

Grand Jurors Take Up King Mystery Today

Brother of Dead Woman's Secretary Is Asked to Appear

Means Again Linked in International Intrigue

Data Show Mrs. Melvin Was in Daily Touch With Him for Two Years

The grand jury will begin this morning its investigation into the affairs and relations of Mrs. Maude A. King and Gaston B. Means, her private secretary, who was the only person on the spot when the wealthy New York widow was shot and killed at Concord, N. C., on August 29.

A trunkful of valuable documents, seized at the Park Avenue apartment of Means, and a large number of witnesses to the tangled finances and eventual career of Mrs. King, will be brought before the body. Afton Means, a brother of Gaston, and Henry Dietsch, Afton's father-in-law, have been asked to appear. Both will be questioned regarding their knowledge of unusual happenings leading up to the shooting of Mrs. King.

Many Called to Testify Men and women who were brought in touch with Mrs. King during her stay in this city, in financial, social or business relations, have been subpoenaed, and will also go before the grand jury. Among these, it is understood, much importance is placed upon the testimony of the man whom Mrs. King announced, shortly before her suspicious death, that she was about to marry.

The brown fibre trunk, whose contents will furnish the largest part of the fuel for the grand jury's work, yesterday added a few more chapters to its revelations of alleged international diplomatic intrigue, stock speculation and finding of the colored man, Gaston Means, in connection with German propaganda in this country, and his intimate relations with Captain Boy-Ed, Naval Attaché of Germany, expelled from this country, having been established, say Department of Justice officials and Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, in charge of the investigation.

Mexico, whose name has been brought to the German intrigue on the Western Hemisphere more than once, appeared yesterday for the first time in Means's documents bearing on his German propaganda activities. "We have found papers showing that Means had an interest in, but a connection with, Mexican matters, as regards German propaganda," said Assistant District Attorney Dooling last night. "We have also discovered indications that he was intensely interested in Cuban affairs about the time there was trouble brewing in that country."

Mr. Dooling would give no further details of Means's alleged interest, saying that the matters would all have to be sifted by the Federal authorities, to whom it might be of considerable value. Another unexplained phase of Means's activities in connection with the war is the interest evidenced by his documents in the manufacture and delivery of munitions.

"In one memorandum I have," said Mr. Dooling, "the shows extreme interest in the fact that the city of 60 Broadway had contracts for ammunition, and whether it was being turned out according to these contracts."

Mrs. Melvin Brought into Case The name of Mrs. Maude Melvin, sister of Mrs. King, appeared yesterday for the first time among the documents being examined. Evidence showing that Mrs. Melvin kept in constant communication with Means is considered of vital importance by Mr. Dooling in the preparation of the case. This evidence is contained in the form of a memorandum book of all telephone calls to the Means apartment within the last two years.

The telephone record shows that from 1915 to 1917 Mrs. Melvin kept in daily touch with Means during the periods they were both in Chicago, an interest they had in common which would necessitate such constant communication is an interesting phase to be cleared up at the investigations here and in North Carolina.

Mrs. Melvin's name was signed as a witness to the second will of James C. King, millionaire lumberman, which was "discovered" by Means, and she would figure as the chief beneficiary of the document, the authenticity of which is now gravely doubted, the authorities say, is admitted to probate.

Planned to File Will on Coast

Mr. Dooling, yesterday found evidence indicating that Means was planning to present this will for probate in California, after finding that it was invalidated by the Illinois will. Last July a photograph of the will, then "original," was presented in Chicago, together with the opinion of a handwriting expert that it was genuine. "Means spent two years of preparation for the presentation of the will," said Mr. Dooling. "Means' intention for the plan to file it in California is the fact that Mrs. King had property worth almost \$1,000,000 there. Means consulted three or four lawyers in New York about the will, besides attorneys in Chicago and elsewhere."

Gaston B. Means Called At Reopening of Inquest Into Mrs. King's Death

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 16.—Subpoenas have been served on Gaston B. Means and several others, summoning them to appear September 24, as witnesses in the Coroner's hearing, in connection with the death, on August 29, of Mrs. Maude A. King.

Chauffeur Murdered In Fight Over Woman Shot Through Heart by Jealous Man in Midland Beach Bungalow

William Schaefer, one of a party of West Side chauffeurs who had bungalows at Midland Beach, Staten Island, was shot and killed early yesterday morning by a man who previously had shot at Mrs. Henry Thurston, a young woman who was a member of Schaefer's party. The murderer made his escape, firing another harmless bullet through the bungalow as he ran away. Schaefer lived at 300 West Tenth Street.

