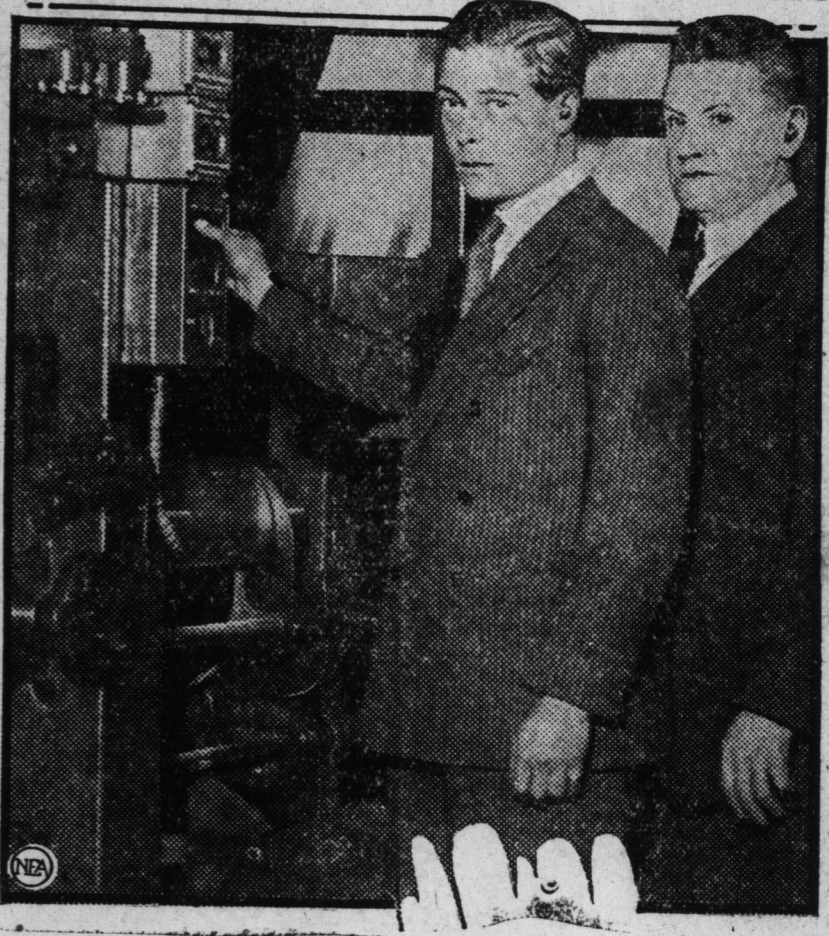


Prince Starts the Presses



The Prince of Wales took a hand in giving New Yorkers the world's news the other day. He started the presses rolling in the plant of the New York Tribune. Here he is seen pushing the button, that started them rolling out the edition. At his side is John Lynch, pressroom foreman.

PREACHER CONFESSES TO MURDER OF WIFE

Police Says Rev. Lawrence Hight Admitted He Killed Wife and Also Wilford Sweetin.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Sept. 22.—Rev. Lawrence M. Hight, Ina pastor, confessed early this morning to poisoning his wife and Wilford Sweetin. In a statement to authorities declared that the murder of his wife was prompted to "relieve her of her sufferings."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady Today at Decline of 8 to 17 Points.

New York, Sept. 22.—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 8 to 17 points, December easing off to 21.82 in the first few minutes, or about 13 to 16 points net lower on the active positions.

COTTON SPINNING IN AUGUST ON INCREASE

Active Spindle Hours in Month Numbered 5,399,542,643 Report Shows.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Cotton spinning activity showed a slight recovery in August after several months of decline, according to a Census Bureau report issued today.

To Survey the Seas.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Plans for the most complete survey of the ocean ever attempted have been inaugurated by a conference representing scientific branches of the United States government and allied institutions.

8,000 Meals to the Veterans.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 22.—More than 8,000 meals were served by the Chamber of Commerce to the veterans of the civil war during their three day convention here which started on Tuesday last, according to a statement issued by Miss Effie Squires, who was in charge of the dining room while the Confederates were gathered here.

