

DEFENSE HAS RESTED IN MEANS' TRIAL. STATE IS OFFERING REDUCTIVE TESTIMONY

Witnesses Called for Defense Today Included Henry Deitch and Mrs. Gaston B. Means, Wife of Defendant.

DETECTIVE JONES ON WITNESS STAND Tells What He Found in the Means' Apartments in New York City, And How They 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 former days.

Gaston B. Means resumed the witness stand on re-direct examination by E. T. Canler. Deposit slip on Lincoln Trust Company in favor of Mrs. Julie P. Means, dated September 23, 1915, was handed to the witness. He said he did not recall where it came from. The \$300 deposited on June 8, 1915, was before the Woodruff Trust had been dissolved.

Checked dated September, 1915, given by Mrs. King to G. B. Means, amounting to \$8,274.77 the witness said was for the one-half of money saved for her over the first \$10,000, according to their contract. The deposit of September 13, 1915, of \$7,000 to the account of Mrs. Means was a part of the money received when the above check was cashed.

The statements rendered weekly by the Chicago Beach Hotel to Mrs. King from December, 1916, to July, 1917, were 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 Chicago, were handed to the latter, who identified them as copies of those received by him. These items the office expenses, apartment rent, etc., while Mrs. King and party were away. These accounts covered every week up until August 12, 1917.

The two checks for \$5,000 each, given 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 time of Mrs. King's death, the net income from the trust fund for 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; Cole Mortgage - 1,500.00; Household goods - 50,000.00; W. R. Patterson note - 31,000.00; Fiat automobile - 2,500.00; Equity in Merchants Loan & 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; Total - \$149,588.56.

10,949,000 BALE CROP IS ESTIMATED

Figures Given Out Today By the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture.

COMPARED WITH THE OTHER YEARS Smallest Crop in Several Years.—Last Year the Total Crop Amounted to 11,449,930 Bales.

(By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 11.—The crop reporting 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 1917-18, will amount to 10,949,000 bales, equivalent to 10,949,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight (478.5 pound line and 1.7 pounds bagging and ties estimated per 500 pound bale).

The total production in 1916 was 11,449,930 bales (500 pounds gross); in 1915, 11,191,820 bales; in 1914, 16,134,930 bales; in 1913, 14,156,486 bales; in 1912, 13,708,421 bales; and in 1911, 15,692,701 bales. The average weight per running bale is estimated 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.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

A Steady Tone Prevailed at the Opening Today. (By International News Service.) New York, Dec. 11.—A steady tone prevailed at the opening of the stock market with price movements generally confined to fractions. Steel common advanced 3/8 to 87 3/8 and Bethlehem steel rose 1/4 to 75 1/4. American Tobacco declined one point at the start to 139, but quickly rallied to 140.

Reception for Suffragists.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Committee meetings were concluded today and all other preliminary business disposed of by the officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in readiness for the beginning of the regular sessions of the annual convention tomorrow. Tonight, at the Willard Hotel, the wives of the members of President Wilson's cabinet, are to be hostesses 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.

To Cooperate With Government.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Chairmen of War Service Committees, representing every branch of industry in the country, have been called by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to meet in this city tomorrow to perfect plans for cooperation with the Government in the prosecution of the war.

To Tell Reasons for the War.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield is coming to Scranton tomorrow night to be the guest of honor and principal speaker at a banquet to be given under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce. 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 conservation is slated as the chief subject to receive attention from the Alabama Hotel Men's Association at its semi-annual convention which opened here today. Hotel proprietors from all the principal cities of the State are in attendance.

Tennessee Democratic Convention.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Delegates are arriving in Nashville to attend the Democratic State convention which is to be held here tomorrow. The principal work of the convention will be to select candidates for the State supreme court and the court of civil appeals.

THIRTEEN NEGROES WERE HANGED TODAY

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

HANGED AT 7:17 THIS MORNING Names of the Men Sentenced to Life Imprisonment Were Not Given.—Names of the Men Hanged.

(By The Associated Press.) San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11.—Thirteen negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7:15 a. m. today for complicity in the riot at Houston on August 23.

