

TRANSACTIONS OF G. B. MEANS AND HIMSELF

Lost About \$31,000 of Mrs. King's Money, He Says, Speculating in Cotton, in Early Part of Year, 1916.

MADE DEED TO COVER LOSS

Witness Said in New York Mrs. King Came and Went As She Pleated, Without Any Restraint.

A number of character witnesses were introduced by the defense at the opening of court yesterday afternoon. Dorman Thompson, of Statesville...

Harry Grier, of Statesville, a lawyer, stated he was here on the day of the preliminary hearing and went out to the Blackwater Spring. There he saw someone lay a 25 Colt automatic in the forks of the tree...

Dr. G. T. Rowe, minister, stated he had been acquainted with Gaston Means since 1902. He knew him for a year or more, and said his character and reputation were good.

John P. Allison said he had known the defendant since he was a child, and his general character was good. J. W. Cannon testified he had known Gaston Means since he was a child...

Frank Mebane, lawyer of New York, said he had known Gaston Means for the past two years, and especially for the past ten years, when they had had business dealings together.

In New York, according to the witness, Mrs. King went and came from her apartments when she pleased. She had her own automobile and chauffeur, and went out when she pleased.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. W. C. CORRELL

Occurred Today at 11:30 O'clock at His Home on South Union Street.—Was Ill About Three Weeks.

DEATH SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS

Was Sixty Years of Age and Was Born and Reared in Concord.—The Funeral Arrangements Not Yet Made.

The people of this community were shocked and pained when the announcement was made just before noon that Mr. W. C. Correll had passed away at his home on South Union street...

Mr. Correll was stricken with paralysis about three weeks ago, and since then, although his condition was known to be serious, he had been able to be at his place of business every day...

Mr. Correll was survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Wilma, and one son, Mr. Eugene Correll, of Murphy. He leaves also three brothers...

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Mr. Correll had been for many years a most faithful and consistent member of St. James Lutheran Church...

Paris, Dec. 5. Americans were among the prisoners captured by the Germans on the Cambria front, according to information reaching here today...

See the new ad today of Prelar, the Jeweler. Negotiations with Rumania Now. Berlin via London, Dec. 4.—The negotiations between Germany and Rumania for an armistice are extending the witness was left in charge of the annouces.

When the witness went to Asheville, it was at the request of Mrs. King, who wanted him to look after the comfort of Mrs. Robinson. When he left Chicago for Asheville, Gaston Means gave him \$1,000 in cash for expenses...

HIGH PRICES WITH WAR RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED BY FRIDAY

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Which Was in Session Today, Will Handle the Resolution.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ALSO TO MEET

Sentiment to Include Turkey and Bulgaria in List of Enemies of America is Growing in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress took up the work of a declaration of war on Austria-Hungary today with the expectation of having the formal war resolution passed by Friday.

Chairman Flood of the House Committee said he hoped to get the resolution before the House tomorrow, postponement until Friday appeared probable.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Postponement of the Austrian war declaration by Congress until next week appeared probable today after a conference between chairmen of the House and Senate Committees.

London, Dec. 5.—Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, has communicated to the Morning Post a statement from Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, answering the Post accusation that the Vatican was implicated in the disruptive propaganda in Italy.

Cardinal Gasparri declares that the accusation is an "atrocious calumny," and says that the hierarchy and clergy in Italy have given the most open and generous help to the country's cause...

The Americans were accompanied by William Graves Sharp, American ambassador to France. Reports indicate that they are employing two divisions of troops.

Italian headquarters in Northern Italy Tuesday Dec. 4.—Great forces of men and guns have been left by the Russian and Germans in the Asiago section, according to reports reaching here tonight and resumption of the offensive expected.

ADMIRAL BENSON MADE A SIMILAR STATEMENT.—AMERICAN MISSION VIEWS THE SOLDIERS AT WORK.

BY NEWTON C. PARKE International News Service Staff Correspondent.

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Admiral Benson Made a Similar Statement.—American Mission Views the Soldiers At Work.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 5.—I am highly pleased with the efficiency shown by the Americans' said General Tucker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the United States Army, who accompanied the American mission to Field Headquarters of the American Army in France to view the men at work.

Gen. Bliss and others of the American mission had just watched the Americans go through a series of stiff work exercises in which they showed keenness, determination and spirit.

Lord Northcliffe, who accompanied the Americans, said he was very much pleased with the impression his first visit to the American camp had given him. "You see I am the guest of General Pershing."

The delegates came from Paris on a special train, taking breakfast aboard. Col. House and some of the visitors were accompanied by their wives. Lord Northcliffe and a British staff officer gave an "international touch" to the party.

Col. E. M. House, head of the American mission, was very enthusiastic over the fitness of the Americans. "I tell President Wilson on my arrival home that I was greatly pleased by the enthusiasm of the men and highly pleased over their exhibition," said Col. House.

The party first proceeded to the headquarters of a major general, where they were introduced and then motored to the brow of a nearby hill, a favorite spot for reviews.

Washington, Dec. 5.—There was a renewal of liquidation of opening of the cotton market today with first prices 24 lower to 2 points higher. Near months were relatively weak with January selling off to 28.87 on the call while March touched 27.85.

STONE WILL PILOT WAR RESOLUTION

Was One of the "Wilful Twelve" and Former Stout Opponent of War Plans of the Government.

SPOKESMAN FOR ADMINISTRATION

Since War Was Declared on Germany the Government Has Had Senator Stone's Full Support.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Stone, of Missouri, one of the original "wilful twelve" and stout opponents of the governments war plan until war was actually declared, will pilot the Austrian resolution through the Senate as spokesman for the administration. Since war was actually declared on Germany, Senator Stone repeatedly announced that the government has his full and unequivocal support...

President Wilson's message calling for war against Austria-Hungary enunciating strongly America's purpose to defeat the German power, as now constituted, is printed most prominently by London newspapers.

After four days of efforts which brought them but small gains of terrain at a great cost in casualties, the Germans have not renewed their efforts in the Cambria sector. The British salient there, however, is still a menace to the security of the German lines north and south of Cambria...

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WILLIAM J. BURNS ON STAND TODAY

Testifies As to Character of Gaston B. Means, And the Latter's Connection With Him.

SAID MEANS WAS NOT GERMAN SPY

But on Contrary Turned Information Over to U. S. Government.—Jury Was Out When This Was Told.

Court this morning at 9:30 began its ninth day's session in the trial of Gaston B. Means, the cross-examination of W. B. Patterson, father-in-law of the defendant, being resumed. John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, conducted the examination of witness for the State.

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