DEFENSE HAS RESTED IN MEANS TRIAL; STATE IS OFFERING REBUTTAL TESTIMON'

DETECTIVE JONES ON WITNESS STAND

Tells What He Found in the Secured the Papers.

When court resumed its session at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the court room was only about half filled with spectators. At no time during the morning were the seats filled—the cold weather doubtless keeping away many who had been attending on for-

Gaston B. Means resumed the witstand on re-direct examination with by E. T. Cansler.

Deposit slip on Lincoln Trust Com-pany in favor of Mrs. Julie P. Means, dated September 23, 1915, was handed witness. He said he had made the de-posit for her out of the \$25,000 borrowposit for her out or the control of the rub-ber business, which fell through. De-posit made by him to her credit on was money from the German interests. The \$2,000 deposited August 14, 1915,

over the first \$10,000, according to there. The statements rendered weekly by

the Chicago Beach Hotel to Mrs. King from December, 1916, to July, 1917, ere next identified by the witness and presented as evidence.

Copies of weekly reports, made out by Afton Means in New York, and mailed to the defendant while in Chicogo, were hunded to the latter, who ident fied them as copies of those re-ceived by h/m. These itemized the ceived by h/m. These itemized the office expenses, apartment rent, etc., he was present at the spring when while Mrs. King and party were away. Mr. Woodhouse and W. H. Gibson had These accounts covered every week up hald an automatic pistol in the forks until August 12, 1917.

The two checks for \$5,000 each, giv
J. H. Weddington.

en in December by the defendant to Mrs. Melvin, were given at the direction of Mrs. King, and the \$10,000 was later returned by Mrs. Melvin,
At the t me of Mrs. King's death,

the net income from the trust fund at the Northern Trust Company in her favor amounted to \$19,000 annually. The witness was asked what the present worth of Mrs. King's estate is

now, to which he replied that it amounted to a total of \$149.588.56. The items given by him were as follows: Jewelry _ _ _ _ \$ 25,000.00 Foraker note _ _ _ \$ 5,000.00

Fuldate Hote	enterprise of
Cole Mortgage	1,500.00
Household goods	50,000.00
W. R. Patterson note	31,000,00
Fat automobile	2,500.00
Equity in Merchants Loan	1000
& Trust Company	20,000.00
Check from Northern Trust	
Company	3.286.58
U. S. Gold certificates	10,000.00
Bal, in Cent'l T. Co	1,301.98
Date in Cong. 1. Co. 2 2 2	Approximo

Besides this total, the witness said Mrs. King had investments in French securities, with which he was not fa-miliar. There were also some minor items that should be added.

on re-cross examination, witness said that Mrs. King deposited check for \$1,000 each month in Chicago Beach Hotel. The weekly expenses of New York apartments and office amounted to about \$405 per month. The weekly salary of the witness was \$250 to be paid out of the amount recoverfrom the Northern Trust Comny. The amount due him at the to \$10,000, which which he took from the balance of \$34,000 drawn out of the bank in Chicago at the time of the crash on the cotton market.

Relative to the value of Mrs. King's er Mrs. Foraker's note was not worth-less. He replied that on the contrary he thought Mrs. Foraker's note wa ing interests. The household goods, he said, were in the apartments at 1155 Park avenue, the finest furnished home in New York, according to his opinion. It consisted of about fourteen rooms, accommodating Mrs. Robinson and servants also. The gold certificates, he said, were those in his possession at the time of Mrs. Finds Joseph at the time of Mrs. King's death.

The examination of the defendant was concluded shortly before 4:40 o'clock after having spent over eigh-teen hours on the stand since last

E. H. Bost.

E. H. Bost said he had visited Blackwelder spring on Sunday following Mrs. King's death in company with W. H. Gibson, G. S. Kiutts and T. J. W. H. Gibson, G. S. Kluttz and T. J. Hendrix. He said he walked up to the tree and stepped on one of the exposed roots. At the time he had his knife in his hand. His ankle turned, causing him to fall against the tree. The knife in his left hand struck him behind the left car. He made the second experiment and falled absolutely. The jury ah discen excluded while this was being told. When they returned they were told they were not to consider the part of the testimony they heard as offered by this witness, as it was incompetent.

