

Gaston B. Means Testifies Before Daugherty Committee and Promises to "Tell It All"

"ASKING NO QUARTERS AND IS GIVING NONE"

Means Says He Received One Hundred \$1,000 Bills From Japanese and Gave It All to Jess W. Smith.

SMITH AGENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Means Also Testifies That He Was Employed Once to Catch Secretary Mellon For President Harding.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—Asking no quarter and giving none, Gaston B. Means, former Department of Justice secret agent, today testified to the Senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty that in February, 1922, in the old Bellevue Hotel in Washington he received from a man representing Mitsui & Company one hundred \$1,000 bills to stop the government prosecution in the Standard Aircraft case, and that he turned the money over to the late Jess W. Smith, Attorney General Daugherty's "bumper and friend."

Secretary Mellon's name was brought into the investigation by Means. He said that that for President Harding he investigated matters connected with "certain permits" having to do with violations of the Volstead act.

"Jess Smith wanted us to catch Secretary Mellon and we caught him," said Means. "President Harding wanted the information. The first time he slipped through our fingers."

"I gave Captain Scuffs thousands of dollars to catch him" (Mellon), Means testified.

Scuffs was formerly a Department of Justice investigator who was active in pressing for investigation of aircraft scandals.

Also as President Harding's agent, Means testified, he investigated Senator Caraway, democrat of Arkansas, and also Senator LaFollette, after the latter had been agitating the investigation of the Teapot Dome scandal.

"It had come to our attention," Means said, "that Secretary Mellon had to furnish certain permits for certain purposes."

"Generally speaking you were investigating the liquor ring in New York were you not?" Senator Wheeler asked.

"Well, it was into violations of the prohibition law," Means said.

Jess Smith and W. T. Underwood, said Means, gave him orders to investigate Senator LaFollette, to learn what information he had, and "anything to stop him."

Smith paid Means, however, could not state of his own knowledge that Smith was following the orders of the Attorney General.

Underwood he knew represented President Harding because he had seen a letter to Jess Smith from President Harding, authorizing an under-cover investigation.

Senator Bruce, democrat of Maryland, also was investigated right after election. Means declared, under orders by "Jess Smith, or some of them."

During the House impeachment of the Attorney General, Means said he knew the Department of Justice had agents following witnesses and watching the investigation.

After declaring that Smith, Howard Mannington, Will Orr, and a Japanese named Munn owned the Carpenter-Dempsey fight films, Means said he received money for non-interference in showing the films and turned it over to Smith.

Means said he had handled "maybe \$50,000" in money delivered to him by messengers in connection with the showing of fight films, for delivery to owners of the pictures.

Referring to his recent indictment, Means said: "When the Department was saying I was in Europe, I was in my house. They told me to lie low, and I did. I phoned over to Assistant Attorney General Clegg and told him I was ready to see him, but they said 'oh no, we don't want to see you.'"

Means also said he had a Laura Jacobson investigate Senator Caraway. The Caraway investigation was made after the Senator had attacked President Harding and the Attorney General, Means said.

Senator LaFollette also was investigated, Means said, adding that he saw to it that the LaFollette office was gone through, although he did not do it personally.

Rally



The Very Rev. Michael J. Rippe (above), national director of the Holy Name Society, is planning to bring 200,000 members of the society to Washington, D. C. for a rally next September. There are a million and a half members of the society in the United States.

FIND DEAD BODY OF WIFE OF POLICE CHIEF

Body of Mrs. L. C. Jenkins, of Thomasville, Found in Pool of Blood in Home.

(By the Associated Press.) High Point, March 14.—Guarded by her five-year-old daughter, who sought to prevent any one entering the room, Mrs. L. C. Jenkins, wife of the chief of police of Thomasville, was found dead in her room at Thomasville today. The body lay in a pool of blood.

Efforts are being made to locate Jenkins who left Thomasville, according to police, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the police department automobile, after telling the night desk man at headquarters that he was on the trail of bootleggers. He has not been heard from since.

