

DICTOGRAPH FOUND IN MEANS' ROOM

United States Secret Service Men Take Possession of His Apartment and Its Contents.

New York, Sept. 14.—Department of justice agents took possession late today of the apartment of Gaston B. Means, companion of Mrs. Maude A. King when she met her death at Concord, N. C. Secrecy was maintained as to the reason for federal intervention in the case and as to the nature of additional papers which were seized.

The secret service agents announced, however, that they had found a complete telephone listening device and a revolver with a supply of cartridges. It was intimated that the telephone system had been carefully hidden in the apartment.

Another figure who reappeared tonight in District Attorney Swann's investigation was Henry Deitch, father-in-law of Afton Means, brother of Gaston Means, who went from the Means apartment to the criminal court building at the request of one of Mr. Swann's assistants. He was accompanied by two detectives.

"What he knows just figures in the preparation for the proof of foul play in the case," Mr. Swann said. "We are led to believe that preparation for the crime was made here."

This announcement was made after the original of the alleged second will of James C. King was delivered to Mr. Swann.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling made public tonight what he said were extracts from a letter written in Concord, August 25, four days before the death of Mrs. King. He declined to give the writer's name or to tell to whom the letter was addressed. One paragraph read:

"Must impress upon you that you don't hang yourself and get in this. We are not going to get into trouble. This affair of ours is coming to a crisis shortly." Another extract was:

"I know more about this than I can tell. You follow and stick to my advice. Naturally there are enemies but nothing can affect or harm us."

Mr. Dooling said the plan to have the so-called King will probated was proposed in 1915 but never was carried out. Among the papers found, Mr. Dooling said, were some that dealt with war munitions.

FILLING THE SILO.

Points to Be Considered For Best Results.

Clemson College, Sept. 14.—Distributing and packing silage in the silo is frequently neglected. Unless the blower has a distributor attachment there is a tendency for the cut corn to fall in one place in the silo. If the stalks are frequently blown to the outside and the heavier parts, ears and butts of stalks, are deposited in the center, thus causing an uneven distribution of grain and stalk and a consequent uneven quality of silage. Uneven distribution is frequently the cause of soft places and air pockets, which later result in spoiled silage. When the lighter portions are blown to the outside they do not pack well and the silage spoils near the wall. Such spoilage, which really results from careless filling, is often attributed to the silo.

Package the silage is equally as important as distribution. Thorough packing requires persistent work. Good silage can be had only by uniform packing and uniform distribution of the corn. The entire surface, especially the outer edge, should be packed firmly. The best help obtainable should be stationed in the silo. That is where the silage is ultimately made, and success depends on the ability of the men to distribute and pack the corn properly.

The large cutter with the corresponding large capacity frequently saves money in filling the silo, but it may result in a waste of the storage capacity of the silo. If the silo is filled rapidly the corn has little time to settle. Slow filling allows the corn to settle as it is stored, with the result that more corn can be placed in the silo. To overcome the disadvantage of rapid filling woven wire may be extended above the top of the silo, thus increasing its capacity until it can settle. Patent roofs are made which serve the same purpose. Refilling in two or three days will accomplish the same end.

Corn cut at the proper stage should require no additional water. When the crop has become too dry, water will add to the keeping qualities and palatability of the silage. Water may be run into the blower

or directly into the silo. In the later case it must be well distributed. Silage made from fodder requires large quantities of water.

