

SICKNESS DETAINED GASTON MEANS HERE AT MOTHER'S HOME

Not Physically Able to Go to New York City for Trial Monday, His Local Physician States.

BEEN SUFFERING FOR SOME TIME

Has Been Under Care of a Physician Here for Several Weeks—Nothing New in the Case Now.

From his sick bed at the home here of his mother, Mrs. G. W. Means, whom he has been visiting for the past several weeks, Gaston J. Means Monday afternoon offered his body as evidence that he is suffering keenly from gall stones, which disease he declared, kept him from appearing in Federal Court in New York City that day.

"Any one who looked upon my wasted body could see that I have been racked with pain," Means declared, and a minute later he added that he was more concerned at present with the pain than with any warrant.

Means was interviewed by a reporter of The Tribune shortly after Associated Press dispatches had brought the information that a bench warrant had been issued for him in New York City by Federal Judge Lindley when Means failed to appear for trial.

The warrant was issued at the request of Special Assistant Attorney General Todd, who read to the court a telegram from Dr. Joe A. Hartsell, of this city, in which Dr. Hartsell declared Means was not physically able to go to New York for trial, and who also told the court that the government operatives had watched Means since his recent conviction and had reported to him last Friday that Means was in good health.

"I have lost 55 pounds during the past six or seven weeks," Means said, adding that those persons who doubted that he was really sick would not do so if they were afflicted with half of the pain he was then suffering.

Means would talk only at intervals, explaining that the pain from the disease has been so acute during the day that his physician had found it necessary to give him a narcotic, and that this medicine left him in a stupid, dazed condition.

"I am not physically able to intelligently discuss the matter fully," he said at one time.

Dr. Hartsell, when shown the dispatches from New York City, declared that Means had been suffering with gall stones for the past four weeks and that he had advised an operation. He added that Means had not decided whether or not he would submit to the operation.

Means talked jerkily of his disease, declaring during one talking spell that other physicians in addition to Dr. Hartsell had treated him for the disease, "I knew all about the gall stones," he said, "and I have been fighting the disease with the hope that an operation would not be necessary."

He stopped talking at that point and his wife, who was in the sick room with him, added that nothing definite in regard to an operation had been discussed since the disease became acute.

'GOOD LITERATURE DAY' TO BE OBSERVED SOON

Methodists to Observe Day on January 25th, Under Present Plans.

Greensboro, Jan. 6.—Joining in a church-wide move to boost the circulation of church papers, Rev. A. W. Pyle, editor of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate," is calling on the 560 pastors of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to observe January 25, 1925, as "Good Literature Day" by instituting a campaign to increase the circulation of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate," the organ of North Carolina Methodism.

According to Dr. Pyle, January 25 has been fixed by church publishers and bishops of the denomination as "Good Literature Sunday." It is expected that wide observance of this day will materially increase the circulation of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate," which serves a constituency of 240,000 Methodists in North Carolina.

While Methodism is strong in North Carolina, the circulation of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate" is far from what it ought to be, Dr. Pyle says. The "North Carolina Christian Advocate" carries news of interest in the patronizing conference and gives the status of this section of Methodism with reference to general denominational movements.

It is expected that "Good Literature Day" will not only start a movement in behalf of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate," but that local Methodists will participate in the move to increase the circulation of the "Christian Advocate," general organ of the church published at Nashville, Tenn., of which Dr. Alfred E. Smith is editor.

Plans for the observance of "Good Literature Day" are being sent to the 7,000 pastors throughout the connection by Dr. J. A. Lamar and John W. Barton, church publishers, and T. Ray Wiggins, circulation manager of "connectional publications."

In view of the fact that the column of Methodist pastors during the present year will probably be thrown open to discuss the proposed unification of the two branches of the Methodist Church, it is expected that church papers will be more widely read than ever before in their history of Methodists at the present time. It is understood that the unification question will come up for final vote by the annual conference of 1925.

DEFICIENCY BILL IS UP IN THE HOUSE

Army Appropriation Bill Laid Aside For the Deficiency Bill.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The House laid aside the army appropriation bill temporarily today to take up the emergency deficiency bill reported yesterday. Of a total of \$11,700 carried in the bill, \$150,000,000 would be available for the refund of illegally collected taxes. Consideration of the army bill will be resumed tomorrow with the calendar of Wednesday's program displaced by agreement.