Coupe Lights a Cigarette as He Hides Adieu to America

New York, March 12.—To continue his lecture on anti-suggestion in Germany, Belgium and Italy, Emile Coue sailed today on the French liner Paris, for Havre. He said his second visit here had only augmented his interest in the United States.

Mr. Coue was warned entering the pier shed to extinguish his cigarette. He lighted another passing up the gang plank. He said he smoked upward of 30 cigarettes a day and did not believe them harmful. He said the prohibition law was too severe, and people who never drank before now do their best to defeat the law.

Means said he thought Smith was a closer friend of the President of the United States than he was of the Attorney General.

Smith, he said, got reports constantly on the stock market over Attorney General's telephone. Sometimes Smith later read the stock reports to the Attorney General.

The Bruce inquiry, Means qualified, was not a regular investigation. He promised to find out from his records who ordered that investigation.

Means denied making an investigation of Representative Woodruff of Michigan. Senator Wheeler returned to Means receipts of money.

"Who did you pass the money on to when it was received by you," he asked, "Mr. Jess Smith and Mr. Underwood," was the reply.

Means said he paid off the men "they" had employed "and who were working under me."

"A man named Jarnecke also collected some money and paid it to Underwood," Means declared.

"The first money he collected, Means said, was one hundred \$1,000 bills in connection with the Standard Aircraft case.

"The \$100,000 was received in the old Bellevue Hotel here in February, 1922, just before Smith went to Florida," Means added. The money was received, he said, from a "Jap acting for the Mitsui Company."

"The \$100,000 was received at night and given to Jeff Smith," he said. Jeff Smith came along and got the money the same night, he said.

"I didn't know what it was for at that time."

Senator Wheeler brought out that one charge against the Attorney General in his recent impeachment case was in connection with the Standard Aircraft case. The prosecution of the aircraft case, Means declared, was withdrawn by the War Department from the Department of Justice. Means said he was assigned by Burns to assist Captain Scuffs in the war fraud cases.

Give Committee More Power. Washington, March 14.—A resolution broadening still further the powers of the Daugherty investigating committee was adopted today by the Senate.

Under it the committee can hold meetings outside the city of Washington, whenever and wherever deemed necessary by the chairman, and any committee member can subpoena witnesses and papers, administer oaths and take testimony.

During Means' testimony the committee adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

IS MOST IMPORTANT WITNESS DURING DAY

Concord Man Who Has Been Connected With Government in Past Creates Sensation With Testimony.

READY TO GIVE PUBLIC ALL FACTS

Means Says He Reached This Decision Although He Was Advised Not To Do So by Personal Attorney.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—Gaston B. Means, former Department of Justice agent and a man of many connections, was the first witness called today at the Senate investigation of Attorney General Daugherty.

Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Jess Smith, who has been telling of "alleged deals" between him and Attorney General Daugherty, was reported sick and unable to continue her testimony today.

Means testified that he had been urged and advised by his counsel, T. B. Feller, not to, but had decided to waive immunity and "tell it all."

At the request of the attorney general's counsel, Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, gave assurances that Miss Stinson would remain here until cross examined.

Means is under two Federal indictments, one in connection with a liquor case and another with the New York bribery case. Before Means began his testimony Senator Wheeler read a letter from the Department of Justice suggesting that Means might receive immunity under his pending indictments if he testified.

Asked if he waived immunity Means replied: "I waive immunity. I ask no quarter and will give no quarter."

When asked what his present business was, Means first said "answering indictments." Afterward, he said his business was that of "investigator."

Senator Wheeler brought up Means' indictment for the murder of Mrs. Maudie King. He said his evidence in that case was in a large suitcase in the room.

Means said he had done work for Henry C. Erick in 1916 or 1917, in the coke fields in Pennsylvania. He said he had also worked for the German, British, Mexican and United States governments, first for the German government.

"Have you collected money on various occasions and from various people in your employment of the Department of Justice?" Means was asked.

"No, sir. I had money delivered to me for some one else. I did not go out and look them up myself."

When asked who he meant by "they," Means replied, "Oh, Jess Smith, and W. T. Underwood—I saw him last at Palm Beach."