Twenty-six men and four women were in the party. The man they accused of killing Schaefer is said to have followed Mrs. Thurston to the resort. According to her friends, his motive was jealousy. All in the bungalow were asleep when he flung open the door of the room which Mrs. Thurston occupied. She, John Luma and his wife, Lizzie Mrs. Edwin Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Schaefer (not a relative of the man who was killed) were held in the Stapleton police station as material witnesses.

Japan's Mission Lays Wreath on Grave of Perry

Ceremony Impressive as Count Ishii Bows Before Tomb at Newport

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 16.—The Japanese Mission to the United States came here to-day to do homage at the grave of Commodore Matthew Galbraith Perry, who opened the door of the island empire to the influences of Western civilization sixty years ago.

The mission, headed by Viscount Ishii, entered the cemetery through a lane of apprentice seamen and Naval Reserves standing at present arms, while a band from the training station played the Japanese national hymn. A great crowd of sailors, sailors and civilians bared their heads in silence as Viscount Ishii stepped forward and placed on the tomb of the commodore a large wreath made of the colors of the Japanese flag, with white lilies and red gladioli.

An Impressive Ceremony Retiring a few paces, the viscount bowed profoundly before the tomb and resumed his place in the semi-circle formed by other members of the mission and naval officers. One by one the members of the mission stepped forward silently and bowed low before the grave. As the last one paid his tribute Bishop James De Wolf Perry, of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, offered a brief prayer. Then Count Ishii stepped forward at attention while the band once more played the Japanese national anthem and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The ceremony was impressive. The only address was by Bishop Perry. It was given when the mission had fled into Perry Circle, where the commodore lies buried. "We have cherished, among other things," he said, "the close ties we have held together, bonds of friendship that have often been put to the test, but which are stronger now because they have been put to the test. You have confirmed in the heart of every true American the belief that the principles which you and America hold in common will result in an alliance that will last for years to come."

Alliance a Stronger Bond "I believe that our friendship is even stronger to-day than it has been in the past. In the alliance against the common foe there will be a stronger bond, and it gives promise of a lasting and glorious one."

The Bishop closed with a tribute to the Japanese Emperor and to the traditional hospitality and courtesy of the Japanese nation. As he finished, Viscount Ishii stepped forward and shook hands once again, with a few words of appreciation. The mission arrived from Philadelphia this morning, and was welcomed to the state by J. Henry Reuter, executive secretary to Governor E. Livingston Beckman, by Mayor Clark Burdick in behalf of the city, and by the commandant of the Second Naval District, Captain S. F. Bryan, and various other naval and military commanders.

Mrs. Dewey, League's "Dare" to Daniels

Gifts to Navy Men To Be Distributed by Admiral's Widow

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Secretary Daniels is facing a "dare" from the Navy League. The league announced to-day that it would continue the operation of its "comforts committee," which was put under a ban by Mr. Daniels following the league's attack on his delay in investigating the Mare Island explosion. "Articles will be sent," says the league statement to-night, "to the sailors under the name of Mrs. George Dewey, widow of the late admiral of the navy, who has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the comforts committee of the Navy League."

Immediately following the announcement the league arranged for gifts to be sent to the sailors through individual members. This latest step is to make Mrs. Dewey virtually an officer of the comforts committee, and transmit the gifts through her.

Lincoln Highway Guarded in Jersey Against Railway

Armed Men Prevent Pennsylvania From Laying Tracks at Harrison

Kearny Link Sought Railroad Wants to Open Line to New Manufacturing Centre

HARRISON, N. J., Sept. 16.—Twenty-five armed guards are patrolling the Lincoln Highway to-night in the mile stretch between the Hackensack and Passaic rivers to prevent the Pennsylvania Railroad from crossing it with its rails, which are now laid to within fifty feet of the road. The track is to be the connection between the main line of the Pennsylvania at this town and the plants of the Ford Automobile Company, the United States Steel Corporation, the Federal Shipbuilding Company and the Foundation Company, which have sprung up on the Kearny meadows south of the highway.

The railroad is set upon this route and it is said that no other direct connection with the new manufacturing centre is possible. The Freeholders of Essex and Hudson counties, which built and support the highway, have refused permission to cross it at grade. A grade crossing on a road which to-night was travelled by more than 300 automobiles in an hour, would be a death trap, they declare.

Unable to Raise Tracks It is doubtful whether the railroad could elevate its tracks at such a crossing or tunnel beneath the road. Either project would be a most expensive one. The road traverses a marsh, and has now settled into position, so that it is stable, but an attempt to burrow beneath it might, the Freeholders believe, completely ruin the road. This same marsh would make an attempt to elevate the tracks difficult and enormously expensive.

