

'RIDICULOUS,' WOMAN SAYS OF STATEMENT OF GASTON B. MEANS

Miss Roxie Stinson, who also testified before Senate Committee, makes statement about testimony.

NOT FORCED TO TALK, SHE SAYS

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Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Miss Roxie Stinson, one of the Senate committee's star witnesses in the investigation of Harry M. Daugherty, former United States Attorney General, today characterized as "ridiculous" a purported statement from Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent to the former Attorney General in which Means repeated his testimony before the committee.

Miss Stinson, former wife of Jess Smith, whose name also figured conspicuously in the investigation, denied statements contained in Means' repudiation in which he said Miss Stinson like himself had given testimony "inspired by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, prosecutor of the investigation," and denied that coercion had been used in obtaining her testimony.

"It is perfectly ridiculous," she said. "I am only casually acquainted with Mr. Means. How could he know anything about my testimony? I did not say anything under coercion. No one forced me to go to Washington."

Means' repudiation was made public here yesterday by Mr. Daugherty in connection with a letter he sent to John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate. The former Attorney General severely criticized Mr. Davis for "referring to alleged misconduct of my administration without first learning the facts."

Means declared in his statement that all testimony he gave before the committee, was prompted by Senator Wheeler, and declared that the Mountain Senator knew the testimony was untrue.

"I was getting information to furnish the Attorney General's department. When I was told that Daugherty had said that I could go to hell I testified to what I did."

Senator Wheeler's Version. Aboard Wheeler Special, en route to Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 22—Gaston B. Means, investigator and star witness in Daugherty inquiry, whose repudiation of his own testimony was published Sunday, called Senator Wheeler, independent vice-presidential candidate over long distance telephone last night, and gave a startling version of that episode, Senator Wheeler announced today to correspondents.

"Means asked me to call the Senate investigating committee together in order that he might present documentary evidence and personal testimony," he said, "even greater corruption in the executive departments at Washington than was alleged in the testimony before the hearings last spring," Senator Wheeler declared.

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H. B. Varner is Married Again.

Lexington, Sept. 21.—Henry Brandon Varner, of this city, newspaper publisher and operator of a chain of theatres in this section, was married in Alexandria, Va., at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, to Miss Evelyn Pearce, of Jacksonville, Fla. News of the marriage was received here from New York where Mr. and Mrs. Varner will spend several days before returning here.

Prince Starts the Presses



The Prince of Wales took a hand in giving New Yorkers the world's news the other day. He started the presses rolling in the plant of the New York Tribune. Here he is seen pushing the button that started them rolling out the edition. At his side is John Lynch, pressroom foreman.

PREACHER LYNTON TO MURDER OF WIFE

Police Says Rev. Lawrence Hight Admitted He Killed Wife and Also Wilford Sweetin.

(By the Associated Press.) Mt. Vernon, Ill., Sept. 22.—Rev. Lawrence M. Hight, Ina pastor, confessed early this morning to poisoning his wife and Wilford Sweetin. In a statement to authorities declared that the murder of his wife was prompted to "relieve her of her sufferings."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady Today at Decline of 8 to 17 Points.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 22.—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 8 to 17 points, December casing off to 21.82 in the first few minutes, or about 13 to 16 points net lower on the active positions.

COTTON SPINNING IN AUGUST ON INCREASE

Active Spindle Hours in Month Numbered 5,399,542,661 Report Shows.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 22.—Cotton spinning activity showed a slight recovery in August after several months of decline, according to a Census Bureau report issued today. Active spindle hours in August numbered 5,399,542,661, or an average of 143 per spindle in place; compared with 5,157,779,728 or an average of 136 in July this year, and 7,369,061,615 or an average of 202 in August last year.

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HARRELL AND KING TO BE ARRAIGNED TODAY

Are in Chesterfield Awaiting Trial For Alleged Murder of Major McLary.

(By the Associated Press.) Chesterfield, S. C., Sept. 22.—Brought here under heavy guard from prison cells in Columbia they have occupied since their arrest, Mortimer King and Frank Harrell, young cotton mill workers and former soldiers, were to be arraigned in court of general sessions here today on a charge of murdering Major Samuel H. McLary, U. S. Army.

