# RUSSIANS, NOT DEMORALIZED, FIGHT HARD ON RIGA FRONT

she was shot. She was right by the tree just where I had put the pistol. I was at the spring standing on the rock."

The measured distance between the tree in which Means says he placed the revolver and the spring at which he says he was standing at the time he heard the pistol shot is thirty feet.

From Charlotte, twenty-one miles south of here, came information today that an automobile costing $3,500, the property of Mrs. King, is in a garage, where it was left by Gaston Means a few days before the shooting.

The machine bears an Illinois license. Conner & Andrews, who conduct the garage, say that when Means left the car he was anxious that an itemized bill be made out for everything, even down to a nickel, stating:

"I want it so that if any one should die to-morrow or the next day, or ten years from now, one could look at this bill and tell as much about it as I could."

**DISCREPANCY AS TO FIRING OF SECOND SHOT.**

There is still a discrepancy between the testimony of the members of the automobile party and Farmer Dry concerning the firing of a second shot. Dry was emphatic in declaring that after the car had proceeded from the direction of the spring a second shot rang out, and the machine then at full speed wound its way to the main road and thence to town.

The other witnesses have stated that the car stopped on the main road near the entrance to the abandoned roadway, and that Mrs. King and Means walked on to the spring.

Ernest Eury, the negro driver, was questioned to-day about the fatal night. At the inquest he testified that he drove the party near to the spring and then drove back to the bridge to wait.

"Mr. Gaston told me to do that," he said. He declared that near the bridge he heard the shot and was sent for a few minutes later. If he was at the bridge and waiting, as he says, he was in clear sight and only about 100 yards from Dry's house. Dry says there was no stop made when the machine came from town and that the machine arrived for the first time after the shot was fired.

**MEANS'S FATHER TALKS ABOUT CASE FOR FIRST TIME.**

Gaston Means is not expected over from Asheville until late this afternoon. His friends in Concord are desirous that he make a full explanation of his relations with Mrs. King and of the shooting. They are going to urge this course upon him.

Col. William G. Means, father of Gaston, a Southerner of the ante-bellum type, talked about the case for the first time to-day. The ire of the old lawyer has been roused because of the rumors that have spread about the town.

"I have four stalwart sons and three beautiful daughters," declared Col. Means. "and I'm proud of them all. 'Bud' (Gaston Means) was knocked entirely out of a big fee through the death of Mrs. King. 'Bud' had discovered a new will which would bring several millions to Mrs. King and would have received a big fee for his work had she lived.

"They have been talking about Mrs. King's sprained ankle. The Monday before the tragedy she went to Charlotte and bought a pair of shoes with high heels. I believe that she must have sprained her ankle as a result of those heels."

Col. Means blames a Chicago trust company, the trustees of the King fortune, for all the trouble. He says Gaston has been trailed for some time by detectives. He says it is the work of these men and the Chicago company that has led to all the rumors about Gaston.

# MEANS' OWN STORY IN FULL AS HE TOLD IT TO CORONER AT KING TRAGEDY INQUEST

### "I Was Looking in the Spring," He Testified, "When I Heard the Shot Fired."

### WARNED HER OF PISTOL.

### "She May Have Slipped and Threw Up Her Hands as She Grabbed Weapon."

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 8.—The Evening World to-day prints the testimony of Gaston Bullock Means, business manager for Mrs. Maude A. King, before the Coroner's jury that investigated the mysterious killing of Mrs. King on the night of Aug. 29 last while on an auto trip with Means and three other persons. It is the first publication of Means's statement in full and is as follows:

"Mrs. King, Capt. Bingham, my brother, Afton, and myself had been out several times target practising and went over to this place—I always knew the place as Blackwilder Spring, because it is near Hamp Blackwilder's place.

