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MEANS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF MURDER

Concord, Dec. 16.—Gaston B. Means, acquitted of the charge of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, for which he has been on trial the last three weeks, spent today a free man with his family at the home of his father, and going about the streets of Concord, his boyhood home, receiving the congratulations of friends. "Not guilty" was the verdict rendered by the jury this morning at 10:22 o'clock before Judge Cline, members of counsel, the defendant, his wife and father and other relatives, and a considerable number of spectators who had gathered in the Cabarrus county courtroom.

The jury, having had the case over night, sent a message by Sheriff Caldwell to Judge Cline at the hotel at 9:30 o'clock asking him to come to the courthouse. The judge was eating his breakfast, which he finished, proceeding to the courthouse at 10 o'clock. To the crowd that had gathered, Judge Cline stated that he did not know whether or not a verdict had been reached, but in the event that such was the case, regardless of its nature, there must not be any demonstration upon its announcement. He instructed Sheriff Caldwell to arrest any person violating this instruction. He gave positive instruction also that the jurymen should not be approached after a verdict was announced before the jury was dismissed. Judge Cline's instructions evidently were effective, for there was absolutely no demonstration.

MEANS FACES CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

New York, Dec. 16.—Gaston B. Means, acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, faces indictment in this county for forgery and embezzlement. District Attorney Swann announced tonight.

"There is concrete evidence in our hands tending to show that Means forged many documents, on which he obtained large sums of money from Mrs. King's estate," said Mr. Swann. "and there is evidence pointing to him as the embezzler of the major portion of Mrs. King's wealth."

"Until I hear from Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who aided in the prosecution of Means in Concord and who worked on the case against him, I shall be unable to say just when we shall take the evidence before the grand jury. I believe, however, that Mr. Dooling will arrive tomorrow or Tuesday at the latest, and that before the week is over the bulk of the evidence will be laid before the grand jury."

"The people of New York can rest assured that all the facts in the Means-King case will be brought to light in this county. Forgers and embezzlers are extraditable offenses, and if any person outside the jurisdiction of the State is indicted for these crimes in this county he will be brought here for trial."

WILL GIVE ASSISTANCE TO REGISTERED MEN

Judge A. C. Jones, chairman of the county advisory board recently appointed to give legal advice and assistance in filling out the questionnaires to the drafted men, asks The Gazette to state that he or some member of the board will be in his office on the second floor of the Realty building each afternoon this week between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock. Registered men who have received their questionnaires and who desire advice should call at Judge Jones' office between the hours mentioned. This board acts without compensation and there is no charge for the services rendered.

ATTENDS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

President J. H. Separk of the Chamber of Commerce returned Thursday and Secretary Fred M. Allen Friday from Washington after attending the sessions of the National Anti-Saloon League and looking after other matters of interest to Gastonia in the capital. Congressman E. Y. Webb briefly told the story of Gastonia's change from a whiskey to an industrial county in most complimentary manner before the league. The secretary looked after publicity matters along many lines. Data of value to the merchants was secured in a conference with the chairman of a committee of the National Council of Defense having retail matters in charge. A conference of professional and trade paper men was also attended by the secretary.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TO MEET WITH MRS. BALTHIS.
The Music Club will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. W. L. Balthis at her home on South Chester street Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

WEST VIRGINIA COUPLE WEDS HERE.

A romance of interest to the spectators culminated in the office of Register of Deeds Carpenter Thursday afternoon when Mr. John H. Miller, of Parkersburg, W. Va., a member of the seventh infantry now stationed at Camp Greene, was united in marriage to Miss Lottie G. Baldwin, an attractive young lady whose home is also in Parkersburg. They had decided some time ago to be married this month, and after her fiancé was removed to Camp Greene they decided to have the ceremony performed at once, as there is likelihood of an early removal of the regiment to some port for embarkation for foreign service.

MRS. WILSON'S BROTHER VISITOR TO GASTONIA

Mr. R. E. Bolling, a brother of President Wilson's wife, was a visitor in the city Saturday, spending several hours here. Mr. Bolling is vice-president of the Chatham-Phoenix National Bank, of New York city. While here he was a visitor at the local banks.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES ASK FOR BURLERSON'S REMOVAL

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Demands for the removal of Postmaster General Burlerison are on the way to President Wilson today from Chicago. This action was taken because Mr. Burlerison recommended to Congress that a union of government employees be forbidden.

SAMMIES SMOKE CIGARETTES FROM BERLIN

(By International News Service.)
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 17.—The American troops are now smoking cigarettes made in Berlin and Sarajevo. They were supplied by the French government which captured them several months ago from the enemy.