Salt of Gold as Consumption Cure Endorsed by Surgeon After Tests

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Sanocrysin, an inorganic salt of gold which has been developed by Prof. Holger Moellgaard, Danish scientist, as a cure for tuberculosis, received an unqualified endorsement from Dr. Peter C. Clemensen, Chicago surgeon, in his first report to the Chicago Health Department.

Dr. Clemensen was sent to Copenhagen to examine into the possibilities of the new specific.

"My impressions, so far, are that the thing is all that it claimed for it," Dr. Clemensen wrote. "It is bona fide, scientific and good."

"It cannot be used on advanced tuberculosis, where the lungs are almost gone and the patient is weak—it will not reproduce tissue. But it absolutely cures the beginning tuberculosis where there is no nephritis or syphilis as a complication."

"It is chemically an inorganic salt of gold, bearing the formula, AuO3S2. That is, it is auritic-sulphuric acid. It looks like a white feculent powder of a crystalline appearance."

"It is negatively charged in salt, very soluble in water, anhydrous, very sensitive and easily oxidizable. It is injected intravenously, exactly like salvarsan. They have now produced a new serum which neutralizes the tuberculosis toxins."

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COOPERATIVE PLAN OF MARKETING IS FULLY CONSIDERED

Convention of the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Associations Giving Much Thought to Question.

LEGISLATION IS NOT WANTED NOW

Bills Aimed to Give Farm Relief May Be Combined in One Bill Under the Plans Being Discussed Now.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The several bills pending in Congress to deal with co-operative marketing of farm products were up for analysis and judgment today by delegates attending the third annual convention of the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Associations.

The executive committee of the Council has already gone on record as opposed to any further legislation on the question at this time, and it is the purpose of leaders of the movement assembled here to formulate a definite policy with regard to the pending bill. These include the McNary-Haugen, the Curtis-Asst, the Norris-Sinclair, and the Capper-Williams measures.

Aaron Sapiro, a leader in the movement specifically opposed each of these measures in an address prepared for today's session. The co-operative movement, he contended, needs not more legislation at this time, but the active administrative backing of the government to strengthen its development.

A move to have the conference petition Congress for a Federal Trade Commission investigation of the alleged boycotting of co-operative marketing organizations by certain of the big tobacco trade organizations which has been discussed among the delegates today.

Organization morale, membership service, and publicity were other subjects before the general session today, with a number of section meetings devoted to various trade lines also on the program.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY BEAR IS KILLED NEAR EDGEWOOD

Only in Recent Years That These Animals Have Returned to This Community.

Lenoir, Jan. 5.—Reports have reached here of the killing of a two hundred and fifty pound bear several days ago on the national forest near Edgemont. This is the first bear bagged so far this season by the hunting parties who have scoured this area.

It has been during the past three years only that bears have returned to this section. Big lumber mills and fires kept them run out for a dozen years. Since the government has bought a large area here and has kept the fire out, allowing reforestation to take its course a number of bears have been seen. Many of the citizens living in the vicinity do not want the bears killed. They want them and all other game protected for a few years and given a chance to increase in numbers.

Some local persons, however, and hunters from elsewhere come in and make it pretty hard for any game to exist.

Only One Girl Out of Two Hundred Backs Out

Lenoir, Jan. 5.—Of the even 200 marriage licenses issued for the past year by John M. Crisp, register of deeds for Caldwell county, all of them stuck except one. This license was sent back by a young man who said his girl backed out. He failed to get his three dollars back. The fiscal year for the county ends with the first Monday in December. During the past year cupid did not quite keep pace with the year preceding. He slipped just one couple. For 1923 there were 201 licenses issued as against 200 for the year 1924.

The extra Christmas for the little love god did not materialize this past December. Register of Deeds Crisp says. Only 26 licenses were issued during the month as against 33 for the same month a year ago.

Invitation to Borah to Come to Charlotte

Washington, Jan. 5.—Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, has extended an invitation to Senator W. E. Borah to deliver an address at the annual dinner of the Charlotte Chamber during January preferably the first part of the month.

Senator Simmons was asked to see Senator Borah and urge him to accept. Senator Borah said tonight he had not received the invitation, but he will not be able to leave Washington until the present session of Congress is over. He said he would like very much to go to Charlotte later on.

Sterling Establishes High Mark

New York, Jan. 5.—Sterling, exchange today hurdled another barrier in its march toward parity when it crossed the war time "peg" point which had held the rate around \$4.76 about two years prior to March, 1914. Following an earlier advance in London, demand sterling in the local market opened more than a cent higher at \$4.76 1/2 and subsequently advanced to \$4.76 3/4, the highest post-war rate. The price fell back at the close to around \$4.76. The rise in sterling was accomplished in the face of the downward trend of most other European currencies.