"We drove out there and got out of the car. Mrs. King and I had a rifle and two pistols. They were lying down in the automobile. I got this pistol (a small one) for Mrs. King. She wanted a small one, so that she could get it in the folds of her skirt. When we got out of the automobile, that pistol was unloaded, and another, a Smith & Wesson, was unloaded. She took those two pistols and showed me that she could shoot with two pistols, away from her form, like a woman would. At this time neither pistol was loaded.

"I walked over, got this pistol and loaded it. When I had loaded it, I laid it in the forks of an old hollow tree and walked down to the spring to get a drink of water. Mrs. King walked past of the way and said that she did not want any water, that she was afraid of bugs. She walked back and picked up the pistol. I said: 'Maud, let that pistol alone.'

**"My recollection is that when I said that she laid the pistol back down in the forks of the tree. I stooped down to light a match and looked in the cup to see if there were any bugs in it. Just as I was getting some water I heard a pistol shot, I turned right away and saw her falling.**

"I rushed right to her and put my hands under her head and sat her up for a minute. She weighs about 180 pounds. I said, 'Maud, Maud!' I could not see any blood. Then I hollered to Afton and Captain Bingham, and said, "Come up here right quick.' They were there in a few minutes. In the mean time I stopped at the spring and grabbed up my handkerchief, put it in the water and put it on her face.

**RUSHED TO TOWN WITH MRS. KING'S BODY.**

"Capt. Bingham said, 'I will rush to town and get a doctor.' I said 'No, we will carry her to the hospital.' In the mean time Capt. Bingham, Afton and myself put her into the automobile and brought her to town just as quickly as we could. We came to town at a pretty fast rate of speed. It could not have taken long. We were all of us doing everything we could. I do not think that it was over an hour.

**"I was five feet away at the time she was shot. She was right by the tree, just where I had put the pistol. I was at the spring, standing on the rock. My back was not exactly toward her. She was to the rear, so that my view was in the opposite direction. When she was shot, I was looking into the spring. She was standing up when the shot was fired. When I heard the shot she was standing perfectly straight. She fell straight backward. She never made any outcry. She never spoke a word. I spoke to her. I said: 'Maud, put that back; that pistol is loaded; I would not fool with it.'**

"The fork of the tree was about as far up as my chest, just a perfect place to lay a pistol. The tree was on a sloping base. The fork of the tree was about up to Mrs. King's chin and she was standing up about the tree. She was not standing on the lower side of the tree, because it is marshy, but on the other side of the tree it is hard. She was on the incline up above the level of the roots of the tree.

**HAD KNOWN VICTIM OF TRAGEDY ONLY TWO YEARS.**

"My wife has known her (Mrs. King) all her life, also her sister, Mrs. Melvin. I have known Mrs. King about two years. I had met her before that. I met her soon after I was married. Mrs. King and Mrs. Melvin were good friends of my wife. Mrs. Melvin is Mrs. King's sister and has known my wife since she was a baby and knew her mother before my wife was born.

"I had been up to Asheville and she wanted to come down here. She had met my sisters up in New York and came down here with me to stay awhile, and Mrs. Melvin came down also. They were visiting in my father's home. My wife was to come down when the weather got cooler. She has a little baby and did not want to come while the weather was so hot.

"I had a very marked interest at this time in Mrs. King. She is one of the important witnesses in some litigation that we are going to have later about an estate. I represent her and act for her in this investigation. Mrs. King is a widow lady. She is forty-seven or forty-eight years old. She may have been waving this pistol around. When we went out later we found the pistol right near the tree. It had five cartridges. It is supposed to carry six, but I have not been able to put but five in it. I do not know how many it had in it when we found it.

"This was Mrs. King's pistol. She always referred to it as her pistol. We also found one of her slippers when we went back for the pistol. I do not know which foot the slipper was for. She did not take her own life. It was an accident. She was just as happy as she could be. She wanted to learn to shoot two pistols at one time in her hands.