GERMAN PEOPLE NOW IN DESPERATE CONDITION.

(By International News Service.)
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Despite the German peace offer and the separate peace with Russia, today's advices from Germany state that Prince Max, of Baden, declared in an address that the German sword would never be victorious in the hands of unscrupulous statesmen. The Lokal Anzeiger is quoted as saying that the German people are now in a desperate condition.

Personals and Locals.

—Just six more shopping days until Christmas.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias will do work in the first rank tonight.

—Don't put your Christmas shopping off until the last minute. Do it now.

—Despite the snow and cold Gastonia merchants had a splendid trade last week. They are expecting record-breaking sales this week.

—Because of fuel shortage the public schools at Mount Holly and Charlotte closed Friday until after the Christmas holidays.

—Mrs. Mattie Turner spent the week-end in Greenville, S. C., attending the textile exposition, and was the guest of Mrs. Tom Bynum.

—Messrs. Fred Dunn, Willard Parker, E. H. Sisk, Elijah Bridges and John Lynn, Gastonia boys who are members of Co. A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent the week end here with homefolks.

—Speaking of the sugar famine which has prevailed in Gastonia for the past week or so a prominent retail grocer says that in many Gastonia homes there is, in all probability, more sugar than usual. "A man came into my store yesterday," he said, "and wanted to buy a quarter's worth of sugar. When informed that we didn't have any he said, 'Well, I guess I can make out. I've got a hundred pounds at home.' Several similar incidents have been related by local grocers. While the majority of Gastonians are undoubtedly short on sugar or entirely out, others have more than their share.

By reducing the size of their samples wholesale dealers will save this year \$419,500 worth of cloth, representing enough wool to provide uniforms for 87,500 soldiers.

FOUR WEEKS TRUCE GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—A four-weeks truce went into effect on the Eastern front today, says a Berlin dispatch. This armistice takes the place of the temporary truce signed earlier in the month. The cessation of hostilities extends from the Baltic to the Black sea and affects the Roumanian, German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish forces. The dispatch indicates that negotiations for a separate peace with Russia are already under way. By the terms of this truce Germany was allowed to move heavy forces from the Eastern to the Western front before the formal protocol was signed.

CONGRESS WILL SUSPEND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Congress will close up shop for the holidays tomorrow afternoon. An unprecedented amount of work has been accomplished for the period of time the body was in session. The high spots in the record of its achievement are the declaration of war against Austria, the inauguration of a sweeping investigation into the conduct of war, passage of the Webb Export Bill, the urgent request by the President for the adoption of the Senate of a measure suspending parts of the anti-trust bill for the benefit of the railroads, the passage by the Senate of the waterpower and mineral lands bill. Before night the House will have acted on the nationwide prohibition amendment. Congress will convene again January 3. In the meantime the various investigations will be vigorously pushed during the holidays.

WESTERN FRONT IS QUIET.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Nothing important is reported from the Western front.

BOLSHEVIKI LEADERS MAKE STRONG THREATS.

(By International News Service.)
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—A threat to drench Russia in blood if necessary to uphold the Bolsheviks is contained in a speech by Trotsky, according to dispatches received from Haparanda. The Lenine-Trotsky regime is making wholesale arrests in an effort to coerce dissenters.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING IN PERSIA.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Hundreds of men, women and children have already starved to death and thousands are literally without food at Tehean Persia, according to a dispatch to the State Department from the American vice-consul. He asks that aid be sent at once.

MRS. M. H. BAUKNIGHT.

Mrs. M. H. Bauknight, grandmother of Mr. J. M. Holland, died Friday at her home in Statesboro, Ga., following an illness of some time. Mr. Holland left Saturday morning to attend the funeral and burial, which took place at the former home of the deceased at Walhalla, S. C. Mrs. Bauknight lived in Gastonia for several years with her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Holland, and the news of her death will be heard with deep regret by her many friends here.

Scouts to Meet.

We are requested by Rev. W. J. Roach, scoutmaster, to announce that there will be a called meeting of Troop No. 4 at the Central school at 7 o'clock Tuesday night. All members are urged to be present.

Board of Directors Meet.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce are to meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the offices. Many matters of interest will be brought up for discussion.

Municipal Christmas Tree.

The special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, co-operating with the Woman's Betterment Association and the Music Club regarding a Municipal Christmas Tree, will meet at the offices of the chamber this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Members of the committee are Fred D. Barkley, chairman, W. B. Morris and Col. T. L. Craig.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 23.85 and May contracts at 23.25.

