

MEANS IS INDICTED AT WASHINGTON ON CHARGE OF FORGERY

Pleads Not Guilty When Arraigned in Court and Is Allowed Freedom On Bail In the Sum of \$1,000.

CHARGED FORGED NAME TO LETTER

Charged With Signing Senator Brookhart's Name to a Letter During Senate Investigation Last Year.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 4.—Gaston B. Means was indicted here today for forgery in connection with the Senate Daugherty investigation in which he was a spectacular witness.

Means, who recently was convicted in New York on a liquor conspiracy case and sentenced to two years in federal prison, is accused in the indictment here of having forged the name of Senator Smith W. Brookhart to a letter purporting to direct him to deliver all his records, files, diaries and letters to the Daugherty committee.

During the course of the inquiry Means created a sensation by announcing that the great mass of records from which he had been testifying had been stolen. Committee members were dubious when he explained that two men had come to his home and presented a letter purporting to bear Senator Brookhart's signature, ordering that the letters be delivered to them.

To support his story, Means presented to Senator Brookhart what he claimed was the letter in question. Senator Brookhart pronounced the signature a forgery.

THE COTTON MARKET

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(By the Associated Press) New York, April 4.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 7 to 17 points under overnight selling orders. Considerable trade buying and covering was not sufficient to absorb early offerings, and the market was weak and unsettled, July soon selling off to 24.35, or 11 to 19 points net lower on active positions.

The market evidently was influenced by relatively easy Liverpool cables and reports of continued poor demand for cotton goods. There also was some southern selling and local and Wall Street pressure. Covering for over the week-end was prompted by the outlook for clear weather for the southwest overnight, however, and the market rallied toward the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 24.10; July 24.40; Oct. 24.07; Dec. 24.05; Jan. 23.85.

Vowed Name Dunlap Was Found in the Bible.

Norwood, April 3.—Isaac Dunlap, colored, died at the Almond plantation near here on Monday morning at 4 o'clock. He was one of the most interesting characters of the old time slave darkey. By profession he was a farmer, a preacher and a ferryman. In all of the professions he ranked high. He knew his Bible in a peculiar kind of manner. Anything that he particularly liked he was sure was Bible doctrine. He particularly liked the Baptist church, his church and preached that it was the only church mentioned in the Bible. No amount of argument about what history said would have any weight. All histories and all other looks ancient and modern were wrong unless his Bible said the particular thing. He was also interested in his white folk, descendants of his master, Joseph Dunlap, and always claimed that the name Dunlap could be found in the Bible. Argument on this question was also out of order as he invariably believed himself to be right-classing his own white folks as the very highest type of earth.

Young Married Woman Charges Seduction.

High Point, April 3.—Claude Spencer, young white man, was arrested here for Gullford Superior court following a preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. D. Suttfield, on a charge of elopement and abduction.

Mrs. Ella Hayworth, a young married woman of this city, testified that she was forced here to leave High Point with him. The woman was taken to the county jail with Spencer. She will be turned over to welfare workers of the county.

A young society woman of Omaha, with a particularly trim foot, has one hundred pairs of shoes in her wardrobe, arranged in boxes and on shelves as in a shoe store.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH Corbin and Union Streets PALM SUNDAY SERVICES Sunday School 9:45. Classes for everyone. Chief Service 11:00. Sermon subject: "A Royal Entry." Confirmation of Catechetical class. Reception of new members. Vespers at 7:30. Special music at both services. This Church welcomes you.

THERMAL BELTS Places on Our Mountains Entirely Free From Frosts

Raleigh, April 4.—Agricultural experts say there are places in the mountains of North Carolina which are entirely free from frosts. These are called "thermal belts."

In one of its publications, the North Carolina department of agriculture said that "horticultural and climatological literature contains frequent reference to thermal belts or frost-free zones in mountain regions." It added: "More probably has been written regarding thermal belts in North Carolina mountains than in any other section of the country, doubtless because the phenomena are more pronounced here than elsewhere in the east, on account of the more extensive slopes and the greater area."

