy here last night, Holmgren is a triple threat man, power end, both on defense and offense.

## PRINCE OF WALES RETURNS HOME



The Prince of Wales has cut short his African tour and is hurrying home with Prince Henry to the bedside of their father, King George, who is ill in Buckingham palace.

PORT SAID, Egypt, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales tonight boarded the cruiser Enterprise which will sail at eleven p. m. It is expected to reach London in about 24 hours. The prince had left the cruiser which brought him from Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, at Suva. He visited at Cariganya, the warship was making its way through the Suez canal.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The evening bulletin on King George's condition, issued at 8:15 p. m., read: "The King has passed a quiet day with some sleep. The raised temperature persists because the inflammation of the lung must be slowly but steadily repaired." (Signed) "Hewett."

## CITY BIDS FOR NEXT SESSION OF STATE BAR OF FEUD HATE

### W. M. Davis, Portland Lawyer Named President — Favors Increase In Salaries of Circuit Judges — Attorneys Urged to Show More Interest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—W. M. Davis, for 38 years a practicing attorney in Portland, was today elected president of the Oregon Bar association at the close of the annual meeting here. Davis last year was vice president of the association. As president he will succeed John Rand, chief justice of Oregon.

E. O. Imel, Eugene, member last year of the executive committee, was elected vice president, and John Guy Wilson and Arthur Platt, both of Portland, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

In accepting the office of president, Mr. Davis urged that the attorneys of the state take a more lively interest in their organization.

Davis favors an increase in salaries of circuit court judges, he said, over the \$4,000 annually that is now being paid the judges in counties over the state, exclusive of Multnomah county. In Multnomah, the judges are paid \$5,500 annually.

The next annual meeting of the bar association will be held on September 27 and 28, the place to be selected later by the executive committee. Both Medford and Eugene have made bids for the meeting.

**Beldice Approved.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The house commerce committee has approved a bill to authorize L. L. Montague to construct a toll bridge across the Columbia river near Arlington, Ore. The measure had the approval of the war department but the department of agriculture recommended against approval.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The 1928 Pacific coast conference football schedule prescribes major goals for some of the grizzled squads before a champion of the west is proclaimed. Coaches, graduate managers and faculty representatives of the conference, in meeting here yesterday, drew up and ratified the year-end program for the ensuing year, and a glance over it revealed that many of the members were down for exceedingly difficult schedules.

## APE BOY'S DAD FAILS TO TELL PER PROMISE

### Northcott's Mother Hears Charges Against Son For First Time — Defense Attorney Scorns Use of Insanity Plea — Hopes To Arrange Meeting.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The promise of Cyrus George Northcott, father of the accused slayer, Gordon Stewart Northcott, that he would "tell everything" failed to materialize today when he informed Deputy District Attorney Earle Redwine of Riverside county. "I haven't anything to say now," Redwine had gone to his cell following the father's promise made to him on Thursday.

Meanwhile Norbert Savay, chief defense counsel for Gordon Stewart Northcott, said that Mrs. Northcott, Northcott's mother, and Mrs. Northcott's wife and mother of Gordon, had denied the charges against her.

"Mrs. Northcott learned today for the first time the details of the atrocious crimes, credited to her 22-year old son," Savay said. "The woman broke into tears and sobbed bitterly as I told her of the state's accusations. She denied the charges that she participated in the killing of the Collins boy."

Savay said that there was no possibility of a plea of not guilty by insanity, and that he would attempt to bring about a meeting of the mother and her son, who is held at Los Angeles.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Sidestepping the questions of reporters, Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott, Northcott's mother, today left her home for a hotel in Los Angeles, held as a material witness against her and Gordon Stewart Northcott in four alleged boy slayings. And only once was she drawn into talking of the crimes which police say were committed at the Northcott chicken ranch near Whittier.

When she cried out, angrily: "Never, never, will I believe my boy killed anyone until he tells me so with his own lips."

Quickly Mrs. Northcott was taken from the train at Glendale, Cal., which had carried her there from Canada where she was captured, to the county jail. Norbert Savay, chief defense counsel for her son Gordon, met the 61-year old mother here and frustrated every further attempt to question her by obtaining a district attorney's order restraining newspapermen and officers.

Thirty-five miles away in Los Angeles, the 22-year old son was held in a jail hospital, ill with a cold. He will not be permitted to see his mother, police said.

Riverside authorities announced that Mrs. Northcott would be arraigned in superior court there on Tuesday to face the charge that she aided in the slaying of Walter Collins, Northcott's 10-year old child, with his mother in this alleged killing and authorities said that if the son had recuperated he would be arraigned with his mother. He has already pleaded not guilty to a charge of murdering "John Doe," November 28.