"Up in the north everybody is shooting large range. Everybody is organizing home guards. She may have slipped and threw up her hands and grabbed the pistol. The nearest of my recollection is that I heard the shot before I turned my head. I saw her falling backward. I was right at her side inside of four steps. It may be six or seven feet from where she fell. I got there instantly.

"GASTON B. MEANS."

### Order to Reopen King Case Based On New Autopsy

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 8.—STATE SOLICITOR CLEMENT, of Salisbury, was instructed by Attorney General Manning today to make such investigation of the death near Concord, Aug. 29, of Mrs. Maude A. King of New York as necessary to satisfy himself whether a crime had been committed and to reopen the case if deemed advisable.

This action followed the receipt by the Attorney General of a telegram from an Assistant District Attorney of Chicago that the Coroner of Cook County believed after a post-mortem examination that Mrs. King's death was not an accident.

Solicitor Clement announced this afternoon that his first move probably would be to recall the Coroner's jury which returned a verdict of death from an accidental pistol wound, self-inflicted.

# $510,000 MISSING, MRS. KING'S KIN TO ASK ACCOUNTING

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to making the trip to Concord in the first place, saying she could see no reason why it should be necessary for her daughter to go there to sign some papers which Means, it is alleged, declared to be of great importance in some pending litigation in which she was interested.

It is believed the litigation Means referred to was the offering for probate of the alleged second will of James C. King, first husband of the dead woman, which he (Means) found about two months ago, under which the widow was to receive the residue of the old lumberman's estate, amounting to about $3,000,000.

**TRUST COMPANY OFFICIALS CALL SECOND WILL FORGERY.**

Officials of the Northern Trust Company, trustees of the King estate, have pronounced the second will a forgery. It is understood that the assurance on the part of Means that this second will was in existence is what enabled him to maintain his control over Mrs. King and her sister, Mrs. Mary Melvin. There is much speculation as to what Mrs. King's estate will show, the general belief being that very little remains of the $1,000,000 she received from her husband's estate eleven years ago. Mrs. King's friends say she lived at a $50,000-a-year rate.

It was further stated to-day that Lawyer McDuffie has discovered that of the $1,600,000 Mrs. King received from the lumberman's estate, only $496,000 remains. The attorney is trying to find out what became of the other $510,000.

This latter amount comprises all the money Mrs. King actually had in her possession, as by the agreement she accepted $600,000 outright in high class securities and the income on $400,000 was to be held by the trust company in trust for her and at her death was to revert to the King estate.

Out of the $600,000 which she received outright Mrs. King took $90,000, which she deposited as a trust fund for the benefit of her two brothers, Paul Robinson of Muskogee, Okla., and William Robinson of Morrison, Ill. The fund furnished Paul Robinson an income of $250 a month and William Robinson an income of $100 a month.

The $400,000 deposited with the Northern Trust Company, which now goes to the King Old Men's Home, and the $90,000 trust fund deposited for the benefit of the brothers, which now goes into Mrs. King's estate, a total of $490,000, is all that Mr. McDuffie can find.

Mr. McDuffie, on his way to Chicago, stopped at Asheville and Concord. He learned from Mrs. Robinson that, on the morning of the day of the shooting, Mrs. King said she was going to Concord with Means to sign some papers.

Mrs. King packed all her documents, papers, account books and bank books in a trunk and took them with her to Concord from Asheville. Mr. McDuffie learned that Mrs. King did sign some sort of papers in Concord. But, he has been unable to find a scrap of the trunk full of papers and documents Mrs. King took from Asheville on the day of her death.

**READY TO AID NORTH CAROLINA OFFICIALS.**

The authorities here are prepared to give the North Carolina officials every aid in solving the mystery of Mrs. King's death. Coroner Hoffman is ready to empanel a jury and take evidence if the Attorney General of North Carolina needs such evidence.

The indifferent attitude of the dead woman's brothers immediately following her death has changed to one of determination to bring to justice the slayer of their sister, if she was murdered.