The men hanged, all enlisted men of the 24th infantry, were: Sergeant Wm. C. Nesbitt; Corporal Larnson J. Brown; Jas. Wheatley, Jesse Moore and Charles W. Baltimore; Privates Wm. Breckridge, Thomas Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira Davis, James Davins, Frank Johnson, Riley W. Young and Pat McWhorter. The announcement of the action of the court martial's verdict was made at Southern Department Headquarters at 9 o'clock by the chief of staff who also gave out the formal statement in which the names of the men sentenced to life imprisonment were not given.

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 soldiers convicted after a trial by court martial of murder and mutiny in connection with the riots at Houston, Texas, August 23, were hanged at Fort Sam Houston today.

The negroes hanged were among sixty three tried by court martial at Fort Sam Houston recently on murder and mutiny charges. Although the trial ended several days ago and the court martial board had been considering the evidence, no announcement of a verdict was made. Not until after the men had been hanged was any intimation of the intention of the government given out.

TO INQUIRE INTO THE MILITARY SITUATION

Inquiry Ordered Today by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. (By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 11.—A comprehensive investigation into the entire military situation, including progress being made by the war department in organizing training and equipping the new army, was ordered by the Senate Military Affairs committee this afternoon. The investigation will begin within a few days. It is the intention of the committee to call Secretary of War Baker and other high officials. Many complaints regarding slow progress in equipping the new draft army were laid before the committee. Senator Wadsworth of New York, who has visited many camps, furnished many reports of unsatisfactory supplying men with rifles and necessary equipment.

PROBE OF DISHONEST FOOD SPECULATORS.

These Have Been Criminally Responsible 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 begin today under direction of Victor Mardock at the request of Herbert Hoover. Evidence secured by the committee will be turned over to the department of justice for vigorous criminal prosecution.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Continued Steadiness Today—17 to 26 Points Higher. (By The Associated Press.) New York, December 11.—The cotton market showed continued steadiness early today on covering 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 started at an advance of 10 to 20 points, and the general list sold about 17 to 26 points net higher right after the call.

RESTIVO

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

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 blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the Western front but the artillery and especially that of the Germans is very active in various sectors.

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 been virtually all the heavy fighting during the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy activity in the Champagne northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The British and French cannons are replying in turn to the German positions.

THE MEANS CASE

What Mr. E. E. Powell Says About It in the News and Observer. (Concord, Dec. 10.—Following the ultimatum of Judge E. B. Cline that any member of Congress on either side who manifests any passion in conducting an examination will be relieved of his duty by the court.) John T. Dooling, Assistant District Attorney of New York, this morning turned over to State Solicitor Hayden Clement the task of concluding the cross-examination of Gaston B. Means, on trial here charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. Robinson King on August 29, last.

Promptly thereafter New York newspaper men began wiring their papers "State's case collapsed," and subsequently received instructions to fold their tents and hike back to the city where Mrs. King formerly 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.

HOUSE CONSIDERS THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

By Unanimous Consent It Will Be Taken Up Monday. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—By unanimous consent the House agreed to consider Monday the constitutional amendment for nationwide prohibition which already been passed by the Senate.

Production of Farm Crops.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Many crops of this year 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 history. The final estimate of production of the principal farm crops was announced today by the department of agriculture.

To Report Woman Suffrage Amendment.

(By International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 11.—The House Judiciary committee this afternoon voted to report the Susan B. Anthony National Wide Woman Suffrage Amendment without recommendation.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

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

THEATORIUM TODAY.

LILLIAN GISH AND WILFRED LUCAS IN "Souls Triumphant" Two sort of Women and a Man in a Drama of Power and Purpose. It's a Triangle Program EVERY Tuesday and Thursday Miss Lillian Gish was Starred in The Birth of a Nation.

"Betty Be Good" Mutual-Horkelmer Production Five Reels of Convulsive Laughter Created by the Inimitable Jackie Saunders "Tomboy" of the Screen AT THE NEW PASTIME RESTIVO The International Accordionist, will be here, again on the 17th, 18th, 19th.