Mindful that it would be impossible to obtain an injunction on Sunday, and that the menacing tracks were only fifty feet from his cherished road, Freeholder Thomas Smith, chairman of the Essex and Hudson Freeholders, is endeavoring to secure a cross for approaching work gangs. None appeared, but Freeholder Smith says small trust in railroads or their reverence for the Sabbath. While patrolling his beat he started a cross at an hour he had five county detectives and a score of extra guards, all armed with revolvers.

Guards Patrol Road This removed his last doubt that the Pennsylvania Railroad had planned to burrow under the highway. Freeholder Smith weighed more than 200 pounds when he went on patrol, but he beat all records to a telephone pole in the discovery of the tracks. Within an hour he had five county detectives and a score of extra guards, all armed with revolvers.

Decries Effort to Restore Press Tax

Herbert L. Bridgman Declares Plan Destructive, Un-American

Declaring that the increase in the cost of materials which enter into the manufacture of newspapers has seriously affected the taxpaying ability of this industry, Herbert L. Bridgman, chairman of the Publishers' Association of New York City and former president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, yesterday issued a statement strongly opposing the reported efforts to restore a provision for an increased tax on newspapers, based on the zone system, in the revenue bill. The Publishers' Association of New York City is in the habit of publishing a list of the newspapers of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey.

"The adoption of the zone system," he said, "would operate as a stimulant in the promotion of sectionalism. The effect would be the creation of artificial areas outside of which publications would have little circulation. A few Southern newspapers may advocate the zone system because they are not affected by its provisions. Many New York publications circulate widely in the West, and the introduction of ideas has a broadening effect upon the people of both sections."

150,000 See Parade As Mardi Gras Ends

Patriotic and Political Doings on Coney Carnival's Last Day

Coney Island's 1917 season finished strong last night. Saturday night's crowd, estimated at half a million, did not get home until after daylight yesterday, and approximately 150,000 more saw the Mardi Gras procession which officially ended the season last night. Luna and all the other large amusement places are closed to-day, but some of the smaller places will remain open as long as good weather continues to attend the popular season. Patriotic and political demonstrations marked the final exercises last night. Edward Riegelmann, Sheriff of Kings County, was in the Mardi Gras procession and a number of soldiers of the 14th Regiment, Red Cross contingents also participated. Mr. Riegelmann received two American flags, one the gift of Selah B. Strong, surrogate of Suffolk County, and the other presented by Representative Daniel Griffin.

When a Feller Needs a Friend - By BRIGGS



Free Germany a Mirage, Says Author of 'J'Accuse'

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democracy. One might as well speak of a victory for the military party; but the introductory discourse of the new Chancellor demands that more prudence be exercised in expressing one's opinions.

Electoral Reform

"Shortly before his downfall Bethmann-Hollweg persuaded the Emperor to express in the supplementary rescript of the famous but so insignificant 'Easter message' the prospect of electoral rights for Prussia. But the distance from the prospect to the accomplishment was very great. For as long as the administration of the state and of the provinces remains in the hands of the nobility and of the class of great bourgeoisie proprietors, or landowners, the democratization of electoral rights will limit the power of the bourgeoisie and enter deep into the ranks of the laboring classes of the population, that was not due to principles of socialism or of democracy, it was not due to idealism or internationalism, but it resulted from the long duration of the war, from hunger, from misery, from fear for the economic consequences of the war."

Hope of Democratization

"On the whole, however, it can be said that the reactionaries are annexationists and all the various democratic factions are anti-annexationist. Will the Left, and the Centre, which in a very great degree is supporting the Left, succeed in democratizing Germany? This is the question which interests not only Germany, but also all mankind.

"The present author has no more doubts than that of Germany's Prussian nobility, but it will not destroy it entirely and will produce in Prussia only the results which were produced in England by the reform act of 1832. It will serve as a transition between a period of aristocracy and a period of democracy; it will not inaugurate an era of democracy.

Opposition to Parliamentarism

"As it is known, the governments of Bavaria and Saxony have shown themselves particularly hostile to the introduction of a parliamentary form of government in the empire. Like the Prussian Conservatives, they are justifying their attitude by the claim that the German Empire is of a federative character.

Suffrage Meetings In Streets To-night

Speakers Will Emphasize War Note Throughout Campaign

Suffrage street meetings will begin in New York to-night. In every Assembly District in the city suffragists will mount the stand for the first of a series of stump speeches that will be repeated until midnight of November 5.

75 Women Socialists Will Preach Suffrage

Seventy-five Socialist women met in the newly acquired Band School building, at 7 East Fifteenth Street, yesterday afternoon and voted to enter the suffrage campaign actively and immediately. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Theresa Malkiel, of the Socialist suffrage committee, the women Socialists will make speeches, distribute literature and incorporate suffrage in every political speech they make either for themselves or any other candidate.

