

MEANS-FELDER CASE ENTERS LAST STAGE AS ATTORNEYS TALK

When Court Adjourned Yesterday All Evidence Had Been Submitted and Arguments by Counsel Started.

JURY MAY GET THE CASE TODAY

Means' Lawyer Has Already Spoken and Answer Has Been Made by Todd, Who Will Speak Again.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 29.—The trial of Gaston B. Means and Thos. B. Felder for conspiracy to bribe government officials entered the last stages today with all the spectators the Federal court chamber would hold, straining for a glimpse of the defendants as Frank P. Walsh began exhorting the jury in behalf of Felder.

Counsel for Means had summed his case. Special prosecutor Todd, dividing his summation into two parts, delivered the first half yesterday, and was to follow Walsh with the remainder. The jury may get the case today.

Walsh's defense of Felder, who as Means' attorney is alleged to have tried to bribe Federal officials in the Crager System glass canker mail fraud case was based upon three contentions. He held that Felder accepted only a legitimate fee when he received \$47,800 as counsel fee from 65 alleged stock swindlers in the Crager case; that Means was not present when the fee was paid; and that Felder did not share or even know about the \$10,000 that was telegraphed from the Crager case defendants to Elmer W. Jarneck, secretary to Means.

ORPHEUM THEATRE IS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

Handsome Theatre Building in Greensboro Damaged by Early Morning Blaze.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, Jan. 29.—The Orpheum theatre building, located in the center of the business and amusement district, was practically destroyed by fire discovered shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. The blaze gave the firemen the hardest fight in years, the extreme cold handicapping their efforts to some little extent.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but firemen early today declared they believed defective wiring on the second floor was responsible. The building was owned by the Greensboro Bank and Trust Company, and was on the site formerly occupied by the McAdoo Hotel, which burned ten or twelve years ago, being one of the worst fires in the history of the city. It was leased by the National Amusement Co. and operated as the Orpheum, playing vaudeville attractions.

The total damages have not been estimated, for in addition to the theatre and the company playing there this week, there are three or four other concerns in the building that were severely damaged, either by fire or water or both. The blaze was discovered by a messenger boy of a telegraph company.

Meeting of Trustees of Duke Foundation, Charlotte, Jan. 28.—The first meeting of the trustees of the Duke Foundation have held since the organization meeting in New York recently was held Tuesday evening at the home of J. B. Duke, creator of the foundation, in Myers Park. Those present were James B. Duke, chairman; K. G. Allen and W. R. Perkins, of New York; Vice-Chairman A. H. Sands, Jr., of New York; Secretary W. C. Parker, New Rochelle, New York; Treasurer Norman A. Cooke, Charlotte; Assistant Treasurer A. J. Drexel, Biddle, New York; Ben. E. Geer, Greenville, South Carolina; W. S. Lee, E. C. Marshall, and Charles L. Burkholder, of Charlotte.

A fox can scent a man a quarter of a mile away.

Frieda Hempel The Jenny Lind of Today



Will Appear in Her JENNY LIND CONCERT High School Auditorium Friday Evening, January 30 at 8:15 O'clock

PRACTICALLY ENTIRE STATE NOW COVERED WITH ICE AND SLEET

From Mountains to the Seas Reports of Ice and Sleet Have Been Heard During Last Day.

MOUNTAIN REGION COLDEST IN STATE

There Thermometers Stood at Around 15 to 20 Degrees But Warmer Weather Is Promised Tomorrow.

(By the Associated Press) Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 29.—North Carolina today lay under a coating of ice and sleet that extended virtually from the mountains to the sea. From all points reporting came stories of storms that covered the streets, highways and sidewalks with a coating of ice, snow and sleet an inch deep in many places rendering travel difficult and resulting in many accidents.

Reports of several falls on the ice were frequent. Gastonia reported that a number of persons sustained fractured arms as a result of slipping on the sidewalks and being thrown from skidding automobiles. Busline service generally over the hard surfaced roads of the state were suspended, cars that ordinarily make a trip between Charlotte and Gastonia in one hour taking from 1.2 to 2 hours.

The sleet began falling early last night in many places, and continued throughout most of the night. High Point today reported many automobile accidents, but none of them serious. At High Point, Hickory and Greensboro snow and sleet was reported still falling today.

In most sections thermometers stood around 15 or 20 degrees but the weather bureau has promised better weather for tomorrow. Asheville today reported moderating weather.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS WILL NOT ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Former Governor Morrison Would Debate With Him About Deficit of the State.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, will not accept the challenge of former Governor Cameron Morrison to jointly debate the question of North Carolina's financial condition. Mr. Daniels made his statement last night after a news dispatch on the matter had been shown to him. He received the letter from Mr. Morrison early today but had nothing to add to last night's statement in which he asked that Mr. Morrison debate the subject with Mr. McLean.