FARMER BOY CHARGED WITH KILLING AUNT

Asbury Wessinger Said to Have Confessed to Murder of Mrs. Lina Wessinger.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Sept. 22.—Asbury Wessinger, 14-year-old farmer boy, was in jail here today facing a charge of murder following his confession last night that he fatally wounded his aunt, Mrs. Lina Wessinger, and seriously injured her three children with an axe Saturday.

BODIES OF MADREN AND DAUGHTER TAKEN HOME

North Carolina Man and His Daughter Killed in Tunnel.

(By the Associated Press.) Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 22.—The bodies of J. E. Madren, 50 years old, and his daughter, May 18, killed yesterday while walking through the Rivermont tunnel of the Southern Railway, were taken to their late home near Eloy, N. C., today.

SENATOR MENDENHALL ENTERS SHARP DENIAL

No Truth, He Says, in Meekins' Statement That He Sneaked Bill Through.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Sept. 22.—With what was said to be the largest collection of Carolinas products ever assembled in one place, everything was in readiness this morning for the formal opening at 3 p. m. of the fourth annual Made-in-Carolinas Exposition here. Governor Cameron Morrison was scheduled to deliver an address at the formal opening of the event which is to continue two weeks.

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8,000 Meals to the Veterans.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 22.—More than 8,000 meals were served by the Chamber of Commerce to the veterans of the civil war during their three day convention here which started on Tuesday last, according to a statement issued by Miss Effie Squires, who was in charge of the dining room, while the Confederates were gathered here.

Death of John M. Knox.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Sept. 22.—John M. Knox, aged 68, long a business man and leading citizen of Salisbury, died this morning at his summer home at Blowing Rock. He was a large mill owner and successful manufacturer.

James Leading Amateurs

(By the Associated Press.) Ardmore, Pa., Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press.) Bobbie Jones of Atlanta, was leading in qualifying play for the National Amateur Golf championship when he finished today's 18 holes in 87-85-72, making a total of 72-72-144 for the 36 hole test.

Gaston B. Means Again Talks of Charges Against Harry Daugherty

Declares Testimony He Gave Before Senate Committee Concerning Former Attorney General Were Made Because of Threats Issued by Senator Wheeler, of Montana.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Reiteration of the "tissue of lies" of all that he told the senate committee in its investigation of the administration of Harry M. Daugherty as attorney general, has been made in a signed statement by Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent and star-witness for the Daugherty investigators, according to a copy of the statement made public at his home here today by Mr. Daugherty.

The Means statement was incorporated in a letter sent by Mr. Daugherty to John W. Davis, the democratic nominee for President, in which the former attorney-general takes the presidential candidate to task for statements which Daugherty's letter says Davis has made in the course of an address over the country "suggesting improper conduct by me in my official capacity."

"These witnesses and myself were persuaded to make these false statements," continues the Means statement, "by Senator Wheeler, under threats of indictment in some cases, and by promises of gain and aid in others."

"The testimony given before the Wheeler committee by Roxie Stinson, R. Momand, myself and the majority of other witnesses was nothing more than a tissue of lies put in the mouths of these witnesses by Senator Wheeler, primarily to confound and discredit the department of justice and the administration," the Means statement declares.

"The Means statement was made in Washington on September 11, according to Mr. Daugherty, who said it was given to him voluntarily. According to the former attorney general, Means is now in seclusion, preparing additional data concerning his former false testimony. Mr. Daugherty himself left his Columbus home today without announcing his destination.

"In his letter to Mr. Davis, Mr. Daugherty wrote: 'No lawyer, such as I am, could recognize an ability, would under any circumstance tolerate for one moment the character of the testimony with which the (Wheeler committee) burdened its records. One of the witnesses (Remus) shortly after your Scagitt speech, in which you made reference to his testimony, published a full retraction, and repudiated his testimony before the committee. The whole contemptible conspiracy of fraud and deceit will be laid bare in due season. When that time comes you and the country will be astounded by the revelations, even though two or three of the members of the senate committee now are seeking high political places in the nation.'

"The former department of justice agent, in his statement, says he testified as he did before the Wheeler committee for only one reason. That was, his statement said, because on the day before he was to take the stand, friends of the then attorney general told him that 'Mr. Daugherty said I could go to hell.'"