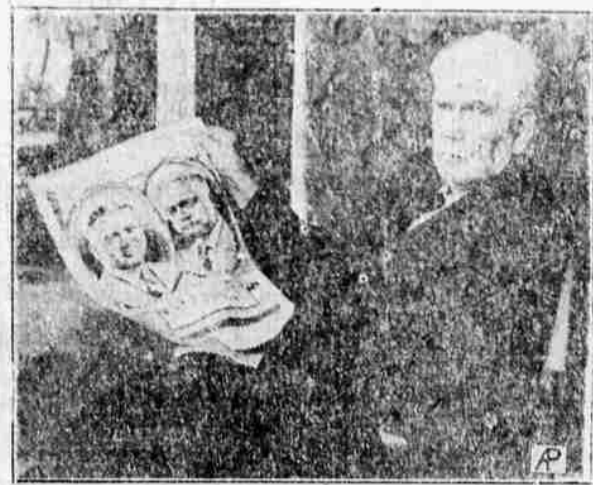
When Beldice failed to return, a party of men instituted a search for him, and today, four miles west of Beatty, discovered two large blood stains six feet apart. A few feet away was a long blood-stained knife. The ground was trampled and the brush broken as if there had been a severe struggle.

Officers said that between the road and the place where the bloodstained ground was discovered, was a discernible trail as if some heavy object had been dragged over the ground to the highway.

There were some who believed it possible that Beldice had been attacked and killed and that the body was carried away in an automobile. Beldice was one of the highest types of Indians on the reservation. Beatty residents said he had many enemies originating from a long feud between two groups on the reservation. He was a leader of one faction. Recently, it was said, his life had been threatened.

**Day in Congress**  
House in recess. Agricultural department estimates 14,373,000 bale cotton crop. American mining congress urges tariff protection for minerals and tax relief for mining industries. House rules committee gives Greek and Austrian debt settlement bills preferred legislative status. Senate public lands committee to look into voided Salt Creek oil contract. West and Work called for questioning. Senator Couzens of Michigan, sets \$889,832 income tax refund from treasury after department loses battle to collect \$10,000,000 from him.

## GOOVER'S UNCLE AWAITS MARCH 4



Maj. Labin J. Miles of Pawhuska, Okla., looks forward to March 4 when he hopes to be in Washington to see his nephew inaugurated as president. Major Miles played the role of Uncle Sam for Charles Curtis when he was head of the Indian agency supervising the Kawas, with whom Curtis lived in childhood. "They're bully boys," says the major as he looks at pictures of the next president and vice president.

## PATTEN, KING OF CHICAGO "PIT" TO HIS REWARD

### Started Life As Hired Man On Illinois Farm, And Won Fortune By Fast Thinking — Made Own Employees Save Half On Salary — Opposed Gambling.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—James A. Patten, retired "wheat king," died today at his home in Evanston, Ill., of pneumonia.

Although confined to his bed since November 26, the serious nature of his illness was not discovered until last night. His wife, his son Jack and three physicians were at the bedside when he died.

Almost coincident with the death of the grain financier, the Chicago board of trade abandoned the old building and the pits in which he gained his fortune and sent his fame wide and far by his spectacular dealings in wheat, corn and oats.

Born on an Illinois prairie farm, Mr. Patten knew grain at its source from the time he learned to walk. In his early twenties he became familiar with the machinery of the pit after saving a few dollars from a meager farm salary.

He built his fortune through the period when the pit called for fast thinking and he never was fast from a set standard of business principles, which among other things, favored gambling.

"A gambler is a man who creates the important risks," he once said. "A speculator is a man who assumes risks that already exist."

He was impressed by the honesty of the men in the pit and impatient with what he called "theoretical demagogues," who "thinked outside control of realities."

Maintaining staunch views on character, Mr. Patten insisted that young men in his employ save at least half of their salary regardless of amount and he never allowed funds of departments in his business to be seen in saloons.

Starting as a speculator in the late twenties Mr. Patten bought "calls" in the corn market, with \$2,500, his entire savings. He closed out with a profit of \$25,000. The money was quickly reinvested and he multiplied several times over. By 1899, he was a recognized leader in the grain pits.

**Ancient Battle**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Discovery of an ancient battle, which archaeologists claim is 7,000 years old, was announced today by the Field Museum of Natural History. The toy was excavated near Kish, Mesopotamia. Its shape is that of a bedgongon, with a hardened mud ball serving as the rattler.

## MUSSOLINI JADE FIND FOR PEACE IN BAKER REPORTED

### Italy Ready To Sign All Pacts But To Increase Military When Financially Able — Declares World Prepares For War, But Talks Of Concord — The Premier Talks.

ROME, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Benito Mussolini, today closed the chamber of deputies, the last session of the body in which the party system of election will prevail. He delivered his speech after the chamber had passed by acclamation bills giving the grand council of the Fascist party a constitutional status and enacting into law the Fascist labor charter.

The premier made his address to the accompaniment of an ovation in which Fascist songs and salutations predominated. It was an imposing suit of morning clothes, but had the Fascist black shirt in place of the traditional "holled front."

The premier lauded the action of the present chamber, saying that many of its members would be returned to the Fascist organization that is to succeed it, and that others would be promoted to the senate.

Discussing the attitude of Italy toward the rest of the world, he emphasized that Fascism's policy was one of peace, but that the party would be chary about giving its cooperation to others.