The following is Mr. Daniels' statement: "If Mr. Morrison wants to debate the question of the deficit which he left in the state treasury, I suggest that he issue his challenge to Governor McLean, who is compelled to devote most of his time to finding a way to meet this large deficit."

Personal Religion Alone Can Save Herrin, Declares Pastor

Herrin, Ills., Jan. 29.—Declaring that nothing but personal religion can save Herrin, the Rev. John Meeker, Presbyterian minister late today said the last rites over Deputy Sheriff Ora Thomas, two gun leader of the anti-Klan forces in the county, while the coroners jury took up the task of unraveling Saturday night's shooting which claimed the lives of Thomas, S. Glenn Young and two others.

All of the eleven witnesses today gave testimony which tended to support the version of the shooting related by Young's friends. Those witnesses, who saw the shooting, asserted Thomas fled first and that it was his bullet that killed Young. Another testified that Thomas earlier in the day "appeared to have been drinking."

Witnesses near the hotel at the time testified that at least three shots came from the upper windows of the hotel.

All of the witnesses who saw the shooting agreed that Thomas killed Young, while several added that Young killed Thomas after himself receiving a fatal wound.

Fifteen Persons Hurt in Crash

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 29.—Fifteen persons were injured in a crash last night between attendants at a meeting of General de Castelnau's patriot's league and communists who endeavored to break up the gathering.

Killed by Explosive

(By the Associated Press) Bristol, Va., Jan. 29.—Fred Bennett, 29 years old, automobile mechanic, was almost instantly killed and his wife was seriously injured here today when Mrs. Bennett told the police her husband tried to kill her and himself with an explosive.

CITY TAXES

You have only a few days left to pay your City Tax until the February penalty will be added. Pay and save. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

Crowd Surrounds Morgue at Herrin



Following a gun-battle which resulted in the death of S. Glenn Young, Klan leader, two of his followers and Deputy Sheriff Thomas at Herrin, Ill., a great crowd gathered at the morgue where the bodies had been taken. Rumors of another outbreak quieted when national guardsmen arrived to restore order.

SIX MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY KILLED BY GAS

Believed Gas Escaped Into Home After Main Had Been Broken by an Accident.

(By the Associated Press) Scranton, Pa., Jan. 29.—Illuminating gas from a main thought to have been broken by a surface accident early this morning took a toll of six lives from the family of Louis Horosini in West Scranton.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Horosini, Stany aged 5, Opola aged 8, Margaret aged 3, and another daughter one year old. Many other families in the neighborhood were affected by the gas but managed to make their escape to the open air.

A passerby early today smelled escaping gas, and unable to arouse those within in the Horosini residence, called help and forced the door. At the discovery of the family lying in bed in the gas-filled rooms, several physicians with muzzlers were rushed to West Scranton. All attempts to revive the victims, however, proved in vain.

TWENTY PERSONS KILLED IN CHINESE DISORDER

Twenty Others Were Injured When Victorious Troops Tried to Disarm the Enemies.

(By the Associated Press) Shanghai, Jan. 29.—Twenty persons were killed and twenty injured today in a thickly settled section of the Chinese district, when a small contingent of victorious troops representing General Lu Yung-Hsiang and the central Chinese government were resisted when they attempted to disarm a thousand defeated Kiangsu troops of the Chi Hsieh-Yuan deposed leader.

The spirited exchange of shots was ended by the appearance of reinforcements to submit to disarmament. The panic resulted in injury or death of a number of non-combatants.

PREMIER HERRIOT AGAIN GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Told Chamber of Deputies He Would Resign if He Was Not Supported.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The Associated Press.—The chamber of deputies after a threat of revolt by the socialists and a counter threat by Premier Herriot that he would resign if the chamber failed to vote the printing and posting of his speech of yesterday on security against Germany, this afternoon passed the vote demanded, 541, against 32, implying confidence in the government's policy on all questions treated in the speech.

At the opening of the public session of the chamber this afternoon Premier Herriot in an effort to pacify the socialists said: "What I affirmed yesterday was the desire of the people of France not to remain indefinitely on the Rhine, but the people's demand for a guarantee of its security."

The Premier's declaration was enthusiastically applauded by the socialists.

WILSON SARCOPHAGUS HAS BEEN SET IN PLACE

Work Completed Today in the Bethlehem Chapel of Washington Cathedral.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—The work of setting in place the sarcophagus erected for Woodrow Wilson in the Bethlehem Chapel of Washington Cathedral was brought to completion today.

