

GASTON MEANS WILL RETIRE TONIGHT IN THE ATLANTA PRISON

Left Washington Thursday Night to Begin Two-Year Term—Asked to Be Allowed to Begin Sentence.

WILL HOLD UP FORGERY CASE

The Department of Justice Agreed to Leave Inactive This Case While Means Is in the Prison.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 22.—Gaston B. Means, prominent figure in the Senate Daugherty investigation, will retire tonight in a cell in the Atlanta federal penitentiary, facing two years' seclusion from scenes of his career as an international sleuth.

With a guard said to have been cautioned to shun sleep until the prisoner was delivered to the penitentiary Means left Washington last night to begin serving his sentence. He was convicted in New York on conspiracy charge, and he surrendered here a few days ago after failing in efforts to have the verdict set aside.

The Department of Justice agreed to permit Means to begin the term at once and decided to leave inactive for the present a second indictment charging him with forging the name of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, in connection with documents figuring in the Daugherty investigation.

SINK SWAMPED WITH CLEMENCY PETITIONS

His Office Is As Crowded As That of the Governor—Dreads Ida Bell Warren Petition.

Raleigh, May 21.—Pardon Attorney Hoyle Sink, after a successful combat with mumps, returned to his office today and went into a tougher struggle with the clemency seeker.

Mr. Sink was interested in The Daily News story that Raleigh people will take up with him soon the pardon of Ida Bell Warren, who is serving a long sentence for the murder of her husband. He has had one letter about it, but there has been no move in that direction yet.

Mr. Sink is absolutely swamped with petitions and his office is as crowded as that of the governor. How great a proportion of an executive's work the clemency cases have been is pretty well shown by the time that the pardon attorney must give to the hearing of petitions for executive pardon. The office has been grinding them out right rapidly, but for all that the number declined vastly except for marking the beneficiaries of the clemency power.

ONLY SLOW PROGRESS IN SHEPHERD TRIAL

Readiness of Defense to Accept Jurors Caused State to Move More Cautious.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, May 22.—Progress in obtaining a jury to try William D. Shepherd was slow today. The expressed readiness of the defense to accept virtually any juror tendered by the prosecution caused the State's attorney force to question vehemently the offer.

No tentative juror had been added to the two locked up overnight, but Assistant State's Attorney German said that he probably would tender the first panel of four to the defense this afternoon.

More Co-operation for Next Southern Exposition

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 22.—The Southern Exposition to be held in New York September 27th to October 6, 1926, will have twelve and possibly fifteen complete State exhibits, it was announced today by William G. Sirene, of Greenville, S. C., the exposition president.

Prospective exhibitors for next year who did not enter the show this year, Mr. Sirene said, had indicated to him their willingness to contract for space.

The Confederate Reunion to Be Held at Wilson

Wilson, May 20.—The 18th annual reunion of the North Carolina Confederate veterans will be held in Wilson, June 3, 4 and 5. As the opening exercises will be held Wednesday evening, June 3rd, veterans are requested to arrive on that day. All trains will be met. The Cherry Hotel will be headquarters.

Miss Caster in Serious Condition

Salisbury, May 21.—Miss Pauline Caster is reported at 10 o'clock tonight as being in a serious condition at the Salisbury hospital. She was badly injured yesterday and her companion, Charlie M. Lomax, was killed when a train hit their car at Landis while they were enroute to Salisbury to be married.

Military Aviators Killed

Barcelona, Spain, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Two men, the pilot and observer of a military airplane flying over this city, were killed today when their plane caught fire and fell to the streets.

Earl of Ypres Dead

Deal, England, May 22.—The earl of Ypres, better known as Field Marshal French, British World War hero, died here today, aged 73.

At Trial



Isabel Pope, whose wedding to William McClintock was prevented by the latter's death, will be a witness against William D. Shepherd, accused of having killed McClintock with typhoid germs. Above is the latest photograph of Miss Pope taken as she arrived in Chicago from California.