GOV. MORRISON HAS NOTHING TO SUGGEST

Will Make No Suggestions or Addresses to the State Legislature.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Governor Cameron Morrison, who will retire from office on January 14th will make absolutely no recommendations nor addresses to the general assembly during the remainder of his term, he announced today to newspaper men. He expressed the opinion that recommendations for the future were the duty of the governor-elect, and added that he would do, would be to go home and work.

Governor Morrison stated that his idea of conservatism now was in line with the workings of his administration, for, he said, "the administration has accomplished what it started out to do and now it is useless to repeat the same thing again. The state has advanced greatly on the plan of progressiveness and yet it was handled in a conservative manner."

The next administration will be Mr. McLean's and I will not go before the general assembly to make any suggestions or recommendations."

Governor and Mrs. Morrison will leave Raleigh on the night of January 14th for Durham where they will spend the night at Mrs. Morrison's home and continue their trip by automobile to Charlotte the next day, it was announced.

PRESIDENT MUST GET NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Appointment of Mr. Stone to Supreme Court Will Cause Vacancy Soon.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Coolidge today for the second time within a year set about finding a new Attorney General.

Harlan F. Stone, of New York, selected as head of the Department of Justice after the retirement of Harry M. Daugherty, was given the appointment yesterday by the President to the Supreme Court.

The nomination of Mr. Stone was sent to the Senate within five hours after the vacancy on the highest court was created by the retirement of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna.

While Mr. Stone will not leave the Department of Justice until his nomination is confirmed by the Senate, usually in such cases a matter of routine, thought must be given immediately by Mr. Coolidge to the appointment of a successor. All indications of official nature are that he has not even reached any preliminary conclusions, but immediately after the appointment of Mr. Stone it was announced that a dozen names were being mentioned in connection with the office.

MERCHANTS TO OPPOSE PROPOSED SALES TAX

Greensboro Association to Invite Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Pharr.

Greensboro, Jan. 5.—Governor-Elect Angus W. McLean, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Elmer Long and Edgar W. Pharr, who will probably be the next speaker at the house of representatives in the general assembly, will be invited to address the annual meeting of the Greensboro Merchants' Association, officials of the organization say. The meeting will be held some time in February, after Mr. McLean and Mr. Long have been inducted into office. Merchants hope that the press of official duties will not cause them to decline the invitation.

The merchants at their annual meeting will make plans to fight any proposition to put on a sales tax in North Carolina, in an effort to raise revenue. They are warmly against a sales tax.

Irene Castle is Mother of Seven-Pound Daughter

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Mother has been added to the titles of Irene Castle McLaughlin, dancer of the ball room and stage, motion picture actress and more recently, house wife.

A seven pound daughter was born to her in Chicago hospital late yesterday. The baby probably will be named after Mrs. McLaughlin. Both mother and daughter were reported doing nicely.

Mrs. McLaughlin was married to Major Frederic McLaughlin, wealthy Chicago sportsman and business man, in 1923, and announced that she had forsaken the stage and screen for a career as house wife.

Previously she had been married to Vernon Castle, as whose dancing partner she won international fame. Castle was killed in an airplane accident at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1919, while a member of the British flying corps. The second husband was Captain Robert Tremaine, of Ithaca, N. Y., who was divorced in Paris shortly before the marriage to Major McLaughlin.

The daughter born yesterday was Mrs. McLaughlin's first child.

FRANCE'S DELEGATES TO ALLIED MEETING FINALLY ANNOUNCED

Names of Men to Represent Country at Finance Ministers' Meeting to Be Held Tomorrow Is Announced.

CLEMENTEL WILL HEAD DELEGATES

One Delegate Served on Commission Which Drew Up Dawes Plan—Other Delegates on Way to Paris.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 6 (By the Associated Press).—The French delegation to the conference of allied finance ministers, which opens here tomorrow, was finally named at the eleventh hour today, just when all of the other delegations were on their way to Paris. Finance Minister Clementel will head the delegation representing France.

M. Seydoux, chief of the commercial section of the foreign office, will be the principal aide of the finance minister. Other members of the delegation are M. Arou, one of the French experts who helped prepare the Dawes plan; Ferdinand Buisson, director of the cabinet ministry of finances; and Pierre Deyris, an expert on the financial problems of peace, who has been in close touch with all allied inter-armed difficulties.

