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## SPEER PICKED GAYNOR CASE JURY, HE SAYS

### Former U. S. Marshal Testifies Federal Judge Took Hand In Choosing Grand Jur- ors in Noted Case.

## TWO FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE, IS CHARGE

### Declares that Speer Wanted to Know What Was "In It" For Him in Matter Of Fee.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 23.—J. M. Barnes, former United States marshal, testified yesterday before the congressional committee, that Judge Emory Speer picked the grand jury in the Greene-Gaynor case, and that the jury as completed contained the names of two former fugitives from justice.

Mr. Barnes testified that on one occasion he had gone to Judge Speer to thank him for a libel case he received as a custodian in a bankruptcy case. The jurist, he said, said the witness retired from the room, remarked slowly that "you thank me very beautifully but what is there in it for me."

"I don't recall whether I put my hand in the box or whether Judge Speer did, but a package of fifty names of jurors was taken out," he testified. After the names were removed, he stated, Judge Speer asked him to look over them and see if he was acquainted with any of them. One name which he recognized was that of a prominent populist. He had told Judge Speer, he said, that this was a man of intelligence.

"We won't take him," Judge Speer said, he stated. Another name was that of a resident of Valdosta, the home of Mr. Talley. When the name was reached, he said, Judge Speer and Mr. Talley had held a long conversation in low tones. The man was afterwards made foreman of the jury. He charged that the jury as completed contained the names of two fugitives from justice.

## REFUSED TO SIGN MANDATE

Macon, Ga., Jan. 23.—United States District Attorney Alexander Akerman today appeared as the 24th witness before the sub-committee of the house committee on judiciary in the congressional investigation of charges of official misconduct against Judge Emory Speer of the United States district court, southern district of Georgia.

Mr. Akerman testified that the legal firm of which he was a member, represented Henry Jemison, said to have been in the employ of Judge Speer, at the time Jemison was convicted of violation of a city ordinance and sentenced to the chain-gang. Jemison later was released by order of Judge Speer in habeas corpus proceedings. On appeal of City of Macon to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the reversal of the decision of the lower court, Mr. Akerman said, he carried the mandate of the higher tribunal to Judge Speer's residence, along with an order prepared by the city attorney of Macon. The order, if signed, he said, would make the mandate of the higher court effective. Judge Speer declined to sign the order, and the following day it was again declined to sign it.

"Do you know anything concerning the charge that Judge Speer is addicted to the drug habit?" asked Chairman Webb.

"Not of my own knowledge," replied the witness. "I can only give you the opinion of a lawyer. I have frequently observed the Judge grow irritable, restless and impatient; that on such occasions he would recess his court and go to Chambers for five or ten minutes, when he would reënter the bench with his old time vigor."

That Judge Speer would leave his judicial district every year from July 1 to November 1, was also asserted by the witness.

## Bandit Makes a Porter Help in Train Robbery

### Gives Scared Negro a Bag and Orders Him to Visit All Sleeping Passengers; Then Porter Signals For Emergency Brake, and Robber Escapes.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—With the assistance of two reluctant but badly scared porters a lone bandit held up four passengers on the rear sleeper of the Michigan Central passenger train due here from Detroit at 7:30 o'clock this morning. It was a serio-comic affair, which netted the bandit something under \$300.

## SUGGESTS SOLUTION TO IMMIGRATION PROBLEM

### Mr. Caminetti Advises Rais- ing the Standard of Phy- sical Tests.

Washington, Jan. 23.—After a conference with Commissioner General Caminetti, Secretary Wilson of the department of labor today advised Speaker Clark that the problem of Asiatic immigration could be solved by raising the standard so as to include in the list of excluded persons not able to pass the physical tests required of recruits for the United States army.

Views of the department of labor, interesting because of the present diplomatic situation, are coiled in a letter in which the secretary says that the method suggested would not only provide for the Asiatic immigration issue, but immigration generally and industrial conditions in the southern states and other sections of the union offer an extensive field for a people who can come in practically unlimited numbers if by failure to do as Canada and other British colonies have done they are tacitly invited.

## CONGRESS EXPECTED TO ORDER STRIKE INQUIRY

### Believed House Will Act Fav- orably on Report of the Rules Committee.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Plans for congressional investigation of the Colorado and Michigan mine strikes were being framed today by representatives who expected the house to act favorably on the decision of last night's caucus which instructed the rules committee to bring in a special rule permitting an inquiry.

## REPEAL OF FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT ASKED

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 23.—The South Carolina general assembly has gone on record as favoring the repeal of the 15th amendment to the United States constitution which in effect gives negroes the right to vote. Such action was taken when the senate passed the house resolution in amended form, which provides that members of a delegation from this state and congress be notified that the legislature of South Carolina is opposed to the 15th amendment and wishes it repealed.