"We are convinced now that Maude was murdered," said Paul Robinson to-day. "We are going to do everything in our power to make the author of the cowardly crime pay the penalty. At first we were inclined to accept the accidental death verdict. Our talk with Coroner Hoffman causes us to discard that theory." On the other hand, Mrs. Melvin still sticks to the theory that her sister's death was an accident. She has sent statements to Chicago papers to that effect. Her brothers were asked to explain her attitude.

"We prefer not to discuss that at this time," was the reply.

**U. S. May Close Mails to Disloyal Citizens.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Closing the mails to disloyal citizens is under consideration in the Government's campaign to wipe out disloyalty and sedition.

# N. Y. DOCTOR, AMNESIA VICTIM, FOUND IN CHICAGO

DR. THOS. F. WELDON

### Mother Goes for T. F. Weldon, Who Vanished Thursday—Had Been Married Only Few Weeks.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Suffering from amnesia, a man believed to be Dr. Thomas F. Weldon of New York City walked into the detective bureau last night and asked the police to find his wife and notify her of his whereabouts.

At midnight he became violent and after a struggle with four policemen he was taken to the psychopathic hospital for observation.

Dr. Thomas Franklyn Weldon Jr. of No. 281 Seventh Street, Brooklyn, who mysteriously disappeared at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, is twenty-six years old and had recently been graduated from Long Island Hospital. He had planned to open offices of his own in Brooklyn, and while making arrangements for doing so was acting as visiting physician for the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

Dr. Weldon had been married only a few weeks, his bride having been Miss Anna Foley of Brooklyn. His father, Thomas F. Weldon, is paymaster for the Interborough.

Dr. Weldon's parents received their first notification of his being found in Chicago from The Evening World, and his mother left for Chicago this morning to bring him home if his condition is such as to permit his removal. His family believes the strain of overwork caused a temporary mental breakdown.

# SECRET TIPS TO AID U BOAT CAMPAIGN SENT TO BERLIN

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Luxburg, German Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Aires, to the Foreign Office at Berlin, which, I regret to say, were despatched from Buenos Aires by the Swedish Legation as their own official messages, addressed to the Stockholm Foreign Office.

"The following are translations of the German text:

"May 19, 1917.—No. 32.—This Government has now released German and Austrian ships on which hitherto a guard had been placed. In consequence of the settlement of the Mone (Protegido) case there has been a great change in public feeling. Government will in the future only clear Argentine ships as far as Las Palmas. I beg that the small steamers Oran and Gunzo, 31st of Jan. (meaning which sailed 31st), 300 tons, which are (now) nearing Bordeaux with a view to change the flag, may be spared if possible, or else sunk without a trace being left (spurlos versenkt).

(Signed) LUXBURG.

"July 3, 1917, No. 59.—'I learn from a reliable source that the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, who is a notorious ass and anglophile, declared in a secret session of the Senate that Argentine would demand from Berlin a promise not to sink more Argentine ships. If not agreed to, relations would be broken off. I recommend refusal and if necessary, calling in the mediation of Spain. (Signed): LUXBURG.'

"July 9, 1917, No. 64.—'Without showing any tendency to make concessions, postpone reply to Argentine note until receipt of further reports. A change of Ministry is probable. As regards Argentine steamers, I recommend either compelling them to turn back, sinking them without leaving any traces or letting them through. They are all quite small. (Signed): LUXBURG.'"

# NURSE SAYS MEANS CALLED MRS. KING'S MOTHER INSANE

### Caused Mrs. Robinson to Be Put in a Sanitarium, She Declares.

The Evening World found to-day a Mrs. Hamberg, a nurse, who was employed for several months in 1916 in the household of Mrs. Maude A. King at No. 1156 Park Avenue as nurse to attendant on Mrs. Robinson, the mother of Mrs. King. Mrs. Hamberg's recital of happenings in the family corroborates what others have said about the absolute domination by Gaston B. Means of Mrs. King, her sister, Mrs. Melvin, and Mrs. Robinson, their mother.