Premier Theunis will resist any discussion of the Belgian priority claim to 2,500,000,000 gold marks in reparations which is contrary to the views of the reparations experts, the Belgians contend, has not been entirely paid.

The British viewpoint is that there remains little, if anything, of that priority, and that in any event if the Belgians continue to collect on this claim they cannot demand an addition to their 8 per cent reparations payments as fixed in the Spa agreement.

The Belgian delegation will await action by the creditors as to war debts, it is said.

Plans for Debt Conference.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Plans for an inter-allied debt conference at Brussels next March to which the United States probably would be invited to send all delegates are declared to have been formulated by Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, who is due to arrive this evening at the head of the British delegation to the conference of allied finance ministers which opens tomorrow.

Think School Building Near Winston-Salem Set on Fire

Winston-Salem, Jan. 5.—Fire believed of incendiary was discovered in the Vienna consolidated school building, six miles west of here Saturday evening. When discovered the blaze had gotten a good headway and damage to the extent of about \$200 was done before the fire was extinguished. The light in the building was discovered about 9 o'clock by persons living in the community who were on their way home, after having attended a lodge meeting at Brookstown. They immediately broke into the building and extinguished the flames, but, however, until considerable damage had been done.

Braves Would Like to Sign Red Grange

Boston, Jan. 6.—Christy Mathewson, president of the Boston Braves, would like to sign "Red" Grange gridiron wonder of the University of Illinois, if the football star can play baseball.

"One of the game's greatest pinch hitters was made into a baseball star on his football reputation," Mathewson said. "I refer to Harry (Moose) McCormack, former Giant player, who was a gridiron star at Bucknell when I matriculated there."

Gompers Will Contended

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The will of Samuel Gompers was contested today in the District of Columbia Court by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Gompers, who charged undue influence by Mr. Gompers' son, Samuel J. Gompers.

Minnesota Legislature Meets

(By the Associated Press.)

SALISBURY METHODISTS COMMEND JAMES B. DUKE

First Church Sends Resolution to Philanthropist, Thanking Him for the Large Gift.

Salisbury, Jan. 5.—The First Methodist Church of Salisbury, of which Rev. Loy D. Thompson is pastor, at a church conference passed the following set of resolutions commending the action of J. B. Duke in setting apart 40 million for religious, educational and charitable causes in the Carolinas:

"Whereas, J. B. Duke, of Charlotte and Durham, has given \$40,000,000 to the Carolinas for religious, educational and charitable causes and whereas it is the desire of this congregation to express its appreciation to Mr. Duke for his munificent gift, be it

"Resolved that we as a congregation assembled in the First Methodist Church of Salisbury, wish to go on record as commending this most generous and patriotic act of our fellow North Carolinian; be it further

"Resolved that a copy of this resolution be placed in the official records of our church and also a copy forwarded to Mr. Duke."

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Steadier Tone During Today's Early Trading—March Up to 23.87.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 6.—The cotton market showed a steadier tone during today's early trading. Liverpool advices reported the decline there had attracted renewed continental trade buying, and the local market opened steady at an advance of 13 to 18 points on covering. Offerings were comparatively light at the decline of 1 1/2 cents from the high prices of last week, while in addition to covering by recent sellers some buying for trade accounts was reported. Prices worked up to 23.87 for March and 24.30 for July before the end of the first hour, active months ruling about 20 to 24 points net higher.

The opening prices were: Jan. 23.30; March 23.83; May 24.13; July 24.20; Oct. 23.57.

WAR FINANCE BODY WINDING UP AFFAIRS

Cancellation and Retirement of \$499,000,000 of Its Capital Stock Is Initial Step Taken.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The war finance corporation took the initial step today toward winding up its affairs, cancelling and retiring, with the approval of Secretary Mellon \$499,000,000 of its \$500,000,000 capital stock.

The corporation directors and Secretary Mellon believe the outstanding \$1,000,000 of capital stock, with available funds from repayment of loans, will be sufficient to take care of all pending requirements.

The power of the corporation to make new advances expired with the end of the year and the reduction in the capital stock does not therefore involve any change in policy. All outstanding loans will be handled as heretofore Managing Director Meyer announced.

Burgwyn and Grady Seem to Be Running Neck and Neck

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Senators W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton, and Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, running for the presidency pro tempore of the senate, compared notes tonight and each found himself with enough votes pledged to elect. They agreed that they would be elected.

They likewise agreed that they would make fine presidents. But in view of the doubts on their lists, they would not prophesy. This will be the only senate or house contest. The caucus tomorrow night will determine the issue.

