

Queerest Muddle Since Strenuous Days Of T. R.

Effort of Department of Justice to Convict Senator Wheeler for Accepting Fees for Services Before Government Departments Gets Stone in Jumble

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Washington, Jan. 29.—The queerest muddle since President Roosevelt began using Government sleuths to investigate United States Senators has developed in connection with the effort of the Department of Justice to convict Senator Wheeler of Montana for alleged violation of a law which forbids a member of Congress from accepting fees for services as a lawyer before Government departments.

It's a queer muddle because all the facts have not yet been put on the table and because the fire of political vengeance burns brightly over the whole controversy. Here is the sequence of events:

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, leads the investigation of Attorney General Daugherty, Republican, whose resignation is demanded by President Coolidge in the midst of his own campaign for the Presidential nomination.

Second, the machinery of the Department of Justice, which was nominated by Mr. Daugherty, is used to bring a case in Montana against Senator Wheeler. Denial is made that this is a reprisal but Mr. Wheeler's friends insist it could not be otherwise. Investigators connected with the Republican political organization outside the Government assist in building up the case against Mr. Wheeler.

Third, the Senate takes up the charges and by overwhelming vote exonerates Senator Wheeler. Mr. Borah of Idaho, a capable lawyer, sifts the charges and the Senate agrees with him that they are not serious.

Fourth, Harlan F. Stone is named Attorney General. He consults with his subordinates who were appointed by Mr. Daugherty and who are naturally friendly to Mr. Stone's predecessor and receives the impression that notwithstanding the action of the Senate the case should be pursued. He goes into the case and announces he will continue its prosecution.

Fifth, Senator Wheeler becomes the Vice Presidential candidate on a radical ticket. Conservatives become eager to see a blow struck at the radicals. While the case is allowed to drag during the campaign, it is revived after election.

Sixth, Attorney General Stone is named for the Supreme Court vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice McKenna and rumors begin to spread that he has gone even a step further toward prosecuting Mr. Wheeler by bringing a request for indictment in the District of Columbia as well as Montana.

Seventh, the Department of Justice, according to Mr. Stone, feels that the air in Montana is full of charges and counter charges. Mr. Wheeler's friends and counsel think the District of Columbia is dominated by the Republican administration and the Government and that it would be unfair to try a case here which should be tried in Montana.

GOVERNOR CUTS DOWN ROAD FUND

Recommends Bond Issue \$20,000,000 Instead of \$35,000,000 in Speech to General Assembly.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Governor McLean today recommended to the Legislature bond issues of \$20,000,000 for highways, \$5,000,000 for permanent improvements at State institutions, and \$2,000,000 to finance the Veterans' Loan Fund.

He definitely opposed the \$35,000,000 highway bond issue.

"Not one dollar that is not necessary for the public good should be appropriated," he said.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Governor McLean today addressed the Legislature at noon regarding the road bond issue.

Announcement was made this morning that his message was ready and leaders immediately prepared a resolution inviting him to appear.

Besides the Governor's address, reports of the Budget Commission and the State Board of Assessments were expected to be submitted during the day.

The Budget Commission report gives the needs of the institutions and departments. The Assessments Board estimates the revenues.

Herrin Battle Ground



A close-up view of the Bione cigar store at Herrin, Ill., where S. Glenn Young, Klan leader and liquor raider, Deputy Sheriff Thomas, Homer Warren and George Forbes were killed in a gun battle. Guardsmen are on duty at the store, which is said to be a gathering place for klansmen. A bullet hole can be seen in the window.

Means And Felder Are Found Guilty By Jury

Maximum Sentence Is Two Years in Federal Prison, But Jury Recommends Mercy.—Means Already Under Two Years' Sentence with Jarnecke

New York, Jan. 30.—Gaston B. Means was this afternoon given a sentence of two years in Federal Prison and \$10,000 fine. Thomas B. Felder was fined \$10,000.

New York, Jan. 30.—Gaston B. Means, former Department of Justice agent, and Thomas B. Felder, his attorney, today were convicted in Federal Court on charges of conspiring to bribe Government officials in the Crager System Glass Casket fraud case of 1923.

The verdict returned sealed last night by the jury after six hours deliberation was opened today. The maximum penalty is two years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine.

Felder was plainly startled by the verdict as he had expected exoneration.

Means was nervous yesterday but was apparently confident today when he entered the court room. He, too, appeared startled by the verdict.

