

GASTON MEANS ON CROSS EXAMINATION TELLS OF HIS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

With Mrs. Maude A. King, For Whose Murder He is Being Tried—He Was Not Questioned as to her Death BANK DEPOSITS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED

Both Those Made By Himself And Wife—Tells of Furnishings in New York Apartments.

The Friday afternoon session of court began at 2:30 o'clock with Gaston B. Means still on the stand.

The witness said on July 22, 1917, in company with his wife, baby and nurse he went to Asheville, where Mrs. King, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Melvin were.

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ed. She insisted on shooting the automatic, so Means got it out of the machine just before it drove away. He handed the two empty pistols to Mrs. King, while he was opening a box of cartridges for the automatic pistol.

On leaving Chicago when relations with the Cannon mills were severed the witness said he was indebted to F. M. Dereset and other business partners on account of a business venture.

The question as to whether or not the witness had registered or voted in New York was taken up. He said that he may have registered there several times, but did not recall ever having voted, unless it was a municipal election of some kind.

When the witness in reply to a question as to the value he would estimate his furniture, replied that it might be \$20,000, or \$15,000 or possibly \$12,000.

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When the session had been opened, Attorney Phil C. McDuffie asked that the bar receive now as a practitioner E. B. Paris, who will leave soon in response to his country's call.

AIRMEN FIGHT ON SWISS TERRITORY

The German Aviators, Being Hard Pressed By Their Opponents Were Forced to Go on Swiss Territory

FIGHT LASTED TWENTY MINUTES

Seven Bombs Dropped on Swiss Soil. The Swiss Soldiers Bombed Both Parties With Shells.

(By The Associated Press) Geneva, Switzerland, Friday, Dec. 7.—The first aerial battle between allied and German airmen over Swiss territory occurred around Basel today. It appears that the Germans were hard pressed by their opponents and intentionally entered Switzerland.

Seven bombs were dropped on Swiss territory but only material damage resulted. Even the airmen who steered toward Alsace, are still fighting, while the Swiss soldiers bomb both parties with shells and anti-aircraft guns.

WAR RESOLUTION IS NOW IN EFFECT Only Negative Vote Was Cast by Socialist Member of House, London.

Washington, Dec. 7.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary was formally declared today. Congress with one dissenting vote in the House adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between the "Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States."

CONGRESSMEN POU AND SMALL WILL VOTE NO All Other N. C. Congressmen For Prohibition Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 7.—North Carolinians are ready for the show-down on the prohibition and woman suffrage amendments before Congress.

SEVEN DROWNED WHEN STEAMER CAPSIZED. Wave Caused Cargo to Shift and Ship Turned Over.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Seven men were drowned here today when the steamer Desmond capsized in the harbor off the mouth of the Calumet river.

MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND WOUNDED. Doctors, Nurses and Rescue Workers Are Laboring Day and Night at Halifax.

(By International News Service.) Halifax, Dec. 8.—Though great confusion still reigns in this stricken city, the dead this morning is still believed to number around two thousand as a result of the terrific explosion in the harbor Thursday. More than three thousand are wounded. The injured are everywhere—in hospitals, public buildings, churches and school houses.

Doctors, nurses and rescue workers are laboring manfully day and night looking after the maimed and homeless. The exact number of dead may not be known for several days, it ever but it is certain that the disaster will be numbered among the world's great tragedies.

TRYING TO ENFORCE THE PEACE TERMS. The Teutonic Allies Seek to Enforce Terms with Russians and Rumanians (By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8.—With hostilities stopped all along the front lying between the Baltic sea and Black sea representatives of the German-Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish governments are now trying to force the peace terms upon the Russians and Rumanians.

THE COTTON MARKET. Census Report Was the Signal for Active Covering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The census figures almost exact in line with private forecast recently published and seemed to be the signal for active covering by brokers with Wall Street and west connections. There was some spot house selling of December and January at the opening which was 2 to 25 points lower with the near month's delivery week.

4,000 DEAD IN THE HALIFAX DISASTER. Messages Asked That 4,000 Coffins Be Sent There at Once.

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN LISBON. Outbreaks, It is Said, Also Appeared in Oporto.

Red Cross Seals on Sale. Red Cross Seals have been on sale at White-Morrison-Flowe Company's and at the drug stores.