J. C. Collins Takes Own Life.

Wendell, N. C., Sept. 22.—Suffering from a dependency following a nervous breakdown, J. C. Collins, aged 42, local business man early yesterday morning ended his life by firing a bullet through his chest. He left a note to his widow reading: "Julia, do not worry. It is all right. Please forgive me."

Wife Killed in Accident

Which They Were Riding Through Fence and Fell Into Channel.

London, Sept. 22.—An entire family as identified, was wiped out, the police believe, when an automobile owned by Mrs. Evelyn Pearce, of Jacksonville, Fla., was driven into a ditch through an iron fence, on Dorchester road in South Boston, last night, and rolled into the Fort Point Channel.

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HARRELL AND KING TO BE ARRAIGNED TODAY

Are in Chesterfield Awaiting Trial For Alleged Murder of Major McLeary.

Chesterfield, S. C., Sept. 22.—Brought here under heavy guard from prison cells in Columbia they have occupied since their arrest, Mortimer King and Frank Harrell, young cotton mill workers and former soldiers, were to be arraigned in court of general sessions here today on a charge of murdering Major Samuel H. McLeary, U. S. Army.

FARMER BOY CHARGED WITH KILLING AUNT

Asbury Wessinger Is Said to Have Confessed to Murder of Mrs. Lina Wessinger.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 22.—Asbury Wessinger, 14 year old farmer boy, was in jail here today on a charge of murder following his confession last night that he fatally wounded his aunt, Mrs. Lina Wessinger, and seriously injured her three children with an axe Saturday.

BODIES OF MADREN AND DAUGHTER TAKEN HOME

North Carolina Man and His Daughter Killed in Tunnel.

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 22.—The bodies of J. E. Madren, 50 years old, and his daughter, May, 18, killed yesterday while walking through the Riverton tunnel of the Southern Railway, were taken to their late home near Elon, N. C., today.

PEACOCK'S ESCAPADES VERY SENSATIONAL

Killed Officer, Escaped From Prison and Then Mysteriously Disappeared.

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—After eluding arrest for more than two years, Dr. J. W. Peacock, Thomasville physician, who escaped from the criminal insane department of the state prison here, has been captured at El Cajon, near Los Angeles, Cal., according to a telegram received from Warden Samuel Busbee, who made the arrest.

SENATOR MENDEHALL ENTERS SHARP DENIAL

No Truth, He Says, in Meekins' Statement That He Snatched Bill Through High Point, Sept. 20.—Charges by Col. I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor, in a speech here that Senator O. E. Mendehall, of Guilford county, sneaked a bill through the general assembly to give Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade one-fifth of one per cent. of all stock sold under the blue sky law, brought denial from Mendehall today.

WOMAN KILLED BY MAN SHE HAD BEEN KIND TO

Mrs. Clifton R. Huna, Police Say, Was Killed by an Ex-Convict She Had Befriended.

Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Clifton R. Huna, wife of the wealthy business man, was killed last night by an ex-convict she once befriended, who the police say, smashed her head with a hammer, shot her through the heart and looted her apartment of gems valued at \$20,000.

CAROLINAS EXPOSITION OPENED DURING DAY

Large Collection of Exhibits Assembled in the Exposition Building.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 22.—With what was said to be the largest collection of Carolinas products ever assembled in one place, everything was in readiness this morning for the formal opening at 3 p. m. of the fourth annual Made-in-Carolinas Exposition here. Governor Cameron Morrison was scheduled to deliver an address at the formal opening of the event which is to continue two weeks.

Anti-War Demonstrations.

Amsterdam, Sept. 20.—The 19,000,000 workers in twenty-two countries organized in unions affiliated with the international Federation of Trade Unions are called upon to join in mass anti-war demonstrations tomorrow, in a manifesto sent but from the headquarters of the Federation in Amsterdam.

Horse Shoe Pitching Club.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 22.—An old time horse shoe pitching club has been organized in Asheville with 14 charter members, it has been announced here. A course right in the heart of the commercial district has been tendered the club by E. W. Grove. Members of the club to start practice immediately and organize intra-club teams as well as a club team to compete with other clubs elsewhere.

Text of Means Statement.

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Dr. J. W. Peacock Now Under Arrest in El Cajon, California

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, N. C., who escaped from the criminally insane ward of the state prison here on August 30, 1922, and for whom a nationwide search was instituted, was captured at El Cajon, Calif., yesterday, state prison officials announced tonight.