THE COTTON MARKET

After Opening Steady at Advance of 4 Points to Decline of 7 Points, Market Weakens.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 22.—After opening steady today at an advance of four points to a decline of seven points, the cotton market weakened on relatively easy late cables from Liverpool, reports of continued good weather in the South and rumors of private condition figures. May broke from 23.20 to 22.95 and October sold off from 22.15 to 21.94, or 18 to 20 points net lower.

MRS. WILSON TO VISIT EUROPE AND RETRACE FAMOUS JOURNEY

Widow of President Quietly to View Again the Scenes She Saw on Peace Trip With Him.

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is to sail Saturday from New York to spend the summer motoring in southwestern Europe. She will be accompanied by Miss Belle Baruch, of New York, daughter of Bernard M. Baruch, war-time chairman of the War Industries Board and one of the intimates of the late President Wilson.

Although Mrs. Wilson wanted to avoid public notice of her vacation trip, news of it leaked out when she got her passport today at the State Department. Although she has made all her plans to motor leisurely through France, and possibly Belgium and Italy, as privately and with as little notice as possible, she will necessarily travel over much of the same ground where she witnessed stirring scenes with her late husband when he made his notable swing of the allied capitals during the peace conference and was acclaimed with such remarkable demonstrations.

With Our Advertisers. If you need automobile tires, paints, shelf hardware, farm machinery or anything in hardware, it will certainly pay you to see the York & Wadsworth Co. before buying. They sell Sinclair and Standard gasoline and motor oils. Free air, free water and free service.

Chico's Fresh Fish Friday and Saturday at Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. A. B. Pounds in a new ad today give a good hint for Spring—'Use Ice Every Day.' Read the ad.

Bigger and Better Than Ever is Efrid's Chain Sale which started today with a rush. Wonderful offerings in every department.

Hoover's makes every man's checkbook a giant. Read the new ad today and learn how.

Skilled work is assured the clientele of the Parks-Bell Beauty Shop. Read new ad today.

The Parks-Bell Company is offering many specials for today and Saturday. One among others is 10c Palmolive soap at 4 cents per cake. Read ad for other special offerings.

Tampa, Fla., soon is to have direct steamship service to San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and other Pacific coast ports.

PRESBYTERIANS ARE GIVING THOUGHT TO NUMBER OF REPORTS

Assembly During the Day Heard Report From Stewardship Committee Which Issued Warning in Report.

COMMITTEES TO BE NAMED NOW

These Will Be Chosen by Dr. Sumney, Who Was Elected Moderator at One of the First Sessions Thursday.

(By the Associated Press) Lexington, Ky., May 22.—Warning the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the south that the church is becoming restless over the growing number of "special appeals," the report of stewardship committee was before the assembly for consideration by the committee of stewardship to be appointed today.

Dr. George Sumney, of New Orleans, who was elected moderator at the opening session yesterday, was to announce the committees which would consider various reports and make recommendations to the assembly later. Among these is a committee on bills and overtures, which will take special members of importance introduced by the Presbytery or synods before it.

Down to Business.

Columbus, O., May 22.—Settling down to routine work the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America had before it today a mass of overtures and complaints ranging from one extending the New York Presbytery to another urging aid to be withheld from the divinity students using tobacco.

SEES MURDER INCREASING AT ALARMING RATE IN AMERICA

Insurance Statistician Declares Annual Homicides Now Exceed 11,000—Blames Courts.

New York, May 21.—America's annual toll of murder now exceeds 11,000 and the homicide rate for 1924 was double that of 1909, Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America, says in an article in the Spectator, an insurance journal, published today.

"Anticipations that the homicide rate had reached a climax in 1923 were not realized," he says. "The murder situation in the United States is worse than ever. Analysis of the figures for the last six months, indicate that the trend is distinctly greater frequency."

Mr. Hoffman has compiled statistics for 28 of the largest cities, embracing a fifth of the population of the country, showing these cities had 600 homicides in 1900, a rate of 6.1 to 100,000 of population, and 2,219 in 1924, or 10.3 to 100,000.

"Recent murder trails," the article says, "leave no room for doubt that our judicial administration in capital cases is not what it should be."

Way of Student Economy Swamps College Tailors.