"When is that car load of sugar going to get here" is the question which housewives have been putting to the grocers this morning. It is expected to reach here today or tomorrow.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Mount Holly Matters.
Correspondence of the Gazette.
MT. HOLLY, Dec. 17.—On account of a shortage of fuel and bad weather school closed here December 14th, and will resume work again on December 31st.

The following teachers have returned to their respective homes: Miss Neal Roseman to Lincolnton, Miss Rachel Freeman to Dobson, and Miss Sprinkle to Mars Hill. Miss Sadie Dunlap will spend the holidays with relatives in Greenwood, S. C.

Among the college students expected home the latter part of this week are Misses Gertrude Belk and Grace Kohn, of Lenoir; Misses Ila Kale and Inez Abernethy, of the Normal; Miss Sarah Rankin, of Greensboro Female College; Mr. Eugene Craig, of Wake Forest, and Messrs. Magnus Edwards and George Black, of Davidson.

Rev. W. G. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, is on the sick list. His many friends wish for him an early recovery.

Invitations have been received announcing the wedding of Miss Esste Green, who resigned as music teacher a few days ago, to Mr. James Locke Williams on Saturday, December 29th, at Richmond, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Kohn announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, to Mr. Karl Keller, lieutenant in U. S. N., the wedding to take place Saturday, December 22, at 12 o'clock in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Holly. Miss Kohn is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Kohn, of Mt. Holly, and is a talented and accomplished young lady. For the past two years she has been teacher of English in the Mt. Holly high school. Mr. Keller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller, of Greensburg, Pa. He was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in the class of 1917. He is stationed at present at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CHERRYVILLE, Dec. 16.—Messrs. Ezra Moss and Garrie Kendrick, two of our young men have recently volunteered for service to their country. Mr. Moss came home from the University and spent several days with his mother, Mrs. Jane A. Moss, and left last week for Raleigh to enlist in the navy. Mr. Kendrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Kendrick. He has joined the aviation corps and has gone to Texas for training.

Mr. J. P. Hull, who has been conducting a public draying business, has sold to Mr. Carl Beam and will devote his time to the market business.

Messrs. J. C. Ballard, D. R. Mauney, C. A. Rudisill, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Rudisill and Miss Iva Thornburn attended the Textile Exposition in Greenville, S. C., last week.

Mr. James D. Hobbs spent Friday in Charlotte.

The Methodist Sunday school here will forego the usual custom of treating this year and will make their contribution and offering to the Children's Home.

The Lutheran congregation has postponed the building of an addition to their church until spring.

Mr. Ben Boyles and Miss Marie London, two of our prominent young people, were married last Friday night. Rev. J. F. Moser, pastor of the bride, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. London and was formerly employed by the Eagle Publishing Co. and is a young lady of modesty and good graces. Mr. Boyles is one of our most likable young men, the son of Mr. F. A. Boyles, and is known for his sturdiness of character and habits. He is in the employ of R. Hope Brison & Co. Both have the well wishes of their numerous friends.

Mrs. Henry Carpenter was taken to the Lincoln Hospital Friday for an operation for appendicitis. Much sympathy is expressed for her from the fact that her husband, Mr. Henry Carpenter, is in Florida and cannot reach here to be present for the most critical condition.

Officers for the ensuing term have been elected by Cherryville Lodge No. 174 K. of P.: David P. Dellinger, C. C.; M. A. Stroup, V. C.; P. C. Dellinger, prelate; T. C. Sumner, K. of R. and S.; C. O. Robinson, M. F.; Carson Dellinger, M. A.; Stephen Stroup, I. G., and Durham Dellinger, O. G.

News has been received from Camp Jackson that Mr. Clyde Harrelson continues to improve from an attack of meningitis, which is most gladly received by his relatives and friends.

Mr. Charles H. Homesley, who is in the employ of the Seaboard Railway and located in Raleigh, is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Homesley.

WORLD'S CHAMPION WRESTLER KNOCKED OUT BY DEATH.

(By International News Service.)
HUMBOLDT, IOWA, Dec. 17.—Frank Getch, the world's champion wrestler, is dead of uremic poisoning. He leaves a wife and a four-year-old son. His fortune is estimated at \$250,000.

—Mrs. George McKee had as her guests Sunday her brother, Mr. Geo. Stowe, and Miss Carrie Merritt, of Charlotte.

ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

The annual meeting of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce will be held at the offices tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. Officers for the year beginning January 1st will be elected, plans for an annual banquet discussed and various other matters of interest to the organization discussed. Every member is urged to be in attendance.

WARMER WEATHER IS PROMISED

Promises of warm weather for tomorrow are held out by the weather man and the people in this "neck of the woods" will be delighted if the prediction comes true. Gastonians have been sufficiently amused with ten days of weather considered unusually cold for this section. Today's sunshine is melting the snow some and tomorrow's promised warmth will probably do away with most of the beautiful.

Hundreds of homes in the city have been contending for days with frozen water pipes and the plumbers will probably be busy for some days repairing the damage.

The bursting of a steam boiler at Main Street Methodist church early Sunday morning rendered it impossible to hold preaching services yesterday in that edifice. All of the churches were closed last night on account of the cold.

Gastonia has been more fortunate than many towns in that it has had a sufficient supply of coal. Local dealers have been receiving enough coal to supply the demand. Wood, however, has been a little scarce because of the condition of the roads which made hauling difficult.

Numbers of pedestrians were tripped by the ice on the pavements during the past few days. None, however, was seriously injured.

RADICAL MEASURES WILL BE NECESSARY

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Complete relief from famine can be attained only through immediate and radical improvement in the railway situation, officials of the fuel administration told Senators and Representatives today. There is a big shortage of cars and other freight is given preference over coal shipments. Congressmen are not satisfied with the explanation given and plan to visit supposed centers of congestion during the holidays. The White House remains mute on the subject of railway reorganization.

Alterations are being made which will double the seating capacity of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

ANOTHER LADY MAYOR



Lady mayors certainly are making good, for now that one has successfully held down the post others are ready to follow suit. Florida had the honor of electing within its bounds the first lady mayor in the country, Now Warren, Illinois, quickly follows, electing Mayor Canfield, who has already proved her executive fitness. With the war in full swing, we will probably have ladies holding down the various municipal offices, from city chief to doorkeeper of the municipal building.



(By International News Service.)
SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It has been said that the Kaiser has some friends—whether they intend to be or not—in Congress, but one thing is certain, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is not one of them. Senator Lodge has been one of the bitterest enemies the Kaiser has had to reckon with. He has been strongly anti-German since the beginning of the world war in 1914.

The power of a United States Senator is great enough in itself, but Senator Lodge's power in the Senate is added to by reason of his assignment to three of the most important committees, those on Foreign Relations, Finance and Naval Affairs.

If Senator Lodge chose to do so, he might place a long string of letters back of his name, for he has been awarded degrees by many universities and colleges. He is some literary light, too, besides being a statesman. He is the author of "Life and Letters of George Cabot," "Short History of the English Colonies in America," "Life of Alexander Hamilton," "Life of Daniel Webster," "Life of Washington," co-author with Theodore Roosevelt in "Hero Tales from American History" and the author of many other works.

Henry Cabot Lodge was born in Boston May 12, 1850. He graduated from Harvard College in 1871 and from Harvard Law School in 1875, with the degree of LL.B. In 1876 he was given the degree of Ph.D. by Harvard University. He served two terms in the Lower House of the Massachusetts Legislature, for being literary by disposition, he was popular in the Bean City. After several terms in Congress, Massachusetts elected him to the Senate. That was in 1893, and he has been there ever since. If it will encourage the Kaiser any, it is permitted to announce that Senator Lodge's term of office will end on March 3, 1923, which, doubtless, insures his being on the job until the end of the war.

BRITISH RECAPTURE SOME LOST GROUND

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Most of the ground lost to the Germans on the Flanders front yesterday was recaptured during last night, the war office announced. There was sharp fighting around Poederhok and heavy artillery dueling northeast of Ypres and near Messines.

PAY INTEREST ON FIRST LIBERTY LOAN

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Government paid the first war interest today when \$35,000,000 became due on coupons attached to the first Liberty Loan.

GEN. CROZIER FINISHES HIS ARMY TESTIMONY

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Gen. Crozier today finished his testimony before the Senate Probe Committee. The hearing was behind closed doors but Chairman Chamberlain announced that the committee "found, in a general way, that conditions were better than expected." It is understood that Gen. Crozier gave the committee a detailed statement regarding the supply quartermaster's department which will probably be taken up Monday.

150 MEMBERS OF I. W. W. ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A hundred and five members of the I. W. W. heavily guarded, went on trial before Judge Landis today for conspiracy to obstruct the war operations of the Government. All plead not guilty.

HOUSE ADJOURNS TOMORROW.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The House will adjourn Tuesday until January third.