K. K. K. Officers Indicted.

Fairmont, W. Va., Sept. 19.—Sixteen persons among them several men credited with being state officers of the Ku Klux Klan were indicted by the Marion county grand jury yesterday upon various charges growing out of the shooting last February of Daniel Washington, a negro, after he had been attacked by a band of hooded men.

Death of John M. Knox.

Salisbury, Sept. 22.—John M. Knox, aged 68, long a business man and leading citizen of Salisbury, died this morning at his summer home at Blowing Rock. He was a large mill owner and successful manufacturer.

Twenty-three years ago the flour mills of the Carolinas were neighborhood affairs.

Today \$10,000,000 is invested in commercial mills that produce flour and feed valued at more than \$30,000,000.

Gaston B. Means Again Talks of Charges Against Harry Daugherty

Declares Testimony He Gave Before Senate Committee Concerning Former Attorney General Were Made Because of Threats Issued by Senator Wheeler, of Montana.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Reputation as a "tissue of lies" of all that he told the senate committee in its investigation of the administration of Harry M. Daugherty as attorney general, has been made in a signed statement by Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent and star-witness for the Daugherty investigators, according to a copy of the statement made public at his home here today by Mr. Daugherty.

The Means statement was incorporated in a letter sent by Mr. Daugherty to John W. Davis, the democratic nominee for President, in which the former attorney-general takes the presidential candidate to task for statements which Daugherty's letter says Davis has made in the course of an address over the country "suggesting improper conduct by me in my official capacity." The letter was dated September 19.

United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, prosecutor of the committee, now vice presidential candidate in the LaFollette ticket, is charged in the Means statement with having "put this tissue of lies" into the mouth of Means "and the majority of other witnesses."

"These witnesses and myself were persuaded to make these false statements," continues the Means statement, "by Senator Wheeler, under threats of indictment in some cases, and by promises of gain and aid in others."

"The testimony given before the Wheeler committee by Roxie Stinson, R. Momand, myself and the majority of other witnesses was nothing more than a tissue of lies, put in the mouths of these witnesses by Senator Wheeler, primarily to confound and discredit the department of justice and the administration," the Means statement declares.

The Means statement was made in Washington on September 11, according to Mr. Daugherty, who said it was given to him voluntarily. According to the former attorney general, Means is now in seclusion, preparing additional data concerning his former false testimony. Mr. Daugherty himself left his Columbus home today without announcing his destination.

In his letter to Mr. Davis, Mr. Daugherty wrote: "No lawyer, much less one of your recognized ability, would under any circumstance tolerate for one moment the character of the testimony which the Wheeler committee burdened its records."

"One of the witnesses (Remus) shortly after your Seagirt speech, in which you made reference to his testimony, published a full retraction, and repudiated his testimony before the conspiracy of fraud and lies will be laid bare in due season. When that time comes you and the country will be astounded by the revelations, even though two of the members of the senate committee now are seeking high political places in the nation."

The former department of justice agent, in his statement, says he testified as he did before the Wheeler committee for only one reason. That was, his statement said, because on the day before he was to take the stand, friends of the then attorney general told him that "Mr. Daugherty said I could go to hell."

In his statement Means declared he has in his possession "documentary evidence with which by a quick review of the testimony of the Wheeler committee," he said, "it can be proved conclusively that Senator Wheeler knew that he was framing Mr. Daugherty and the republican administration, and to some extent this involves the oil scandal."

Following is the text of the Means statement incorporated in Mr. Daugherty's letter to Mr. Davis:

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"On February 8, 1924, at Palm Beach, Fla., I received a telegram from my wife in Washington stating that United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, through a very close friend, had requested that I see him in connection with the above mentioned investigation. The information in this telegram came to me in connection with other information at that time. I promptly reported this to a close friend of Mr. Daugherty. The suggestion was made that I see Mr. Daugherty and arrangements to this end were to have been perfected, but no such arrangement culminated successfully.