"We are very cautious about granting our friendship to anyone who has not given us necessary guarantees in exchange," he said.

Of the Kellogg peace pact he remarked that its signing demonstrated Italy's peaceful intentions. He said the treaty had been described as "sublime" and he added: "I believe it is really that although to some people it has appeared 'not transcendental but accidental.' We, however, are ready to sign other treaties of the same kind on condition that they give sincere guarantees for peace."

He stressed that Italy did not desire to disturb the European equilibrium, but since difficulties were ahead, he wished to be prepared. Therefore he said that once the nation had passed its convalescence from the illness that followed upon the world war, he would ask it to make another effort to bring its military up to the mark. He added that Italy was already "in full convalescence" and added:

"The financial situation has emerged from its acute stage and we have repaid \$125,000,000 and no country in the world has done so much proportionately. We have a heavy inheritance from the past, but can say with pride that our regime proved equal to the task."

"The truth is that the whole world is again arising itself. The evil times were ahead, and cannot be constantly increasing, yet everybody speaks of peace."

"We are all for peace, and if tomorrow other Kellogg treaties were in view, we would hasten to sign them."

**TRAINING PLANE FACTORY PLANNED FOR EUGENE AREA**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Geo. E. Love, past department commander of the American Legion, and president of the newly incorporated Aircraft Builders' corporation, today authorized an announcement saying a factory for the manufacture of student training planes will be erected in Eugene shortly after the first of the year. A production schedule of 350 machines has been set for the first twelve months, the announcement said.

"With thousands of flying schools established throughout the United States, there is an ever-increasing demand for a special type of training plane now only available in army and navy schools.

"Our proximity to the airplane spruce resources of Oregon and favorable manufacturing conditions will make it possible for us to complete in every section of the country once we get into full production, which we hope will touch 1,200 planes a year."

The Eugene factory plans to manufacture two types of plane only, one a two-passenger biplane and the other a three-passenger low-wing monoplane of the coupe type.

## JADE FIND IN BAKER REPORTED

### Seattle Chemist Tipped Off Locating Quarry of Precious Stone In Ancient Quarry — Geologists Doubt But Discoverer To Start Mining In Spring.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An ancient quarry of what he believed to be jade was found in eastern Oregon, by M. J. Reusz, Seattle chemist, said here tonight.

The supposed jade deposit, he said, is in an old tunnel on a desert hillside in Baker county, Oregon. Indications were that the stone was quarried centuries ago by Indians. The sheet is 1,200 feet long, and at least 400 feet deep, he said, ranging in width from two inches to three feet.

Although Reusz declared the stone had been pronounced jade by several experts, Seattle geologists questioned the authenticity of his find. Henry Lande, geologist and dean of the University of Washington college of science, said he had never heard of the existence of jade in this part of the world nor had he heard of jade deposits "in place."

Reusz said that he intended to begin quarrying in the spring, but had written a letter to the American Museum of Natural History in New York offering to delay his work so that anthropologists could explore the old tunnel.

"I made the discovery two years ago while roaming through eastern Oregon in scientific research," the chemist explained. "I noticed a huge boulder on the side of a hill. It aroused my curiosity because it did not seem to belong there. I climbed up to investigate and found a hole on one side of the rock. I dug it larger and crawled in, to find myself in a tunnel that led straight to the sheet of jade."

"The tunnel was high enough for a man to walk in easily and niches were cut in the sides at frequent intervals. At the end where it struck the sheet of jade, it was just as it was. I noticed chisel marks in the jade, evidently made by an instrument, unlike any we have today.

"The rock at the mouth of the tunnel, I judge, weighed about half a ton and must have been carried a distance of half a mile. It would have taken many men to handle it."

He suggested that the stone had been quarried by Indians who inhabited Mexico or Central America at the time of the discovery of America, during their migrations southward or on some extended expedition to the north.

**OIL QUESTION IN CONGRESS AGAIN**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Congress wound up the first week of its session today by bringing the oil question once more to the forefront of the issues facing the three month's session.

With the house in recess and its committees only moderately active, the Senate public lands committee decided to go into the contract with Harry F. Sinclair held for oil from the Salt-Creek field which has been held invalid by the department of justice.

Along with consideration of the nomination of Roy O. West as secretary of the interior next week, a number of witnesses, including former Secretary Work of the interior department, will be called for questioning in connection with the contract which Mr. Work renewed before leaving office.

**Orient to Smoke**  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP)—A steamer now en route to the Orient has in her cargo 3,528 hogsheads and 4,600 cases of Virginia leaf tobacco, valued at \$508,000, the largest tobacco export ever loaded here or probably in any American port.

**Hungary Takes Polo**  
BUDAPEST (AP)—Polo is to Hungary what baseball is to the United States. For its size Hungary has more polo grounds than any other country in Europe. Hungary's stars placed second at the 1928 Olympics.

**SIANGHAI (AP)**—The national government estimates that there are twenty million persons in the one province of Kiangsu but are unable to get it partly because they are so poverty stricken and partly because there are no schools.