Mrs. Hamberg was recommended to Mrs. Robinson by the latter's family physician, Dr. Bert Clark. The nurse found Mrs. Robinson very nervous, largely because of the tactics of Means, who had persuaded all three women that they were being continually hounded by detectives and that if it were not for his power and influence they would be at the mercy of their foes.

"I was not in the household long," said Mrs. Hamberg, "when Means began to suggest to me that Mrs. Robinson was insane and ought to be put in some institution. He had already convinced Mrs. King and Mrs. Melvin that their mother was insane.

"Means had gradually driven away most of the old friends of the three women and kept close watch on the few friends they retained. He also kept close watch on the help, and if he was not satisfied that he was in control he simply discharged whoever he didn't like, setting up the excuse that the unsatisfactory—to him—persons were probably detectives.

"In November, 1916, Means suggested putting Mrs. Robinson in a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich. Mrs. Robinson did not want to go, but she was finally persuaded by her daughters. I went with Mrs. King and Mrs. Robinson to Battle Creek, where Mrs. Robinson entered a sanitarium. It was not an insane asylum, but a sort of health resort.

"Mrs. Robinson was so miserable there that she persuaded her daughter to let her return to the hotel. I presume Mrs. King notified Means, because he appeared in Battle Creek the next day and insisted that Mrs. Robinson should return to the sanitarium. He said he had seen one of the sanitarium doctors, who had told him Mrs. Robinson was insane.

"Both Means and Mrs. King, in my presence, told Mrs. Robinson she was insane, and they had the poor woman half believing that she was, indeed, demented. I knew she was not insane, but to confirm myself in my belief I went to Detroit and saw Drs. Hoyt and Landon, who had treated her. Both said she was mentally sound. In the mean time Mrs. Robinson had returned to the sanitarium.

"Means learned what I had done, and he made it so uncomfortable for me that I returned to New York. I left the party in Battle Creek, and I do not know if they came back to New York or not.

"When we were out riding with Means he was continually pointing out people who he said were detectives, secret service men or notorious crooks. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. King thought he was connected with the Federal Secret service. They often told me that by pushing a button he could put the secret service machinery into operation in his interest anywhere in the country and that he had even the authority to open mail in transit. They thoroughly believed all this."

## BELMONT PARK WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—The Seaside Selling Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; with $1,801.67 added; six and a half furlongs; main course.—Deckmate, 118 (Butwell), 6 to 5, 2 to 5 and 1 to 4, first; Brooks, 111 (Haynes), 8 to 1, 3 to 1 and 7 to 5, second; Triple Crown, 102 (McAtee), 15 to 1, 5 to 1 and 5 to 2, third. Time, 1.20. Harry Shaw, Gillies, Barry Shannon and Adalid also ran.

## BELMONT PARK ENTRIES.

BELMONT PARK, N. Y., Sept. 8.—The entries for Monday's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—For two-year-olds; fillies; five and a half furlongs, straight.—Star Class, 111; High Vale, 105; Belle o' the Sea, 105; Memories 20 (imp.), 115; Genone, 105; Lady Rookie, 118; Jyntee, 105; Belvale, 105; Sun Kiss, 105.

SECOND RACE—For three-year-olds and up; the Corinthian Handicap Steeplechase; about two miles and a half.—St. Charicote, 150; Cherry Malotte, 148; Crest Hill, 140; Pebeto, 150; Skibbereen, 145; Expectation, 144.

THIRD RACE—For two-year-olds; the Honkokomo Handicap; selling; six furlongs, straight.—Continent, 115; Tanlac, 114; Julian (imp.), 108; Dawn Star, 126; Producer (imp.), 117; Sixteen to One, 117; Ballast, 113; Trophy, 107.