No Definite Results Yet

"The democratization is making a very slow progress, but it has not yet attained any definite results of any importance. "Even the Germanophile newspapers in Switzerland state with regret that every German military success threatens to suppress all thoughts of peace and democracy in Germany.

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The Honest Ballot Association, through George B. Kessler, its secretary, made public yesterday a rumor that a bipartisan plan existed to perpetrate primary frauds on Wednesday. The plan, it is alleged, would name candidates as the victims. Mr. Kessler warns election officers that his association will do its best to see that all offenders of this sort are sent to the penitentiary. For several years it secured the conviction of twenty-two election officers belonging to both parties who participated in such a conspiracy in 1915.

League Opens Fight On Gary System

Calls School Plan "a Make-shift to Cover Waste" in City Land Deals

A campaign to prevent the extension of the Gary system in the public schools was launched yesterday at a meeting of the Anti-Gary League at the Hotel Marlborough. Resolutions were passed to the effect that "the Board of Education in extending the Gary system in this city was dominated by representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation."

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Talk of City Hall

William B. Ellison has announced his support of Mayor Mitchell. Even Tammany is compelled to take notice. The shock of Mr. Ellison's announcement has been felt from top to bottom of the organization, and in a way which causes other defections from the ranks to pale into insignificance. What if the Sullivans and the Silversteins proclaim their independence of Charles F. Murphy? There are other Sullivans and Silversteins who may be converted to the cause. But there is only one William B. Ellison, and he is lost and gone forever.

Tammany Faces City-Wide Revolt, Says Littleton

"The desertions from Tammany in the past few weeks will revolutionize the city. A gigantic revolt unlike anything yet seen in the political history of New York is at hand. The die has been cast. The end of the Tammany slatemakers is at hand.

"The City Democracy is here to stay. I believe the practical work will be done over the United States have often said, that there are tens of thousands of able, practical, well-trained men in Tammany Hall who will welcome an opportunity to do practical work in politics. These Democrats are coming into our organization in great numbers every day. They are rolling up a great army to win a triumph this fall which will mark the beginning of the World struggle to establish representative government by all the people and for all the people, from whom it springs."

Letters to the enrolled Republicans of the city urging them to attend the primaries Wednesday and vote for the nomination of Fusion Mitchell and his associates on the Fusion ticket will be sent to the homes of the enrolled Republican county chairmen, and also by William M. Calder, Charles E. Hughes, James R. Sheffield, Frederick C. Lewis, Eugene H. Travis, George C. W. Wickham, Charles J. Egan, Elihu Root and more than fifty other prominent Republicans of New York City.

Brother and Sister Drowned

EAST GREENWICH, R. I., Sept. 16.—Miss Mollie G. Norton, twenty-six, and her brother, Leo J. Norton, twenty-four, both of Providence, were drowned here to-day at Grace Haven, a summer camp, when their canoe capsized. Miss Eva Norton, but a few feet away in another boat, tried in vain to save her sister and brother. The bodies have not been recovered.

News in Brief

Seven thousand members of the Holy Name Society of Manhattan and the Bronx paraded through the Bronx to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, where they were reviewed by dignitaries of the city.

Montague Glass, playwright and author, was slightly injured when he was thrown from an automobile on the way to his home in New Rochelle.

Eleven-year-old Alfred Monteverdi, of 23 East 12th Street, was killed by a fall from a swinging ladder of a first floor fire escape.

The Rev. Bouck White, who served a jail sentence for burning the American flag, has opened a school in the Church of the Social Reformation, 100 West 10th Street.

A memorial tablet to Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, the gift of Newark letter carriers, will be dedicated in the Clark Cemetery, at Irvington, N. J., Wednesday.

Joseph Angona, four, was killed by an automobile in front of his parents' home, at 108 Havemeyer Street, Brooklyn, when he was struck by the car as it crossed the street.

Theodore Roosevelt has written a letter in which he urged the American Bible Society to place a New Testament in the hands of every soldier and sailor in the Federal service.

Second National Congress of All Colored Americans will begin a three days' session tomorrow in the Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, under the auspices of the National Equal Rights League, in protest against lynching, segregation and "all unjust discriminations" against negroes.

Orange County (N. Y.) Traction Company operating surface cars in the vicinity of Northburgh, will try women as conductors. Four applications for jobs have been received from women.

Colonel Roosevelt will leave Friday to make speeches on war matters at Kansas City September 24; Racine, the 27th; Minneapolis, the 28th, and Johnston, N. V., the 29th.