a Elizabeth Gibson stated that new Mrs. King, and had a cantion with her shortly before eath. At that time she stated

Witnesses Called for Defense that the people of Concord had been unusually kind to her, and she was contemplating giving a barbecus. She further said that she and Gaston were Deitch and Mrs. Gaston B. pals, and she never did anything without consulting him. The jury was sent out while this conversation was being ated, and it was not allowed to

H. I. Woodho H. I. Woodhouse was called to the stand and was asked if he had been to the spring since Mrs. King's death. The jury was excused until he told of what happened there. He said he had laid a pistol several times in the forks

Means' Apartments in New York City, And How They the same thing. The jury was called back, and the evidence was admitted. On cross examination the witness stat-ed that the forks of the tree showed signs of having been scraped, which would effect the placing of the pistol in the forks.

> F. L. Smith stated that on August 26, he accompanied Gaston and Miss Kate Means to Salisbury to meet Mrs.

F. L. Smith.

Melvin, When the train reached Sal-isbury the party left for Concord. The witness was with Mrs. Melvin all the way to the Means' home here. There they took lunch arranged for the au-tomobile party. He saw Mrs. King there that evening. The conversation Mrs. Melvin on the way to Concord was not allowed to go to the

N. A. Blackwelder, of No. 5 township-August 23, 1915, amounting to \$1,600, said he lived about one half mile from the Blackwelder spring. He knew was money from the German interests. The \$2,000 deposited August 14, 1915. by the witness, he said he did not recollect where it came from. The \$300 deposited on June 8, 1915, was before the Woodruff Trust had been dissolved.

Check dated September, 1915, given by Mrs. King to G. B. Means, amounting to \$8,224.77 the witness said was for the one-half of money saved for the over the first \$10,000, according to the same time he was, and the saw each of the parties place an automatic pistol in the forks of the tree. He also did it himself. At that time the bark had been cut out, making to \$8,224.77 the witness said was for the one-half of money saved for the over the first \$10,000, according to the control of the control their contract. The deposit of Septhere had been a ridge in the forks tember 13, 1915, of \$7,000 to to the between the two branches, and this account of Mrs. Means was a part of had been cut out. He said when he the money received when the above had seen the tree a month earlier it check was cashed. had not been cut in such a manner. Cy White.

Cy White stated he had been to the Blackwelder spring several weeks after the tragedy and related the same occurrence as Mr. Blackwelder who had ded him. He also said the just preceded him. He also said the bark had been scraped when the ex-

W. J. Glass.

John H. Weddington corroborated the story told by N. A. Blackwelder

White. Henry M. Winecoff

Henry M. Winecoff stated that about the first of October he went to the spring, and at that time practically the same conditions prevailed as did before the death of Mrs. King. He there saw Cy White and Afton Means place a pistol in the forks of the syca-more tree several times, and it did not fall out.

W. J. Weddington.

W. J. Weddington said be went to the spring about a week after the pre- Means. iminary hearing, in company with R. A. Mayer, of Charlotte, and E. A. Suther, of this city. He placed a .25 Colt automatic pistol in the Jorks of the sycamore tree, and it law there without falling out.

Capt. W. S. Bingham.

Capt. W.S. Bingham was re-called to the stand and was asked what he heard Gaston Means say to Afton Means as soon as they reached the place where Mrs. King was lying. He said that Gaston had said: "Maude has shot herself accidentally with that pose of corroboration of Afton Means

Miss Kate Means Miss Kate Means told of the event at the Means home on the evening of August 29th, at supper, and of the arrangements made for an automobile arrangements made for an automobile and Means paid him \$24 per week. He stated also that he opened the file already given by several members of for Mr. Dooling, so that he could look Means family, who have already tes-tified. She said after the party left, she went to the Gibson Drug Store, while other members of the family went to the movies. In a short time she saw the automobile drive up, and Afton jumped out of the machine. He came into the drug store, told her that Mrs. King had shot herself, and asked where Mrs. Melvin and his father than the first saw Gaston he ed where Mrs. Melvin and his father were. When she first saw Gaston he was in her father's sittling room, his head between his hands, criying. He exclaimed: "If there is a God in heaven, how could he let this thing happen?" His sister, Mrs. J. F. Goodman, rebuked him, saying "Bud, don't say that?" The jury had been sent out while this statement was being repeated, and the court sustained objection raised by the State against its introduction. The jury was recalled and the witness preceded. She said the hat worn by Mrs. King on that introduction. The jury was recalled and the witness preceded. She said the hat worn by Mrk. King on that evening was a black chiffon hat on wire frame. Witness saw the hat on the back porch later, and it looked as if it had been walked on. Her sister, Mias Belle, told her later that she had burned the hat.