FOURTH RACE—The Amityville; for three-year-olds; handicap; one mile.—Rashlus, 107; Buckboard, 106; Straight Forward, 111; Walnut Hall, Imp., 113; Wistful, 113; Queen of the Water, 100; Fairy Wand, 108; Hourless, Imp., 130.

FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and up; selling; one mile.—*First Ballot, 103; *Nashville, 102; Hanobala, 107; *Sleepy Sam, 92; Night Stick, 110; Home Sweet Home, 107; *Brooklyn, 106; Ting-A-Ling, 103.

SIXTH RACE—For three-year-olds and up; maidens; six furlongs; main course.—Ferrel-A-Feu, Imp., 115; Strategy, 115; Canterbury Tales, 115; Cachet, 112; Flora Finch, 112; Thorn Bloom, Imp., 115; Saadi, Imp., 115; Nutmeg, 115; Sandale, Imp., 115.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Weather rainy. Track muddy.

# GERMANS TO HALT BALTIC OPERATIONS; KAISER IS AT RIGA

### Army Officials Hold It Too Late in Year to Continue Advance on Petrograd.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—Leading German military circles consider that with the capture of the important naval bases of Riga and Ituensmuende operations on the Riga front have virtually been ended, says a Berlin despatch to the National Tidende. It is considered too late in the year to advance further, as this would require the building of new roads and the establishment of depots. On this account, the despatch says, it is unlikely that Field Marshal von Hindenburg will permit the troops to continue the advance with Petrograd as the objective.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—Kaiser Wilhelm is at Riga, celebrating the capture of the Russian Baltic seaport, according to despatches received from Berlin to-day. The German Emperor reviewed his victorious troops there and distributed numerous decorations. He also announced appointment of General von Allen as governor of the city.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—No further advance by the Germans on the Riga front is reported in to-day's official communication. The Russian positions are being reconnoitred by German cavalry.

German war craft have again been sighted in the Gulf of Riga and have been shelled by the Russian coast batteries.

Russian torpedo boats discovered a German submarine, and enemy ships, apparently trawlers, were observed in Irbensk Sound. They were forced by the Russian batteries to retire.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Retirement of the Russian troops from the neighborhood of Riga, despatches to the Russian Embassy say, was accomplished in good order. By maintaining a vigorous rear-guard action the main body got away in safety and the German advance was retarded.

# 3,000 IN DRAFT PARADE WITH THEIR GOAT TO-NIGHT

### Adamson to Address Harlem's Selected Men and Other Officials Will Join in Celebration.

A big white billy goat bearing a placard stating "The Kaiser Can't Get Harlem's Goat" will be the mascot and the symbol of the spirit of the parade of Harlem's drafted men to-night. There will be 3,000 men in line and the nineteen exemption boards will all be present, the Chairman and members of each board leading the draft quota from its district.

The parade will start at 8 o'clock from One Hundred and Fifty-second Street and Broadway, continue down Broadway to Manhattan Street, east on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street to Third Avenue, to One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, west to Madison Avenue and then north to Mount Morris Park, where Fire Commissioner Adamson will deliver an address on behalf of the city.

The Grand Marshal of the parade is John J. Lyons, Tax Commissioner and Fusion candidate for Sheriff. With him will be Fire Commissioner Adamson and Benjamin Day, secretary to the Mayor's Committee. Leading the line will be a platoon of mounted police and the Police Band, followed by 150 Spanish War veterans and 200 business men of the district. Then will come the billy goat in a space all by himself. Immediately behind the goat, and thus backing up the assertion of the placard, will come the nineteen divisions of drafted men.

The affair, which is expected to give Harlem one of the biggest nights in its history, has been arranged by the Harlem Board of Commerce, consisting of 170 members, whose Chairman is Irwin Kurtz, and who has been assisted by Dr. J. Gardiner Smith. Edward W. Forrest is Chairman of the Arrangement Committee.