(By the Associated Press) Oxford, Eng., May 22.—Notwithstanding the rage among Oxford students for "elephant leg" trousers, which are considerably more loose and roomy than the bloomer effect worn by the United States navy sailors, the boys here are buying fewer clothes than formerly. Three long established tailors firms, one of which had been in business here nearly a half century, have gone out of business lately because, it was claimed, they could not make a living.

The boys haven't got the money they had in other days to spend for clothes, aver the tailors. The students wear knickerbockers a great deal, one or two suits for the season, and cannot afford to have a different suit for every occasion as a great many of them did before the war.

England Interested in Feat.

London, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—This news that Captain Roald Amundsen after two disappointments in previous years had finally hopped off yesterday from Spitzbergen in his long cherished attempt to reach the North Pole by air caused the greatest interest here where the explorer is best known through his Arctic and Antarctic discoveries.

Boat and Liquor Seized.

Boston, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—The steamer Van was seized at her berth here today by customs officers aided by the Boston police who found 1,000 cases of assorted liquors on board. The eleven members of the crew were arrested. The vessel which ordinarily plies between Boston and Grassell, N. J., had cleared from Jonesboro Bay.

New Belgian Cabinet Overthrown.

Brussels, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—The recently formed cabinet of Premier Alois van de Vyvere was overthrown today by a non-confidence vote in the chamber of deputies, 73 to 98 with 9 not voting. Van de Vyvere and the entire cabinet presented their resignations to the King.

Start on Long Flight.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 22.—The North American Newspaper Alliance announced yesterday that Capt. Roald Amundsen and his companions in two planes hopped off from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen at 5:15 p. m., 11:15 a. m. Eastern Standard Time.

FRENCH CABINET IS FAVORABLE TO PLAN FOR FRENCH BUDGET

Gives Its Approval to the Tentative Measures Presented by Finance Minister Caillaux.

DETAILS OF THE PLAN UNKNOWN

Understand That Plan Calls For Additional Taxes.—Says No Note Has Been Sent to Washington.

Paris, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—The French cabinet at a meeting today approved preliminary measures of Finance Minister Caillaux for balancing the budget. Details were not revealed, but it is understood that the plan calls for the levying of additional taxation, and the withdrawal of receipts from Germany under the Dawes plan payment from the budget, so a part can be devoted to payment of inter-Allied debts.

M. Caillaux reiterated that the French government had sent no note to Washington regarding France's debt to the United States.

The finance bill is to be presented to the chamber of deputies Monday. 1,000 Cases of Liquor Found on Boat.

GRIFFIN GETS \$50,000 BOND AND IS FREE

Files Appeal in Case in Which He Was Sentenced to Serve 30 Years in Prison.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, May 22.—Henry Dennis Griffin, sentenced to 30 years on the charge of mutilating Joseph Needleman, has made bond in the sum of \$50,000 for an appeal to the Supreme Court and will be released from the state prison today.

Griffin, it was stated by Solicitor Don Gilliam over long distance telephone today, entered formal notice of appeal following his trial, but failed to make satisfactory bond. He was brought to the state prison to begin his 30 year term. However, his relatives and friends did not cease activities on his behalf. On yesterday they presented a bond in the sum of \$50,000 which was approved by the clerk of court of Martin county.

Solicitor Gilliam stated that Griffin's bond was signed by Paul Barnhill, who was on his bond prior to his trial in superior court of Martin County, "and about a dozen others."

At 9:45 o'clock the solicitor said relatives had just left his office and were on their way to Raleigh to secure Griffin's release.

NO NEWS RECEIVED TODAY FROM EXPLORERS

No Communication Is Possible Since the Planes to Have No Wireless Apparatus.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 22.—The North American Newspaper Alliance said at noon today that it had received no word of the progress of the Amundsen effort since the planes hopped off yesterday afternoon.

No communication is possible, the Alliance said, since the planes have no wireless and no report will be available until the party lands at a point where there is communication with the outside world.

TWO DEATHS CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL STORM

Wind Which Accompanied Storm Caused Big Damage in Southern Illinois.