Dr. J. W. Peacock Now Under Arrest in El Cajon, California

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, N. C., who escaped from the criminally insane ward of state's prison here on August 30, 1922, and for whom a nationwide search was instituted, was captured at El Cajon, Calif., yesterday, state prison officials announced tonight.

Prison officials received word of the capture today from Warden S. J. Busbee, of the prison, who effected the man-rearrest. Warden Busbee had been sent to California on a "tip" that Dr. Peacock was in that state. The trial of Dr. Peacock for the killing of Chief of Police J. E. Taylor, of Thomasville, his subsequent commitment to the insane department of state's prison, his escape and the nationwide search which it precipitated, formed one of the most noted criminal cases in the annals of North Carolina.

MRS. WALTER D. JONES

VICTIM OF AN AUTO ACCIDENT SATURDAY

Deceased Was En Route From Savannah Home to Richmond With Several of Her Relatives.

CAR WRECKED ON KANNAPOLIS ROAD

Accident Occurred When Car Slipped From Road Into Mud, Skidded and Struck High Bank.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Walter D. Jones, age 52 wife of a prominent retail druggist of Savannah, Ga., was fatally injured in an automobile accident near this city Saturday afternoon. Mr. Jones received slight cuts and bruises, his sister, Miss Jones, suffered a fractured wrist and his daughter the other occupant of the car, escaped without injury.

The accident occurred about 3:30 Saturday afternoon on the Concord-Kannapolis highway, about 3 miles south of Kannapolis when Mr. Jones started to drive his car, a Ford sedan, around another car. Just as Mr. Jones pulled over to pass the car ahead the wheels of his car slipped from the paved road, struck a mud hole, skidded against a bank and turned over. The car was completely wrecked.

Mrs. Jones who was on the rear seat directly behind her husband who was driving, in some manner was pinned beneath part of the wreckage and she was moved from the car only after it was picked up. Other occupants of the car were able to free themselves.

Mrs. Jones never spoke after the accident. She was rushed to the Concord Hospital here, but was dead when placed upon the operating table. Misses Jones and Mr. Jones accompanied her to the hospital where the injured persons had their injuries dressed.

Motorists who witnessed the accident were heard to remark that Mr. Jones was not driving rapidly, and Mr. Jones himself declared he was driving between 18 and 20 miles an hour.

The party was en route from their home in Richmond and drove north on the highway to Washington and to leave the party in Richmond and drive on to Washington for the sessions of the National Druggists Association.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, W. D. Jones, Jr., of Savannah, and two brothers, Joseph Orum, of Savannah, and John Orum, of Pleasantville, Ala.

The body was carried from the hospital to the Bell & Harris Undertaking parlors, where it was prepared for burial. Accompanied by relatives the body left Concord yesterday morning on train 29 for Savannah and funeral services were held there sometime today.

COUNTRY'S DEBT MAY BE PAID OFF IN 25 YEARS

Government Now Working With This End in View, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Says.

(By the Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Complete retirement of the gigantic public debt of the United States in the next 25 years is now contemplated by the Treasury. Federal fiscal affairs have reached the state, Assistant Secretary Dewey, of the Treasury, disclosed in a statement prepared for delivery to the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association today, where the Treasury has been warranted in mapping out a program contemplating the wiping out of the entire debt, now about 21.2 billion dollars, in the next quarter of a century.

Tornado Kills Nineteen

(By the Associated Press.) St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Nineteen known dead, at least ten injured and property damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars, was the toll of tornadoes and windstorms that swept across Minnesota and Wisconsin late yesterday. Unconfirmed reports place the number of dead at 30.

Shanghai Troops Hold Firm

(By the Associated Press.) Shanghai, Sept. 22.—After battering at the Chekiang defensive lines since daybreak the Kiangsu artillery was unable to push the Shanghai troops back in the fighting which was in progress today between Hangtu and Kiating, 15 miles west of Shanghai.

J. C. Collins Takes Own Life

(By the Associated Press.) Wendell, N. C., Sept. 22.—Suffering from despondency following a nervous breakdown, J. C. Collins, aged 42, local business man early yesterday morning ended his life by firing a bullet through his chest. He left a note to his widow reading: 'Julia, do not worry. It is all right. Please forgive me.'

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