The witness had since then seen the note in possession of Mrs. King, and payments had been made on it. The last time she saw the note, there was a belance of about \$4,000 still unpaid on the note. In October 1916 the defendant had made a loan to Mrs. King amounting to \$6,000. This was when Mrs. King was going to Atlantic City. While at the Chicago Beach Hotel, the witness and her husband were on the floor below the rooms of Mrs. King and Mrs. Robinson, whose rooms were adjoining. The defendant at no time tried to exercise any authority on Mrs. King. Delich was not placed to watch her movements. Mrs. King and Mrs. Robinson each had their automobiles in Chicago, and went to ride whenever they pleased.

In Asheville Mrs. King was in poor health and was extremely nervous. She was anticipating an operation. burned the hat.

The witness was at home when Mrs. King came to their home. She had invited her to visit here. She told of several rides in the automobile with Mrs. King, and was on the trip to Badin and Richfield. The witness was not with Mrs. King when she is said to have shot the rifle, as she was then at the pond. Another trip in the automobile was also made when she went to Salisbury to meet Mrs. Melvin.

The witness said she had seen the 25 Colt automatic pistol and that she had seen Mrs. King handle if there in the house.

In the house.

Mrs. King, according to the witness always were inless hair whenever she were a last. With the hat she had on when the tragedy occurred, the witness said Mrs. King always were the false hair,

Mrs. J. P. Goodman.

Mrs. J. P. Goodman said that about 6:30 or 6:40 o'clock on the evening of the tragedy, she saw Gaston Means with Capt, Bingham in the automobile. The defendant invited her to go to ride with them, but she declined, saying she had to go get some flowers. She rode with them a short distance, until they reached the street out which she was to go. Later, after she had returned home, her husband telephoned about the happening. She got her coat and hat and hurried to the hospital. There she found Mrs.King dead, so she went to her father's home, where she saw Gaston in the library or sitting room, with his head lying on the marble table. When he raised his head, the tears were streaming down his face, and the perspiration was standing out on his forehead.

Court adjourned at 6:30 o'clock until 9:30 o'clock Theaday morning.

Court adjourned at 6:30 o'clock up til 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The fourteenth day of the trial of Gaston B. Means began this morning

at 9:30 with only a few scattered spec-tators in the Court house at the open-

ing hour. The cold weather for the past two days has had a marked effect upon the attendance in the court

C. A. Robinson.

by Afton Means as to the conversation they had in the street shortly after

the accident occurred. Afton had told the witness the statement made by Gaston immediately after the shoot-

Henry Deitch.

Henry Deitch, the next witness, stated that he is a citizen of New

York, and for the past two years had been in the employ of Gaston Means

in a clerical capacity. He had made out the monthly statements for Means

to Mrs. King using as a basis the

Means. The receipts and vouchers were

He left New York on May 2, 1917,

reaching Chicago next day. There he continuel clerical work for Means, and

assisted in investigations with refer-

ence to having the second will pro-

bated. In Chicago he helped make out monthly statements to Mrs. King.

When Means left Chicago he took with

him these statements to Asheville in a brown file. Each statement contained

a notation that if was correct and

he had seen these statements was after August 5th, at 1155 Park Avenue,

receipt by Mrs. King. The last time

In order to carry around the folders

containing Mrs. King's papers, the wit-ness had made a large telescope. This

telescope and the papers were on September 12, taken out of the apart-

ments to the district attorney's office by Mr. Dooling and detective Jones.