(By the Associated Press) St. Louis, May 22.—A severe wind and electrical storm swept over portions of Southern Illinois last night, unroofing houses, blowing down trees, and causing at least two deaths.

Lynchburg Aviator Killed.

(By the Associated Press) Lakehurst, N. J., May 22.—Lieut. Jas. R. Kyle, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., was instantly killed here today when he either leaped or fell off the wing of an airplane when the motor went bad. Kyle and Lieut. Jas. Schildt were on the wings of the plane to make parachute jumps, but Kyle's parachute did not open until he was a few feet from the ground. The plane was only 200 feet up.

Baseball Tomorrow.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company's baseball team of Charlotte will be here tomorrow afternoon for a game with the Gibson Mill team. The game will be played at the Gibson park at 4 o'clock.

The Southern Bell team is leading the Twilight League in Charlotte, so the game should be the best so far of the present season here.

Miss Wethered Keeps Golf Crown.

Troon, Scotland, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—Miss Joyce Wethered retained the British ladies' open golf championship today by beating Miss Cecil Leitch at the 37th hole in a hard fought match that was all square at the end of the match should be the best so far of the present season here.

Pola's Double Admits Plot



Justine Valse, 24, movie actress, is under arrest in Los Angeles, having confessed that she was one of the principals in a plot to blackmail Pola Negri, movie star. The scheme hinged on a photograph which is said to reveal Miss Valse, who strikingly resembles Pola Negri, in a compromising position. She says the men involved in the plot kept her under influence of dope for several months.

CAROLINAS LEAD UNION IN COTTON MILL WORK

More Spindle Hours in North and South Carolina During April Than Elsewhere.

Washington, May 21.—Cotton mill activity during the month of April was greater in North and South Carolina than any other states in the union, according to a report today by the bureau of the census. It shows that of the 5,960,170 spinning spindles in place April 30th, in the North Carolina mills, 5,778,244 were active at some time or another. These spindles were in operation, the statisticians figure, a total of 1,832,993,906 running hours in April, an average of 308 hours for each. In South Carolina, of the 5,294,084 spinning spindles in place at some time during the month, the total number of hours being 1,629,285,732 hours, or 308 hours each.

On April 30th there were 17,457,018 spinning spindles in place in the mills in the cotton growing states. Of these 16,962,656 were active to the extent of 5,131,160,059 running hours, an average of 295 hours each. This average is 14 hours per spindle below the activity in the mills of North and South Carolina. The cotton spinning industry of the New England states is still hard hit for the 18,890,340 spinning spindles in place April 30th, only 14,762,066 were in operation at some time during the month, a total of 2,993,818,750 hours, or an average of 16 hours per spinning spindle. There are 1,906,396 spinning spindles reported in place April 30th which were active an average of 200 hours each, in the mills in other states.

The bureau's report of a week ago on cotton consumption in the United States mills showed an increase in April of 15,000 bales over consumption the previous month.

WILL MAKE HIS OWN BED, EVEN IN HOTEL

San Francisco, May 22.—J. G. Kelley, 61, bachelor, wealthy farmer of New Zealand, refused to register at a fashionable hotel here yesterday unless he was permitted to "make my own bed." Mr. Kelley, who is en route to Ireland to claim an estate of 20,000 pounds left by a sister, explained that he had made his bed for 80 years and he did not intend to break his habit. He is making the journey alone.

Ice Cream Come Week.

New York, May 22.—Beginning June 9th national ice cream week will be featured by all who sell ice cream throughout the United States and Canada. The campaign will be conducted under the auspices of the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers. It may be surprising to learn that the sale of ice cream cones, which were totally unknown until about two decades ago, has now reached the enormous total of 4,000,000,000 a year.

Violent Fighting in Morocco.

Fez, French Morocco, May 22 (By the Associated Press).—The forces of Gen. Coust de Chambrun had violent fighting yesterday with Abdel Krim's Rifians, reports reaching here today announced. A complete French success was indicated.

FEEBLE MOTHERS OF CONFEDERATES TO BE AIDED BY VETERANS

At Annual Reunion at Dallas Veterans of Confederacy Voted \$250,000 to Sustain Home For Women.