Means said he was sent to Palm Beach by Sidney Thompson, who had business with Underwood. Senator Wheeler suggested that Means was the go-between after Jess Smith died.

"The money carrier," interrupted Means. Sidney Thompson, Means added, was "the messenger for Underwood."

Underwood, Means explained, was "the man who worked with Jess Smith," and helped him (Means) make investigations. He understood Thompson was a friend of Smith's and without any connection with the Department of Justice. Means said he understood that Underwood wanted information regarding his diary and testimony in the New York trials.

Underwood, Means stated, was making an investigation for the President of the United States. He later said Underwood worked for President Harding.

Means said Jess Smith and Underwood wanted to "catch Secretary Mellon and we got him." President Harding, he added, wanted the information.

Means testified that he too, had worked for President Harding. The charges against the Attorney General, Means declared, were not true.

MASSACHUSETTS' OLDEST ELM FALLS BEFORE GALE

Famous Tree at North Andover, Said to Be 300 Years of Age.

North Andover, Mass., March 12.—The Hubbard Elm, situated in Dale street, North Andover, and said to be the largest, tallest and oldest elm tree in Massachusetts, was blown down in the storm that swept this section yesterday and today.

The tree, which was 30 feet in circumference and 125 feet high, was 300 years old, according to the State Forestry Department.

Vanderlip Called to Washington. (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 14.—Frank A. Vanderlip today cancelled speaking engagements for tonight and tomorrow, and took an afternoon train for Washington in response to what his secretary said had been a sudden call. The secretary described the matter as of "great importance" but would not divulge its nature.

Getting Ready.



Republican women are sharpening their tongues for the coming campaign. Photo shows group at National Women's Republican Club, New York City, where trained speakers instruct rookies. On speakers platform, left to right are: Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, Mrs. Nettie Shuler, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton and Mrs. Rosalie Loew Whitney.

McADOO TALKING TO VOTERS OF GEORGIA

Says People Must Choose Progressive Democracy or "Corrupt" Republican Rule.

(By the Associated Press.) Marietta, March 14.—Progressive or "reactionary and corrupt" republican misrule will be the choice of the American electorate in the Presidential election, William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury declared today in the first address of his Georgia tour.

The records of the Wilson administration and the Harding-Coolidge administration will be before the people for decision in November," the democratic candidate said. He spoke to a large audience in the city of his birth.

Reviewing the Wilson administration and his own services in the cabinet, Mr. McAdoo pointed to tariff reforms, the Federal Reserve System, the establishment of Federal land banks, the enlightened policy of the government railroad administration as evidenced by the progressive principles of his party.

SNOW MAY CONTINUE DURING THE NIGHT

Snow Forecast by Weather Bureau for South Atlantic States.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—Snow is in prospect this afternoon in the Carolinas and southern Virginia and tonight frost is probable over the South Atlantic and East Gulf States except in southern Florida. The weather bureau announced today. Storm warnings are displayed on the North Carolina and Virginia coasts. Higher temperatures are expected in the South Atlantic States tomorrow.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at Advance of From 15 to 20 Points.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 14.—Cotton opened steady at an advance of 15 to 20 points in response to relatively firm Liverpool cables, higher domestic consumption figures than expected, and bullish spot advices from the South. However, there were reactions of 14 or 20 points during the best.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 28.70; May 29.00; July 28.28; Oct. 25.70; Dec. 25.33.

With Our Advertisers.

Order a ton of gas coke and see how you will like it. See new ad. of Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co.

Try a can of Boyes' to remove carbon and give your motor more pep. Sold by Southern Motor Service Co.

The Sanitary Grocery Co. is getting many compliments on the quality of the fresh meats it is serving. See new ad. today.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. has a large stock of tennis golf and all sporting goods. See new ad. and go to this store and get anything you want.

See change in the ad. of the sale of the J. Frank Smith farm. The tract that contains 215 acres and the second tract is only five miles from Concord.

Opportunity Sale at Robinson's. Robinson's will start tomorrow a big "Opportunity Sale" of reasonable dry goods. This is a sale to induce you to become better acquainted with this store and with the splendid quality of merchandise handled there. In this sale will be included all the new things that are fashionable and fresh. The sale will last till Saturday night, March 2. See big ad. in this paper today.