Recessed in the south wall of the chapel in a space eight feet wide and eighteen feet the sarcophagus reposes under massive arches with a leaded glass interior window forming the background. A grill, canopy and flag complete the arrangement.

State Prison Has Fine Sanitary Record

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Jan. 29.—An average sanitary rating of 99 for the past four years was given the State's prison by inspectors of the State board of health. It became known today in a letter to W. C. Health, chairman of the state prison investigation commission, from Dr. W. S. Rankin, state health officer. Major Health had requested the information on behalf of the investigation commission appointed by the special session of the legislature last summer.

18TH AMENDMENT MAY BE RESCUED BY PUBLIC OPINION

One Big Concern Has Forbidden Its Employees to Use Intoxicants.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—It is the observation of Prohibition Commissioner Hayes that public opinion, expressing itself through various channels ranging from great industrial corporations to the theatre, is making easier the enforcement of the prohibition law. The addition of the name of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to those concerns which have forbidden their employees the use of intoxicants, has just been recorded at enforcement headquarters. Scores of employees, Mr. Hayes says, have posted notices in their establishments that users of liquor will be automatically dismissed.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company gave to each of its workers this notice: "This company is going to get along in the future without the services of bootleggers and their customers. We class as bootleggers all those who manufacture, sell or distribute intoxicants either personally or through agents or members of their families. Such persons will be discharged without waiting for conviction in the courts."

The management held that a miner under the influence of liquor was a dangerous element because of the many chances for disaster underground through carelessness.

Some theatres have banned jokes on prohibition from their stages, and one insurance company is asking applicants whether they drink bootleg liquor. Mr. Hayes declares, "A western city advised its employees that use of liquor would result in dismissal, and caused each worker to give his signature as evidence that he had been warned."

Intemperance was never wise, economical or safe, in the opinion of Commissioner Hayes, but it is infinitely less so now than ever. Amid the powerful inventions and hurried life of today sound bodies, steady nerves and sober judgment are indispensable to life. This fact is recognized everywhere."

THOUSANDS GATHER TO YOUNG'S FUNERAL

Funeral Services Held Simultaneously in Several Churches and Masonic Temple.

(By the Associated Press) Herrin, Ill., Jan. 29.—The life stories of S. Glenn Young, the Klan shot, were written today. Thousands assembled to pay a last tribute to the man whose fate during the past 13 months frequently forced his name into front page newspaper stories.

So great was the crowd that arrangements were made to hold services simultaneously in several churches and in the Masonic temple. Young's body rested in the Baptist Church to which it had been taken after he was killed Saturday night in a pistol fight with Ora Thomas Deputy Sheriff, and anti-Klan leader. The same night also cost the lives of Edward Forbes and Homer Warren, Young's followers.

Honesty Is Recognized in Substantial Manner

Lexington, Va., 28.—Chief Deputy Sheriff I. L. Blalock was in the First National Bank of Thomasville Saturday when Cashier R. L. Pope opened a letter from an insurance company. The letter contained a check for \$250 for C. C. Pritchard Southern agent at that place, as a reward for his action in promptly restoring a package containing \$8,300, which he found beside the railroad track several weeks ago. This package had been lost from a mail sack after it had been dispatched from the Bank to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond. All such shipments are protected by insurance carried by banks and had the money been lost the insurance company would have been faced with the necessity of making good the loss.

Mr. Pope at once called Mr. Pritchard to the bank without informing what was desired of him. Mr. Pritchard said to have been just as much surprised as he was happy over the receipt of the check. He found the package and returned it as a matter of duty and right and seemingly had given the incident little thought afterwards—but the insurance company had not forgotten.

\$75,000 Fire at Wilmington

(By the Associated Press) Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 29.—Damages estimated at \$75,000 were done by fire here today which destroyed the Patch Department Store and damaged a paint establishment at the rear. One fireman was overcome by smoke and taken to a hospital, later going to his home. Ice streets hampered the firemen.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN TUNNELS ADVANCES

Moffat Bore to Pierce Great Divide Nearly One-Third Completed.

(By the Associated Press) Denver, Jan. 29.—The Moffat Tunnel, piercing the continental divide of the Rocky Mountains west of here, and one of the world's greatest railroad bores, is nearly one-third completed, and is 10 per cent ahead of the time schedule set by the builders.

