

SENSATIONAL STORY OF PLOT. INTRIGUE UNEARTHED IN NEWBERRY TRIAL

Frank C. Dailey, Assistant Attorney General, Tells Story of Inception of Election Conspiracy - Newberry In New York Poses on Ship on Dry Land For Pictures to Fool the Public - Money Used Right and Left All Over State of Michigan.

(By The Associated Press.) GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 2.—The fraudulent election conspiracy which the government charges against United States Senator Newberry and his co-defendants, had its inception in New York in 1917, according to the opening statement which Frank C. Dailey, assistant attorney general, made to the jury in United States district court here today. He named Senator Newberry and William Cody, whom he described as "a legislative agent for large corporations, particularly the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the American Book Company," as the men who made the "preliminary arrangements." He added: "They had determined to purchase the United States senatorship in Michigan for Mr. Newberry."

MRS. ARTHUR DIXON DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

One of Gastonia's Most Prominent and Best Loved Women Succumbs to Fatal Malady—Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon at Residence at 3:30 o'Clock.

The deadly double pneumonia, following influenza, entered another Gastonia home this morning and claimed as a victim, one of the city's most prominent and best loved women, Mrs. Lottie Ray Dixon, wife of Mr. A. M. Dixon, of the Trenton and Dixon cotton mills, and former mayor of Gastonia. Mrs. Dixon was taken ill with influenza last Monday, January 26. Pneumonia developed Friday afternoon of last week. Her condition was not regarded as serious or alarming until Saturday night. All the immediate members of the family were summoned to her bedside yesterday. Sunday night her condition became much worse, and at 5:45 o'clock this morning she passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Dixon was conscious up until within two hours of her death and realized the seriousness of her condition. In the death of Mrs. Dixon, the city loses one of its most prominent and most popular young matrons. Mrs. Dixon's personality was such as to win her friends in whatever circle she moved. Dainty, winsome and attractive, she was a general favorite in church and social circles. Mrs. Dixon was prominent in war-work activities. She was one of the most tireless workers in the Red Cross work-room and in other kindred activities brought on by the war.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Gastonia and was prominent in all the activities of her church. Lottie Thomas Ray, daughter of Robert R. and Mary Downs Ray, was born at McAdenville January 20, 1886, and was therefore 34 years old. She attended the Presbyterian College in Charlotte. On October 11, 1908, she was married to Mr. Arthur M. Dixon, of Gastonia, who survives together with her father and mother, and the following brothers and sisters, Mr. Ed C. Ray, of McAdenville, Mrs. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, Dr. Ralph Ray, of Gastonia, and Miss Mamie Ray, of McAdenville. A brother, Mr. Minor C. Ray died October 19, 1918 during the terrible epidemic of flu that scourged this section at that time.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were ill from influenza last week, although at present Mr. Dixon is able to be up. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence, Rev. H. H. Jordan will assist the pastor, Dr. J. H. Honderlite. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. George K. Tate, of McAdenville, W. L. Balthis, E. W. Gilliam, Fred S. Smyre, J. L. Adams and S. N. Boyce. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.

TO SAVE SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY

(By The Associated Press.) BERNE, Feb. 2.—Immediate government intervention is necessary to save the Swiss clock and watch industry from "inevitable catastrophe," arising from the unfavorable exchange situation, according to addresses made before the Swiss commerce and industry congress which closed its sessions here Sunday. All lines of trade are adversely affected by the present conditions. A moratorium for firms in a critical position was proposed and resolutions were adopted asking the federal council to propose an international conference to reach an understanding on the exchange question.

TRIBUNAL TO TRY ADMIRAL KOLCHAK

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—Formation of a tribunal by the soviet of Irkutsk to try Admiral Kolchak, former head of the All-Russian government in Siberia, is reported in a despatch to The Daily Mail from the town of Manchuria, near the border between Siberia and northern China. It is said that belief exists in the Far East that Kolchak will be sent to Moscow to be tried by a higher court. The despatch, which was filed on Saturday, stated that the situation in eastern Siberia had quieted down, under martial law. The gold fields along the Lena river have been nationalized, it was added.

ENCOURAGING REPORT

In her weekly report to the management of the Armstrong, Clara and Dunn mills, Miss W. B. Otey stated Saturday that only 11 new cases of flu had developed during the week. Of these 11 only three have pneumonia, the other eight being mild cases. This report indicates a decided improvement over the condition as it existed the week previous.

HELEN COTTON MILLS ANNOUNCE ORGANIZATION

Mrs. W. Ralph Armstrong Enjoys Unique Distinction of Being Honored With Post of Secretary — Mill Will Be Running By October.

At an organization meeting of the Helen Cotton Mills, of Rock Hill, S. C., held a few days ago, the following directors were elected: C. B., C. C. and W. R. Armstrong, A. K. Winget and J. R. McElwee, of Rock Hill. The officers are as follows: C. B. Armstrong, president; W. R. Armstrong, vice-president and treasurer; J. R. McElwee, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. W. R. Armstrong, secretary. It is probable that Mrs. Armstrong enjoys the unique honor and distinction of being the first woman in the South to be elected secretary of a cotton mill. Mrs. Armstrong, before marriage, was Miss Helen Potts, of Kosciusko, Miss.