About half the membership is here tonight. But there is nothing to politics about save the small jobs of the two houses and of course the presidency pro tem. Speaker-elect Pharr, came in tonight.

Miss Elizabeth Lemly and Fred Mills Are Married

Salisbury, Jan. 5.—Fred Mills and Miss Elizabeth Lemly, a young couple of Salisbury, drove to China Grove and were married Sunday at noon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. P. Fisher. The couple were accompanied by Roscoe Lemly, brother of the bride, O. G. Mills, brother of the bridegroom; Harold Albright, and Misses Ethel Lippard and Gladys Hahn. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lemly, 811 South Church street. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mills, of South Fulton street. After a stay of several days at Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Mills will be at home on South Fulton street, this city.

Daniel Guggenheim Seriously Ill

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Daniel Guggenheim, financier and a director of the American Smelting & Refining Company, is seriously ill at his apartment here. Three physicians are in attendance. Mr. Guggenheim, who is 69 years old, collapsed in his room Saturday night. He has been stricken with similar attacks before.

TODD TELLS JUDGE THAT MEANS IS NOW FEIGNING SICKNESS

Assistant District Attorney Says the Agents Called on Means at His Mother's Home in City.

FOUND CONDITION APPARENTLY GOOD

Cash Bond Which Means Deposited May Be Ordered Forfeited in the Court by Judge Lindley.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 6.—Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, is feigning illness to avoid trial on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice, Federal Judge Lindley, of Illinois, was told today by Special Assistant United States Attorney Todd.

Todd told the court that government operatives had called upon Means at his home in Concord, N. C., last night, and had reported to him that the former government agent apparently was in good health, despite the telegraphic statement of a Concord physician yesterday that Means was seriously ill and in need of an immediate operation.

At Todd's request, Judge Lindley issued an order to compel John T. McGovern, Means' former counsel, to appear for him. He already has issued a warrant for the arrest of Means and has under consideration a motion to declare forfeited his \$10,000 bond.

Means was to have gone to trial yesterday with Thomas B. Felder, his one-time attorney, and Elmer W. Jarnecke, his secretary, charged with having accepted \$85,000 from officers of the Altona Glass Gasket Company, which they said they intended to pay to former Attorney General Daugherty and other government officials not to interfere with the concern's stock sales.

Jarnecke changed his plea to guilty yesterday and Judge Lindley now is considering a motion to grant Felder a separate trial.

Mr. Means was seen this afternoon at 1 o'clock and he declared that he saw no government agents at any time yesterday. Members of his family corroborated his statement.

A representative from the office of the Marshall of the Western North Carolina district called at the Means home shortly after 1 o'clock to serve on Means the bench warrant issued in New York Monday by Federal Judge Lindley. The marshal, it is understood, was accompanied by a physician who came to examine Means who had been declared by his physician, Dr. J. A. Hartsell, as too ill to go to New York for trial. Dr. Hartsell was present when the examination was made this afternoon.

D. H. WINSLOW THINKS THAT HE IS A BIRD

Former Engineer in State Highway Commission Office Creates Excitement in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—D. H. Winslow, former engineer in the State highway commission office, stretched his arms from the roof of the three-story building on Martin and Wilmington streets this afternoon and making as if to flap his wings for a sail from earth, he frightened enough population to bring out the fire company.

Winslow, half dressed, shouted that he was preparing to leave the earth. He offered a wire to policemen below. The fire company with its aerial truck responded and men climbed the ladder to pinion him before he jumped. All doubt of his sanity was gone, fact is, he had been called crazy many months but operated the elevator in the new Odd Fellows building. He was taken to city police station and doubtless will be committed to Dix Hill.

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Irish Fed Up on Four Horsemen Stue. San Francisco, Jan. 6.—The practice of defining the backfield of the Notre Dame football team as "four horsemen" today drew condemnation from Leo Sutcliffe, manager. In a statement to a newspaper, he said:

"If you want to do something for us and for Notre Dame that we would appreciate more than anything else, please forget about this infernal 'four horsemen's' business."

"We are all sick and tired of it. Notre Dame is a team, not a collection of four horsemen and seven mules."

Harbor Bill to Carry \$38,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 5.—House leaders agreed late today upon the passage of this session of \$38,000,000 rivers and harbors bill.

The bill, as reported, carried \$37,000,000, but the rivers and harbors committee plans to meet tomorrow to pare down the figures to the amount agreed upon by the leaders.

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WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, not much change in temperature.