They came to the apartments on the morning of September 11th. On that

morning the witness said he gave to

Mr. Dooling some letters for Gaston

Means, Mrs. King and Mrs. Melvin. This he did against his wishes.

conversation between Afton Means and Mr. Dooling about taking Gaston's

papers. Neither the witness nor Afton gave any permission for Mr. Dooling

to take the papers. Mr. Dooling remained all night in the apartments, ex-

amining the papers, and the papers were removed next morning by Mr.

Dooling and detective Jones against

had he ever done such a thing. left the hotel about 10 o'clock

that time he had lived in Jersey

morning and returned from 4 to 6

On cross examination the witness

In New York he was employed by the Burns Agency. He was in Bridge-port, Conn., for about six months in

the employ of Burns, stationed at the

Remington Company's plant on guard

vestigations to see that the neutrality of the United States was not violated. He was getting \$21 weekly from Burns

at the papers, and that something was said relative to taking copies of the papers tken away by Mr. Dooling. Mrs. Gaston B. Means, wife of the

1913. She had known Mrs. King ever

er died. She saw Mrs. King from time

much since then. Witness knew when

to time until 1914, and had seen

moved there. In August 1915 the witness sign

note with her husband in favor of Mrs King for \$25,000. She was to sign the

ote so that if her husband died, Mrs.

since about five years of age. The

ness was five years old when b

d to the defendant in October

monthly statem

that little pistol."

"Maude has shot herself with

Years,-Last Year the Total Crop Amounted to 11,-449,930 Bales.

(By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 11.—The crop re-porting board of the estimates of the C. A. Robinson was recalled to the stand, and corroborated the story told porting board of the estimates of the Agriculture Department today estimated from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1917-917, will amount to 5,237,379,000 pounds (not including linters), equivalent to 10,949,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight (478.3 mounts line and gross weight (478.3 pounts line and 1-7 pounds bagging and ties estimat-

ed per 500 pound bale.).

The total production in 1916 was 11,449,930 bales (500 pounds gross) in 1915, 11,191,820 bales; fn 1914, 16. 134,930 bales; in 1913, 14,156,486 bales; in 1912, 13,703,421 bales; and in 1911, 15,692,701 bales. The average weight per running bales is esti-mated at 501.5 pounds gross, compared with 503.8 pounds in 1916, (as reported by the Bureau of the Census). 505.6 pounds in 1915, and 505.5 pounds,

the average of the preceding five years. Reports of the bureau of crop esti-mates do not include "linters", which are a product obtained at mills from the seed. The census bureau report that 1.330,714 bales of 500 pounds gross were delinted from the 1916 crop equal to 11.6 per cent as many as bales of lint cotton produced, which com-pares with 8.3 per cent, the ratio for the 1915 crop, 5.3 per cent for the 1914 crop, and 3.9 per cent, the average for the preceding five years. The price per pound of lint cotton to producters December 1, 1917 was 27.7 cents, com pared with a December 1 price of 19.6 cents in 1916, 11.3 cents in 1915, 6.8 cents in 1914, 12.2 cents in 1913, 11.9 cents in 1912 and 8.8 cents in 1911.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET A Steady Tone Prevailed at the Opening Today.

(By International News Agency)
New York, Dec. 11.—A steady tone
prevailed at the opening of the stock
market with price movements general-This he did against his wishes.

The next time he saw Mr. Dooling was about 4:30 o'clock the same afternoon. Afton Means was present at that time. About 9 o'clock the same evening Mr. Dooling returned to the ly confined to fractions. Steel common advanced % to 87% and Bethle-hem Steel rose % to 75%. American apartments. Nothing was said then about taking possession of the docu-ments of Gaston Means then in the library. Later that night he heard u Tobacco declined over one point at the start to 139, but quickly rallied to

Anaconda rose ¼ to 58¼ and Utah made the same advance to 78. Marine preferred advanced to 92%. The railway issues were fraction

Reception for Suffragists.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.-Com mittee meetings were concluded today and all other preliminary business disthe will of the witness and Afton posed of by the officers of the National While in Chicago, the witness said he had no instructions from Gaston in readiness in readiness for the beginning of the regular sessions of the annual conven-Means to keep watch over Mrs. King or any member of the party there, nor tion tomorrow. Tonight, at the Wilof President Wilson's cabinet, are to be es at a reception in honor of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, respectively honorary president and president of the national suffrage organization. said prior to working with Means for four years he had lived in New York city, and eighteen years prior to

To Cooperate With Government

Washington, D. C. Dec. 11.-Chairmen of War Service Committees, re enting every branch of industry in the country, have been called b the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to meet in this city tomorrow to perfect plans for cooperation with the Government in the prose cution of the war.