It was believed by the State horticulturist that an exhaustive study of thermal belts might furnish valuable information to fruit growers. Consequently there followed an investigation, which began in 1912, as a co-operative project between the United States weather bureau and the North Carolina department of agriculture.

As the result of these investigations, it was determined that a thermal belt is not a fixed and definite zone whose boundaries can at all times be located. Under some combinations of weather conditions a thermal belt may be at the base of a slope. Under other conditions, it may be at the top of a slope. A storm may so mix up the atmospheric currents that the belt may be temporarily non-existent. However, when normal conditions return, so does the thermal belt.

A thermal belt is more or less indefinite in width, where the minimum temperatures average higher than at either the base or the summit, but it is free from the frost of the valley and from the freezes of the higher levels. Within this belt, foliage is frequently fresh and green when that above and below has been killed by cold and frost.

BUS OPERATORS REACH NO SCHEDULE DECISION Charlotte-Greensboro Line Has Too Many Cars and Some Must Be Eliminated.

Raleigh, April 3.—Inability of bus line operators on the Charlotte-Greensboro stretch to agree today on the basis of eliminating excess equipment ended the conference with the corporation and no schedule settled.

The sentiment was strong enough for a half hour schedule as there is now between Greensboro and Raleigh, albeit, members of the commission doubted the practicability of such operation as that. The conference made progress enough to reach an agreement on the short line building, Greensboro to High Point, Kannapolis to Concord, and similar hauls, but when the Kirk lines with their 23 machines and the Dixie with its half dozen clashed, there was nothing to be done but hold another conference. And this will be done April 8th in Raleigh.

A. B. C. Kirk, who has built up a big business, found it difficult to make the elimination, but there is no room for all the machines which were represented. The commission was sympathetic with the operators in their difficulty. It knew that this trouble would be met and asked for a list of all equipment. General Albert Cox, representing the Dixie Coach Lines, suggested that date of buying such machines should be given. The over-equipment of the longer lines between Greensboro and Charlotte were probably worked out before it gets to the commission, otherwise, it will have to act. Mr. Kirby asked the commission to make a ruling for him so that when he passed old business with his through bus there would be perfect understanding if he failed to take on more passengers. The commission laughed sympathetically, though it never had a chance to rule on that suggestion.

Possibility of Wood Pulp Manufacture in Eastern North Carolina. Wilmington, April 2.—Prospects for the manufacture of wood pulp for paper in this section are claiming the attention of local interests. State Forester H. M. Curran, while in Wilmington, said that he had great faith in the possibilities for development of this industry in the Wilmington district. While here the State forester visited Palmetto Island and also looked over timber in Brunswick county. He was accompanied by General E. F. Glenn.

Coolidge Has Not Indicated Desire to Go to Charlotte. Washington, April 3.—Rudolph Foster, executive secretary to the President, informed Frank A. Hampton today that he did not think there was the slightest chance that President Coolidge would be able to visit Charlotte on May 20. He had not indicated that he hoped to go to Charlotte on that occasion, it was said.

Woman Killed in Auto Accident. Union, S. C., April 4.—Miss Grace Rogers, of West Springs, near here was killed instantly, and her brother, Norris, and sister, Fannie, were injured today when the automobile in which they were riding plunged down an embankment and overturned twice after losing a front wheel. The injured man and woman are in a hospital here.

More than 305,000,000 feet of lumber is used in the manufacture of automobiles and motor trucks in the United States in one year.

DEMIES INJUNCTION TO PREVENT SALE OF DODGE BROTHERS

John Duval Dodge Sought to Restrain Mrs. Matilda R. Dodge From Disposing of the Property.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO STOP SALE

Attorneys for Dodge Will Carry Case to the Circuit Court in an Effort to Carry Their Point.