## BROOKLYN PRIEST DROWNED

**Rev. F. A. Woods Last Seen Swimming Far Out in Sound.**

The death by drowning of the Rev. Frank A. J. Woods, one of the curates of the Church of St. Teresa at Classon Avenue and Sterling Place, Brooklyn, was announced this morning by the rector, the Right Rev. Mgr. Joseph McNamee, who asked for prayers for the repose of the priest's soul.

Father Woods was drowned Thursday while swimming in Long Island Sound near South Norwalk, Conn. He was seen to dive and swim far out from the shore and he was about half a mile out when last seen alive.

**Levy to Join Aviation Corps.**

Deputy Assistant District Attorney Newman Levy resigned yesterday to enter the United States aviation service, for which he has just passed his examination. Mr. Levy is a son of Abraham Levy and has been on the District Attorney's staff for two years.

**New Doctor in Health Bureau.**

Dr. Louis I. Harris was to-day appointed director of the Department of Health's Bureau of Preventable Diseases by Dr. Haven Emerson, Commissioner of Health. The position pays a salary of $5,000 a year and embraces control of tuberculosis work, typhoid fever, industrial hygiene and the diseases of children.

# U.S. AVIATOR KILLED IN BATTLE AGAINST FIVE GERMAN AEROS

### Corporal Buckley of Chicago Meets Death on the French Front.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Corp. Elmer Buckley of the Lafayette Escadrille, a resident of Chicago, was killed Thursday morning in an attack with a fellow American flier against five German planes, according to word received here to-day.

Buckley fell with his machine, which had been ignited by an incendiary bullet.

Buckley was one of the most popular members of the American flying squadron. He was twenty-four years old and was a graduate of the Avord flying school, having only recently attained his ambition to be a member of the Lafayette Escadrille.

Lieut. Raoul Lufberry of the Lafayette Escadrille downed another German plane yesterday. It was his thirty-ninth victim.

Edwin Parsons of Springfield, Mass., also of the Lafayette Escadrille, has brought down his first German airplane and has been cited to receive the War Cross. Parsons dived straight at the enemy as he fled and his fall alone prevented a collision.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 8.—Edward Parsons of this city, who has brought down his first German airplane, has had an adventurous career. Taking up aviation several years ago, he offered his services to Francisco Villa and flew in the service of the Mexican leader for some time. He went abroad to fly in the French service late in 1915. He is twenty-eight years old and married.

# FIRST OF NATIONAL ARMY READY FOR START TO CAMP

### Deputy Attorney General Conkling to Accompany Men Called to Yaphank Monday.

When the "first 5 per cent." of New York's drafted men, numbering 1,942, leave on Monday morning for Yaphank, they will be accompanied by Deputy Attorney General Roscoe Conkling, who will stay at Camp Upton until he sees they are started on the road to becoming first class fighting men. Thus he will put a finishing touch to his activities in making the draft a success.

The embryo soldiers from Manhattan and the Bronx will go from their respective draft board headquarters to the East Thirty-fourth Street ferry and will entrain at the Long Island City station of the Long Island Railroad. The men from Brooklyn will get aboard at the Flatbush Avenue station. Everything is ready for the sending of this first contingent, made up of picked men who can help put the camp in working order. The next detachment, consisting of 40 per cent. of the draft, will leave on Sept. 19.

Many of the local boards have arranged for send-off dinners to-night and to-morrow for the men who will leave Monday.

# WOMAN'S DEATH BY FALL OF 75 FEET INVESTIGATED

### Mrs. Estelle Loring Had Been Ill and Separated From Husband, Daughter Declares.

Coroner Livingstone of New Rochelle is investigating to-day the death of Mrs. Estelle Loring, forty-five years old, the wife of F. Lemoine Loring of New York City. She died last night as the result of a fall of seventy-five feet from the balcony of her apartment at the Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville. Mrs. Loring was alone at the time, her daughter having gone to New York for the afternoon, and nobody in the hotel was aware of any trouble until the crash of her body on the roof of the hotel arcade was heard. She was rushed to the Lawrence Hospital, and operated upon, but died at 10 o'clock without recovering consciousness.