To date the pioneer, or water, tunnel has been bored 6,500 feet from the east portal and 5,400 from the west portal, or more than one-third of the six-mile distance. The main heading has penetrated James Peak 6,316 feet from the east portal, and 4,700 feet from the west. The crosscut tunnels, connecting the main and water bores at intervals of from 1,300 to 1,500 feet, have reached a total of 520 feet. Each of these crosscut tunnels is approximately 75 feet in length. The full size railway tunnel has penetrated 3,094 feet from the east and 531 feet from the western portal.

At present the work of enlarging the main heading, which is being drilled and set rather than solid rock. This necessitates timbering every foot of the way at a cost of more than \$100 per linear foot. At the east portal solid rock was found after the first few hundred feet and enabled the contractors to speed up the work materially.

That the work through the water months will proceed even more rapidly than during the summer is the prediction by engineers today. Absence of visitors through the months when the camps are snowbound, and the less likelihood of workmen drifting from their jobs, account for this prediction, it was explained.

The men are comfortably housed in their jobs, account for this prediction. Stocks of provisions sufficient for three months are at hand. Each camp has a medical dispensary and hospital with a nurse in constant attendance. Fatalities, however, are few, most nil, but one death resulting from accident during the seventeen months the work has been in progress.

Terms of the contract call for the completion of the project not later than July 1927. The opening of the tunnel to railroad traffic will start the development of a vast tract of virgin territory in Northwestern Colorado, a region heretofore not reached by railroad lines. In this territory lie vast coal deposits, oil shale beds and oil fields as yet untapped except for one or two isolated wells that have come in for flows estimated at several thousand barrels a day.

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Buy your blankets now at Clearance sale prices at Parks-Bell Co's. Prices run from 89 cents to \$12.50.

Freight Rate Schedules Cancelled

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—Freight rate schedules covering ocean and rail shipments from the Atlantic seaboard territory to points west of the Mississippi River, in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, which carriers first proposed to make effective in June, 1924, were ordered cancelled today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SEVERAL NEW BILLS ARE PRESENTED TO STATE LEGISLATURE

One Bill Would Revise by Amendment the State Constitution to Better Suit the Modern Needs.

WOULD CHANGE PAY OF CLERKS

Senator Johnson Wants to Change Law So as to Make It Harder to Get An Absolute Divorce.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Outstanding among new bills introduced in the general assembly today was one that was dropped into the house hopper providing for a constitutional convention for the purpose of revising the state constitution to better suit modern needs.

Senator Johnson, of Robeson, sent forward a measure in the upper house designed to make it harder to secure absolute divorces in this state. The measure would require the parties concerned in divorce to live under interlocutory decrees for one year, fulfilling the conditions specified by the court in granting separation before a judgment of absolute divorce could be granted.

The Senate passed on final reading the committee substitute for the house bill providing for a new salary scale for the clerks and other employees of the legislature. The substitute provides for payment of eight dollars per day for the principal clerks, ranging down to two dollars per day for pages, practically the only change over the original house bill being an increase of one dollar per day for the principal clerks. The clause eliminating the old policy of voting bonuses is retained.

Senator Dunlap, of Anson, declared when the bill was brought forward for passage that it would save the State approximately \$42 a day.

The House of Representatives after an extended debate, tabled the bill sponsored by the State department of insurance to repeal the law requiring medical examination by insurance companies prior to issuance of life insurance policies.

The House also tabled another insurance department measure. This one introduced by Dellinger, of Gaston, would require licenses for persons doing electrical wiring for the general public.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Senate adjourned shortly before noon today after having received a number of minor bills. Only a measure of importance introduced was a committee substitute for the measure providing fixed salaries for legislative employees. The substitute would provide a scale of from \$2 a day for pages to \$8 per day for the principal clerks. Senator Dunlap, of Anson, who submitted the bill for the committee, declared that its passage would mean a saving of \$43 a day for the general assembly.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at Advance of 2 to 9 Points in Response to Steady Liverpool Cables.

(By the Associated Press) New York, N. Y., January 29.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 2 to 9 points in response to steady Liverpool cables and bullish overnight Southern advices. Failure of the weather map to show any rain or give promise of immediate precipitation in the southwest also was a factor which probably led to some buying of new crop positions.

The advance of 24.05 for May and 24.25 for July met considerable resistance, however. There also seemed to be a little hedge selling, with the result that prices soon reacted to about yesterday's closing quotations. This carried May off to 23.95 and the market was about net unchanged to 3 points higher at the end of the first hour.

Say Child Labor Bill Backed by Communism

Washington, Jan. 28.—Communism backed the child labor amendment with a view to laying the foundation for "a class struggle," Senator Bayard, democrat, Delaware, declared today in the senate.