"I was advised to go ahead and get in touch with Senator Wheeler and find out what information Senator Wheeler was seeking and what was the basis of any attack Senator Wheeler was about to launch against Mr. Daugherty and the department of justice. I called to see Wheeler and held numerous conferences with him, both at his home and at his office, all of which I have a record of.

"The only evidence that Wheeler had of any possibility of an attack on the department of justice and Mr. Daugherty which he disclosed to me, were some records in regard to bringing into Washington of moving pictures of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight. Senator Wheeler had this evidence more or less in documentary form and stated to me he was going to use this as an attack on Secretary of State Hughes, President Coolidge and others who attended the exhibit of these pictures.

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"Wheeler grew desperate in his efforts to find some information on which he could base charges against the administration and against the department of justice, saying that he was working with LaFollette and had certain plans in view that made it imperative that he make good in connection with his public statements as to the conditions in the department of justice, and that the department of justice be connected with the alleged oil scandal.

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WALTER JONES VICTIM OF AN AUTO ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Deceased Was En Route From Savannah Home to Richmond With Several of Her Relatives.

CAR WRECKED ON KANNAPOLIS ROAD

Accident Occurred When Car Slipped From Road Into Mud, Skidded and Struck High Bank.

Mrs. Walter D. Jones, age 52 wife of a prominent retail druggist of Savannah, Ga., was fatally injured in an automobile accident near this city Saturday afternoon. Mr. Jones received slight cuts and bruises, his sister, Miss Jones, suffered a fractured wrist and his daughter, the other occupant of the car, escaped without injury.

The accident occurred about 3:30 Saturday afternoon on the Concord-Kannapolis highway, about 3 miles south of Kannapolis when Mr. Jones started to drive his car, a Ford sedan, around another car. Just as Mr. Jones pulled over to pass the car ahead the wheels of his car slipped from the paved road, struck a mud hole, skidded against a bank and turned over. The car was completely wrecked.

Mrs. Jones who was on the rear seat, directly behind her husband who was driving in some manner was pinned beneath part of the wreckage and she was moved from the car only after it was picked up. Other occupants of the car were able to free themselves.

Mrs. Jones never spoke after the accident. She was rushed to the Concord Hospital here, but was dead when placed upon the operating table. Misses Jones and Mr. Jones accompanied her to the hospital where the injured persons had their injuries dressed.

Motorists who witnessed the accident were heard to remark that Mr. Jones was not driving rapidly, and Mr. Jones himself declared he was driving between 18 and 20 miles an hour.

The party was en route from their home to visit relatives. Mr. Jones was to leave the party in Richmond and drive on to Washington for the sessions of the National Druggists Association.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, W. D. Jones, Jr., of Savannah, and two brothers, Joseph Orum, of Savannah, and John Orum, of Pleasantville, Ala.

The body was carried from the hospital to the Bell & Harris Undertaking parlors, where it was prepared for burial. Accompanied by relatives the body left Concord yesterday morning on train 29 for Savannah and funeral services were held there sometime today.

COUNTRY'S DEBT MAY BE PAID OFF IN 25 YEARS

Government Now Working With This End in View, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Says.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Complete retirement of the gigantic public debt of the United States in the next 25 years is now contemplated by the Treasury, Federal fiscal affairs director, the Assistant Secretary Dewey, of the Treasury, disclosed in a statement prepared for delivery to the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association today, where the Treasury has been warring in mapping out a program contemplating the wiping out of the entire debt, now about 21 1/2 billion dollars, in the next quarter of a century.

Davidson Dedicates Her New Hostelry.

Davidson, Sept. 19.—It is safe to say that Davidson—town and college—is as proud of and as pleased with its new hotel, the Maxwell Chambers, in whose honor the building is named and to whose memory the initial page in its first register is dedicated, as is Charlotte in her new million dollar hotel with its twelve stories. At present the Maxwell Chambers is content with two.

Last evening was the formal opening, when town community in general was invited to come and see for themselves and partake of light refreshments—punch served in lavish abundance and cake in accompaniment.

Shanghai Troops Hold Firm.

Shanghai, Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—After battering at the Chekiang defensive lines since daybreak the Shanghai troops back in the fighting which was in progress today between Hsangu and Kiating, 15 miles west of Hsangu.

With Our Advertisers.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. has an ad. of interest to the farmer. Look it up.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight.

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