Mrs. Loring's daughter, Mildred, said her mother had been in poor health, having come to the Hotel Gramatan on Aug. 1 to recover after a ten weeks' attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Loring lived with her husband at the Hotel Blackstone, No. 50 East Fifty-eighth Street, up to six months ago. They have since been living apart, according to her daughter. Mr. Loring, who is a son of F. L. Loring of No. 811 Fifth Avenue, is now somewhere on Long Island, she said.

**Shift in Command of Coast Artillery Districts.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Assignments of commanders for various coast artillery districts were made to-day by the War Department. Col. Charles A. Bennett, now at Fort Constitution, New Hampshire, has been assigned to command the North Atlantic District, and Col. Willoughby Walker, Fort Wright, New York, to command Middle Atlantic District.

**One Thousand Silk Workers Strike.**

NEWMARKET, N. H., Sept. 8.—One thousand employes, the entire working force of the Newmarket Manufacturing Company, makers of cotton and silk products, struck yesterday for higher wages. Notice of a wage increase varying from 1 to 20 per cent. was declared by union leaders to be unsatisfactory immediately after it had been posted by the management.

# NEW WAR SCHOOL STARTED FOR U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE

### Americans Still Have Much Training to Undergo Before Going to Trenches.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 8.—America's first contingent of troops is not going to get into the battle line very soon.

Establishment to-day of new "specialists" schools and the circulation, unofficially, of various hints made it clear that there is a lot of training which the Americans must yet undergo.

The Americans, having concluded a training period with French poilus, will now receive the best elements of the British training system, from Britishers as well as Americans who have studied in British war schools.

A new "school" for American officers and "non-coms" was started apart from the ramp to-day. They will undergo an intensive study in trench mortaring, bayonetting and machine gunning. Eventually this and other special schools will expand in size to teach the officers, who will, in turn, transmit their knowledge to the fighters themselves.

The farewell of the Americans to their French comrades of the past weeks was a grave and affectionate one. The French trainers had endeared themselves to every one of the Americans and they hated to see them go.

# HER "EXTRAVAGANCE" CUTS ALIMONY OF MRS. SPRAGUE

### Justice Guy Holds Husband's Parsimony No Excuse in Approving $50 a Week Award.

"While the husband will not be permitted to capitalize his past parsimony in lessening the award of alimony to his wife, the wife, on the other hand, cannot, in order to increase the award, be permitted to capitalize her past extravagances, which in many instances may have been the initial cause of the marital differences leading to divorce."

In these words Supreme Court Justice Guy to-day explained his reason for approving the allowance of $50 a week permanent alimony, with $750 a year each for the education and maintenance of her two sons, to Mrs. Marguerite Sprague, in place of the $750 a month granted her pending trial of her suit for divorce from Dr. Shirley Sprague.

The Referee found that the plaintiff's allegations of unfaithfulness were well founded, but criticised Mrs. Sprague's extravagance.

## GIRL ACCUSES POLICEMAN.

**James Held on Charge of Impairing Morals of a Fifteen-Year-Old.**

Walter James, a policeman of the East Fifty-first Street station, was arraigned in the West Side Court to-day and held in $1,000 bail on the charge of impairing the morals of a fifteen-year-old girl who had approached him when he was in uniform and had asked him to take her to the Children's Society.

It is charged that James, instead of complying with the child's request, induced her to meet him later, when he was wearing civilian clothes, that he took her to drinking places, gave her highballs and cocktails and then took her in a taxi for a ride through Central Park. The taxi ride is said to have furnished the basis for the charge against James.

The girl is Sadie Giglio, No. 320 East Fifty-ninth Street. James denies having mistreated her.


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