Means with former Secretary Jarnecke, who was a Government witness in this case, is already under a two years sentence in a bootlegging case.

THE ELK'S CREED

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier; the kind of things you meant to say when they're gone, say before they go.

STAGE NOW SET FOR TRANSFER UTILITIES

The stage is now set for the transfer to the City of Elizabeth City at 10 o'clock Saturday, January 31, of title to the properties of the Elizabeth City Water & Power Company, of the Elizabeth City Electric Light Company and of the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company.

Receiving the titles in the name of the City will be Mayor W. Ben Leonard, and Misses E. Cook of Baltimore, president of the affiliated utilities, is expected to tender the titles for the corporations.

No hitch in the transfer is looked for at this time. The corporations had asked the city for a rebate on their taxes inasmuch as the tax year has still three months to run, but the request was made with the distinct statement that, while the corporations were making what seemed to them only a matter of common justice, they would not insist on the point if the City Council felt unfavorably disposed to their request.

FORBES CONSPIRACY CASE TO THE JURY

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The Forbes-Thompson Veterans Bureau conspiracy case was given to the jury in Federal Court here shortly before noon.

GRAND JURY IS CALLED TOGETHER

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Federal grand jury before which the Department of Justice seeks a second indictment in the District of Columbia against Senator Wheeler was called together today.

BILLY'S BOY



Billy Sunday, youngest son of William A. (Billy) Sunday, evangelist, has graduated from the Warsaw (Indiana) High School and before entering college will take a trip around the world. He is said to be as good a football player as his dad was a baseball player.

Who Will Be Successor Chicago's Vice Leader?

When One After Another of These Kings of the Underworld Is Bumped Off It Seems Scarcely to Cause a Ripple, for Crime and Vice Continue

By O. L. SCOTT
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Chicago, Jan. 30.—Who is to be the heir to the throne in Chicago's plutocracy of crime? The question of deep concern today to this city's society as well as to its police with the report that Johnny Torrio, vice and liquor king, has a slim chance to recover.

PROSPECTS GROW BETTER EACH DAY

With Dion O'Banion out of the way because he was getting too strong for his superior, Johnny Torrio, and now with Torrio supposedly on his death bed because, police believe, he had O'Banion removed from his path, the spotlight is likely soon to turn on new characters in this little kingdom of vice and crime.

The foregoing was the good news brought to the Elizabeth City Rotary Club Friday afternoon by two of its members, that in regard to the Chowan River bridge coming from J. C. B. Ehringhaus who has been two days in Raleigh this week and that in regard to the Dismal Swamp Canal coming from R. C. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, who has just returned from Washington.

ANNIVERSARY DAY AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, Jan. 30.—Anniversary Day will be celebrated at Wake Forest on Tuesday February 3 with J. W. Bailey of Raleigh delivering the address of the occasion, it was announced today by President W. L. Potat.

The celebration is this year partly under the direction of the Phi Kappa Phi chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi society which has taken the direction of the two literary societies as formerly. The address by a prominent alumnus was provided in the resolution which made the occasion one for the college instead of solely for the Literary societies.

Coming between the end of first semester examinations and the beginning of the spring semester, no classes will be held on the day. At 11 o'clock in the morning the board of trustees will meet here in called session.

CREW RESCUED BY THE COAST GUARD

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 30.—The crew of the submarine S-48 driven ashore at the entrance of the harbor here last night, was taken off today by Coast Guardsmen, suffering from exposure and cold, and with their clothing frozen.

And thus the situation may continue until March 4th, when a new Senate comes into power and where a majority can be assumed to confirm Mr. Stone's nomination. Confirmation under such circumstances would become purely partisan and the hope of Mr. Stone's friends is that they can break down the political barriers between now and March 4th, so that he will go to the highest court in the land with bi-partisan support.

Street crossings are clogged with slush, sidewalks are icy, and side streets are piled high with accumulated snows of previous storms.

All New England is suffering from the effects of the storm. Three inches of snow were followed by rain that froze around Boston.

But the United States, so Judge Mack told the White Way women, is not at all interested in whether, for instance, Peggy Hopkins Joyce, the countess Costa Morner) has been married five or 20 times, and what she did in between marriages; nor is it interested in the question of whether Edith Robe, the modiste who recently starred in a front page jewel robbery is a "cradle snatcher."

The only question before the court, Judge Mack told them sympathetically, is whether or not they were made to pay money to avoid having these "unkind words" printed about them.