To Tell Reasons for the War.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11 .- Secretary of Commerce Redfield is coming to Scran ton tomorrow night to be the guest of honor and principal speaker at a ban-quet to be given under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commercia defendant, was the next witness call-ed for the defense, She stated she was The real reason for America's entrance into the world war is to be the subject of Secretary Redfield's address.

Alabama Hotel Men Meet

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 11.—Food onservation is slated as the chief subject to receive attention from the Ala-bama Hotel Men's Association at its for Mrs. King. Mrs. King moved into Park avenue apartments about a semi-annual convention which opened here today. Hotel proprietors from all the principal cities of the State month after Mr. and Mrs. Means had d a are in attendance.

ossee Democratic Convention. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Delegates hote so that if her husband died, Mrs. King would get her money. The bank o k. was kept in Mrs. Means name, so that in case her husband died, she would have money without waiting for the estate to be settled.

The witness had since then seen the note in possession of Mrs. King, and are arriving in Nashville to attend the Democratic State convention which is to be held here tomorrow. The prin-cipal work of the convention will be to select candidates for the State sucourt and the court of civil ap-

> Activity on Arras and Ypres Fronts (By 'The Associated Press)

London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aeroplane opera-tions on the western front yesterday are reported in today's official com-munication. This activity was particu-larly noteworthy in the Ypres and Arras fronts.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Southern Society of New York has completed elaborate preparations for its annual dinner to be given tomorrow night at the Waldorf-Astoria. Secretary of War Baker is scheduled to be one of the principal speakers at the dinner,

Read the Penny ads today,

THIRTEEN NEGROES

Found Guilty of Complicity in the Riot at Houston, Texas, August 23, in which a Number Were Killed.

HANGED AT 7:17 THIS MORNING

Smallest Crop in Several Names of the Men Sentenc-Were Not Given.—Names of the Men Hanged.

> (By The Associated Press) San Astonio, Texas, Dec. 11.—Thir teen negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7:15 a.m. today for complicity in the riot at Houston on Aug The men hanged, all enlisted men

of the 24th infantry, were:

Sergeant Wm. C. Nesbitt; Corpals
Larmon J. Brown, Jas. Wheatley, Jesse
Moore and Charles W. Baltimore; Privates Wm. Breckenridge, Thomas Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira Davs, James Davins, Frank Johnson, Riley W. Young and Pat McWhorter. The announcement of the action of he court martial's verdict was made at Somthern Department Headquarters at 9 s'clock by the chief of staff, who also gave out the formal statement in which the names of the men sentence

ed to life imprisonment were not given.
Only Officers Present. Sanantonio, Texas, Dec. 11.—Only army officers and the sheriff of the county were present, when the sent-ence was executed by soldiers from

NO ANNOUNCEMENT

HAD BEEN MADE. No Indication Had Been Given of the

Decision of Military Authorities. (By International News Service.) San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11.-Without previous announcement or indication of any decision on the part of the military authorities thirteen negro sel diers convicted after a trial by court mection with the riots at Houston.

Sam Houston today. Fort Sam Houston recently on murder and mutiny charges. Although the hig the evidence, no announcement of a verdict was made. Not until after the men had been hanged was any inking of the intention of the government iven out.

TO INQUIRE INTO THE MILITARY SITUATION

national military situation, including progress being made by the war de-It is the intention of the committee to call Secretary of War Baker and other high officials. Many complaints egarding slow progress in equipping the new draft army were laid before the committee. Senator Wadsworth of New York, who has visited many eantenments, furnished many reports of unsatisfactory supplying men

with rifles and necessary equipment. After discussing the situation, the ommittee decided to make an inquiry into the whole military situation. Such an investigation will silence many false rumors, forestall critism in congress and force lagging departments to speed up in the opinion of false rumors, forestall criticism in The inquiry, according to present

program, will be held behind closed

PROBE OF DISHONEST FOOD SPECULATORS.