(By the Associated Press) Detroit, April 4.—Judge Harry Benjamin in the Wayne county circuit court today refused to grant a temporary injunction sought by attorneys for John Duval Dodge, restraining Mrs. Matilda R. Dodge from selling, transferring or encumbering any of the effects of the estate of Anna Margaret Dodge, posthumous daughter of John F. Dodge, and half sister of John Duval Dodge.

Wm. Lucking, attorney for John Duval Dodge, announced this morning that he would petition the Wayne county circuit court probably today for an order to show cause why the sale of Dodge Bros. to Dillon Reid Co., of New York should not be enjoined. Mr. Lucking said this action would be taken to protect the interests he said John Duval Dodge has in the John F. Dodge estate as heir of Anna Margaret Dodge, his infant half sister who died a year ago and who was named in the father's will for a share in the estate.

Judge Dingeman, however, ordered that Mrs. Dodge appear before him Wednesday to show cause why an injunction should not be issued.

Mysterious Chinaman Turns Up at Salisbury. Salisbury, April 3.—A Chinaman who was acting very queer was taken from a northbound train here and turned over to local policemen who are holding him until they can find out what is the matter with him and where he is trying to go. He had a ticket reading to Greensboro. The man seemed to be doped but those who observed him after he was locked up here tonight thought he was insane. Local Chinamen were unable to get anything from him as to his intentions or past life. He insisted that he had engaged in an affair in Florida and had killed a man.

Greensboro Youth Killed By Shifter. Greensboro, April 3.—Earl Thrallkill, thirteen-year old boy, of this city, was instantly killed at 9:30 this evening in the Southern Railway yards here when he was struck by a switch engine.

The lad apparently was avoiding a passenger train coming in from Winston-Salem and was hit by the shifter. His body was badly mangled, his head being crushed, both legs broken and an arm cut off, as well as other mutilations. He was so cut up that it is believed he never knew what hit him.

Segregation of Coal Holdings Proposed. (By the Associated Press) New York, April 4.—Segregation of the anthracite coal holdings of the Delaware and Hudson Company was proposed today by the railway board of managers. Stockholders of the common stock at their annual meeting on May 12th will be asked to approve the transfer of the coal properties at the new corporation, all the stock of which will be owned by the Delaware and Hudson Company.

Fittman Named Regional Manager. (By the Associated Press) Washington, April 4.—James S. Pittman was appointed regional manager at Charlotte, N. C., where he formerly was sub-district manager of the Veterans Bureau.

The condition of Mrs. Wm. L. Wincoff, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home last Thursday morning is reported as being somewhat improved today. Mrs. Wincoff had the stroke while at the barn where she had gone to do the milking.

This year's convention of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association will be held at Atlantic City in May.

Mrs. Nellie Kendzie Jones, now head of the home economics extension work at the University of Wisconsin, was the first woman to be given the title of "professor" by Kansas State Agricultural College. It was at the Kansas institution that Mrs. Jones began her career and one of the buildings on the campus there is named in her honor.

WRITE YOUR OWN FORTUNE Industry, knowledge and the ability to save a part of your income form a combination almost certain to lead to advancement. April 1st is the beginning of a new interest quarter. All deposits made through April 10th will draw interest from April 1st. OPEN YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK

Slays For \$10

Frank Weller, 60, La Grange, Ill., hammered and chopped his wife to death because she would not give him \$10 to buy liquor. Weller readily confessed. Police arrested Mike Portner, also on a murder charge, who is said to have sold liquor to Weller.

OFFERS REWARD IN CASE OF JOSEPH NEEDLEMAN Governor Offers Reward of \$400 Each For Members of Mob Who Mutilated Needleman.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, April 4.—Taking cognizance of reports which he said had reached him to the effect that Sheriff Robinson of Martin county was not exerting himself to the utmost in the case, Governor Meade has authorized Solicitor Don Gilliam of the district in before a justice of the peace to aid him in the search for the men who took Joseph Needleman from the Martin county jail last Sunday and operated upon him. Needleman was confined to the jail on a charge of attacking a white girl.