Nomination of Wilbur to Senate. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—The nomination of Curtis D. Wilbur, to be Secretary of the Navy, was sent to the Senate today.

Basketball Tonight At Y Concord Highs VS. Concord Y Team

Game Called at 8 O'clock.

MAN SLAIN BY DAUGHTER TO BE BURIED IN CHARLOTTE

Has Daughter Living in Charlotte; Other Relatives Nearby.

Tampa, Fla., March 13.—Describing in detail how she strangled her father about the face and chest for 30 minutes or more, passing only at intervals to ascertain whether or not he was dead, John Eva Winchester, 16, held in the Hillsborough county jail, together with her mother, Laura Eva Winchester, talked calmly of the killing of John Edward Winchester, 55, which occurred shortly after midnight. All the while, John Eva declares, her mother was holding her firmly by each arm and threatening to kill her if she showed the least signs of relenting "before the old devil" was dead.

"For the first few minutes, father begged for mercy. His pleadings, shortly were supplanted by groans, but it was ever so long before mother said he was dead," the girl concluded with a shudder.

Accounts of how Winchester came to be on the ground are conflicting. Neighbors declared Winchester had suffered two strokes of apoplexy previously and they suggested that the excitement attendant upon the threatening attitude of his wife may have brought on another shock, and that his daughter and wife bound him helpless on the ground.

John Eva, together with her mother, were taken into custody at Seffner early Wednesday morning by Sheriff's Deputies Stephens and Tom Gibbons. When the officers arrived, they found the two in front of a neighbor's house, surrounded by residents of the community who had learned of the killing. To the officers at the scene of the killing and later, the girl related what is one of the most unusual studies in the history of Florida's criminal annals.

"Jesus made me do it," Mrs. Winchester calmly declared at the time of her arrest, "and I, the queen of the universe, made John Eva do my bidding." Later Mrs. Winchester declared she had been ordered by her mother to kill her father. She demanded that Raymond Richey, "evangelist," conducting a series of revival services at St. Petersburg, be arrested and charged with the murder.

"I was hypnotized," Mrs. Winchester stated. "Richey did it. He is to blame for the death of my husband. I was under his power. It was his influence that spurred me on and directed my wild impulses. John Eva is not to blame. I made her do it."

(Winchester had a brother in Gastonia, C. W. Winchester, and a daughter living in Charlotte, Blanche Winchester. Winchester's body will be brought to Charlotte and interred there.—Editor.)

Zangwill Found No Great Men in U. S. and Democracy on Trail

Plymouth, Mar. 14.—Israel Zangwill who arrived here recently said democracy is on trial in America, because there are no more great men in America. It was nothing more or less than politicians playing down to a crowd which was ill-informed on most subjects and knew nothing at all about Europe, he said.

"There is more justice, sense of honor, and more efficiency in England than in America," he said, before proceeding to describe American as being the "kindest-hearted and most charitable people in the world." Many of them, he added, "are very lovable and very cultivated, but some are unable to make a stand against a flood of vulgarity."

Six Georgians Sentenced For Violating Cattle Tick Laws

Valdosta, Ga., March 13.—Six Georgia cattle raisers late today were found guilty of violating federal cattle dipping laws and were sentenced to serve six months in the Lowndes county jail here.

Thirteen other defendants in the case were found not guilty by the jury, which also reported it was unable to agree upon a verdict as to Will and Mann Carter, well known Echols county citizens.

"The Dangerous Age"

London, Mar. 14.—"The Dangerous Age" in the case of Owen Connolly, of Laney, County Sligo, Ireland, seems to be an even 100 years. Connolly, hale and vigorous, walked nine miles to the Courthouse recently to answer a charge of having "used threatening language and abused" one Patrick Brady.

"He jumped over a fence and threatened me with a black thorn," recalled Brady. The magistrate dismissed the case.

Falls Dead in Charlotte.