These Have Been Criminally Resp sible for Shortage in Foodstuffs. (By International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 11.-A sweeping probe of dishonest food speculators has been undertaken by the Federal Trade Commission. The probe will egin today under direction Murdock at the request of Herbert Hoover. Evidence secured by the com mittee will be turned over to the de partment of Justice for vigorous crim

inal prosecution.

Dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible in no small measure for the shortages in many foods stuffs, especially perishables and also for mounting prices, the food administrator said today.

THE COTTON MARKET Showed Continued Steadiness Tday-

17 to 26 Points Higher. (By The Associated Press)

(By The Associated Press)

New York, December 11.—The cotton
market showed continued steadiness
early today on coverings over the government report and scattered trade
buying, with December nine points
lower at the opening, owing to the circulation of additional notices estimated at 1500 bales, but later months
etarted at an advance of 10 to 20 started at an advance of 10 to 20 points, and the general list sold about 17 to 26 points net higher right after Cotton futures opened firm. Decem

ber. 29.25; January, 28.90; 28.75; May, 28.65; July 28.23.

Miss Helen P. McCornick, New York's first woman prosecuting attor-ncy, is advocating women judges for children's courts, for night courts and for courts of domestic relations,

AN EPIDEMIC OF

The Many Bodies Under the " Rapidly Approx State Library

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.-When Halifax awoke today to resume its work of the search for its dead, another menace was encountered, an epidemic of dis-Though fortunately held in check by the cold of three Northeasters since the explosion of last Thursday, the many bodies yet beneath the debris are rapidly approaching the state

Health officials have issued drastic orders concerning the immedate bury-ing of the dead but the excessive cold has interfered with execution of the orders. Warnings of a possible epi-demic have been issued by the health officials. Despite the early cold very effort is being made to hasten the work of clearing the remaining mass of de ed to Life Imprisonment bries and extricating the bodies be

Approximately one thousand of the thirteen bundred bodies have been recovered. At least two thousand additional are missing and the number of wounded has been placed at six thousand.

Announcement was made today that the first sitting of the court inquiry to determine the cause of the explosion would be held tomorthe explosion would be held tomor.

row. Officials say the inquiry will be drastic and will probably continue active along the Western front but the

for several days.

Meanwhile, the majority of the persons of German birth or extraction tors, arrested yesterday are being held for examination. A few, after close questioning, were released but are expected to testify during the session. Hali-fax was much relieved today on re-ceipt of assurance that the Picton, a British steamer also laden with munitions, had been taken out to sea and sunk. Recent fires on the vessel had added to the terror of the populace which feared a repetition of the ex-

THE MEANS CASE

What Mr. R. E. Powell, Says About It in the News and Observer. Special to News and Observer.

Concord, Dec. 10.—Following the uitimatum of Judge E. B. Cline that any member of counsel on either side who manifests any passion conducting an examination will r relieved of his duty by the court, John T. Dooling, Assistant District Attorney of New York, this morning turned over to State Solicitor Hay-den Clement the task of concluding cross-examination of Gaston Means, on trial here charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. Robin-Yexas, August 23, were hanged at Fort son King on August 29, last.

Promptly thereafter The negroes hanged were among newspaper men began wiring their sixty three tried by court martial at papers "State's case collapsed," Fort Sam Houston recently on murand subsequently received instructions to fold their tents and hie back trial ended several days ago and the court martial board had been consider lived in a luxurious apartment on fashionable Park Avenue, Before getting away tonight, some, of them were offering twenty to one on a verdict of "not guilty" and ten to one on a mistrial.

to cease active participation in the Jenby's drive into Palestine but pos Inquiry Ordered Today by the Senate men of the New York papers are cor- ting the Suez cannal.

Committee on Miliary Affairs.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—A compresensive investigation into the entire actional military situation, including antional military situation, including the complex of the case has been run by a factor of Moscow. The situation there is reported grame with the Bolshviki garantional military situation, including partment in organizing training and the saddened hours of a finale to in the streets in anticipation of an uped by the Senate Military affairt committee this afternoon. The invesabout the "indignities of North Carothe Bolsheviki has ordered troops from tigation will begin within a few days. It is the intention of the committee substituted "farce" for "fight."

HOUSE CONSIDERS THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT Unanimous Consent It Will Be

Taken Up Monday. (By The Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 11 -- Ry unaniouse consent the House agreed to consider Monday the constitutional ent for nationwide tion which already been passed by the

Production of Farm Crops. (By The Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 11 .- Many crops of this years exceed the production of other years while the value of the country's farm products with a total estimate unofficially of \$21,000,000,000 far exceeds any other year in our his The final estimate of prodution of the principal farm crops was announced today by the department of agricultural.

The fellow who is over anxious to get you in his debt is frequently just s anxious to get you out again.

Ohio seems to have definitely decided he'll continue to take sugar in her'n.

Countries and American Services

"Betty Be Good"

Mutual-Horkeimer Production Five Reels of Convulsive Laugh ter Created by the Inimitable **Jackie Saunders**

AT THE

"Tomboy" of the Screen

NEW PASTIME

RESTIVO

The International Accordionist will be here again on the 17th, 18th, 19th.

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DISEASE AT HALIFAX GERMANS PREPARING FOR A HEAVY BLOW

Heavy German Reinforcements Arrive in France.-Where Blow Will Fall is Not Disclosed.

GERMANS SEEK FOR WEAK POINT

Deliverance of Jerusalem from Hands of Turks Ends All Turco-German Hopes of Cutting Suez Canal.

(By The Associated Press)

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in Allied Capitals, but where the expected artillery and especially that of the Germans is very active in various sec-

On the British front the Germans are bombing heavily the positions south of Cambrai and east and northeast of Ypres, the two sectors which have seen virtually all o fthe heavy fighting during the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the Oise and the Aisne in the Champagne northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The Britis and French cannons are replying in

turn to the German positions.

The heavy German artillery fire may mean that the Germans are attempting to find a weak point and it may be only for the purpose of drawing al-lied attention to one spot while the troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort on a hitherto quiet sector.

Strong local German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, have been repulsed by the French, who took prisoners,

Infantry fighting has stopped mo-mentarily on the Italian front from Asiago to the Paive river. The Austro-German efforts to break through between the Paive and the Brenta failed with losses. The enemy reformed his shattered forces and attempted to break through Asiago and the Paive. He failed again. The Austro-Germans captured some terrain but without improving the tactical positions and with heavy cost. Au apparently local attempt to cross the lower region of the Paive has been checked by the Italians who recaptured observation trenches taken by them Austrian soldiers.

Official entries into Jerusalem, the Holy City of the Christian, is planned a mistrial.

Mr. Dooling had previously been salem from the hands of the Moslem advised by District Attorney Swann marks not only the success of Gen. Alease if the reports sent out by staff ends all! Turco-German hopes of cut

Jake Newell. Phil C. McDuffie has rison refusing to obey its commander, been ill today and inactive during who has ordered machine guns placed

the Caucasus to put down Generals Kaledines, Korniloff and Dutoff, while from London it is reported that large forces are being sent to the Baltic and Black Sea fronts into the Ekraine and the Cossuck Providence Whether clashes have occurred between Bolsheviki and the counter revolution is not apparent. The Bolsheviki gov-ernment controls virtually all the direct lines of communication of the interion of Russia.

Inquiry Into Equipping American

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 11.-A general inquiry into the operation of the War Department in arming and equipping American forces, was decided upon to day in the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Secretary Baker and other department head will be called to explain the various features of war activities

To Report Woman Suffrage Amendment.

(By International New Service.) Washington, Dec. 11,-The House udiciary committee this afternoon voted to report the Susan B. Anthony Woman Ascendment without recomendation.

The Weather Forecast.

(By International New Service.) Washington, Dec. 11. - Forecast: forth Carolina : Fair, not quite so cold tonight, except snow in west portion. Wednesday snow or rain and not quite so cold.

The temptation is great to give more thought to the "bite" than to the "bit."

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