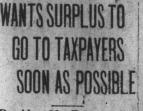
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In News, Here and Abroad



President Not Encouraging
Those With Different
Plans for Spending the
Treasury Surplus.

AUTO TAX WILL BE CONTESTED

It Is Said That the President Is Not of Opinion That the Tax Should Be Entirely Eliminated.

Washington, Nov. 20.-(A)-Mem

House.

Their arguments, they find, have had little or no effect on President Coolidge's position with respect to the plan he and Secretary Mellon have worked out to return the surplus now estimated at \$300,000,000 to income









"I am a firm believer in the am aration of church and state," he remarked, "but I believe the rule should work both ways. We must respect it ourse ves, and not be content with demanding that everybody e'se respect it."

Justice Varser wesn't ta'king as an Al Smith man, because he isn't, but he has been looking on from the side lines and he is quite positive that the New Yorker's presidential candidacy has been helped rather than harmed by the recent broadsides against him.

"You know continued attacks on a man have the tendency to create public sympathy for him," he said.

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## FIRES ON OFFICERS

CONCORD, N. C., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1926

Harold Wheeler, Former W. Ratcliffe Irby, One of Inmate of State Hospital, Seriously Wounds Sheriff Henry Gamble. Ratcliffe Irby, One of Richest Men in South, Takes Own Life in Funcral Establishment.

MAKES GETAWAY **DURING NIGHT** 

Wheeler Escaped From Hospital and No Effort to Take Him Back Had Been Made.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 20. (49)
Harold Wheeleg, 20 year old son of a prominent Williamsburg county furner, remained at liberty today at ter dangerously wounding Sacriff Hery. Hard Control of the Canad Bank & Trust Company, committed suicide in a local undertaking establishment to day the cast Line passenger trains passing near his home.

After waiting around the Wheeler, poleower induced by J. Wheeler, the young man's father to leave on the chance when the might return to his parents who would turn him over to the authorities.

Young Wheeler escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Columbia last June after being an firmate there since October, 1925, Ili. mate there since October, 1925, Ili. condition was not regarded as danger of the wealthingtest men. The solver, when the wealthings men. On the floor beside him was his revenient.

GAVE BIG FUNDS DURING HIS LIFE

Contributed to Aid of City Parks, Hospitals and Tulane University During the Past Years.

Captured



King" Benjamin Purnell, eader of the "House of lavid" colony at Benton Haror, Mich., was found, after four-year police hunt, sereted within the colony.

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STORMS ON GREAT LAKES
DIMINISH IN POWER

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## HENRY STEVENS ON STAND DENIES AND PART IN MUNDERS

Defendant in Hall-Mills Search of Ruins According Trial Says He Was at Home on Night of the teen Men Believed Double Slaying.

DENIED TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

Said He Was Fifty Miles

From Murder Scene at
Time.—He Talked With

Time.—He Talked With Friends That Night.

Couri House, Somerville, N. J., Nov. 20.—Taking the witness stand on his own birthday, Henry Stevens, charged with his sister and brother with the murder of Mrs. Efeanor Mill, Septemate Sparr ber 14, 1922, told a jury here today, counted that he was at his home at Lavallette, N. J., more than fifty miles away that day and night.

The witness said he spent the morning "down town" and fished in the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Stevens parently was in New York, the said, but the cook was present when he had the evening meal at home about 6 o'clock.

During the early evening he said he went to a neighbor's house to tell him that the fish were biting, and also weighed a six-pound hue fish for a fired.

## SOME BODIES ST

For Only Eight of teen Men Believed Have Been Killed.

12 MEMBERS OF CREW MISSING

Get Well.