The Governor offered a reward of \$400 for every member of the mob captured and delivered to the state's prison. While not expressing an opinion as to whether Sheriff Robinson was neglecting his duty in the Needleman case, the Executive stated that Solicitor Gilliam was fully capable of attending to the situation and would know the best course to follow.

With Our Advertisers. Parker's Shoe Store is now having a special ten-days sale of fashionable footwear. The best footwear at prices ranging from \$1.95 to \$7.50. Invest your savings profitably. See ad, today of Cabarrus County Building, Loan and Savings Association. All stock non-taxable. Series No. 55 now open. You will find a splendid exhibition of the new furniture styles at H. B. Wilkinson's Stores at Concord, Kannapolis, Mooresville and China Grove.

See the new ad. today of W. J. Hethcox. Electrical satisfaction there. All kinds of Easter tags for men, at Hoover's—all the very latest. Running shares 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid shares \$72.25 per share. All stock non-taxable. Stock has been maturing in 328 weeks. Hurry now and take some shares in Series No. 55 of the Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association.

License tags will begin to be issued again Monday at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters, after a discontinuance of several weeks, according to an announcement made by H. W. Blanks, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Persons who have trucks are asked to take notice of the fact that they are now required to have a title for them and should make application for the title as soon as possible.

Charge With Stealing Same Automobile Twice. Greensboro, April 3.—The only instance of a man here being charged with stealing the same automobile twice comes to light in the arrest of M. R. Kelly, local man, on charge of stealing a car from R. C. Wagoner, also of this city. Kelly sold the car to Wagoner, and is charged with having stolen it from one in High Point prior to selling it to Wagoner, then stealing it back. Last week he was arrested on charge of stealing a car from W. E. Truelove, of this city, and was released under bond of \$200, just in time to get Wagoner's car, police say. He was released in the latter case under bond of \$500.

Defense Perfecting Plans as Court Taken Recess For the Week End. (By the Associated Press) San Francisco, April 4.—Dorothy Ellingson, who confessed she killed her mother, today enjoyed a respite from the strain of court proceedings she has attended since Tuesday. Alienists for the defense have testified she is not sane.

While the court which is sitting with a jury to rule on the girl's sanity, was in recess until Monday, psychiatrists and attorneys retained to her aid here were perfecting plans to procure a verdict that she is lacking in normal mental balance. The same opportunity was taken by experts for the state to formulate plans to indicate that she should be found responsible for her action and should be tried on the murder charge.

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DAILY BIBLE READING

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"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, acting in harmony with the wishes of the various denominations, urges all people who love our Lord Jesus Christ to give themselves during this special period to daily Bible reading, meditation and earnest prayer," states the call.

"There is energizing power in the sense of sharing deep convictions and high aspirations with large numbers of like-minded people. Uniting in the study of the Bible, the contemplation of great truths, and in the lifting of the heart of God in prayer is of the highest importance.

"Hundreds of thousands of Christians in America annually unite their minds and hearts in such contemplation. Christ is nowhere better exemplified than in universal feelings of joy at Easter tide, preceded by those deep feelings of penitence and aspiration which center in contemplation of the suffering and the triumph of Christ.

"Responding to this sense of oneness let us gather during the seven days before Easter, commonly known as Holy Week, to consider the suffering Savior with the call to repentance and devotion which that contemplation fosters. That our thoughts may be unified a series of topics is presented."

During Lent many Church members throughout the country are taking part in the Fellowship of Prayer and in special services. In connection with its call, the council suggests a series of eight topics for sermons during Holy Week. The call suggests that each church might gather its own people for these special services or that a group of churches might unite. It also suggests that a group of churches might find central meetings at the noon hour highly valuable.

The eight suggested topics for sermons are: Sunday April 5: "The Savior's Suffering in the Hour of Triumph."—Luke 10:41, 21. Monday, April 6th: "Suffering From Undeserved Hatred."—Luke 19:47. Tuesday, April 7th: "Suffering From Blind Selfishness."—Luke 20:14. Wednesday, April 8th: "Suffering Relieved by Human Love."—John 12:7. Thursday, April 9th: "Suffering From Treachery."—Luke 22:21. Friday, April 10th: "The Fullness of the Savior's Suffering."—John 19:30. Saturday, April 11th: "The Savior in the Realm of Death."—Matthew 27:50. Easter Day, April 12th: "The Triumphant Christ."—Luke 24:5.