More or less silage will decay at the top unless the silo is sealed over or unless feeding is begun soon after filling. To prevent much of this loss, some farmers seal the silo with three or four loads of green corn from which the ears have been removed, some use other sorts of heavy green crops, while still others use saw dust satisfactorily. In every case it is advisable to soak this covering thoroughly with water and tramp it regularly for several days after it has been placed in the silo, a chicken at the woodpile and went there immediately and found that a very fine opossum was the thief. The policeman cracked the 'possum over the head several times and pronounced it dead, but Mr. Lazenby said: "You had better crack its neck", whereupon the policeman put his "billy" across the 'possum's neck and put his foot on and gave several neck breaking pulls and threw the 'possum on the woodpile "dead as Hector" and left. The chickens in the coop settled down to undisturbed repose and Mr. Lazenby retired to his slumberous couch to dream of "possum and taters". He arose early in the morning to see that the 'possum was properly prepared for dinner, when lo, and behold, the 'possum had come to life and gone where the wood vine twineth. It is said of Mr. Lazenby that he is nothing of a pessimist, much of an optimist, and a great possumist.

SPEEDING UP THE RAILWAYS.

The chairman of the Railway War Board announced yesterday that passenger trains aggregating over sixteen million miles a year had been saved by its processes of operating the railways as a unit.

Our freight service has been increased, with the assistance of methods of administration of equipment obviating the necessity of decrease in accommodations. Shippers are co-operating in quicker loading and unloading, and thus setting cars free for other users. Carloads have been increased, and engine power which had been wasted has been put to hauling longer trains. The capacity of 779,000 cars has been added without buying the cars, and three billion ton miles have been added within a single month. No nation outside of the United States has a total service equal to the addition to the railway facilities of this country.

There are those who will wonder why this was not done before, and who will regard it as implying the vindication of the Interstate Commerce Commission in its advice that the railways should not ask higher rates until they had made better use of the earning power of their existing facilities. That leaves out of account that the railways are now being helped where they were hindered, and that their prospective profits will come from withholding many free or unnecessary services which their customers were constantly asking and getting without any increase of rates. Free storage, lighterage, frequency of train service, luxury of travel were among forms of competition of service which succeeded competition in rates. That form of competition has been checked, if not stopped, with the result that the customers of the railways are getting a larger aggregate of service of a lower standard of accommodation. The luxuries have given way to necessities, and a great deal is being endured which would have aroused spirited protest under other conditions.—N. Y. Times, July 19, 1917.

The Long Battle Lines.

(From The Durham Herald)
One can only realize the immensity of the task before the allies by getting three ideas well instilled into the brain: the long battle lines, the scattered nature of those lines, and the state of preparedness of the German nation even at this time. The latter has been talked about so much, and so much has been written about it that the American people are beginning to understand that even three years of the most exhaustive kind of warfare has not seriously undermined the military strength of the German nation.

The nature of the fight against Germany, while allying practically the whole world against the central empires, has scattered the efforts of the allies. Germany has profited by having her resources compact and so mobilized that she could strike when the time seemed most opportune. Even today in the vast empire represented by the German and Austro-Hungarian empires, the resources can all be mobilized in a short time, the troops transferred from one front to another, and the changes made as the military ex-

gency demands. The total of the battle lines on which allied troops are fighting, if stretched out in a straight line, would reach more than two thirds the distance across the North American continent. The longest of these lines, of course is on the eastern front. The Russians are defending a line 1,125 miles long. The battle on what is known as the western front, is 450 miles in length, nearly half the distance from New York to Chicago. Italians are fighting the Austrians and Germans on a line that is 320 miles long, and south of Austria, where the English, French and Greeks are fighting the Turks and the Germans the line is 300 miles long.

UNION MEETING

Moriah Baptist Church, at Fork Hill Church, September 28 and 29, 1917.

Topic: The war and our churches. Friday, September 28.

11 a. m. sermon by the Rev. Mr. Long of Heath Springs.

Query: Is not the present conflict a chastisement sent by God on our church because of (1) their lukewarmness in service, (2) their love of the world, (3) their lack of spirituality. Discussed by delegates from Second Kershaw, White Bluff, Union, Taxahaw, Spring Hill.

Query: Should not the present struggle urge us to increase our present missionary endeavors both as to giving and doing. Discussed by delegates from Rich Hill, Pleasant Plain, Oak Hill, New Hope, Second Lancaster.

Saturday, September 29.