## CONFESSION GRANTED TO EXTRACT NITROGEN FROM AIR

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 23.—Extraction of nitrogen from the atmosphere for use as fertilizer is the purpose of a concession granted today by the colonial government for the employment of Grand Falls in Labrador. The plan calls for the development of one million horsepower from the falls to generate electricity.

## CAMP PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTENING

### Capt. Van Horn Waxes More Enthusiastic Over Scenery And Climate Here.

## ONE SITE HERE IS INSPECTED TWICE

### Army Officer Tracturn About the Final Location, But Local Hopes Are Rising.

Those who have been in touch with Capt. Robert Van Horn of the United States army, who has been in the section for the past two days looking over possible sites for the establishment of a Federal training camp for young military students, feel most sanguine over the prospects for securing the camp for western North Carolina. Capt. Van Horn has not stated that he will recommend that any of the sites shown him here be selected, but his enthusiasm over the section speaks volumes for those who have been with him and others who have talked to him on the subject.

## PRESIDENT'S LAND SUIT IS ALMOST COMPLETED

### Hearing Regarding Title To Date Land in California Is Resumed.

Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—When the hearing regarding the rights of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to title to sixty acres of land in the Coachella valley was resumed today before officials of the local government land office indications were that the case would be taken under advisement before night.

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## EXCHANGES REGULATION NOT IN THE PLATFORM

Washington, Jan. 23.—Pres. Wilson told callers yesterday he would not recommend in his messages to congress anything not in the democratic platform and said that he had not found the subject of regulation of stock exchanges in the platform. He indicated that he would have nothing to say about such legislation until he was consulted by members of congress.

## MANY SUFFER WITH WHOOPIING BRONCHITIS

New York, Jan. 23.—Whooping bronchitis is the name physicians are giving the combination of bronchitis and whooping cough which appeared here after the recent variable winter weather.

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## LEADERS WORKING ON ANTI-TRUST MEASURES

### Various Bills Introduced in House Following Presi- dent's Suggestions.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Administration leaders in congress settled today to deliberations on the tentative anti-trust measures designed to supplement the Sherman act.

## HELD FOR WITNESS IN WIRE TAPPING SCHEME

### Two Men Arrested For Trying To Bunco Doctor Out Of \$2,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 23.—Dr. James T. Laughhead, of Terre Haute, Ind., is detained here by the police as a witness against Eddie Kennedy and Louie Levinson, who are accused by the police of attempting to operate an alleged wire tapping scheme.

## COTTON CROP SECOND IN SIZE GROWN IN U. S.

### Census Reports Show 13,589, 171 Bales Ginned Prior To January 16.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Announcement by the census bureau today that 13,589,171 bales of cotton, exclusive of linters, had been ginned prior to January 16 officially establishes the fact that the 1913-14 cotton crop is the second in size the country has grown. Linters obtained to January 1 amounted to 356,934 bales, bringing the total cotton ginned, as far as official figures show, to 13,956,105 running bales. This amount will be increased by ginnings during the remainder of the season so that the final figures will show a crop of more than 14,000,000 bales.

## URGES RETURN OF WAR COTTON TAX

Washington, Jan. 23.—Representative Hodin of Alabama has urged legislation that would return the cotton tax which he said was illegally levied and collected from the southern states during the civil war. Addressing the house committee on war claims, he said a bill he had introduced would give those who paid the cotton tax an opportunity to prove their claims and regain their money. Citing the requirement that direct taxes shall be uniform throughout the United States, he declared some of the states paid none of the cotton tax.

## DELANY DENIES SULZER STORY

### Sensational Developments Pro- mised in John Doe Inquiry Into The New York Roads Graft.

## COMMISSIONER ASKS TO BE GIVEN HEARING

### Reported Sulzer Can Substan- tiate His Charges With Records of a Tele- phonic Device.

New York, Jan. 23.—Sensational developments in the John Doe inquiry into state highway graft were promised today when John H. Delany, commissioner of efficiency and economy, asked the district attorney's permission to give his version of statements by William Sulzer, the former governor. These statements, Delany declared, are false. Sulzer was averse today discussing the things he touched upon before the grand jury, but it was learned he had not finished his testimony.

## STRATCHCONA TO BE BURIED IN LONDON

London, Jan. 23.—Westminster Abbey is not to be the last resting place of Lord Stratchona and Mount Royal, late high commissioner for Canada, who died Wednesday. The relatives of the dead statesman definitely decided yesterday to carry out his wish and bury him in Highgate cemetery, N. London, beside his wife, who died in November.

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