ENTHUSIASM WAS SHOWN BY MANY

Recognize Part Played by Women During and Just After War—May Build a College as a Memorial.

(By the Associated Press) Dallas, Tex., May 22.—The feeble mothers of the confederacy are to be given aid through the United Confederate Veterans who voted support for a \$250,000 fund to sustain the home for needy Confederate women at Richmond, Va., during their 35th reunion closing here today.

A plea for the home by Mrs. Andrew Jackson Montague, wife of Congressman Montague, of Virginia, aroused the veterans to one of the greatest outbursts of enthusiasm of the convention.

A resolution, passed by the Veterans, called upon their comrades and friends to contribute to the fund "to consecrate it forever to the women of our Confederacy."

PUTS DARWINISM IN SAME CLASS WITH DODO

Professor of Geology Says Darwinism Is as "Dead as Dodo."

London, May 22.—Assertion that Darwinism was as "dead as the dodo," so far as its being regarded as a source of the origin of species is concerned, was made recently by George McCready, professor of geology at Union College, Nebraska, addressing the Victoria Institute on "Revelation and Evolution. Can they be harmonized?"

Professor McCready contended that the most hopelessly pessimistic of the world's prophets were those who had most completely adopted and assimilated the doctrine of organic evolution. Such a scheme of cosmic despair, he said, was completely at variance with that portrayed in the Christian Bible.

"The time has fully arrived for those who think for themselves and who do not entrust the keeping of their opinions to any set of supposed experts, to dismiss once for all the idea that man may possibly have arisen by a long drawn out process of development from preceding animal ancestors," said the professor. "I am confident that in this year, 1925, sufficient scientific facts are available to settle this long debated problem in a way entirely satisfactory to the believer in the literally truthfulness of the first chapter of Genesis."

Birdsong Back After Given Up as Dead For Four Years

Petersburg, Va., May 21.—Frank L. Birdsong, legally dead, returned today to the woman who has believed for more than four years that she was a widow and to the children who had believed he ended his own life in the waters of the Nottawamy river just before Christmas, 1920.

He returned in the company of Jesse P. West, Jr., representative of an insurance company who found him in Sarasota, Fla., on Tuesday and two relatives, W. G. Ellis, of Yale, and J. L. Campbell, of Waverly. The aged man—Birdsong is said to be 60-odd years old—could not be seen for a statement but relatives said belief that his family and friends would not want to look upon his face again led him to remain away. He disappeared, they said, while temporarily unbalanced by financial worries.

Birdsong was found living in his own bungalow about seven miles from Sarasota and earning eight dollars a day by working at a building trade. He was traced by West through the license on his automobile.

To Inculcate Respect for Flag.

New York, May 22.—The United States Flag Association, of which President Coolidge is honorary president and Elihu Root the active president, is about to launch a national movement to inculcate particularly in American youth greater love and respect, as well as understanding of the symbolism of the flag. To this end the association, which has its headquarters in this city, has designated the week beginning tomorrow for a nationwide observance of "Flag Week." An enrollment campaign will be carried on in all the states with the object of increasing the membership of the association to 1,000,000.

Home Runs Are Equally Divided in Big League.

Chicago, May 21.—Home-run batting in the major leagues to date is equally divided, according to figures compiled today, each organization having 122 circuit hits.

The St. Louis Browns, of the American League, are out in front with 25 fourths blows, while the Philadelphia Nationals are trailing with 23. Gabby Harnett peppy catcher of the Chicago Cubs, is the individual home-run clouter, with 11.

His club ranks fourth among the majors with 21, the Giants being third with 22 and the Yankees fifth with 20.

Striding Carpenters Go Back on the Job.

Ashville, May 26.—Ashville union carpenters who went on a strike last week returned to work today under the compromise agreement recently reached between contractors and the men's committee. The compromise provides that the increase in wages to \$1 per hour asked by the carpenters shall go into effect June 15th.

Fair tonight and Saturday, rising tempesture in extreme west portion.

(By the Associated Press)