"It was the start of a movement they hoped would split this nation into classes," he said. "I do not mean to infer, however, that senators who supported the amendment here had that thought in mind."

Senator King, democrat, Utah, supported this statement declaring communists and socialists favored centralization in the federal power and destruction of state rights, but Senator Walsh, democrat, Mass., pointed out that the proposal had been sponsored in Congress by conservatives.

Sixty-Two Churches Built in Los Angeles in Single Year

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 29.—Sixty-two churches were built in Los Angeles during 1924 at a cost of \$7,307,000, according to statistics just compiled by the Chamber of Commerce.

As compared with this production and increase along religious lines, the tables of figures also show that: The motion picture industry here turned out pictures during the year that were valued in the aggregate at \$17,000,000.

A total of 230,000,000 barrels of oil was produced in the Los Angeles basin for the twelve months. Harbor exports totaled \$88,300,000, doubling those of 1923. Public improvements passed the \$38,000,000 mark.

KING WINTER HOLDS AS MERCURY CLIMBS

Despite Fact That Last Night and Today Are Warmer Than Yesterday Sleet Covers Entire City Today.

SLEET FELL EARLY DURING THE NIGHT

Ground Was In Receptive Mood and Most of the Ice Stuck.—Warmer Weather Is Promised This Week.

King Winter is in control in Concord and Cabarrus county today, he having thrown a mantle of sleet and ice over the entire county last night.

The sleet followed in the wake of the cold wave which was swept into the county Tuesday on the wings of wintry winds, and although there was a rise in the mercury last night and today, thermometers show that local temperatures are still hovering around the freezing point.

Yesterday was one of the coldest days of the present winter, and the intensity of the cold was more aggravated coming as it did on the heels of the warm spell which sent many people out-of-doors on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The mercury stood around 23 above zero throughout yesterday and early last night there was a slight rise, the change taking place about the time the sleet began falling.

More than an inch and a half of sleet fell during the night and it found an ideal resting place on the surface of the earth which had been frozen by the cold blasts which swept over the county yesterday. Practically all of the sleet stuck to the ground as it fell and as a result it soon covered all exposed places.

Travel has been made rather difficult and uncertain by the sleet. Numbers of persons were seen to fall as they hurried to their jobs this morning and in many parts of the city there have been reports of autos halted in their travel by the slippery streets.

A few horses and mules have been taken from their stables during the day but they have found the going too hard. The sleet is like a solid sheet of ice and animals have found it hard to secure any food.

Pedestrians have been able to keep going so long as they could retain their balance. The sleet is hard enough to hold up the average person and in some places hundreds of persons have been unable to make tracks in the sleet so hard is it frozen.

Members of the street department of the city were put to work early this morning clearing off the sidewalks in the business section of the city. At first a path was cut through the sleet and later all of the frozen ice was removed from the sidewalks. This made travel easier for the pedestrian so long as the mist which fell during the morning did not freeze on the walks.

Coal dealers of the city report demands for fuel. Trucks of these companies have been busy since early morning but at that all orders have not been filled. It is not unusual for many persons to need fuel when the ground is covered with sleet or snow, the coal dealers report, as it usually happens that many coal piles become exhausted in the very worst weather.

Several minor auto accidents have been reported in the city during the morning. In most instances the accident occurred when drivers had to stop their cars suddenly thus causing the cars to skid. No one was injured in the accidents so far as can be learned and one of the cars were seriously damaged.

Warmer weather is predicted for tonight but it is not specified whether or not the rise in temperature will be great enough to melt the present sleet or prevent the fall of more.

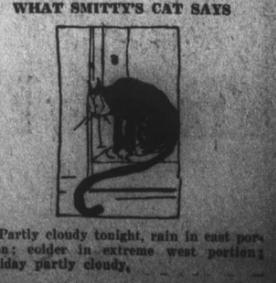
Radio Seals Fate of Daily Forecast Card

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The Weather Bureau has sent out its last daily forecast and the ornament of post offices, general stores and other offices since 1881 has succumbed to the competition of newspapers and the radio and to stern economy program of the Budget Bureau. The last issue was mailed yesterday.

"The cards just naturally lost their popularity," it was said today at the Weather Bureau. "The bureau has been obtaining such complete service from the newspapers and radio stations that the little cards suffered from want of admirers. We felt sorry for them and decided to end their troubles. Besides they have been costing the Government a bit of money and the budget experts agreed that they might find better use for this sum."

A man's idea of an ideal wife is one who thinks she has an ideal husband.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Partly cloudy tonight, rain in east portion, colder in extreme west portions Friday partly cloudy.