German Artillery Active. (By International News Service.) London, Dec. 8.—German artillery all night long were active south of Cambrai and in west Flanders.

THE AMERICAN DESTROYER, JACOB JONES, IS TORPEDOED AND SUNK IN THE WAR ZONE

With Loss of Large Part of Crew.—Ship Was Sunk on December 8, While on Patrol Duty. WAS LARGE AND NEW DESTROYER

The Jacob Jones Was Commanded By Lieut. Commander Bagley, Brother-in-law of Secretary Daniels.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer, Jacob Jones, was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone Thursday, with the loss of a large part of her crew.

Thirty-seven survivors were taken off in life rafts. The names of ten survivors have been received up to this time. They are: Lieutenant (junior grade) John Richards; Ensign Nelson N. Gates; Assistant Surgeon L. L. Adamkiewicz; Charles E. Pierce, fireman, first class; Timothy Edward Twomey, seaman; John C. John C. Johnson, seaman; Henry A. Stutzke, chief machinist's mate; Edward F. Grady, fireman, second class; John J. Mulvaney, seaman; Byron Flood, seaman.

SNOW AND COLD WAVE. Causes Much Discomfort and Delays Traffic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Snow throughout the entire northeastern section of the country, accompanied by a cold wave through the middle west and extending southward to the Gulf of Mexico, was causing much discomfort today and delayed the movement of traffic already congested.

REDUCTION IN RATES ON LUMBER PROPOSED To Apply in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A slight reduction of lumber in North and South Carolina and Virginia to Central Rates Association territory, was proposed in an application filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Rhodes, serving that territory.

FEAR FORMER CZAR MAY BE LYNCHED. Bolsheviks to Remove Him to Some Other Place.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The guards surrounding Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian Emperor, near Tobolsk, Siberia, have been disbanded by the Bolshevik soldiers and sailors, according to advices received in Petrograd forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Bolshevik leaders intend to remove Nicholas to some other place, fearing he might be lynched.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE. The Name of Commander Bagley is not Among the Survivors.

(By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 8.—German submarines have claimed another American destroyer with heavy loss of life. The Navy department this afternoon announced that the destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the latest type, had been torpedoed and sunk while on patrol duty in foreign waters on Thursday night, December 8th, at eight o'clock.

Only 37 of the members of the crew of the Jacob Jones were rescued when they suffered greatly from exposure. All of these rescued were picked up from life rafts by other destroyers which had hurried to the scene.

It is understood that the Jones carried a crew of about 100 men and it also is understood that among the 33 or more who are missing were many of the officers of the craft which had a tonnage of 1,150.

Lieutenant commander David Worth Bagley, brother of Mrs. Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, commanded the Jones. His name is not among the survivors.

"The United States ship Jacob Jones" says the Report of the Navy Department "did excellent work in October upon the occasion of the torpedoing of the steamship Orama at 6 p. m. October 10. The Orama a former P. & O. vessel, converted into an auxiliary cruiser, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. The Orama at the time was part of a convoy of merchant vessels under escort of American destroyers, of which the Jacob Jones was last. The submarine's periscope was seen after the explosion. She was immediately attacked and put out of action by the Jacob Jones and another destroyer. The Orama was saved. The Jacob Jones was detailed to remain by the Orama to save life. It was dark when the Orama began to settle and the crew abandoned her. The Jacob Jones picked up in the dark three hundred and five of the 478 persons on board. All on board the Orama were saved by these two vessels."

Lives of great men all remind us how easy it is to be a small man.

Spectacle of Soldier Life. New York, Dec. 8.—To raise money to build a gymnasium and theater at Camp Upton, soldiers of the National Army have arranged an elaborate military spectacle to be presented tomorrow night at the Hippodrome. "Your Boy's Day's Work" is the title of the spectacle. It will be an exhibition of camp life from the time the soldier rises in the morning until he retires when taps is sounded. More than 300 men, now in training at Camp Upton, will take part in the spectacle.

Canadian defrosted fish two years old, but still of perfect flavor, was recently served at a luncheon in honor of a Canadian officer in London.

The rarest and most expensive gold fish in the world is the Chinese brush-tail, a pair of which sell for \$1500.

Christmas Club Matures December 13. No payments received after Saturday, December 8. Members can receive their money by presenting book or card on or after the 13th. NEW CLUB OPEN NOW. For white people only. Citizens Bank and Trust Company.