The Helen mills will manufacture combed yarns, 8s to 29s and is capitalized at \$150,000. There will be 3,000 spindles. It is the intention of the directors to have the mill running by October. The old Sylesean Mill property recently bought by Mr. Ralph Armstrong will be remodeled and refurnished. Machinery which has been bought for some time will be delivered within 30 to 60 days.

ARE STOCKINGS CHARGED WITH T. N. T.

(By The Associated Press.) VIENNA, Feb. 2.—Police officials of this city are confronted with the question as to whether stockings may be explosive. A man was seriously injured, a baby bruised and a house badly damaged here recently and officers were told by the injured man that while about the house in his stocking feet he had dropped a lighted cigarette on the floor and when he tried to stamp out the fire one stocking exploded. He said he found the stockings in a neighboring village and that his wife had repaired them. The authorities have a theory that the man was keeping in his room explosives he had stolen from a munitions factory.

INFLUENZA PLAYS HAVOC WITH NEWBERRY TRIAL

(By The Associated Press.) GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Feb. 2.—Half a dozen of the defendants in the Newberry election conspiracy trial were reported today as unable to be in court, but the jurors, under the watchful eye of a physician, had so far escaped the influenza epidemic, which Sunday affected three more defendants including John S. Newberry, brother of the principal defendant. Frank C. Dailey, was to begin the opening statement for the prosecution when court convened at 2 p. m. The defense announced it probably would follow Mr. Dailey. Introduction of testimony was expected to be delayed until Wednesday.

SAILOR CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GIRL

(By The Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 2.—Police today were seeking a man in a United States navy uniform as the slayer of Frances Altman, 22 years old, a chorus girl of Philadelphia or Paterson, N. J., the fifth murder victim there in four days. The woman was also known as Mrs. Frances Altman Stockwell. Her body was found yesterday afternoon in the snow in a vacant lot and lay unidentified in the county morgue until this morning. She had been a member of a burlesque company which played here last week. She was last seen alive Saturday night.

FRENCH ROYALTY ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Feb. 2.—Announcement is made of the engagement of the Duchess de Valentinois and Count Pierre de Polignac, son of Prince Max de Polignac. The duchess was recognized in May, 1918, as the adopted daughter of Prince Louis of Monaco, only son of the Prince of Monaco, ruler of that tiny principality. She has full rights to successions to the throne of Monaco and her marriage will not affect her status. The Prince of Monaco, one of whose titles is the Duke of Valentinois, presented the duchess in Paris society some time ago, and her engagement to a Frenchman is known to be acceptable to the government of this country.

A Swedish railroad has built a reinforced concrete bridge with an arched span nearly 300 feet long, designed to carry trains at a speed of 60 miles an hour.

FARMERS OF COUNTRY BELIEVE THE 44-HOUR WEEK WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT

Sherman J. Lowell, Master of the National Grange Declares That the Only Way to Reduce the Cost of Living Is For Every One to Be Willing to Do a Day's Work - The 44-Hour Week Will Not Support America.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING AFFAIR IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Richard S. Folsom is Found in Bed With Bullet Wound Through Body.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The mysterious shooting of Mrs. Richard S. Folsom, prominent Chicago society woman who was taken to a hospital late Friday night with a bullet wound through her body just below the heart, today was still unexplained. A police investigator reported he had found the bullet buried in the mattress of Mrs. Folsom's bed. The course of the bullet through the mattress was downward and, according to Dr. Emanuel Friend, who attended Mrs. Folsom, it passed through the body at an angle of less than 15 degrees.

Mr. Folsom, a former city corporation counsel, and Chief of Police J. H. Gharity, who was privately notified of the shooting and made an investigation, announced yesterday that Mrs. Folsom had been wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver which she had taken from a dresser drawer. According to Mrs. Folsom's physician she had been suffering from influenza the night before the shooting. Friday night she attended an automobile show with her husband and father, General George M. Moulton. Shortly after their return to the Folsom home Mrs. Folsom retired to her room. A few minutes later, according to Mr. Folsom, the shots were heard. Mrs. Folsom had made no statement regarding the shooting the two physicians attending her said today.

The physicians announced Mrs. Folsom probably would recover. JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY. (By The Associated Press.) TACOMA, WASH., Feb. 2.—A jury trying 26 alleged Industrial Workers of the World on a charge of a criminal syndicalism, returned a verdict of guilty late last night after being out 58 hours. The men were arrested during activity against radical suspects in the northwest, which followed the shooting of four former soldiers during an armistice day parade at Centralia, Washington.

There are five very definite things that may be expected in time to have an effect upon the production of a world's food: 1.—A more direct and less expensive system of distribution. 2.—The removal of all artificial restrictions upon the sale of farm products. 3.—A lengthened industrial day, with honest service for wages paid. 4.—Increased dividends on farm investment which will enable their owners to meet the wage scale of competing occupations. 5.—Increasing social and educational privileges in rural communities.