Query: Point out some things in the promises of God as contained in the Word which should comfort those who have loved ones in the war. Discussed by delegates from First Lancaster, Kershaw, High Point, Heath Springs, Flint Ridge.

Query: Ought not the present crisis to cause every professing Christian to examine his life to see (1) wherein its defects have hindered the cause of Christ, (2) to see wherein improvements could be made, (3) to cause a reconsecration to God. Discussed by delegates from Fork Hill, Flat Creek, Ebenezer, Center Grove, Charlesboro.

Query: Should we not begin right now to prepare (1) for the change which will come in the churches because of this war, (2) the spiritual blessings which will come during the conflict.

JAMES H. THAYER, Chairman Committee.

BANQUET FOR SELECTED DRAFT BOYS.

A banquet is to be given the selected draft boys who will leave for Camp Jackson Thursday. A canvas was made of the city and the citizens contributed willingly and cheerfully. The banquet is to be held in the Mackey Opera House Wednesday, and following is the program:

- Supper 7:30 o'clock p. m.
 - Smoker and speeches begin at 8:30 p. m.
 - Music, furnished by the Lancaster Orchestra.
 - Introduction by H. R. Murchison.
 - Speech by Judge Ira B. Jones, fifteen minutes.
 - Speech by Hon. R. S. Stewart, fifteen minutes.
 - Music.
 - Address by Pastors.
 - Dr. J. H. Thayer, five minutes.
 - Rev. D. W. Kellar, five minutes.
 - Rev. W. S. Patterson, five minutes.
 - Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, five minutes.
 - Music.
- The public is cordially invited to attend the reception which begins at 8:30 o'clock.

Advertised Letters for Week Ending September 15, 1917.

H. H. Pate, special delivery; Miss Thelma Wurget, Miss Dortha Williams, Mrs. Annay Taylor, Mrs. Hanah Sims, Miss Mary An Small, Cris McIlwain, Mrs. Mammie Mobley, Yoong McCrory, Mrs. Mary McRea, Miss Ada Kit, Mrs. Bins Goos, W. J. Crenshaw, Joe Frazier, W. A. Carter, Miss Mamie C. Cunningham, Walter Ballard, Evelyn Bird, Miss May McWalme, Sam Wade.

When calling for above letters please say advertised.

Jas. F. Hunter, P. M.

SONS FIND MOTHER MORTALLY WOUNDED

Camden, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Estelle Baker, wife of Andrew Baker, residing seven miles east of Camden, was found in an unconscious condition near her home today. A gunshot wound in the hand and many blows inflicted on her head with a blunt instrument caused the inju-

ries. Signs of finger prints upon her throat indicated that she had been strangled, the would-be-murderer evidently leaving her for dead. Mrs. Baker was alone at the time, gathering grapes, and tracks around showed that she had staggered a considerable distance.

The shooting is supposed to have occurred about 9 o'clock this morning and she was found four hours later by her sons. She was brought to the hospital here and has been in an unconscious condition since. Physicians hold out no hope for her recovery. Sheriff Hough and deputies have been working on the case all day, but no arrests have been made yet.

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Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons indebted to the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory, deceased, are hereby notified to settle with the undersigned, and those holding claims against said estate are hereby required to present same duly verified to me.

BARBARA A. KENNINGTON, Executrix of will of Elizabeth Gregory. 81-ttawk-3t.

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A CHICKEN THIEF.
It has leaked out that Mr. L. C. Lazenby was aroused from his quiet repose about 3 o'clock Friday morning by the cackling and squalling of his fine chickens. He immediately jumped up and fired off his pistol in rapid succession, but his fowls kept on with their frightful noise. So he phoned to police headquarters for an officer to come at once, and in a few minutes a fearless and vigilant officer appeared on the scene. Mr. Lazenby told the officer that some one was stealing his chickens and that he had shot two or three times but the thief would not leave—about this time the officer heard the squall of

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