CONDITION OF SECRETARY WEEKS MUCH IMPROVED Is Rapidly Regaining Use of Fingers Which Had Been Affected by Slight Stroke. (By the Associated Press) Washington, April 4.—Secretary Weeks, who is ill with cerebral thrombosis, passed such a restful night that attending physicians did not find it necessary to call at the sick room until well into the morning.

The situation was not regarded by the doctors as serious enough to warrant the issuance of regular bulletins. Mr. Weeks is rapidly regaining use of fingers on the left hand which had been affected by a slight stroke on Wednesday.

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CHAPMAN GUILTY OF THREE MURDER IS JURY'S VERDICT

Jury Rendered Verdict During Morning After Being Out on Case More Than Eleven Hours.

COUNSEL IS READY TO FILE APPEAL

Judge Jennings Told Members of the Jury That He Believed the Verdict Was a Just One.

Hartford, Conn., April 4 (By the Associated Press).—Gerard Chapman today was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the slaying of a New Britain policeman last October 12th.

The jury had been out a few minutes more than eleven hours when it announced it had arrived at a verdict. Frederick J. Groehl, chief defense counsel, previously had announced that he would file an appeal if Chapman was convicted.

After dismissing the jury and congratulating the jurors "on reaching this verdict which I believe is a just verdict," Judge Jennings recessed court for half an hour, at which time he set for hearing defense counsel motions to set aside the verdict.

State Prosecutor Hugh M. Alcorn, who prepared and presented the State's case against the mail looter, asked Judge Jennings to immediately pronounce sentence on Chapman, but the jurist said he first would dispose of defense motions to set aside the verdict.

"Chapple, I'm sorry," Groehl said to the prisoner after the jury had been dismissed and Chapman had been returned to court base basement to await further developments. The attorney, tears in his eyes, reached out for the condemned man's hand. Without a break of the voice, or a wavering of the cold blue eyes, Chapman squeezed his lawyer's hands and said, "Oh, that's all right."

Chapman's frail body was erect, his striking head held high, his eye looking straight ahead, as his guards manacled him. He took a chair in his basement cell, asked for a cigarette from one of his guards, lighted it and went into his sequestered consultation with Groehl.

Sentenced to Hang. Hartford, Conn., April 4 (By the Associated Press).—Gerard Chapman, spectacular mail bandit, jail breaker, and criminal extraordinaire, today was sentenced to hang in the Connecticut state prison June 25, in payment for the life of a New Britain policeman of whose murder last October 12th a jury had convicted him less than an hour before.

Chapman, the stoic criminal, whose flaming misdeeds have made him an international figure, did not flinch or falter as his doom descended upon him. With his arms folded across his breast and his frail body held stiffly erect, he listened to the judge's sepulchral words spell out with doom with only a flushed face to mark his emotions.

The ever vigilant guards stood closely about Chapman as he was led before the judge's high bench for sentence. The prisoner, his face slightly flushed, folded his arms and with head erect stared directly at the jury. To the customary question about a presentence statement, Chapman answered in clear, level tones. "I have nothing to say."

"The sentence of your court," Judge Jennings proceeded, "is that you, Gerard Chapman forthwith be taken to the state's prison at Waterbury and there confined until June 25, 1925, and when before sunrise on that day you shall be hanged by the neck until you are dead."

The prisoner's gaze fell. That, with the flush that still marred his cheeks were his only evidence of emotion. The prisoner immediately was shackled, hustled through the prisoner's pen into the basement, and into an automobile which speeded him back to the prison at Waterbury. There he was returned to the cell he has occupied since the United States government "loaned" him to the state of Connecticut to go on trial for his life.

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