DEATH RATE FOR 1918 WAS 18 PER 1000, HIGHEST ON RECORD IN UNITED STATES

CABINET CHANGES THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Glass Succeeds Senator Martin, of Virginia — Houston Changes From Agriculture to Treasury and Meredith Succeeds Houston.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Cabinet changes were the order of the day here today. Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury, relinquished his post to succeed the late Thomas S. Martin as senator from Virginia. David Franklin Houston, who has been secretary of agriculture since the beginning of the Wilson administration, moved over to the treasury to take the oath as successor to Mr. Glass and Edwin T. Meredith, of Des Moines, Iowa, became head of the department of agriculture, succeeding Mr. Houston. Mr. Meredith, the new agricultural department, is the editor of "Successful Farming" and president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. He also is a director of the Chicago Federal reserve bank and was one of the excess profit advisors of the treasury department.

Secretary Glass, then a member of the house of representatives, from Virginia, was appointed about a year ago to succeed William G. McAdoo, as secretary of the treasury.

(By The Associated Press.) SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Sherman J. Lowell, master of the National Grange, in a statement given out here today declared that it was the belief of the farmers of the country that the only way to reduce the cost of living was for every one to be willing to do "a reasonable day's work," and that the forty-hour week would never support even America. Mr. Lowell's statement in part follows: "The farmer's belief concerning the way to reduce the cost of living is for every one to be willing again to do a reasonable day's work. The 44-hour week will never support America, to say nothing of feeding a hungry world. "Those who are best informed on agricultural conditions in America cannot offer the slightest hope of lower food prices, so far as the farmer is concerned.

"In the reconstruction every one must get ready to actually work again, to save again and to a considerable degree to get back to thrift, sanity and common sense, or else accept as permanent the present scale of living costs, in which event we might just as well stop ranting about the high cost of living and realize that a new basis of economic procedure is here to stay. "This is the declaration of the National Grange, which sees in the future no reason why its members should slave long hours, seven days a week, to supply cheap food to the other workers of the country, who enjoy short hours and unlimited opportunity to rest and pleasure. Speaking as the largest and best established farmers' organization in America, the Grange hereby notifies the world that the farmers do not intend to keep responding to the call, 'Produce, Produce, Produce,' so long as other lines adopt as their slogan, 'Reduce, reduce, reduce.'

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The death rate in the United States for 1918 was the highest on record, according to the census bureau's annual mortality statistics, issued today, which show 1,471,367 deaths for the year representing a stricture upon the sale of farm products of 18 per 1,000 population in the death registration area of 30 states and 27 cities, with a total estimated population of 81,868,104. Of the total deaths 477,467, or over 32 per cent, were due to influenza and pneumonia, 380,996 having occurred in the last four months of the year when an epidemic of these diseases prevailed. The rate for influenza and pneumonia was 583.2 per 100,000. Influenza caused 244,681 deaths and pneumonia 232,786, showing rates of 289.9 and 284.3 per 100,000 respectively, the highest rates which ever have appeared for these causes. The rate in 1917 for influenza was 17.2 and for pneumonia 149.8. The other principal causes of death were organic diseases of the heart, tuberculosis, acute nephritis, Bright's disease and cancer, which together were responsible for 391,391 deaths, or nearly 27 per cent of the total during the year.

An arc light for motion picture photography has been invented that has a maximum candlepower of 120,000,000 and has been used as far away as a quarter of a mile from a subject being photographed.

GERMAN OFFICERS RECEIVE MYSTERIOUS ARMY ORDERS MARKED "STRICTLY SECRET"

General Staff Officers Get Orders Marked "Strictly Secret," Containing Directions Concerning Recruiting Aviation Squads, Etc. - Newspapers of Berlin Give Publicity to the Document, Believed to Have Emanated From Insane Officer Now In Sanatorium.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 1.—General staff officers throughout Germany have received a mysterious order, supposed to have emanated from the war ministry, printed on official stationery and marked "strictly secret." It gave instructions to the officers respecting the organization and equipment of new army units which were to be held in readiness for instantaneous mobilization. The order contained detailed directions concerning recruiting and organizing stores, aviation squads and other units, and specifically ordered that 600 fliers, equipped for bombing flights, should be in readiness by March 1 to break through on the west. Some of the newspapers print the document today, accompanying it with a semi-official declaration that its author, an insane former officer, was arrested Saturday and is now in a sanatorium. This declaration adds that "the order might likely be construed by the entente as a breach of the peace treaty and evidence of disloyalty," and says it therefore is given publicity with the purpose of indicating its origin.

GUILTY GERMANS TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Feb. 2.—The list of Germans to be demanded by the allies and placed on trial charged with violations of the laws of war will probably be given to German representatives here today, according to The Petit Parisien. It is expected Germany will resist this demand, the newspaper says, and that the peace conference will probably be forced to consider future action and at the same time examine different violations of the conditions of the armistice and peace treaty by Germany.

A patent has been granted for a safety pocket for men, to be attached to suspenders and held closed by suspended pender buttons inside the waist band of trousers and held closed by suspender tips.