Charlotte, March 13.—County and city officials today were endeavoring to establish the identity of an aged man who dropped dead in a barber shop here yesterday. The man, apparently was a farmer. He was about 70 years old, wore blue overalls and a well-worn coat, a dark hat and heavy army shoes. He was about five feet five inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. There were no marks in his clothing and no papers by which his identity might be established.

Sentences Commuted.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 14.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn today unanimously upheld the recent findings of Referee Gleason in favor of Mrs. Annie U. Stillman, wife of Jas. A. Stillman, former head of the National City Bank, in her defense of a suit brought against her by her husband.

Plead Guilty to Smuggling.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 14.—Five of the seven members of the crew of the Royal Mail Liner Orduna, pleaded guilty to smuggling today and were remanded for sentence Wednesday.

A dining club in London bears the quaint title of "Nobody's Friends." Its members have met once a year continuously for something more than a century past.

The Queen of Spain is reputed to be the most extravagant of European royalties in the matter of her wardrobe, on which she spends from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

A record crowd of nearly 10,000 people saw the Michigan-Purdue basketball game, which served as a formal opening of the new Yost Field house at the University of Michigan.

OIL COMMITTEE IS RECESSING DUE TO

SENATOR WALSH

Senator Has Been Unwell For Some Time and Has Been Forced Now to Rest Next Several Days.

CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS

But He Has Been Advised to Rest—The Committee Will Hold Next Sessions on Tuesday of Coming Week.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—Plans for today's hearing by the oil committee were suddenly cancelled because of the illness of Senator Walsh.

The hearings will be resumed on Tuesday, but there has been no decision as to what line of evidence will be examined next.

Senator Walsh has been suffering from cold and will be confined to his apartment for a few days. He has not been in good health for some time, but it was said at his office today that his condition is not serious.

Oil Question up in Senate.

Washington, March 14.—While the oil committee was in recess today the Senate got into a squabble over a report from Secretary Hughes in response to a Senate request for information as to possible oil influences in negotiations of the Colombian treaty.

Asserting the reports had a definite bearing "upon the Fall case," Senator Dill, democrat of Washington, contended that it should be referred to the oil committee. Senator Lodge, the republican leader, wanted it referred to the foreign relations committee, and his demand finally prevailed.

The Senate resolution had been adopted after attention had been called to the fact that the treaty, after having been pigeonholed for many months was brought out and ratified, after Interior Secretary Fall had asked that action on it be taken to protect American oil interests in Colombia.

IMPRISONED BY BANDITS, BANKER IS NEAR DEATH

Uncle Sam When Rescued From Airtight Vault in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., March 14.—Imprisoned in an airtight vault by two armed bandits, Clayton Webb, manager of the City Savings and Loan Company, was carried out unconscious today after 45 minutes in which he faced death by suffocation. From the vault and cash drawer in his charge the bandits took approximately \$4,000 and escaped. They overlooked another \$5,000 in the vault. Webb was quickly revived.

Before officials from the main office reached the branch bank and rescued Webb, East Cleveland police worked for 20 minutes in an effort to rescue him, after Webb had shouted the numbers of the vault's combination through the steel and concrete walls.

Pays For His Liberty.

Lancaster, O., March 14.—A vow made by Wesley Jordan, 75, a farmer, who died recently, that he would "pay his debt of gratitude" to the Government for liberty and happiness under the Stars and Stripes will be fulfilled.

Jordan's will, probated yesterday, provides that his property be converted into cash, and all over his burial expenses be turned over to the Treasurer of the United States. The estate is valued at \$10,000.

D. A. K. Meeting in Greensboro.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, March 14.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution opened here today. An address by Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, of Charlotte, was a feature of the morning session.

Vote on Bonus Tuesday.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 14.—The House will vote next Tuesday on the soldiers bonus bill under an agreement reached today.

With safety pins and sealing wax, a girl in Washington, D. C., has made a practical radio set at a cost of eighteen cents.

No. 10, Downing Street, has been the official residence of British prime ministers for nearly two hundred years.

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO. CONCORD, N. C. There are many real pleasures in life that money will help you get; some cannot be obtained without it. Bank something regularly and smile through the years.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Rain on the coast and snow in the interior this afternoon; fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday.